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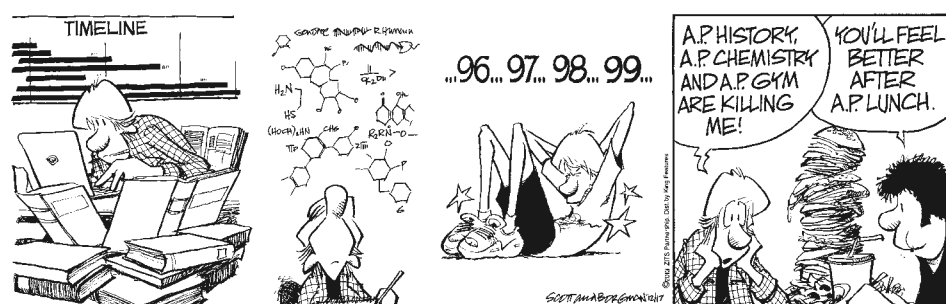
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'Is it s'posed to be losing its needles already, Daddy?'

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



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Outside?... Under?... To?... Around?... Over?...
Are you trying to preposition me?
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ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



TIMELINE
...96... 97... 98... 99...
A.P. HISTORY, A.P. CHEMISTRY AND A.P. GYM ARE KILLING ME!
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER AFTER AFTER A.P. LUNCH.
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FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



POLICE PRECINCT
BOOKING
IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR BEING ARRESTED FOR IDENTITY THEFT BY AN UNDERCOVER COP WHO ISN'T WHO HE SAID HE IS.
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PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



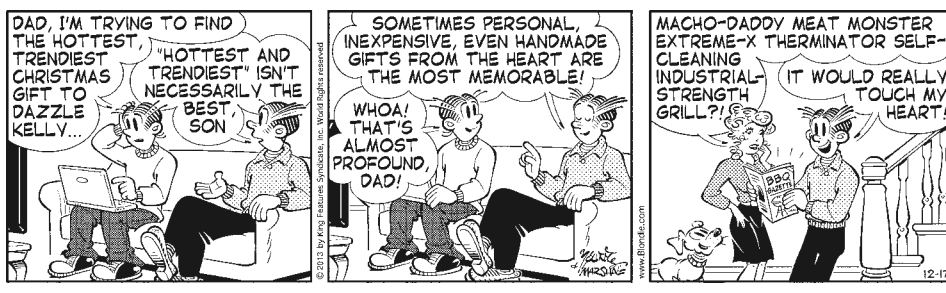
I FEEL GUILTY ABOUT THE WAY I FEED SNOOPY... HIS MEALS ARE SO DRAB...
I SHOULD DO SOMETHING TO MAKE HIS MEALS MORE INTERESTING...
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DICK TRACY | JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS



TRACY ENTERS KADAVER'S FIRST DEATHTRAP
THIS FIRST ROOM LOOKS EMPTY...
JOE STATON MIKE CURTIS
YE GODS!!
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR FIRST PERIL DETECTIVE TRACY!
SHCLAK
ROOOHRR
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BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



DAD, I'M TRYING TO FIND THE HOTTEST, TRENDIEST CHRISTMAS GIFT TO DAZZLE KELLY.
HOTTEST AND TRENDIEST ISN'T NECESSARILY THE BEST SON.
SOMETIMES PERSONAL, INEXPENSIVE, EVEN HANDMADE GIFTS FROM THE HEART ARE THE MOST MEMORABLE!
WHOA! THAT'S ALMOST PROFOUND, DAD!
MACHO-DADDY MEAT MONSTER EXTREME-X THERMINATOR SELF-CLEANING INDUSTRIAL-STRENGTH GRILL?!
IT WOULD REALLY TOUCH MY HEART!
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GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



DID YOU ASK SANTA TO BRING YOU ANYTHING, JON?
OH, YEAH!
WE JUST GOT AN E-MAIL FROM JON'S GIRLFRIEND. CANCEL THE LEISURE SUIT.
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BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



THE GENERAL CHOSE THIS CAMPSITE FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL VIEW
HE HOPES YOU ENJOY IT
SO ENJOY IT, YOU @##%*!!
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HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



CEOs GET BIG CASH BONUSES, EVEN WHEN BUSINESS IS BAD.
AND WHAT DO WE GET WHEN BUSINESS IS GOOD?
COFFEE MUGS.
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THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



ARE YOU INSINUATING THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS?
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, I AM QUITE POPULAR!
HA! IF LIFE WERE A PIZZA, YOU WOULD BE AN ANCHOVY!
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



PET TOYS & ELSE
I WANTED TO GET A GIFT FOR A FELINE PAL
PST PST PST PST PST PST
PET NO, WE DON'T SELL CATNIP IN BONGS
SHHH
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Overeager Mother-In-Law Spoils Birthday Surprise

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law sent my 7-year-old son a gift and a card for his birthday. They arrived about a week early. A few days before his birthday, she called and asked if he had received them. He said he had, but before he could explain that he hadn't opened them, she started talking about the gift inside, revealing the surprise.

I have now "heard" she's upset with me and my son for this awkward moment. She says that from now on she would like a phone call when her cards or gifts arrive, so she can "hear his enjoyment over the phone even if they arrive early." I don't think my son did anything wrong.

When a gift arrives in advance of an occasion, must it be opened immediately? Or can it wait for the actual birthday or Christmas? Sometimes he likes to open one present at a time, write a thank-you note, then open the next, stretching out his gift-opening over a few days. Is this a social no-no? — WONDERING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WONDERING: Gifts are usually opened the day of the occasion. When the occasion is a birthday, the usual expectation is that the presents will be opened at the party. At that time a verbal thank-you is offered. A thank-you note should be written a very short time later.

Your mother-in-law may have called for reassurance that her gift had arrived. She should not have revealed what it was. You did nothing wrong. The mistake was hers. DEAR ABBY: My good friend "Derek" is in his 30s and just started his first serious relationship. He told me after a week together that she was "the One" and that he loved her. I told him I was happy for him and suggested he take things slow so they could really get to know each other.

I had a party two nights ago where he introduced his new girlfriend. They spent most of the time making out like teenagers in front

of everyone. Some guests were so uncomfortable they left early.

I haven't seen Derek since, and I'm worried not only that he's moving too fast to make up for lost time, but that he's doing it with someone who also is oblivious to how socially unacceptable their behavior was. I'm not sure how to express my concerns to my friend without hurting him. — CONCERNED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONCERNED: It would not be rude or hurtful for you to mention to Derek that you think the girl is "great" — but the show they put on at your party made some of your other guests so uncomfortable they left early. Let's hope the "hint" is sufficient.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR MOM: If the girl is expecting your daughter to go to the concert with her, your daughter should tell her she does NOT plan to attend so the girl can invite someone else. Do not insist that your daughter associate with anyone who makes her feel uncomfortable. Her reason for pulling back from that relationship showed good judgment.

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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Gemini if born before 10:17 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 2013:

This year others, both from your professional and personal life, constantly seek you out. Their requests will run the scale of possibilities, and some of them could be excuses just to be around you. If you are single, your popularity is undeniable. Know that you don't need to commit unless you want to. You could meet someone very special in the summer. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other's company and want to spend more time together. You even might schedule that long-discussed vacation. CANCER handles your funds too carelessly. Seek advice elsewhere. 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)

Return calls as soon as possible, and schedule a meeting quickly. Listen to your inner voice in the afternoon. Your intuition will push you in a new direction. Your ingenuity and imagination also will kick in. Tonight: Love being at home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Weigh the pros and cons of a risk. What seems good in the morning might feel like a bad bet by late afternoon. Someone you see nearly every day could cause a problem. Tap into your intuition, and look to fulfill a long-term goal. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You will head into the morning determined to follow through on a call or meeting that evaded your attention yesterday. You could feel empowered by an unexpected message or statement. You know what to do. Tonight: Play the role of Santa's helper. Snap to it!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You could start off the day on the wrong foot, but by the end of it, you'll be smiling despite the fact that a roommate or loved one seems irritated about an issue. You will feel confident that you can handle that problem, and you'll be right! Tonight: Do what you want.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Pivotal meetings in the morning will force you to take stock of your life. By the afternoon, a quieter, more sensitive mood weaves

through your day. Expect the unexpected where you feel vested. Steer a steady course. Tonight: Go for a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You'll have a discussion with someone in power whom you might have considered a problem. It will turn out that you were worried unnecessarily. A meeting later today lets you see how angry a friend is. Tonight: Opt for a heart-to-heart talk with this friend.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You might be more aware of a boss and his or her expectations. In a sense, you tend to go along with this person's ideas probably more than you need to. You might want to have a long-overdue conversation about boundaries and mutual goals. Tonight: You could be up very late.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Keep reaching out to a key advisor or adviser who is an excellent source of information and who serves as your confidant. A child or loved one could act in the most unpredictable way. Refuse to take any risks right now. Tonight: Nothing self-destructive.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Deal with others directly. Do not delegate; otherwise, you could feel very uncomfortable with the results. Others appreciate your presence more than you might be aware. You have a way of brightening up others' days. Tonight: Join a friend to catch up on holiday news.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Others defer to you frequently. Your dominance and how you see a situation could change radically. With the understanding that people need to develop their own sense of timing and responsibility, you'll toss your crown to others. Tonight: Now go have some fun.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Pace yourself; you have a lot to accomplish. An unexpected matter needs resolution. First you need to detach in order to find the right answer. Deal with a problem and understand that you might be partially responsible for what has happened. Tonight: Hunker down at home.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Your creativity emerges, which might make you rather unpredictable. A friend or associate might decide to join in the fun. When looking at your Christmas list, you could come up with several great choices. Tonight: Use your high energy constructively.

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BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



MESSING AROUND ON FACEBOOK AGAIN?
NO, I'M WRITING OUR HOLIDAY LETTER.
WHAT DID WE DO THIS YEAR THAT WAS REMARKABLE?
REMARKABLE?
WE RAISED KIDS AND LIVED TO TELL THE TALE.
I'LL JUST SAY "BALL ROOM DANCING."
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



JEAN CAN'T COME IN TODAY, JOHN. SHE'S HAVING A BAD BOUT OF MORNING SICKNESS.
GREAT. I COME TO WORK WITH MY FOOT IN A CAST AND NO ASSISTANT!
OH WELL, HERE GOES...
OPEN PLEASE!
WHY ME?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHY YOU"?
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