

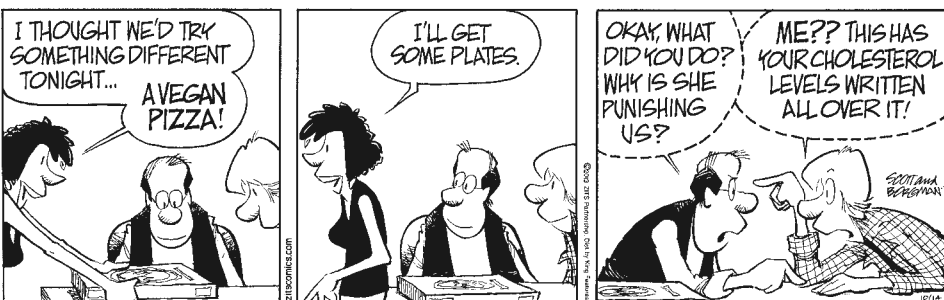
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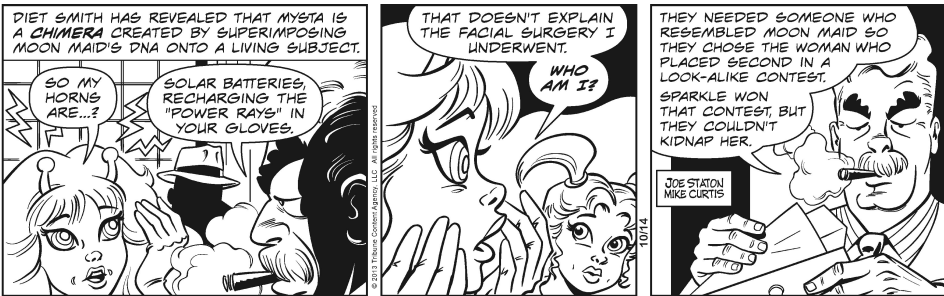
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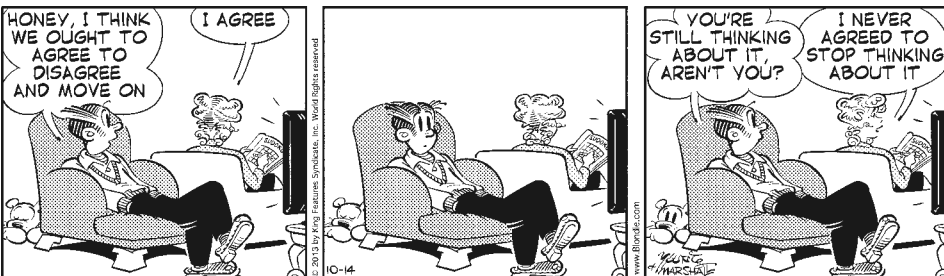
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# Firm Limits On Cellphone Use Should Curb Girl's Compulsion

DEAR ABBY: I am upset with myself for getting my granddaughter the cellphone she begged me for. I wish the phone companies would put restrictions on them. I wondered why she was feeling tired in the mornings until I caught her on the phone at 4 a.m. She can't get dressed in the morning because she's texting every two minutes.

When her friend, who she was always very active with, came over, the girl wound up watching a movie with me because my granddaughter would not stop texting in her bedroom. She wasn't like this until she got this new boyfriend, and he must have no life at all. Should I talk to his parents? It is consuming her life, morning, noon and night. I have told her she can't have the phone until her homework is done. — FRUSTRATED GRANDMA IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR GRANDMA: You shouldn't expect the phone company to decide what is acceptable in your home. As the adult in your household, it's up to you to assert control. If your granddaughter lives with you, by all means talk to the boyfriend's parents about this.

But equally important, enforce cellphone limits. If you think she can't be trusted not to use it after lights-out, see that she gives you her phone at bedtime. In the morning, return it to her once she's dressed and ready for school. And when she invites friends over, make sure she understands it is HER responsibility — not yours — to entertain them, because what she did was rude.

DEAR ABBY: I have met a darling man I'm compatible with in every way. We have similar tastes in just about everything from decorating and landscaping to entertainment.

My problem is his past. From what he says, he has never had a monogamous relationship, even during his marriage. After the divorce he pursued anything female.

When we are out at a club or a concert, I constantly encounter women he has been with. He tells me he is happy for the first time in his life and he would never cheat on me.

I have never been the jealous type, and I'm

really not now. I just don't want to be the woman everyone is laughing at because they know his history. As I said, we are content and happy, but I need to move past this or move on, I guess. — THE CURRENT WOMAN

DEAR CURRENT WOMAN: You say this "darling" man has never had a monogamous relationship — before, during or after his marriage. Therefore, the odds aren't great that he'll have one with you. It's time to ask yourself (not me) if you would be willing to tolerate his fooling around if you were his wife. Some women — the wives of attractive or powerful men — are open-minded about it if their husbands are discreet. The real question is, are you?



## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I wrote to you three years ago about throwing parties on unique days, such as 7-7-07, 9-9-09, etc., and you printed my letter.

Well, I'm still at it, even though the special numbers have run out. I planned a brunch on 11-11-11. Everyone who attended chipped in \$11 apiece. The money that was left over I donated to a hunger program. Twelve of us met for lunch at noon on 12-12-12, and this time each person paid — guess how much — \$12.

This year, we'll be having brunch at 10:00 on 11-12-13, and I'm already planning ahead for next year's celebration, which will be on 12-13-14 at 1500 hours. Any suggestions? — CLAIRE (AGAIN) IN BETHLEHEM, PA.

DEAR CLAIRE: You appear to be a fun, clever woman with a zest for life. And yes, I do have a suggestion. How about making next year's celebration a tea with a holiday theme? After all, "tis the season," and any leftover money could be donated to a children's charity.

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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 Libra and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 2:06 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, OCT. 14, 2013:

This year your imagination goes wild playing out solutions, ideas and emotional situations. Romance will emerge because of your ability to fantasize and create wonderful scenarios. A boss or an associate loves your ideas. You will excel at work, but be cautious around an older woman or man, as this person does not have your best interests in mind. Make sure you give everything 110 percent. If you are single, make sure that the feelings between you and a potential sweetie are mutual before you unleash your romantic being. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a period of unusual closeness. Your day-to-day life improves because of your ability to see different paths. PISCES encourages you to live your dreams.

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 have the ability to stay calm, cool and collected, even in difficult situations. Whether you yell at someone or scream within, your ire will bubble up to the forefront. Use your strong feelings to deal with a key situation. Tonight: Schedule some downtime.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You tend to meet others' demands in a matter-of-fact way. This attitude might be great for many people, including a boss, but it does take a toll. Today you become overwhelmed by what you must do, and you might lose your cool. Tonight: Have a long-overdue discussion.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ While others seem to be hotbeds of emotion, you detach, look at the bigger picture and ask yourself what is going on. Once you gain a more workable perspective, you can bypass emotions and a difficult situation. Others ask a lot from you. Tonight: Up late.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ A partner plays a strategic role in your financial well-being. You might wonder if there is a better way. Independence in this area could be beneficial in creating greater peace. Check in with someone who has a greater understanding of the problem. Tonight: Allow your mind to wander.

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

★★★★ Someone's assertiveness will make a

difference. A strong reaction might not be surprising to you, but you'll discover that this attitude is best in the long run, as it takes some of the responsibility off your shoulders. Tonight: Visit with one of the special people in your life.

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

★★★ You might not realize how much anger could be driving you, especially as you have a tendency to suppress that emotion. Getting a grasp on someone else's suggestion might involve asking some questions. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

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

★★★★ Meetings in the morning hold a special significance. You could be tired of someone who continues to talk and steal the stage. If ever there was a time to say something, it would be today. Be careful, as you don't want to humiliate this person. Tonight: Work till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ Getting going could take a major effort this morning, but once the afternoon sets in, you will like where you are, what you are doing and the people who are around you. Anger still might bubble up when dealing with a boss or a higher-up. Tonight: Tap into your creativity.

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

★★★★ You tend to come off as being quite self-assured, though you might not feel that way. You easily could hear news that forces you to regroup. If you feel pressured, you might want to rethink your reaction to this news. Tonight: Mosey on home.

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

★★★★ You could be taken aback by a trusted person's reaction. You need to detach, sit back and observe. You will gain more insight into what is ailing him or her. Afternoon talks will tend to bring resolutions more easily. Tonight: Get feedback from a loved one.

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

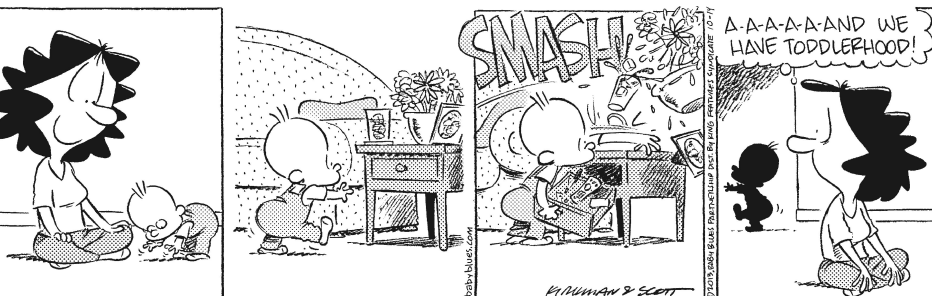
★★★★ You inadvertently could trigger someone way beyond his or her tolerance level. Ask fewer questions, and be more forthright in what you decide to do. Your finances will determine your choices more than you might realize. Tonight: Do something just for you!

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

★★★★ You understand much more of what is going on behind the scenes. By the afternoon, you might feel the need to take an active stand. Follow your instincts. Later in the day, your sense of humor will come out. Share an unusual idea. Tonight: Dream on.

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