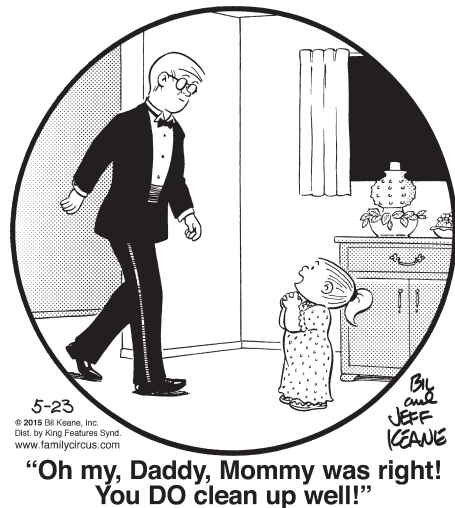
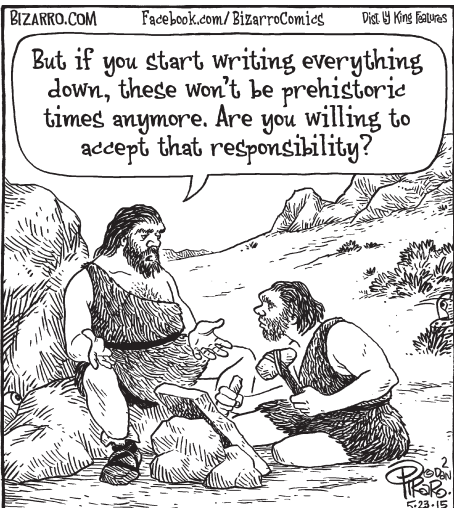


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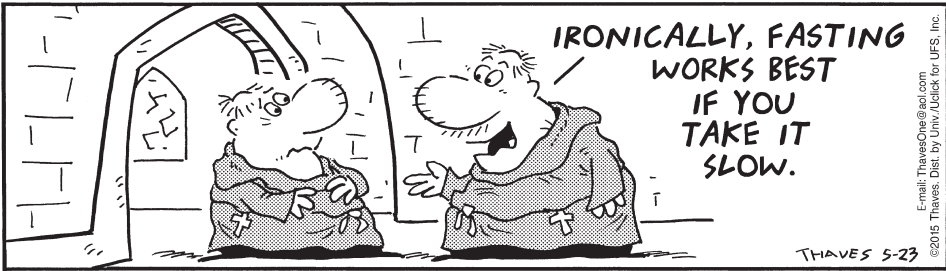
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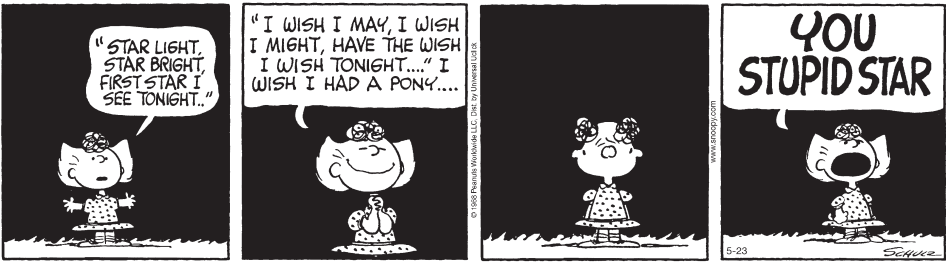
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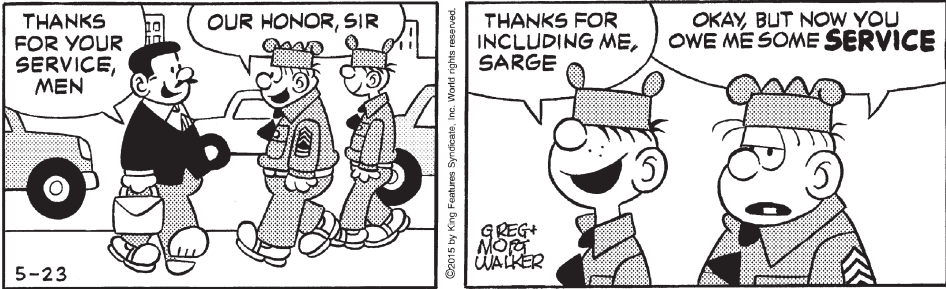
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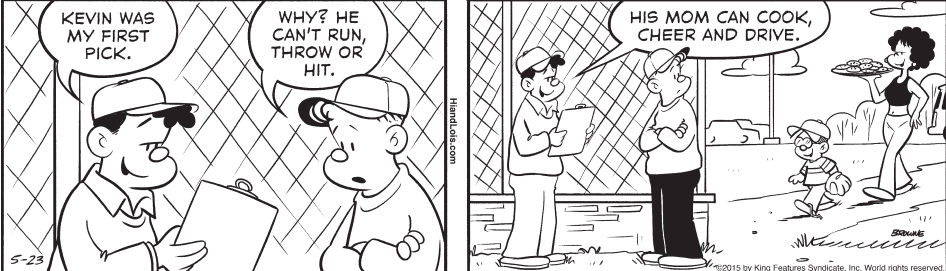
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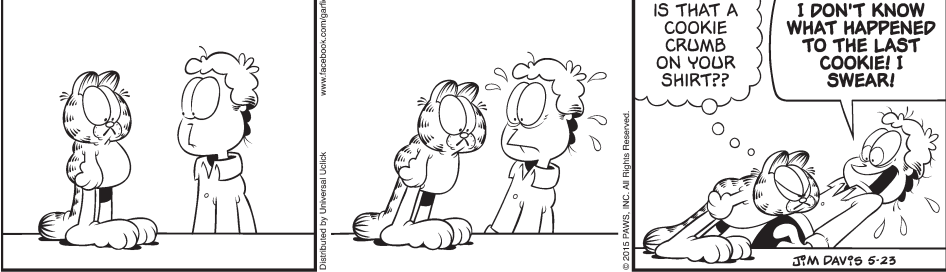
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Girl's Constant Messaging Sends Nanny On A Guilt Trip

