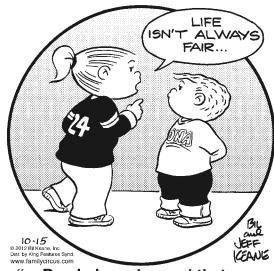
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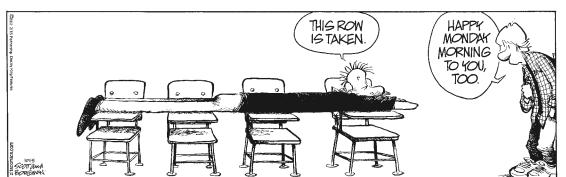
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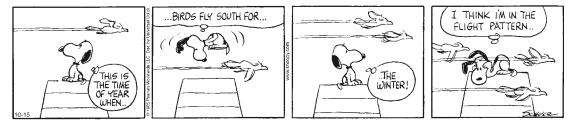
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Happy Boday, MOM! acebook.com/BizarroComics ALL YOU CAN EAT-\$14,95 Beware of flying buttons nearly all my co-workers are married and live rather uneventful lifestyles. I was divorced a few years ago and have not remarried. has become an issue with my co-workers. They insist on hearing about the dates I go on and ask for the details of what took place, and I usually oblige

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more gossip about my so-called "wild lifestyle," and I have become the talk of the office. Some co-workers have called me names like "skank" because I refuse to settle down with one girl. I'm looking for the right one, and it may take many wrong ones to get there. I think my co-workers are jealous. I'm living my life to the fullest and hav-

Lately, there has been more and

I have dated a lot of women, and it

ing fun and because they can't do what I do, they resort to gossip and namecalling. It really frustrates me. How can I make this stop without causing unnecessary tensions in my workplace? -MAN IN MOTION IN INDIANA

DEAR MAN IN MOTION: You are not a skank." You are a bachelor. I hope you realize that you started this by regaling your co-workers with the intimate details of your "adventures." None of it was to stop, you'll have to draw an iron curtain between your work life and your social life. Start today.

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged and have been for a while. From the beginning I knew my fiance and I would have to pay for our own wedding. During a recent discussion with my father (who is divorced from my mother), he offered to chip in a reasonable amount and asked me to see if my mother would match it. My mother thought it was a great idea and agreed. A week or so later she wrote me a check for the amount and I deposited it into my savings account.

ACQUELINE 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 and a Moon in Libra if born before 5:05 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, OCT. 15, 2012

This year your birthday falls on a New Moon, signifying a new beginning in at least one segment of your life. Your creativity and magnetism intertwine, which will open you up to more possibilities. As much as you might forge ahead, you also could feel as if you are lacking either financially or emotionally. If you are single, a relationship is yours to have, if you want it. In fact, you'll have quite a selection of admirers to choose from. If you are attached, the two of you need more personal time as a couple, but be careful to not get to me-oriented. It takes two to tango. A fellow LIBRA demonstrates his or her creativity in a totally different way.

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)

★★★★ Sometimes others see your actions and decisions as bold. Someone who is not accustomed to your style could become angry. This person will let you know how upset he or she is. An apology or explanation is in order. Consider adapting your style for more- sensitive folks. Tonight: With a favorite person.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

At the time, I had a high-paying job and a "roundabout" wedding date set. I have since left my job and the wedding has been postponed indefinitely. My mother has now requested that I return the money because she's behind on bills.

Frankly, I think it is inappropriate for her to ask me to return "her" money when it was a gift that I did not request at the time. Am I wrong, or should she leave the money be? — ENGAGED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ENGAGED: When your mother gave you the money toward your wedding, BOTH of your financial situations were different than they are today. This isn't a question of etiquette. Because you won't be needing it in the near future, return the money to your mother so she can pay her bills. It's not as if she'll be using it for a Caribbean cruise. She needs the money!

