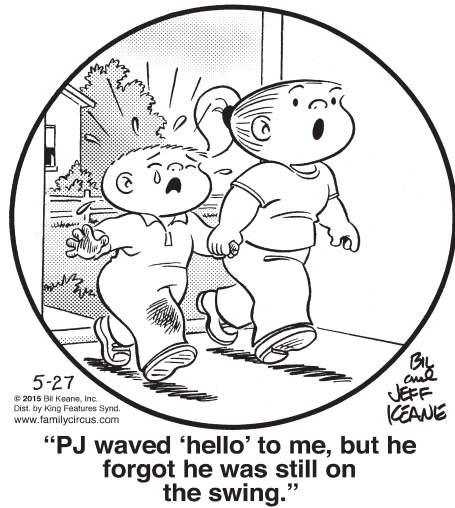
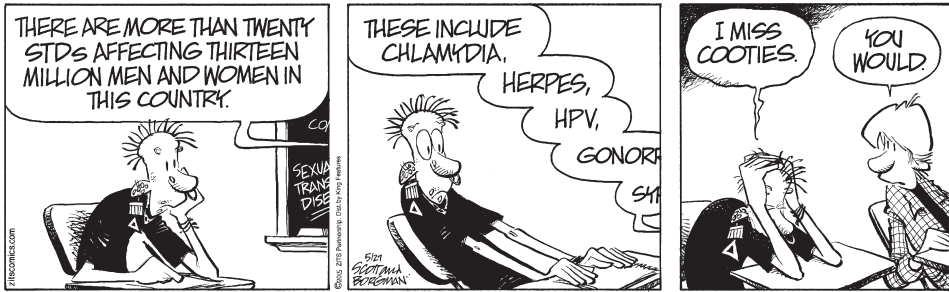