DEAR ABBY: I was a full-time summer nanny for several years for the same family, now a preteen boy and girl. I loved them, had a great time on the job and have communicated with them occasionally through the years on birthdays and holidays. Eventually, I moved away for college and was no longer able to sit for them.

Both kids now are on Facebook, and I (foolishly) accepted their friend requests. I use Facebook to keep in touch with family members or for school group projects, so I am on only once or twice a week.

The girl messages me almost daily with "Hey" or similar short things. I am unable to dedicate time to this kind of interaction even within my own age group, but I feel bad leaving so many messages unanswered. What can I tell her? I'd love to catch up around holiday times like we used to, but I'd like to be left alone online. – BUSY, BUSY IN CHICAGO

DEAR BUSY: As I see it, you have a choice: Tell her the truth, and explain it just as you have written to me, or contact her parents and have them explain it to her.

DEAR ABBY: My mom and dad are fighting and getting mad at each other a lot. I am trying my best to make them happy with each other, but nothing seems to work. They told me they would always be happy together, but it does not look like it right now. What do I do? – NEEDING HELP IN FLORIDA

DEAR NEEDING HELP: I have heard from young readers who told me their greatest fear was that their parents would divorce. But sometimes there are worse things than being a child of divorce, and one of them is living in a household filled with tension and parents who constantly argue and fight.

You are not the cause of their unhappiness, and you cannot "fix" what's wrong in

their marriage. Although you might wish to be the peacemaker, you must accept that it is not your responsibility. A marriage counselor might be able to help them iron out their differences, but the person to suggest it should be another adult; if possible, it should be a relative.

DEAR ABBY: I am a public school teacher with an etiquette question. I receive gifts at class parties that occur at Christmas, Valentine's Day and the end of the year. When I do, I respond with a written thank-you note a few days later.

