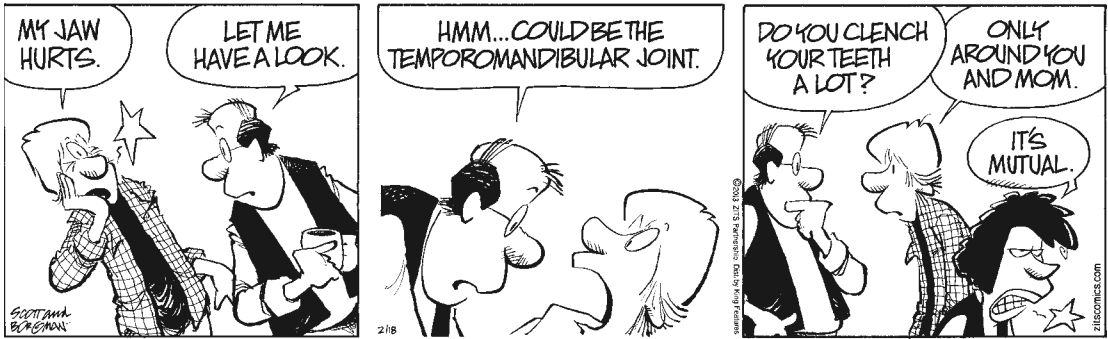


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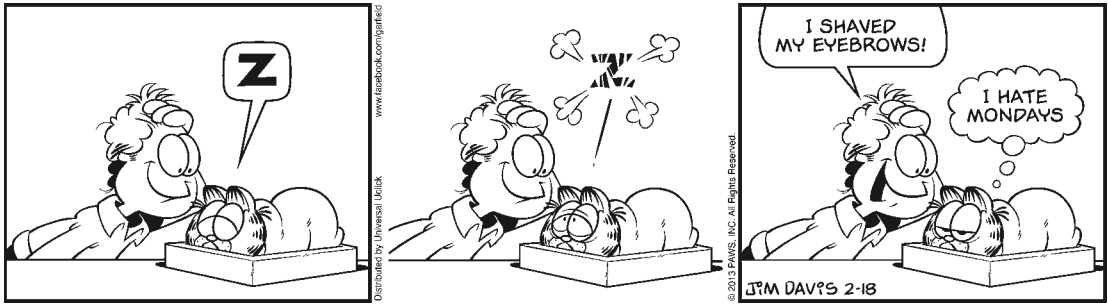
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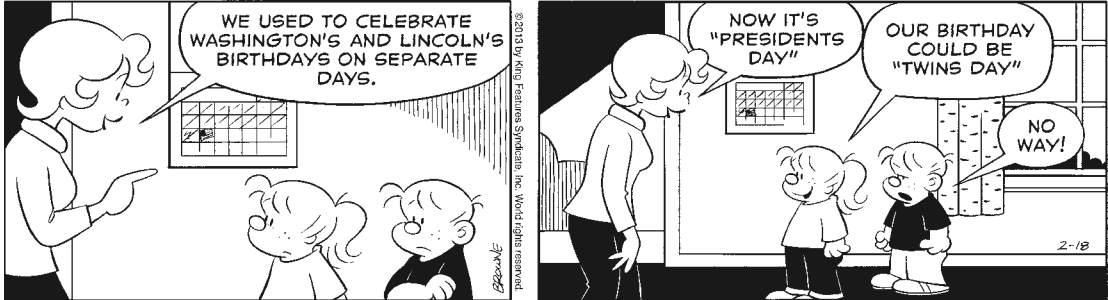
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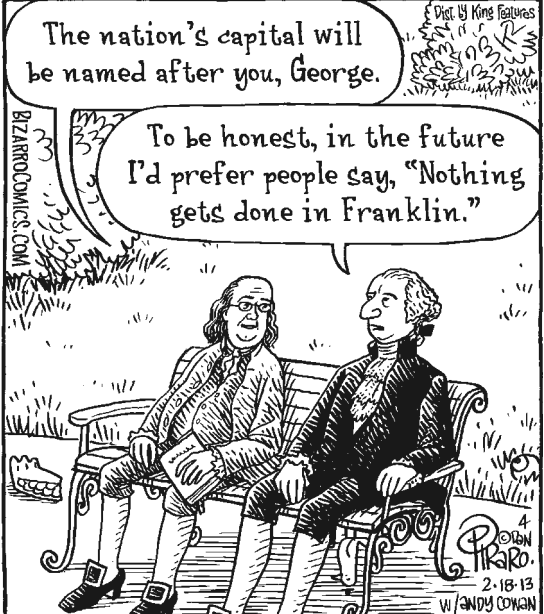
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# Wedding Dance Jealousy May Push Potential Partner Away

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of one year, "Eddie," has been invited to the wedding of a waitress who works at a restaurant/bar he frequents. I was not invited. Eddie doesn't dance and has slow danced with me only once. When I told him I would not appreciate him slow dancing with anyone there, we had a heated argument. Eddie told me I have no right to tell him what to do and that I'm trying to control him.

I have run this by many people — male and female — and they all say it's inappropriate to slow dance with anyone but your significant other, especially when she's not present.

I feel Eddie has little regard for my feelings. If he really cared for me, he wouldn't want to dance with anyone else. I am interested in your thoughts. — HIS ONLY DANCE PARTNER

DEAR HIS ONLY: If you would like to "graduate" from girlfriend to fiancée, you will stop trying to control him and tell him you hope he has a good time at the wedding.

Insecurity is not an attractive trait, so calm down and recognize that a dance is only a dance. From your description of Eddie's lack of ability, I seriously doubt he will be a sought-after partner on any dance floor.

DEAR ABBY: Our two children (ages 4 and 1 year) have hyphenated last names. It works well and the names sound elegant together.

My husband and I have made this known in the family and have discussed it when asked about it by various family members. However, over the last four years our choice has been ignored by two relatives from separate sides of our family. They persist in using only my husband's last name for correspondence and gifts. He has suggested returning the mail as "addressee unknown," which I think might come across as rude.

Is there any way of having our children addressed correctly by relatives who seem to want to ignore their real names? — NEW YORK MOMMY

DEAR MOMMY: Before doing it your husband's way, try this: Have another chat with the non-compliant relatives, who may come from a different generation. Explain that you gave your children hyphenated last names for a reason — that you want to be equally represented — and the omission of "your" name hurts your feelings. If that doesn't work, then go to back to plan A because you don't want your children to be confused.



## DEAR ABBY

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now I find myself thinking often about how it must have been for my mom back then. — REGRETTING IN ILLINOIS

DEAR REGRETTING: Ask your wife why she doesn't think that 25 years of marriage is something to celebrate, because it should be. She may spend her time with the kids and going places because that is what she HAS been doing for all these years.

There is still time for you to mend this marriage, provided you are both willing to work on it. However, it may take the services of a marriage counselor to break the ice.

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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 if born before 4:02 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Sun will be in Pisces. The Moon is in Gemini all day.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, FEB. 18, 2013:

This year you have a unique opportunity to expand your horizons. Your creativity soars, and Lady Luck seems to be riding on your shoulder. Still, don't take anything for granted, and be sure to use good sense. If you are single, you could meet someone very special and significant to your life history. The process of getting to know each other will prove to be unusually rewarding. If you are attached, the two of you start acting like new lovers. Romance blooms, and a new addition to the family becomes a possibility. GEMINI helps you lighten up and laugh.

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)

★★★ If you don't accomplish what you want to do early on, you might find that it becomes more difficult as the day goes on. Others seem to interfere with your normal routine. View an obstacle that appears on your path as a sign to think carefully before continuing. Tonight: Talk to a friend.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Emphasize the role that others play in your life in order to manifest a goal. The additional responsibility you have shouldered in the past few weeks seems to pay off. If you're wondering which way to go with a present situation, listen to feedback. Tonight: Balance your budget.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You'll head into work feeling sure of yourself. If you want something done your way, you'll have to take the lead. You might feel the need to start over, even if you don't want to lose the work, as you continue to see problems arise with this project. Tonight: To the wee hours.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Stop, and try to take in what is going on behind the scenes. Your fatigue is apparent, and you know when you have had enough. You might want to ask someone to fill in for you. Be reasonable in how you handle an unruly child or loved one. Tonight: Head home early.

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

★★★★★ Focus on long-term outcomes, especially if

you are experiencing a lot of back-and-forth in your daily life. Financial matters come to the forefront. Make sure that you straighten out a hassle that has been affecting your domestic life. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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

★★★★ You could feel pressured and become tenser as a result of a certain situation. Key people in your life are optimistic; however, you might feel anxious when hearing the same news and information. Communication could become muddled. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

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

★★★★ Your playfulness might become tempered by the realization of how much you need to do. Detach and prioritize, and you'll get more done than you thought possible. Recognize what is happening with an important relationship, and try to be more nurturing. Tonight: Make it easy.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 20)

★★★★ Your communication style seems to be transforming. You might not like everything that is being revealed right now. Use your ingenuity to solve these issues and more. Do not rush through the process for an answer. Take news with a grain of salt. Tonight: Easy works.

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

★★★★★ Approach a recurring situation differently. You might choose to be less verbal. Find out what the root of the problem is, and then work with others to fix it. As a result, you will have less to worry about. Tonight: Your optimism makes a big difference in your dealings.

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

★★★★★ Realize what is happening within your immediate circle. Try to do something differently. What has not worked in the past suddenly will. Rethink a situation, brainstorm with others and approach it in a new way. Tonight: Live it up. Enjoy catching up on a friend's news.

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

★★★ You have been a bundle of energy as of late. Suddenly, the need to slow down hits you. How you deal with a situation could change radically because of your needs. Make no definitive statement just yet. Your finances could factor into your thinking. Tonight: Do a little shopping.

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

★★★★ Your way of dealing with a problem could change radically. You'll observe others and see different ways of handling pressure and communication issues. If you like someone else's style, you might want to consider adapting certain elements of it. Tonight: As you like it.

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