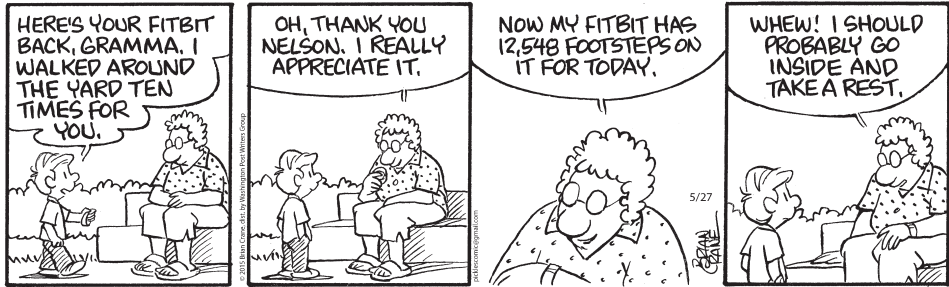
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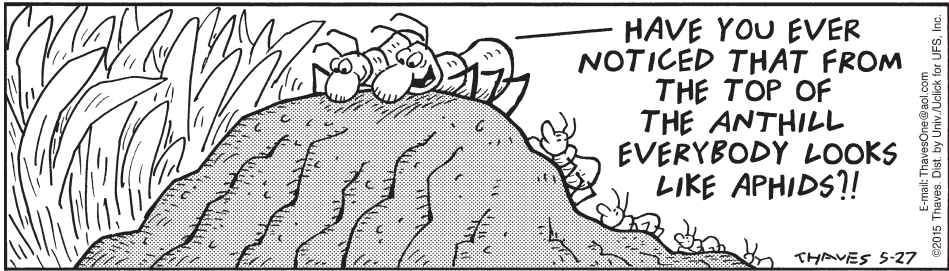
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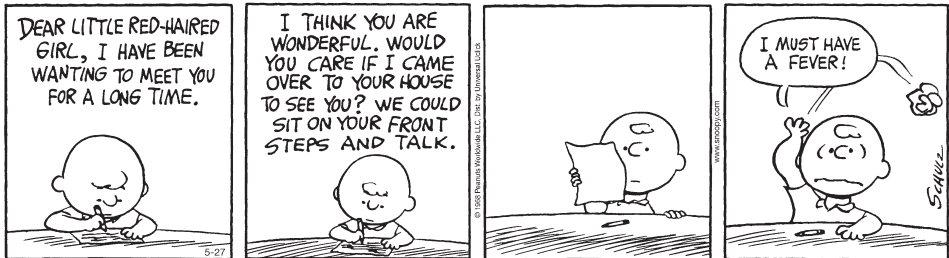
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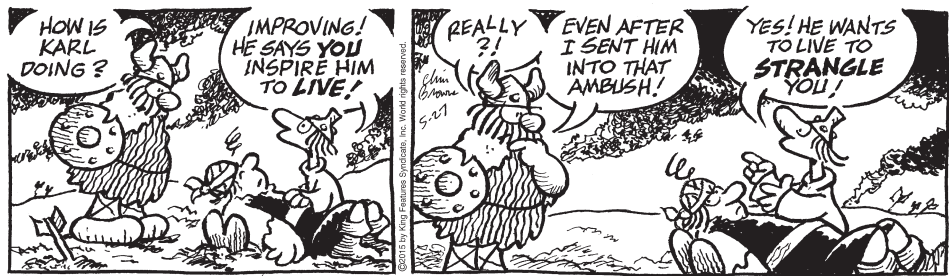
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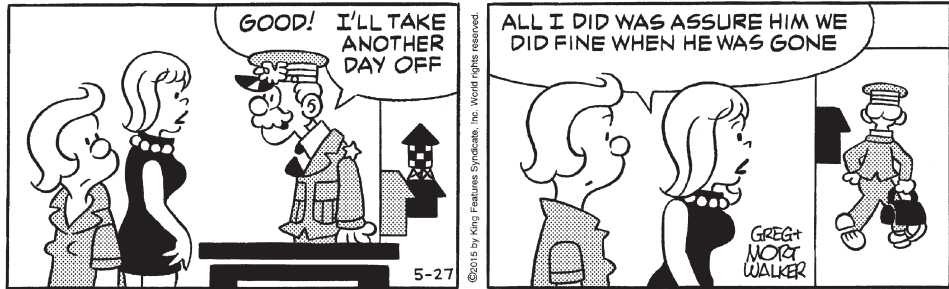
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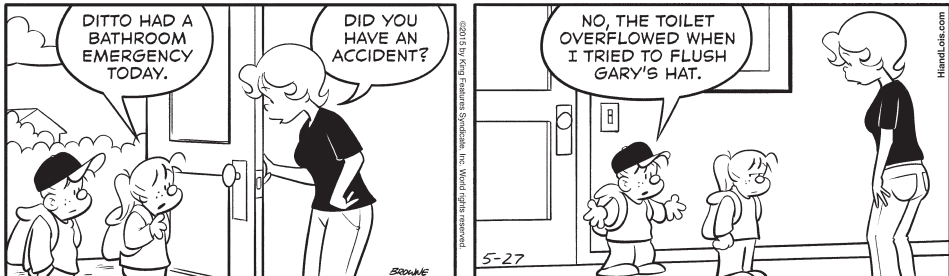
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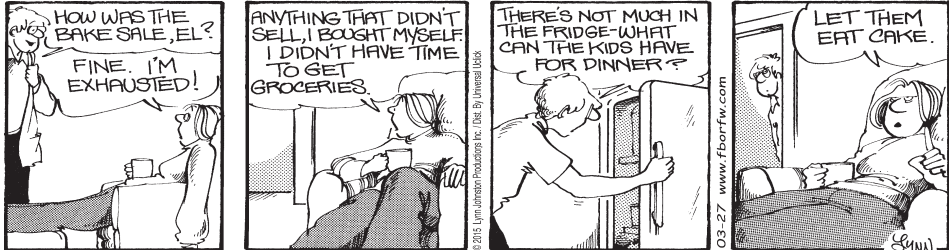
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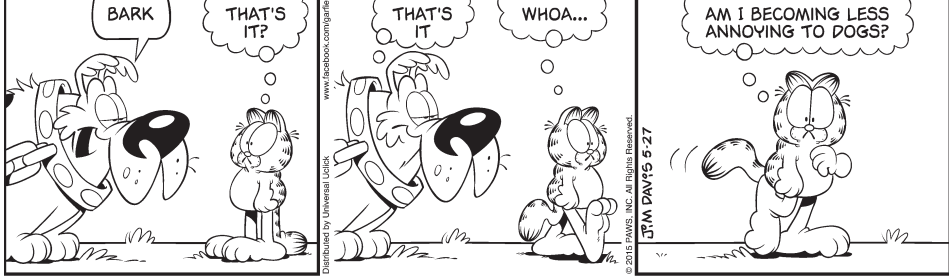
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Couple's Tagalong Friend Is Too Close For Son's Comfort

