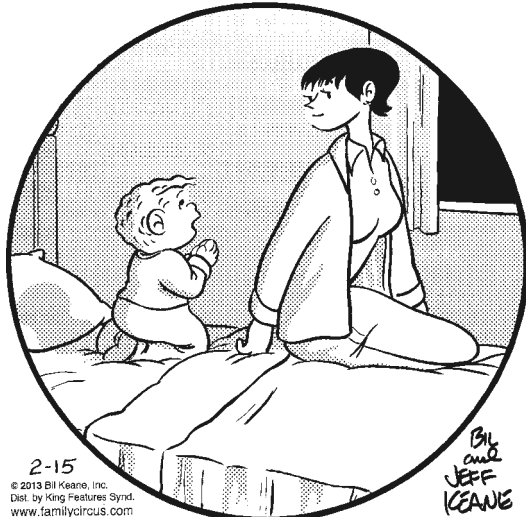


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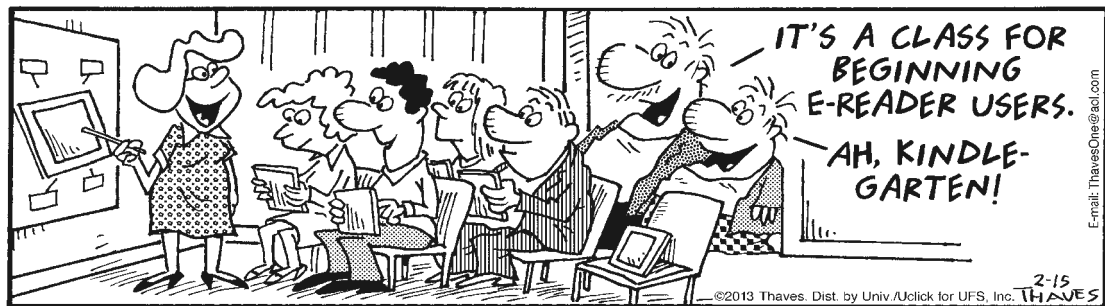


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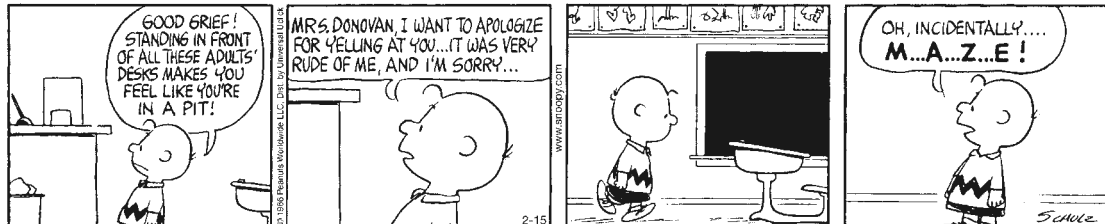
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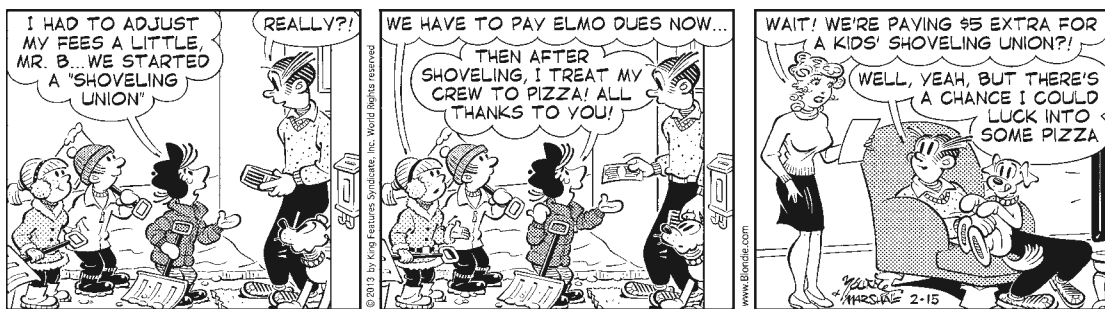
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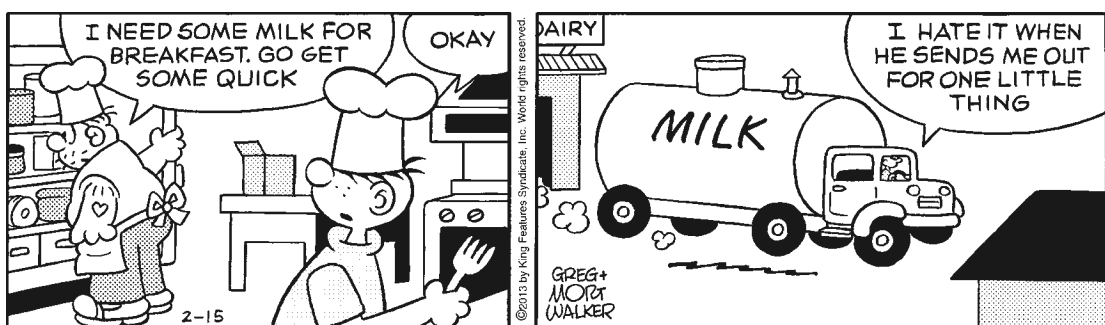
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## Cemeteries' Peaceful Repose Is Shattered By Kids And Dogs

DEAR ABBY: Please use your wide reach to educate well-meaning parents about how their children should behave when visiting cemeteries. I'm a funeral professional who takes pride in helping families honor their heritage and transition from grief to recovery. I especially enjoy helping to allay children's fears about death and cemeteries.

