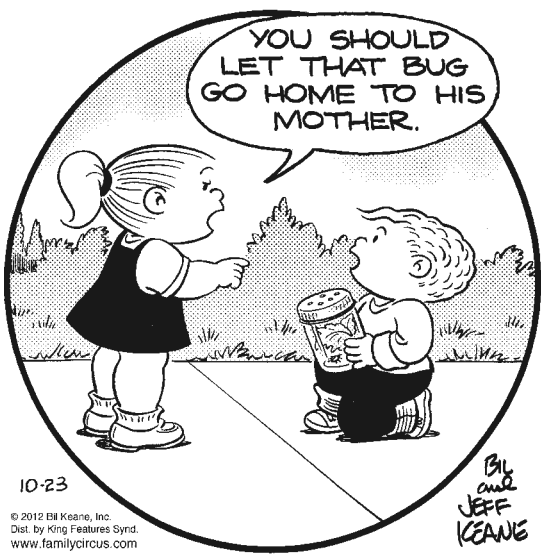


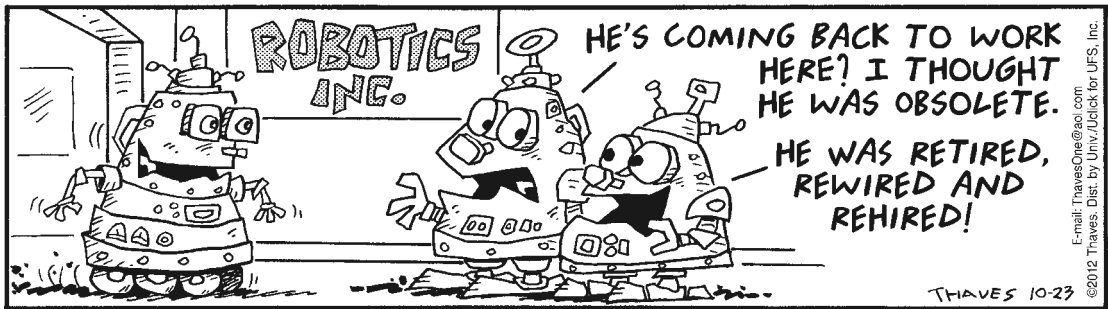
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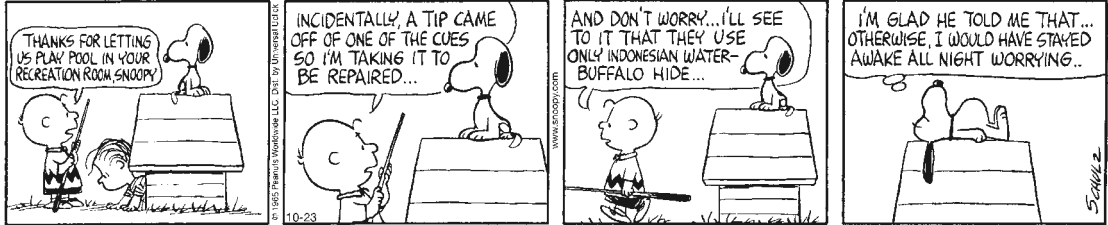
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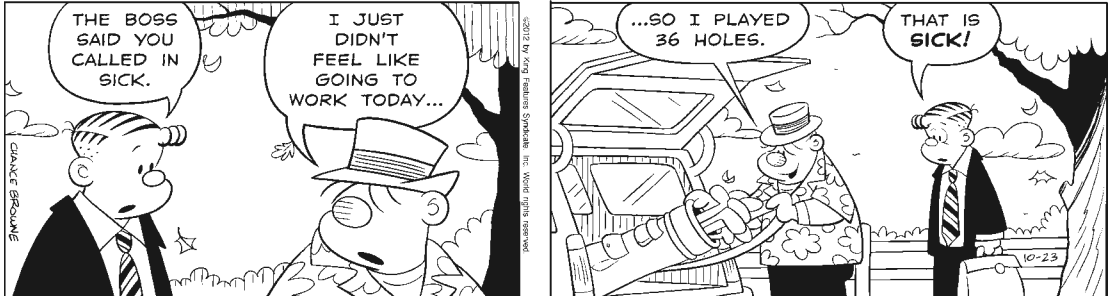
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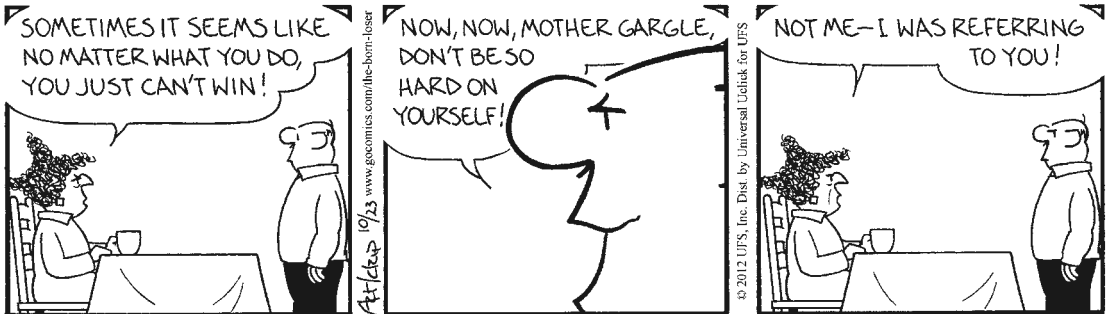
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# Expect Young Trick-Or-Treaters To Come Knocking Before Dark

DEAR ABBY: Since Halloween is nearly here, I have a question about trick-or-treating. Last year on Halloween I was sitting down for an early dinner that was planned for 5 p.m. so we wouldn't be disturbed by trick-or-treaters.