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 40s, happily married to my wife, and we have teenage daughters. My parents divorced when I was young and both have been remarried for years.

Over the past 10 years, Dad and his wife have developed a very close "friendship" with a woman I'll call "Bonnie." They bought homes next door to each other, travel together, and expect Bonnie to be included in all holiday events. Bonnie has never been married and has no kids, so my parents reason that she would be alone if she's not with them.

I am not fond of this woman and I don't like having to include her. My parents never ask if it's OK if she comes; they just started bringing her years ago and assume she's welcome. When I have brought up the subject, they got angry.

Our daughters ask how we're related to Bonnie. When I say she is Grandma and Grandpa's friend, they roll their eyes because it falls short of describing what is probably a three-way. I'm tired of the situation. What can I do? — FED UP IN PHOENIX

DEAR FED UP: Let your daughters — who are probably more worldly than either you or I — come to their own conclusions about Grandma and Grandpa. Whether they have formed a triad is anybody's guess, but one thing is clear: They are a package deal. You might be happier if you concentrated less on what may (or may not) be going on between their sheets. The alternative would be to see your father, stepmother and this woman less often.

DEAR ABBY: My husband keeps all our financial information, be it bank accounts, statements, savings, investments, etc., away from me. He has been unemployed for more than three years and keeps telling me we need to economize, which I do.

When I ask him to let me know what our finances are, he tells me, "We're running out of money." He keeps everything a secret, and when I asked, "What if something terrible happens? What shall I do?" he said, "You will be informed." What kind of an attitude is that? He says he doesn't trust me with money because he thinks I'll spend it all.

We sold our house for more than a million dollars and I never saw a penny in my name, let alone a bank account. I don't have a job. I'm a full-time student right now. I'm concerned whether I should get a divorce. Your thoughts, Abby? — IN THE DARK IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR IN THE DARK: It would be interesting to know where the money you and your husband are living on is coming from, and how your education is being financed.

It appears your husband is withholding financial information as a means of controlling you. I do think you should consult a lawyer, not necessarily to discuss a divorce, but to find out once and for all what your rights are as a wife in the state of New Jersey.

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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 Virgo if born before 2:42 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015:

This year you often go from being charming and witty to acting like a fussy, detail-obsessed grump. Your friends might wonder which is the real you. The good news is that you will be able to use both sides to your best advantage. If you are single, you have quite a range of possibilities. High sexual attractiveness mixes well with your personality; however, you will need to tone down your sharp tongue when dating. If you are attached, you and your significant other seem to be glued together most of time. Few signs appreciate you as much as LIBRA does.

