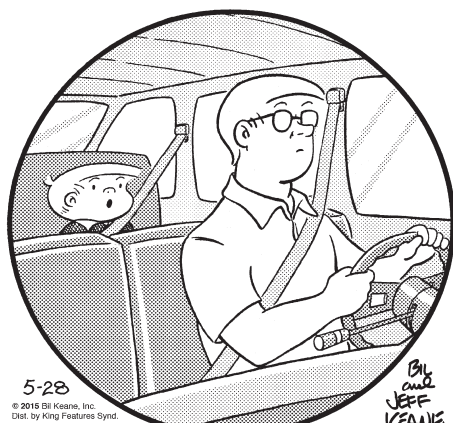
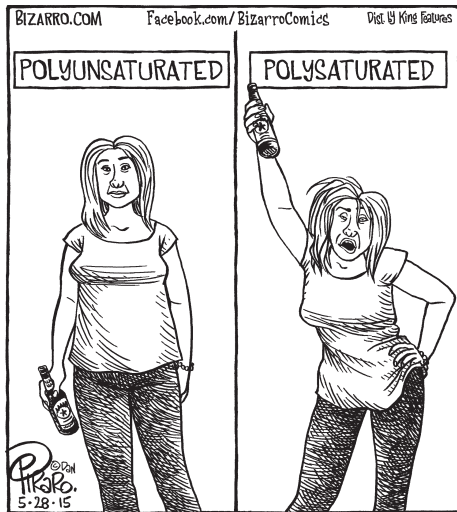


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Mom Seeks Detour To Safety Around In-Laws' Driving Habits

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are fabulous. They love me and think the world of our 2-year-old daughter, "Hayley." They do anything to support us.

Recently, they asked to take Hayley overnight and drive a number of places with her. My concern is the driving part. My father-in-law doesn't believe in car seats.

On a few occasions he has asked me to just hop in the car with Hayley without a car seat. I refused. Another time, they had a circa-1980 car seat and asked to take Hayley with them to church. When I went to put her in the seat, the buckles wouldn't work. When I reached over to the other side, the seat fell over. It wasn't even strapped in!

Now for my biggest fear: My mother-in-law is a notorious distracted driver - she applies makeup, eats food, talks on the phone and texts. I am not comfortable with her taking Hayley in the car with her.

How do I approach this with them? I don't want to harm our relationship, and I'd like them to spend time with their grandchild independently. But I can't put my daughter in a dangerous situation. Any thoughts would be appreciated. - FEARFUL MOM IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR FEARFUL MOM: Your fears appear to be well founded. Your "fabulous" in-laws cannot be trusted to transport your little girl.

My first thought was that you and your husband could buy them a car seat and have it installed. But if you can't trust your father-in-law to use it, or your mother-in-law to devote her full attention to her driving when her grandchild is in the car, then the child's safety must come first. As a mother, your job is to be conscientious, even if it makes you less popular. And your husband should back you up 100 percent.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is very affectionate. He loves to cuddle, snuggle and sweet-talk morning, noon and night. How-

ever, he doesn't do it with me - he does it with our cats.

Don't get me wrong - he's a good husband, and I get a quick hug and kiss goodbye when I leave for work in the mornings and he holds my hand when we walk. But when we go to bed at night, he turns his back to me, reaches behind him, pats me on the arm and says goodnight. There is no cuddling and no sweet-talk with me.

Sometimes I would like a little scratch behind MY ears. We married late in life, so maybe the sex is out, but my late husband used to hold me and make me feel special. I'm only 62 and I can't imagine living this way for the rest of my life, but I love this man, so divorce is out. Any advice? - "MEOW" IN OGDEN, UTAH



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR "MEOW": Was your husband like this before you married him? If so, did you accept his proposal thinking you could change him? If not, then it appears you have a serious communication problem.

If you haven't already, you need to tell him what you need in order to feel as loved and cherished as the cats. And if that doesn't work, you both need marriage counseling because I can't imagine you living the rest of your life starved for affection. As you said, you're only 62.

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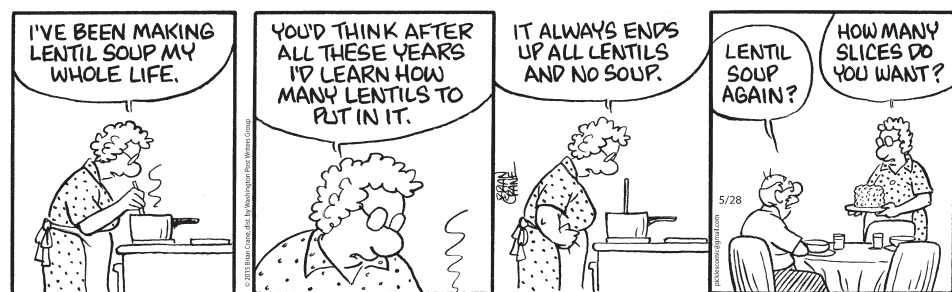
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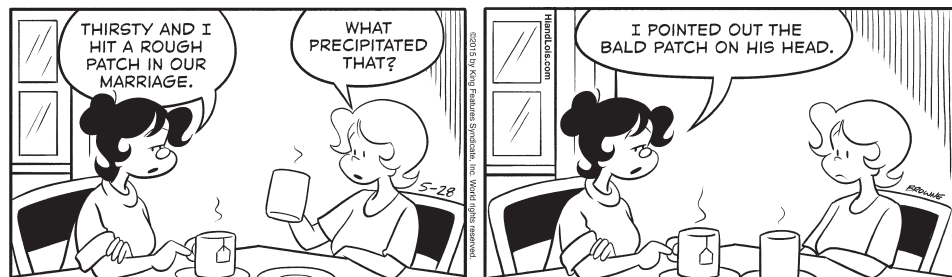
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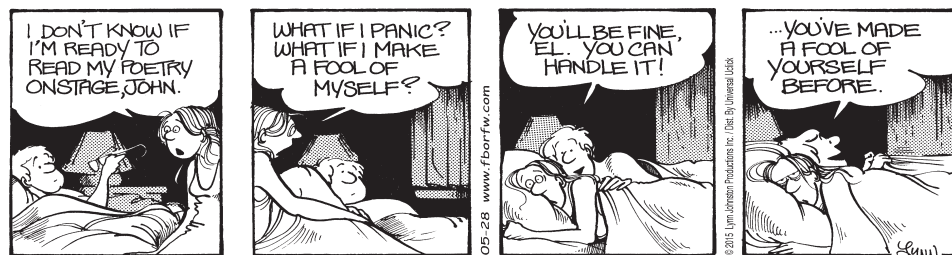
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015:

This year your creativity merges with your curiosity. You might be inspired to produce something that can be put on display for the public or perhaps just your immediate circle. Harnessing your creativity will take some understanding of how to use your self-discipline. If you are single, romance will be a frequent visitor in your life. For some, a new loved one could serve as a muse. If you are attached, the two of you can be seen out and about during the summer, but a strong nesting instinct is likely to take over in the fall. LIBRA knows how to divert your attention!

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)

Follow someone else's lead, even if he or she suggests something that confuses you. You will gain clarity quickly. News from a distance will make you feel very cared about. Know what you need to do to push a project to the finish line. Tonight: Just say "yes" to an invitation.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You have ideas about what works, yet you rarely express them completely. A project appears to be moving on its own. You might want to assess certain items, like the projected cost. Detaching from a hot situation could be difficult. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Your creativity pops up in nearly every situation today. You might be feeling confused by someone you must answer to, as he or she could be sending you mixed messages. Deal with what you know, and add enthusiasm to your interactions. Tonight: Cheer up a loved one.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You'll be coming from an anchored point of view, but getting others to respond might be difficult right now. Write down your thoughts, and then go off and find someone upbeat who wants to smile more than grumble. Tonight: The moment leads to a fun happening.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Listen to news more openly. You might want to reorganize your schedule in order to

make more time for a creative project. Lady Luck could make an appearance today. Still, use care with taking risks. Make sure you can handle the outcome. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Be aware of the costs of proceeding on your present course. A friend who means to be helpful just might not be. Tension builds around someone's expectations, which you are inclined to meet. Your ingenuity can't be tamed. Tonight: Schedule some downtime.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You seem to be on the right path, despite a mild fog of confusion that surrounds you. You might want to handle a matter that involves travel and/or a matter that you'll need an expert for. Recognize that there are no shortcuts to resolving this particular situation. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You might choose to play it low-key right now. You'll need some downtime, as you have done more than your fair share on several different projects. Everyone needs to recharge his or her batteries - including you! Use this period well. Tonight: Vanish into the night.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You need to focus on your desires. You could have a difficult exchange with a partner who seems to want to shut you down. Glide past this problem, and keep your eye on the big picture. Once you have a more complete perspective, you'll know what to do. Tonight: Accept an offer.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You might want to let others run the show, especially as you recognize how complicated an issue seems to be. You tend to be negative when dealing with those in a higher position of authority. Avoid getting into a power play. Tonight: A loved one reels you in.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

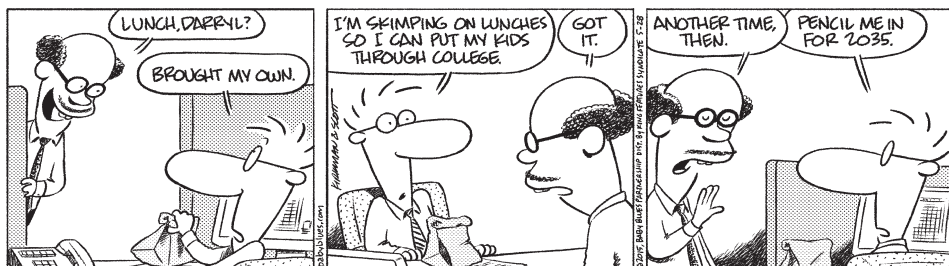
Slow down and detach from the here and now. You need to get a better perspective of what is happening around you and of the people you need to involve in order to realize a goal. A friend who wants to be helpful could prove to be the exact opposite. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

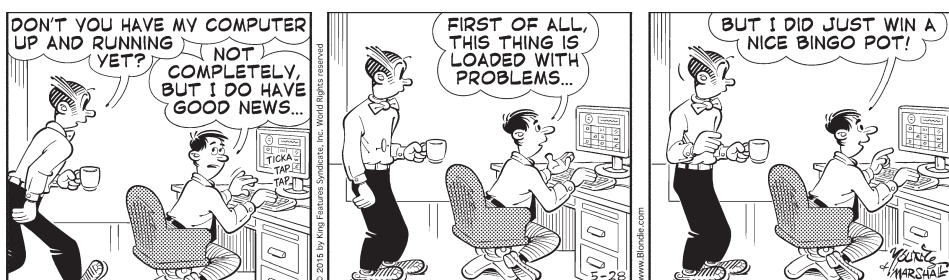
Relate to a friend on a one-on-one level, as this person often supports you through difficult times. Your creativity surges when dealing with others, especially a close loved one. Listen to an offer that might seem too good to be true. Tonight: Honor a sense of fatigue.

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