Suddenly the doorbell rang. When I answered, I was bombarded with requests for candy from three boys who live down the street. It was still light outside.

I told them to come back later, when I wasn't eating dinner. I wanted to teach them that they shouldn't overextend the holiday and disrupt other people's lives. An hour later I received a call from the boys' mother scolding me for sending them away.

I was just trying to get a bit of peace and quiet before the festivities. Was I wrong not to give them candy and ask them to come back later? — TREAT CHEATER IN CONCORD, CALIF.

DEAR TREAT CHEATER: I think so. The boys' mother may not have wanted them out after dark, which is why she started them on their rounds early. Halloween is the day for trick-or-treating, and part of the "treat" is seeing the children's excitement and their costumes. To have expected peace and quiet with kids in the neighborhood was unrealistic. Think back to your own childhood and, when the doorbell rings, answer it and be welcoming.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl and still wet the bed. I have tried to stop, but it doesn't do any good. Some of my family members know about my situation, but none of my friends do. I'm not sure how to stop because I have tried not drinking anything two hours before I go to bed, but wake up every three hours to use the bathroom. — EMBARRASSED IN HOUSTON

DEAR EMBARRASSED: If your pediatrician doesn't know about your problem, he or she should be told so you can be examined to make sure there is nothing

physically wrong with you. There are medications that can help you overcome your problem. There are also devices called bedwetting alarms that can solve the problem. To find out more about them, search for "bedwetting alarm" on Google.



## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR NERVOUS: Regardless of your cousin's age, because of his parents' inability to control his behavior he should not be invited to the weddings. Because they have the attitude that if he is not invited they won't go, that's their choice. Make your wishes clear, and your problem will be solved.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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 Scorpio and a Moon in Aquarius all day.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, OCT. 23, 2012:

This year you are unusually playful, especially with a close loved one. You will spend many one-on-one moments together. This person could become your best friend if you are attached, and possibly even your sweetie if you are single. You have many dynamic ideas, some of which you might choose to act on sooner rather than later. You also could manifest a cherished dream this year. Clarify and confirm details when in doubt. AQUARIUS is as strong as you, but in a 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)

★★★★ Boredom is not likely to be an issue, thanks to those around you. Many people who form the framework of your daily life could seek you out. Your imagination loves wondering what is going on beyond the words of others. Tonight: Celebrate your friends.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Others look up to you, as you are able to see many different paths to a goal. You know how to delegate, explain and take an active role in the direction of a project. A partner or loved one comes forward with a quirky, fun idea. Tonight: Where the action is.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Stay on top of calls and other forms of communication. You have a unique ability to see what is going on behind others' words. Your sense of humor comes out, but do not let anyone know what is putting a big smile on your face. Tonight: Break a pattern.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Your instincts come through with a joint money matter, yet you still might not be sure in which direction you should head in order to maximize your gains. News from a distance or a discussion with someone in the know helps you clarify a decision. Tonight: Time for a chat with someone.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Others happily come forward and pitch in, which makes your life easier. A meeting or a get-together with a group of friends makes a big difference in your life. A close loved one or friend inspires you to go for what you

thought was not possible. Tonight: Say "yes" to a fun invitation.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You will remain level and focused, despite a misunderstanding that is brewing. You could try to circumvent the issue by confirming and clarifying information, yet somehow confusion still seems to be looming. A partner or dear friend inspires you, but adds an element of uncertainty to your life. Tonight: Off to the gym.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination plays into your decision-making role, for better or for worse. To succeed, you'll need to infuse the issue at hand with a dose of reality. Test out an idea on a friend who tends to be grounded in his or her beliefs. News you hear might be a distorted version of the truth. Tonight: Frisky, aren't we?

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Clear up a problem by rooting out the issue that's causing it rather than making nice. Incorporate more of your imagination into your day-to-day life, and try to add more magic to the status quo. Reach out for more of your dreams and desires. Tonight: Happy at home.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★ Opportunities open up out of the blue. Others head toward you with one offer after another. A person might dream of a happening like this, but to have it occur is remarkable. Confusion or a misunderstanding could muck up plans. Tonight: Be direct yet gracious.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Curb a need to spend right now, even if it seems like it's for a good purpose. That "good purpose" still will be there in several days. A meeting allows you to witness someone's resourcefulness and blend it with yours. Could you make a great team? It is highly likely. Tonight: Your treat.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★★ You seem to be in your own world, as your imagination could be spinning quite a tale. You also could be enjoying a very fun and somewhat emotionally fulfilling time with a child or loved one. Use care with your funds — a mistake could happen easily. Tonight: Only as you like.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ If someone volunteers to pitch in or take over, even if it is just doing the dishes or some other mundane chore, say "yes." You need some much-needed time off. Relax, and let your imagination design a plan to accomplish a long-coveted desire. Tonight: Keep some things to yourself.

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