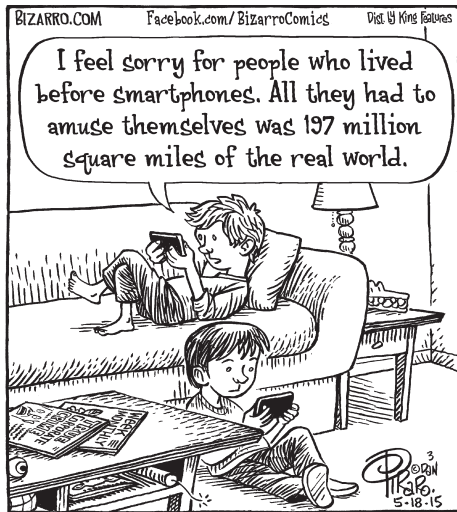


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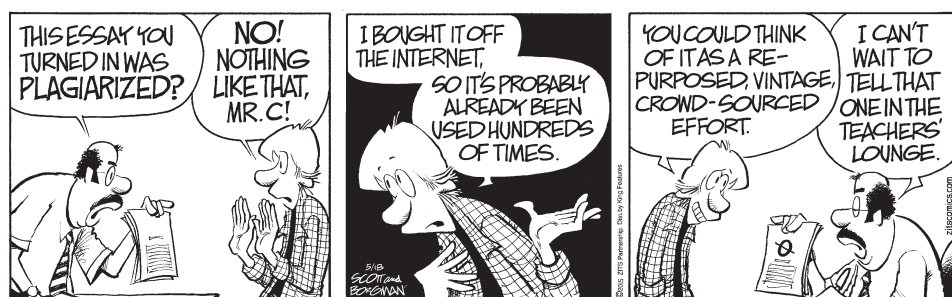
"You can hard-boil my egg, but I want to hatch it out myself."

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



I feel sorry for people who lived before smart-phones. All they had to amuse themselves was 197 million square miles of the real world.

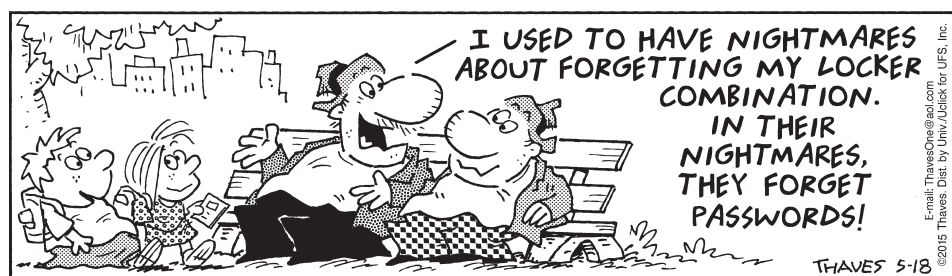
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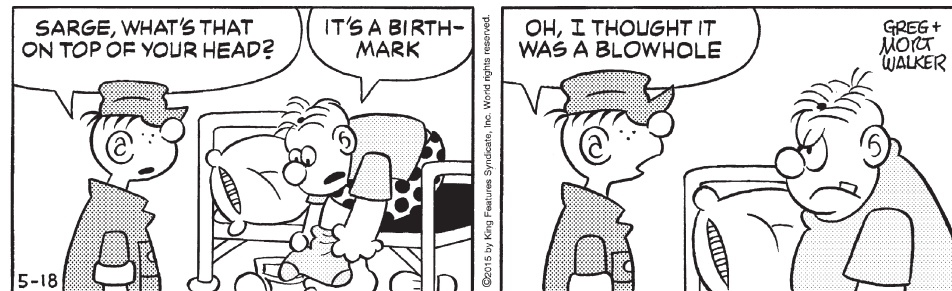
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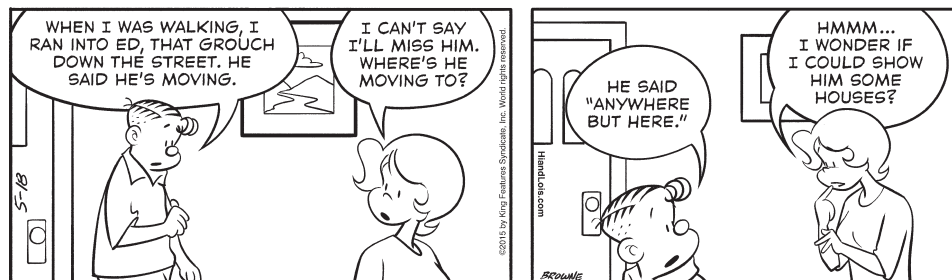
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HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



Sister Getting Married Opts Out Of All-Inclusive Affair

DEAR ABBY: My only sister, "Carolyn," is getting married in two months. I'm ecstatic for her. She and her girlfriend turned 50 this year, and this is the happiest I have ever seen her. They are perfect together. Carolyn asked me to be her maid of honor and I gladly accepted. I am also decorating for her small wedding and reception.

