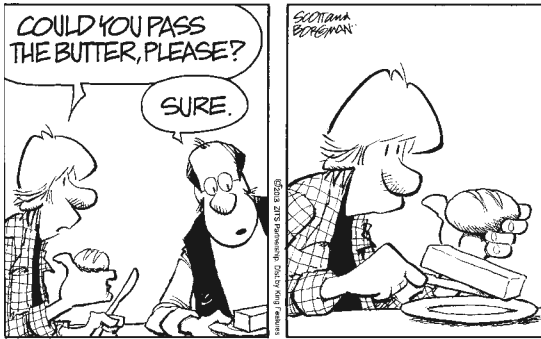


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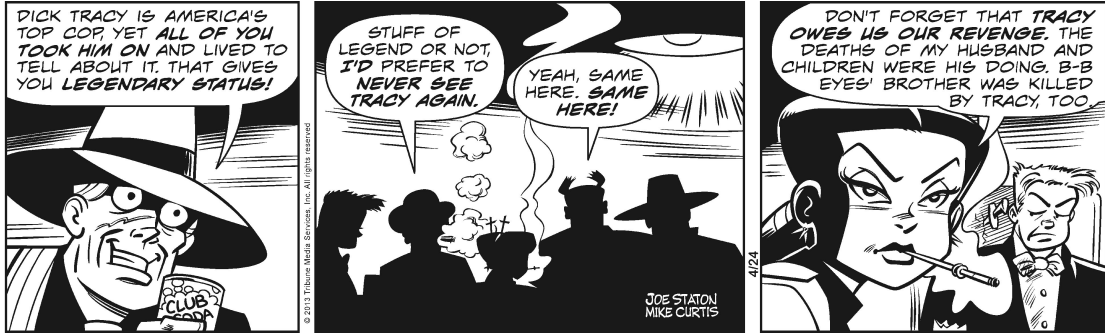
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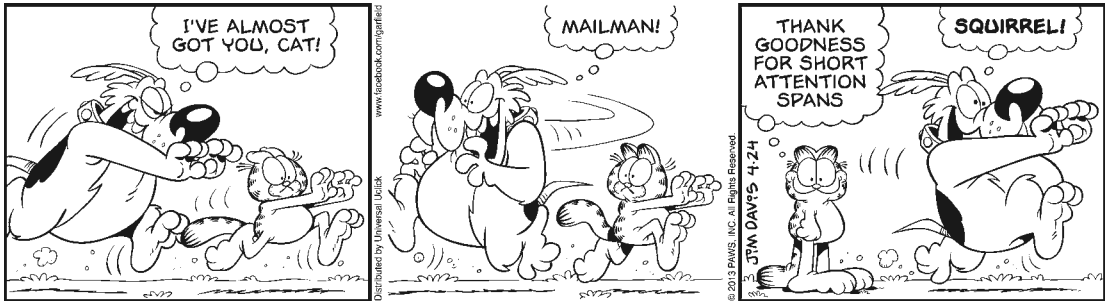
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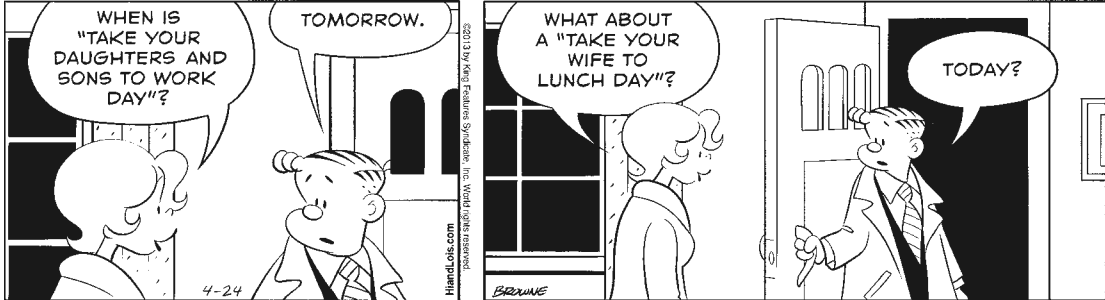
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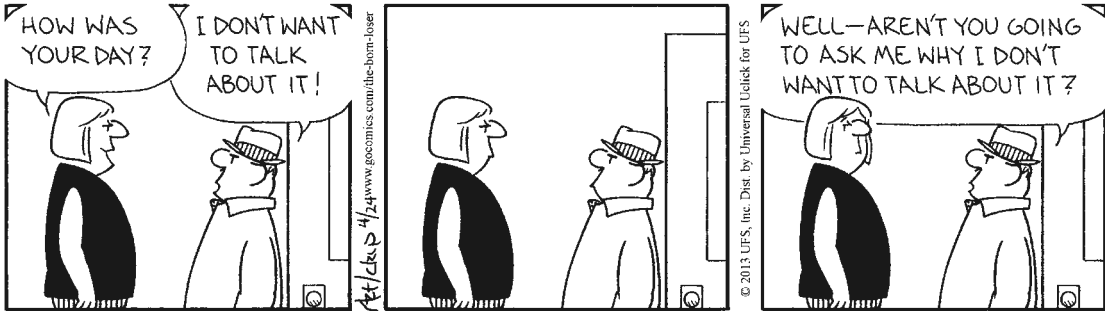
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# Aggressive Girls Put Teenage Boy In Embarrassing State

DEAR ABBY: My son is a tall, strikingly handsome teenager, although somewhat shy. Our problem is that his looks attract the wrong kind of attention from aggressive girls, and it's getting worse every year.

He and his 14-year-old sister went out to eat after school yesterday, and when they returned it was obvious my son was upset and his sister was furious. She said a group of college girls at a table next to them were teasing and taunting my son with blatantly sexual propositions. They went so far as to touch him suggestively as they got up to leave.

I'm sure they got the physical response from him they wanted; he is only 17, after all. But he was clearly angry, embarrassed and ashamed. He said he felt trapped and didn't know what to do.

The sexual harassment of young men is often laughed off with a wink and a nudge, but it isn't funny. It can be as painful and damaging to men as to women. Furthermore, my son is a minor, and I suspect the college girls were adults, if the beer on the table was any indication.

I am trying to raise my son to respect women and to be a decent man, husband and father someday, but frankly, I'm at a loss as to how to help him handle this type of sexual aggressiveness from girls. Do you or any of your readers have any suggestions? — SHOCKED MOM IN TENNESSEE

DEAR MOM: I can see why your son and daughter were upset. He was not only sexually harassed by those young women, but when they put their hands on him, he was ASSAULTED. When the teasing escalated, he and his sister should have changed tables or left the restaurant.

If your son's father is in the picture, he should discuss the incident with your son. If that's not pos-

sible, another adult male should help him understand that his arousal was normal and nothing to be ashamed of. I am sure my male readers will also want to weigh in on your letter because what happened to your son was outrageous.



## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I recently bought a used car for myself. It is exotic, and my wife and I really like it. She's upset with me, however, because I won't let her drive it unless I'm in the car. I bought it with the intent for us to enjoy it, but I am also concerned with keeping it in good shape.

Because my wife is unhappy, I am undecided about whether to keep the car and stick to my guns, or sell it and live life simply and unfettered. We share everything, but the car is one thing that needs careful attention. Can you give me some advice? — DOESN'T WANT IT DENTED IN RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIF.

DEAR DOESN'T WANT IT DENTED: Let's be honest. On one hand, you say you bought the car for yourself, and on the other, you say you bought it for both of you to enjoy. You can't have it both ways, so which is it?

I think the time has come to confess to your wife that even though you said the car was for both of you, it's really your baby. Then make it up to her by buying her that special something she has always wished for.

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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 Taurus and a Moon in Libra.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013:

This year you focus on your ability to communicate your feelings. You often express your anger in such a way that others are shocked and could distance themselves. This type of behavior could become an issue in a relationship. If you are single, do not be surprised if a bond could be difficult to get off the ground, especially through spring. If you are attached, make sure you are not blaming your sweetie for something that really is your fault. You find LIBRA particularly desirable.

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 juggling a bit more than you want to. Honor your priorities, and eliminate anything that is insignificant and/or futile. You could find this process to be difficult, as it is not easy for you to admit that your efforts fall short. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You pull the wild card financially. You are more likely to encounter extremes, so remain focused when dealing with money. You will be a lot happier as a result. Don't take risks before seeking out other opinions. Tonight: Get to the gym or take a walk.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a loved one. A solution emerges, no matter what you have to deal with or what choices you have to make. Push comes to shove in a difficult situation. You feel better than you have in a long time. Tonight: Have fun!

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You come from an anchored point of view. Sometimes others see you as a stick in the mud when it comes to taking risks. You will have one opportunity to jump on an offer. Be sure of yourself when taking this gamble. Tonight: Have a discussion with a family member.

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

★★★ Listen to news with focus and determination. Though everything might seem fine, you could become aware of someone's suppressed anger. Try to address

this issue, but understand that this person might not be cognizant of his or her deeper feelings. Tonight: Visit with friends.

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

★★★★ Be aware of the possibilities surrounding an offer. Look at alternative options -- they might be more numerous than you had originally thought. Know that you can reach a goal without disturbing the angry sleeping tiger within. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.

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

★★★★ Your smile and positive approach allows greater give-and-take. You know what is happening below the surface, and you will choose to boycott it. Your intensity makes all the difference. Others simply can't stay away. Tonight: Go with the flow.

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

★★ Know that something is going on within you. Before erupting with angry words or behavior, evaluate what is really bothering you. You could be uncomfortable with the process, but you need to root out what is going on. Tonight: Get some extra zzzz's while you can!

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

★★★★ A meeting provides direction as well as feedback. You'll see someone's anger, perhaps for the first time. A change in how you discuss certain personal matters might be appropriate. Your caring means a lot to someone in your daily life. Tonight: Where the action is.

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

★★★★ You are changing -- and quickly, at that. Your belief that you gain as a result of resolving a problem is worth exploring. You are capable of enormous growth and change. Consider your options more openly. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

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

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you genuinely care about. The unexpected often occurs. You'll need to pull back and rethink a personal matter. Be careful when dealing with mechanical equipment. Use care with spending. Tonight: Return calls.

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

★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You might not understand everything that is happening around you, but you have a theory about the different elements involved. Unfortunately, you could have your rose-colored shades on. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

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