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and her husband have a wonderful little boy, "Matthew," who is 3. They say they don't plan on having any more children. I am upset that they won't be giving my grandson a sibling. They claim the reason is to be earth-friendly, but I think it is selfish. I know my urging won't change the situation, but it weighs heavily on

my mind and makes me sad for Matthew. My daughter has a brother she is close to. Her husband has two siblings. I think the main reason they don't want any more children is my son-in-law is 17 years older than my daughter. Is there any good way for me to tell her how upset this makes me? — DISAP-POINTED IN OREGON

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: No, there isn't. There may be reasons that go beyond your son-in-law's age for their decision to limit the size of their family to one child. And they are none of your business.

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tic issue emerges. Give thought to how you could use this piv-otal situation. This evolving matter could be the basis of a new beginning. Tonight: Home is your palace.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$ You remain very caring with a relative or neighbor. Others note your compassion and also your ability to act on that quality. A long-wished-for opportunity to realign another important relationship might occur out of the blue. A new be-ginning becomes possible as a result. Tonight: Accept an invitation, hang out and visit with friends.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Do your thing in the morning. You could become rather frustrated by a situation that keeps emerging. Detach by doing something totally unrelated to your present thoughts, and a solution will emerge. Focus on creating better security and more opportunities for yourself and others. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

 $\star\star\star$ You might be slow to start, like the turtle, with the hare leading in front. Don't worry -- your endurance and steadiness will pay off. By the day's end, you'll be the winner. Your process and style in the evening allow you to catch up and succeed in whatever you deem important. Tonight: Out on the town.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star$ Check out what's happening behind the scenes. You have so much energy, and it is close to impossible to hold you back. How you see a situation could change radically. You laugh, and others' moods elevate. A child or loved one might behave in an unexpected manner. Tonight: Let the good times happen.



DEAR ABBY

Single Guy's Dating Game Is

Fodder For Office Gossip

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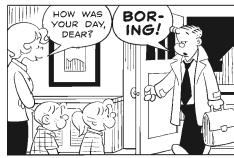
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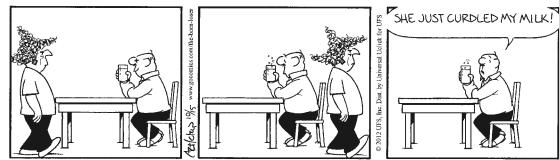
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 $\star \star \star$ A friend or loved one knows your Achilles' heel and will use that weakness periodically. You might be stunned by this person's words. You do not need to retaliate; instead, use this moment to look within yourself. Consider his or her commentary and internalize what is viable. Tonight: Join a friend or two.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges in the presence of others' energized, and sometimes bold, actions. You understand the forces at work here. Determine if and where you want to become involved. Your instincts will guide you with a loved one. Tonight: Time for a brisk walk.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You have a tendency to be moody. You acknowledge that fact, but when you look around, you might decide that you currently are on more solid ground than many of your comrades. Tonight: A child or loved one pulls you into a fun scene.

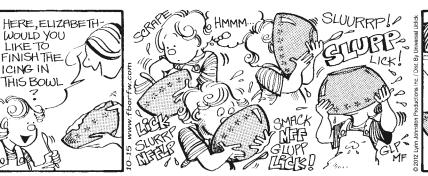
LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$ Use the morning to the max in order to deal with others accordingly. In the afternoon, an investment or domes-

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CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

 $\star \star \star$ In an attempt to be nonreactive, you might have swallowed a lot of anger. If you find that you are doing or saying something unusual or subtly hostile, look within yourself. It is important to express negative feelings. too. but in a palatable manner. As a result, you could experience a new beginning. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You are in the limelight, and you'll make an impression on a boss or supervisor. The trail you blaze easily could lead to a new beginning, if you so choose. Your creativity flour-ishes, yet the cost of this self-expression could be high. Tonight: Could go into the wee hours.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

 $\star\star\star\star$ Use timing to facilitate your desires. Individual conversations will flourish in the morning and midday. Afterward, take a serious look at what is happening around you. You might want to do more research. Tonight: Let your mind wander. Daydream away.

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