However, during the course of the year, I also receive thank-you cards for being a child's teacher, tutor or club sponsor. Many times these thank-you cards contain gift cards. If I open it in front of the giver, I always give a verbal thank-you, but is it required to write a thank-you for a thank-you? – WANTS TO DO IT RIGHT

DEAR WANTS TO DO IT RIGHT: A thank-you for a thank-you is not required. However, a thank-you that's accompanied by a GIFT should be acknowledged with a written note.

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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.

A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015:

This year you are so upbeat that some of your friends might not be able to relate to you the same way. Try to be more responsive to those in your immediate circle. In any case, you put the finishing touches on the fine art of having fun. If you are single, you easily could meet someone who causes you to have a case of the butterflies. Be selective, as the person you choose will be quite significant to your life's history. If you are attached, you often want to share more of what is happening in each of your lives. Traveling enhances your relationship, as it helps you both relax more. LEO has a way of evoking passion and humor from you.

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)

★★★★ Your inclination to have fun will push you into the role of ring leader. Know that any fantasy of a quiet day has gone out the window. You have the ability to bring many people together and have a great time. Tonight: Respond to the moment.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might be better off just relaxing at home. Invite friends over for a fun get-together. If there is a common game everyone likes to get into, make sure it is available. You are likely to hear good news from someone at a distance. Tonight: Add lots of fun to the moment.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Return calls, especially if you have any hesitancy regarding your plans. One-on-one relating adds to your comfort and allows greater give-and-take. Your sense of humor might not be received well by someone you care about. Find out what ails them. Tonight: Among friends.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Be more aware of what you have to offer. Others often can't get close enough to you. Maintain your budget, even if you are out and about. In the long run, you will feel better about yourself. Honor a need to head in a new direction. Tonight: Having fun does not need to cost you.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Be spontaneous with your decisions, especially with one suggestion that seems to tickle

your fancy. You will be delighted by what unravels as a result, as will those around you. Let go of concerns, and be a little more frivolous. Tonight: Your wish is someone else's command.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might be taken aback by what is happening around you. Your sense of direction emerges when you let go and stop worrying. Make this a personal day, and make a point of enjoying yourself as well as others. Tonight: Keep it low-key.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Your friends will be the focus right now, and they will be determined to make the most out of the moment. Let go of stress that is weighing you down. Deal with a loved one or family member directly. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Demands come in from a relative, boss or someone you don't feel you can say no to. Be aware of your boundaries when dealing with this person. Try to limit the time you have to be with him or her. Reach out to a loved one. Tonight: In the center of the energy.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might be considering taking off at the last minute. Refuse to follow the same old routine, and allow yourself to break precedent. Ideas flourish once you put yourself in a different environment. Tonight: Read between the lines with someone who is flirting.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You will want to consider an alternative solution to a hassle that emerges with a loved one or dear friend. You might want to push to have your way, but nearly immediately you will be dealing with heavy resistance. Ask a family member for some advice. Tonight: Make nice.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

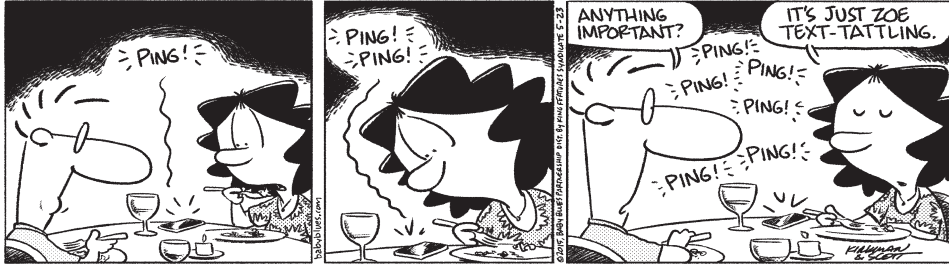
★★★★ Defer to others. Be receptive to someone's idea about staying within your budget but having a great time regardless. You'll find that the more people you are around, the better time you'll have. A new friend could be very controlling. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ Find out what is going on with a loved one. Once you get your work done, you will be able to relax more. You could be happy with going to a late lunch or just catching a movie. Get into the moment. Tonight: Make the most of your company and your environment.

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