When I received my wedding invitation last week, I was shocked and saddened. It was addressed to me and my kids only. My significant other, "Greg" (the kids' father), and I were married for 22 years and divorced three years ago. We have had some tough times but did reconcile. Even though we are divorced, we stayed together and never split households.

I have no idea how to tell Greg. I asked Carolyn if excluding Greg had been an oversight, and she said she would just prefer that he not be there. I can respect that, and I don't want to cause any drama or take anything away from her day.

Does this seem appropriate? My feelings are hurt, and I could have used Greg's help with things. How do I tell him he's not invited? - IN A WEDDING QUANDARY

DEAR QUANDARY: Tell Greg the same way you told me. And after you do, don't be surprised that the relationship Greg has with Carolyn and her wife will be more distant than it has been.

It's possible that when you and Greg divorced, she developed a dislike for him that didn't abate after you reconciled, and it's sad that she chose this occasion to display it. Personally, I think her choice is one she'll regret in the future, but neither you nor I can change it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a high school student, but it's not easy for me. Studying is hard at home because I just want to goof off after a long day at school. My grades are OK, but I'm worried that if this continues they will slip.

Then there's my eating habits and fitness. My school lunch period starts late in the day, so it's hard to stay satisfied from breakfast. When I get home, I'm still hungry and eat whatever's around, not usually healthy. And sitting all day at school doesn't help my fitness. Recently, I decided to have only a cup of water or soda until dinner, but I'm not sure that's healthy. Exercising at home doesn't happen because I'm either goofing off or doing homework.

Finally, there's my sleep habits. I go to bed at 8 or 9, but I have to wake up at 5 the next morning. How can I have good grades, be fit and be rested while having fun, too? - MULTI-TASKER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR MULTI-TASKER: If you arrive home with low energy, put on some walking shoes and go for a walk/jog or do some other form of exercise. When you return home, your mind will be alert. Then, have a piece of fruit with some cheese or a boiled egg. This should hold you until dinner. Water is healthy, and you should be able to drink it in unlimited amounts.

After you have had your snack, get your homework out of the way. If you do, there should be an hour or so in the evening for you to "goof off" before bedtime without feeling guilty.



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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

Why not kick back and enjoy the people around you instead? You could discover that your friends will be delighted to share some news. Rethink your priorities. Tonight: In the spur of the moment.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You'll be sure of yourself and will want to make a difference. Others, specifically one person at home, might be making the process unusually difficult, as he or she seems to have an attitude. Handle necessary work and other pressing matters. Tonight: On top of your game.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Refuse to allow negativity to infiltrate your work. Detach from what seems to be holding you back, and move to a more positive mode of interaction. Someone cares much more than you might realize. Make an effort to reach out to this person. Tonight: Use your energy well.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ One-on-one relating will prove to be effective. You can't always allow someone else to dominate as much as he or she would like to, especially in matters that concern you. Ask for feedback, and then choose your course of action. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could be stubborn right now and not even realize it when speaking to others. This attitude will color your interactions as well as the results. You might want to ask yourself why you are responding in the way you are. Tonight: Be responsive to a request.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You are full of surprises, yet you'll continue on your path, focused on your priorities and what you must do. Know that you will have to be a lot clearer with a child or loved one, as your words might be lost or misunderstood. Tonight: Pace yourself.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You'll look around and see how somber a friend seems to be. Be careful when dealing with this person, and be as clear as humanly possible. Confirm meeting times, and be direct in conversations. Others might not be on the same page as you. Tonight: Be naughty.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ A hassle involving real estate could rear its ugly head. You might wonder what you have done to deserve what is happening. Be direct in your dealings, and confirm that others have heard you clearly. An older person could be very hard on you. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015:

This year you open up to unique and challenging situations. You will see your universe quite differently from how you have up until now. You also tend to be a lot happier than in the past. Self-confidence builds, and with it comes a sense that you can create what you want. If you are single, you will meet someone during the colder-weather months who will affect your life. To what extent will be your decision. If you are attached, the two of you will deal with a lot of different issues that life presents. Keep your sense of humor, and these events will bring you closer together. GEMINI has great ideas for how to spend your money.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ You could feel overwhelmed by everything that needs to be done and by the lack of support you receive. Use your strong energy to accomplish what you want; otherwise, the frustration you feel easily could switch to anger. Tonight: Return a pal's call.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You might not know what to do about a problem that arises unexpectedly. Someone you deal with on important matters has become rigid and inflexible. Recognize that sometimes you are this way, too. Know when to stop pushing. Tonight: Use care with your finances.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You have get-up-and-go. You'll be nearly unstoppable once you decide to head down a certain path. Try to understand what is motivating you to push so hard despite someone else's objection. How much are you driven by his or her response? Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might want to understand someone else's motivation, as he or she seems to be pushing you hard, and you could be getting very angry. Avoid sitting on your feelings and letting this type of anger build up. Consider speaking up sooner. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might have been a little too concerned with material gain in the past few days.

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS

