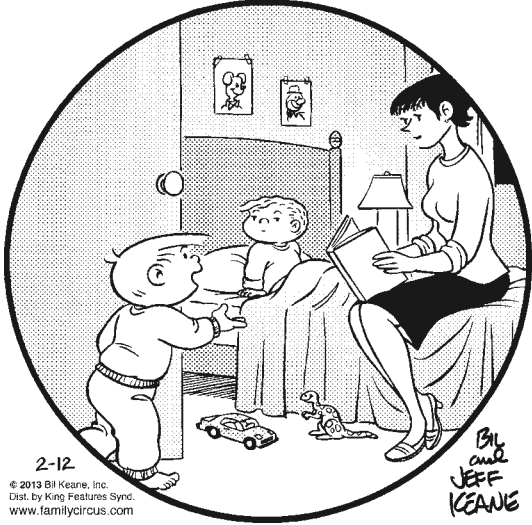


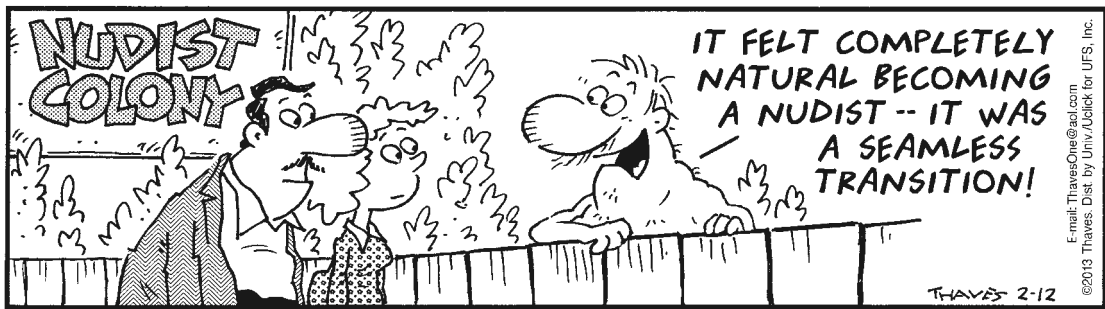
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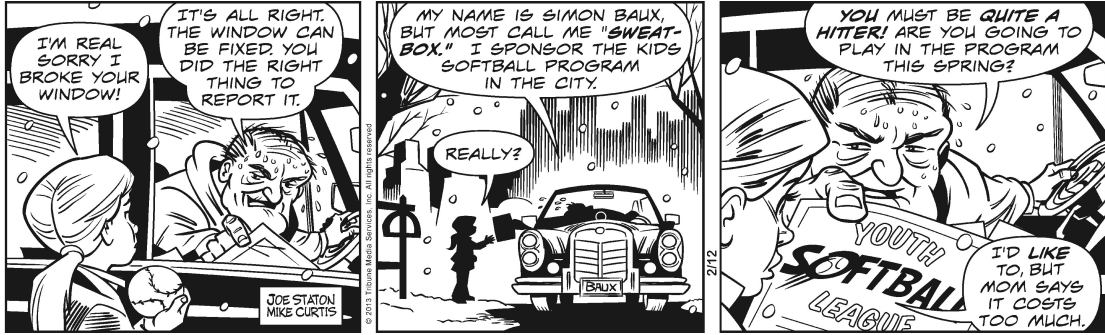
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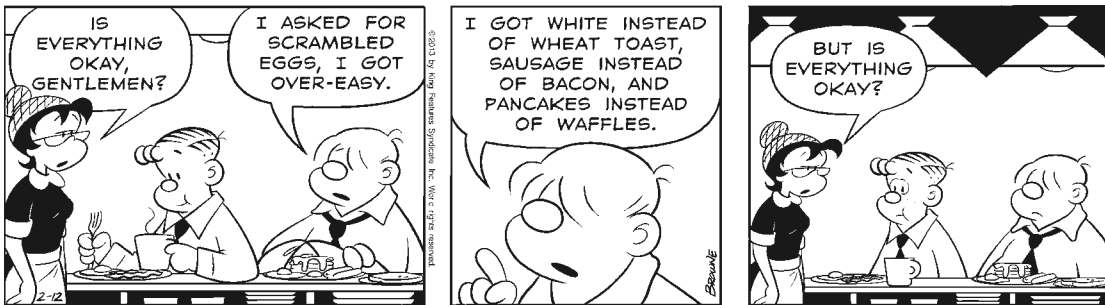
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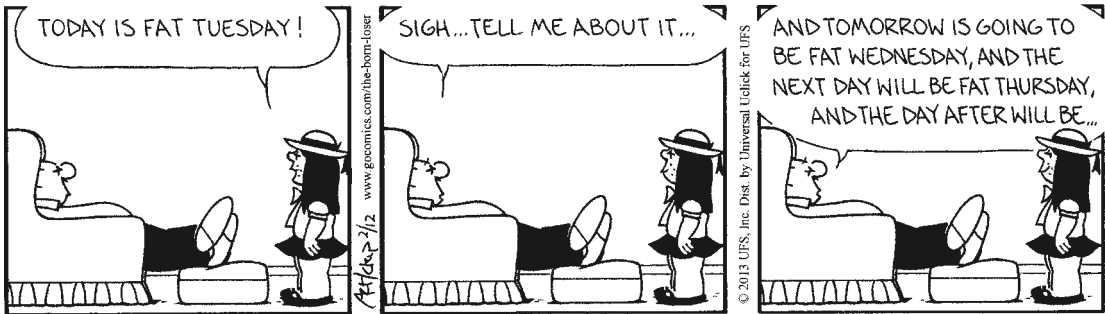
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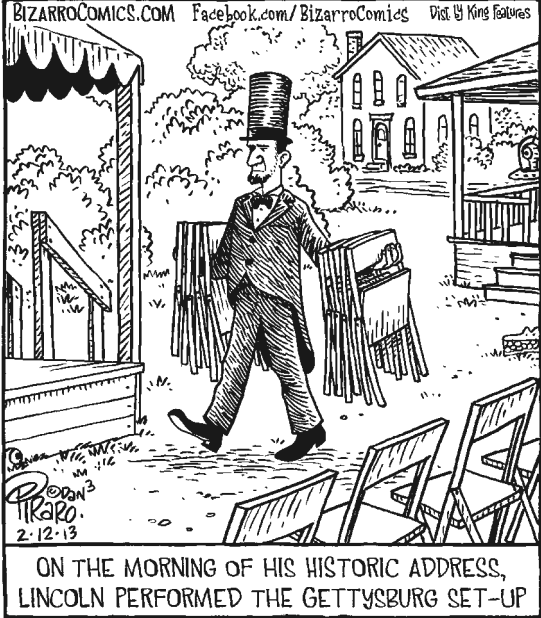
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# Boyfriend Feels Betrayed To Learn of Past Abortion

DEAR ABBY: I just found out that my girlfriend of nearly four years had an abortion when she was in high school.

I overheard her during a conversation she was having with someone. I later asked her what was implied when the name of her ex-boyfriend from high school was brought up. She proceeded to tell me what had happened and then said, "I never told you that?" Obviously, she never mentioned it to me because I certainly would have remembered something of that magnitude.

My reaction is feelings of disgust, betrayal and of having been lied to. Am I overreacting or are my feelings warranted? — FEELS BETRAYED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR FEELS BETRAYED: That depends upon whether you ever had a conversation with your girlfriend about her sexual history during which you were supposed to tell each other "everything." If so, then the omission was deliberate. If not, she was under no obligation to reveal that she had terminated a pregnancy during high school.

Abortion is a deeply personal and often complex decision for women. Ultimately, I am told, most women feel a sense of relief after an abortion. However, many do not feel that it is something to celebrate and may not be comfortable sharing that they have had one.

DEAR ABBY: My husband gives me gift cards for my birthday and special occasions, but with it comes, "I want to know everything you buy!" I tell him it's a gift and I shouldn't HAVE to tell him what I use it for. If I do tell him what I bought, he invariably says, "Did you really need that?"

It ruins the whole thing for me when I must reveal what I bought with the card. So who's right — he or I? — RELUCTANT RECIPIENT IN ALASKA

DEAR RELUCTANT RECIPIENT: You are, for the reason you stated. The object of a gift is to bring pleasure,

and there are few comments your husband could make that would put a bigger damper on your purchase than, "Do you really need that?" The next time he asks what you bought, tell him, "None of your beeswax!"



## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My stepmother was in a fatal car accident. She was very dear to me. A few days after the funeral, Dad told me the best way to handle grief is to clean house — so we began cleaning house like crazy, stopping to cry every now and then.

We ran out of towels, so I went to fetch more from the guest bathroom where they are kept. Seeing a penny on the sink, I grabbed it and threw it in the wastebasket. (I wondered where it had come from because I hadn't noticed it there earlier in the day.) Suddenly, I remembered the letters in your column from people saying if you find a penny after you have lost a loved one, it means they are sending you a message of love from heaven.

I quickly reached into the wastebasket to retrieve the penny, praying that it was newly minted — and it was! I showed it to Dad, explaining the significance, and we both had a good cry. We keep it in my stepmother's china cabinet to remind us that love is eternal.

To us, that penny is priceless. Thank you for running those "pennies from heaven" stories. — READER IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR READER: You're welcome. To me your EXPERIENCE is priceless.

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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 Aquarius and a Moon in Pisces if born before 5:15 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 12, 2013:

This year you alternate between being emotionally detached and being oversensitive. If you have an artistic talent, it is likely to emerge. This ability could be profitable. Your communication with others becomes more important than it has been in many years. If you are single, someone could come into your life unexpectedly. This bond could be very passionate if you meet before July. If you are attached, you often have very emotional talks. A new interest in communication could add new clarity and warmth to your bond. PISCES knows how to spend your money well. 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 might feel a bit off in the morning. Postpone key discussions, as others seem unwilling to move forward or change their ideas. Tomorrow is another day. The best use of your time is to choose what you can do by yourself. Tonight: Join a friend. Have some fun together.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. At this point in time, you will get people to stand behind you and your ideas, and if you move quickly, you just might get the OK on a key project. If not, you'll have to wait until the end of the week. Tonight: Not to be found.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Claim your power, but understand that you might encounter some backlash. Do you really care? Move forward with a project that has been sitting on the back burner. Tomorrow is another day, when others might be more flexible. Tonight: Do only what you want.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Reach out to a friend at a distance. The conversation you have will be quite enlightening. Your creativity might be falling flat. Try to brainstorm with friends for solutions. A child or loved one could be overbearing. Tonight: Act as if you don't have a care in the world.

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

★★★ Your romantic side emerges, and you might wonder how best to communicate your feelings. You come from a place of security, yet you question your ability to get past someone's stern demeanor. If you hit a road-

block, try to get a new perspective. Tonight: Near music.

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

★★★ Others want to understand your position. You might not be very clear, so be sure to share more openly. Avoid being too serious, or you could end up creating distance between you and someone you care a lot about. Tonight: Check your budget before making a purchase.

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

★★★★ Dive right in, and get as much done as possible. Allow greater give-and-take in the process of resolving a personal problem. You have a way of telling someone to drop dead without that person even realizing it until hours later. Tonight: Let the party begin at your place.

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

★★★★ Focus on meetings and get-togethers with others. Fatigue could be an issue. Slow down a little, take a cat nap and eat well. You will become re-energized quite quickly that way. Try not to be so serious with a loved one. Tonight: Take the dog for a walk --you need a little exercise.

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

★★★★ Your sluggishness will pass quickly. How you respond to that slow energy says a lot about you. A discussion allows more openness between you and a loved one. This exchange will encourage you to make a couple of confidential calls and do research. Tonight: Strut your stuff!

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

★★★★ Initiate conversations and schedule meetings. You might need to revise your plans once you hear certain news. A meeting might take on a very serious tone. Find out what is going on beyond someone's grim expression. Talking helps. Tonight: Get some fresh air.

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

★★★ Have you overcommitted yourself? Deal with this issue as soon as you can. You know what is happening in day-to-day matters. Detach, and gain a better perspective. A boss seems reticent to have a conversation. Don't read more into this than is there. Tonight: Out and about.

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

★★★★ News coming in from a distance could set you back. You might not have the whole story yet. Be willing to get to the bottom of what is happening. Not knowing could make you edgy, unless you assume a positive stance. A meeting keeps you on track! Tonight: Do some shopping.

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