Often parents allow their children to roam the cemetery as if it were a playground or public park. I have seen kids pull up expensive flowers on other graves and "take them to Mommy." Naturally, the family who bought the flowers come back a few days later and accuses US of trashing them.

I have seen mourners leave precious personal mementos on their loved ones' graves only for kids to take them as playthings. I have seen kids deface grave markers, entertain themselves by bouncing rocks off headstones or open up brass and bronze caskets, exposing the photos to the elements.

The worst is unsupervised kids running off in packs and gathering up the little colored flags that are placed to assure a grave gets dug and set up in time for a pending service. Imagine flying in for the burial of a loved one and the grave isn't ready because some child grabbed the marking flag while the parents stood idly by. Cemetery employees have been fired for this.

Parents, please teach your children that their natural curiosity and playfulness should find their outlet in more appropriate settings. And please, keep your dogs at home. You wouldn't want a stranger's dog doing his business on your expensive marker or loved one's grave, would you? — THE LAST PERSON TO LET YOU DOWN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LAST PERSON TO LET YOU DOWN: I'm happy to spread the word.

Folks, if your children are too young to understand when you tell them the cemetery isn't a playground, that they must remain quiet, respectful and not touch

other people's property, then they should not be present at the burial. When entering or leaving the cemetery, children and adults should refrain from walking on the graves. Ditto for using it as a dog park.

The Golden Rule applies here: Don't do unto others what you wouldn't want them to do ONTO you.

DEAR ABBY: When I married, I moved away to another state and made some great new friends where I live now. My family visits every few months and I recently started including some of my friends in my family gatherings and bringing some of them home with me when my husband and I go to visit.

I recently found out that my family has been inviting my friends for weekend getaways and camping trips. They even invited my friends to spend the last long holiday weekend with them — without inviting me!

I was hurt and offended when I found out. I have nothing against my family and friends getting along, but I always thought I'd be included. Am I overreacting? — EXCLUDED IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR EXCLUDED: Perhaps. Not knowing your friends or family members, I can only guess that when you introduced them they may have found some interest in common that you don't necessarily

share. But don't waste time on hurt feelings or pouting because you don't own your friends, and what your relatives choose to do with their time is out of your control.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger 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 Aquarius and a Moon in Aries if born before 2:08 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 15, 2013:

This year your imagination and creativity flourish. Be careful not to overthink a possible financial bonus or change. Stay as grounded as possible when dealing with important life issues. A revision of your finances also might be in order. If you are single, you could find that you become unusually possessive of someone you are dating. Realize what you have to offer. If you are attached, you might consider keeping separate checking accounts. You'll discover that many battles over money can be eliminated as a result. CAPRICORN can be controlling.

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)

★★★ Tension surrounds financial matters, especially those involving a long-term goal. What you desire is in the offing, so just relax and look for the best path. Go with the moment, and honor an internal desire. Not everything is as you see it. Tonight: Run an errand or two on your way out.

## TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Reconsider your options regarding a child or loved one. Sometimes you can be a rather strict authority figure. Relax, and let everyone get grounded before initiating a potentially difficult discussion. Tonight: Wherever you are, others appreciate your presence.

## GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Rethink a decision, especially as others seem to want to do their own thing. A long-desired goal that might have seemed difficult to realize could become a reality. Think twice about an opportunity that seems to be spiraling toward you. Tonight: Do your own thing.

## CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You dance to someone's tune. Those observing you wonder what you are responding to. When you detach, life looks different and you feel renewed. Share more of your enthusiasm with trusted friends. An immediate reaction is not a final reaction. Tonight: Where there is music.

## LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You find the present activity level to be high and

difficult to work with. Someone could be too direct for your taste; in fact, you might view him or her as being harsh. You would appreciate a different style, but you aren't going to change this person. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

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

★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. This person has a unique approach, but you understand where he or she is coming from. You could feel rather overwhelmed at the moment. Detach, and you will relax. Tonight: Where you can let your imagination roam.

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

★★★★ Relate to a key person directly. He or she might be unusually perceptive and could be changing right in front of your eyes. One-on-one relating will help ignite the sparks that exist between you. Keep it light, especially as you have a lot to do. Tonight: Homeward bound.

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

★★★★ Review a situation, and evaluate your expectations. Be realistic; otherwise, you might be disappointed. A bond with a child, new friend or key loved one is changing. Just observe, and you could be delighted at what happens. Tonight: Let others choose what and where.

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

★★★★ Invest more time in a friendship. You really like this person, but you rarely take the time to get past the customary greetings. Make an effort in the near future to bridge the distance between you. Take time to confirm that your budget is on target. Tonight: Stay level-headed.

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

★★★★ Your imagination gets a hold of your typically disciplined mind. You might want to get to the bottom of a problem. Pretend that you are each person involved, and you will find the right solution. Your intuition is very strong at the moment. Trust it. Tonight: How you like it.

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

★★★★ Work from home if you can. You might have pushed someone past his or her limit. Let this person know that you realize you crossed a boundary and won't do it again. A judgment you have made no longer works, which you will see clearly soon. Tonight: Order in.

## PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Tap into your ingenuity. Others could be delighted by a suggestion you make. Listen to what their responses are. You have the ability to see past the obvious and isolate the issue. Knock down a barrier that is hiding some vulnerability. Tonight: Hang out with a loved one.

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## BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS