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 be in the limelight with your fiery display this morning. You can't help but be that dramatic as you express your thoughts and perhaps even anger. Curb sarcasm if possible. A partner will start up a conversation in the afternoon. Tonight: Go along with established plans.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might be overthinking an investment or expenditure. What is important to recognize is whether you feel comfortable with it. A partner or trusted adviser might have a similar reaction, so get his or her feedback. Do more research, if need be. Tonight: Lie low.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You might need to make amends for your recent fireworks or sarcastic comments. You can hem and haw all you want, but a gesture needs to be made. Invite a loved one to a mutually enjoyable happening or a favorite dining spot. Tonight: It is better to have peace than war.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone in order to clear the air. By the afternoon, you will want to be slightly more reclusive. Why not? It has been a hectic few days, and perhaps a little quiet time will help renew your energy and refresh your perspective. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You could be more difficult than you

realize in the morning. A conversation in a meeting could evoke a very strong reaction that might shock you. Know that this has more to do with your mood than with you. Initiate a more sensitive conversation later. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Use the morning hours to the max, when you are more likely to win points and convince others that you are heading down the correct path. Take stock of your finances before making another expenditure. Revise your budget, if need be. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You probably won't feel up to snuff until midday, but you'll make up for lost time in the afternoon. You will want to initiate a conversation and get to the bottom of an issue. The other party might not be ready to reveal his or her thoughts yet. Don't push. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Use the morning hours to move forward with a goal. Use the afternoon hours for reflection and for figuring out what would be best to do under the present circumstances. You have not yet explored all the alternatives possible. Go for what you want. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Pressure builds to accommodate an older relative, boss or authority figure, especially in the morning. You will want to rethink a decision later on. A meeting or special get-together might fill up your afternoon. Make a point of being more sociable. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You have a vision that you have wanted to put into action. Today you will have a chance to present it to someone who could give you powerful feedback. Share your feelings and ideas more often. You will feel better, and your confidence will be boosted. Tonight: A must show.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

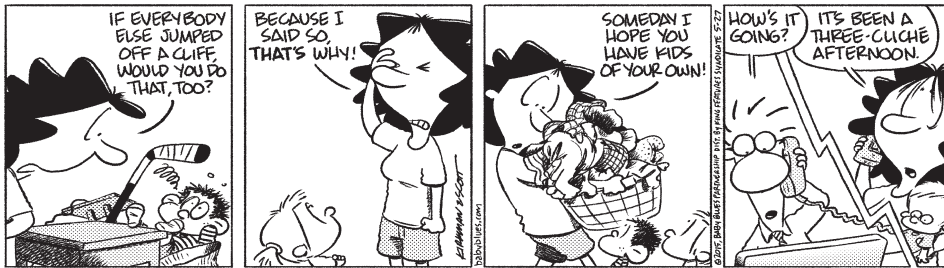
★★★★★ A conversation needs to happen in the morning. Be as receptive and open to the other party's thoughts as you would like him or her to be to yours. In the afternoon, detach and see where there could be a meeting of the minds. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

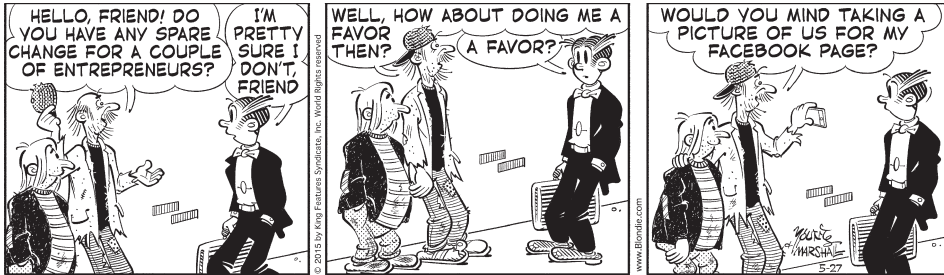
★★★★ A partner keeps making the first move, which leaves you with little time to respond. You might be upset about this pattern, but in some way, you'll find the situation somewhat humorous. Know that a boss or parent can be charmed into opening up. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

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