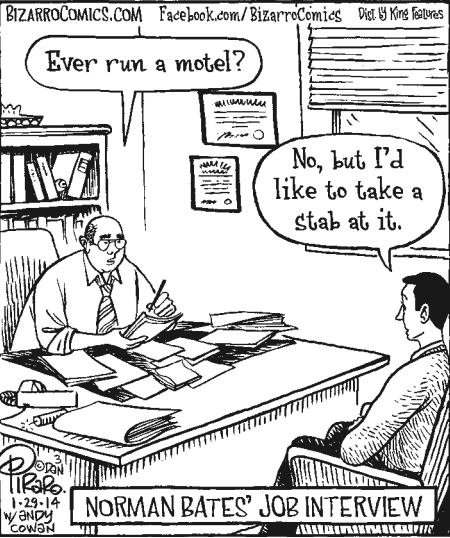


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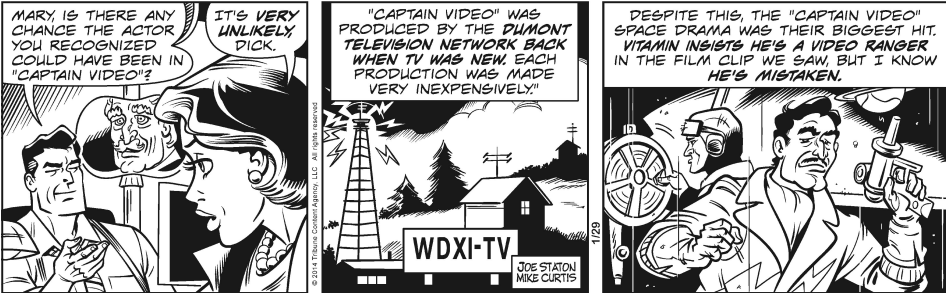
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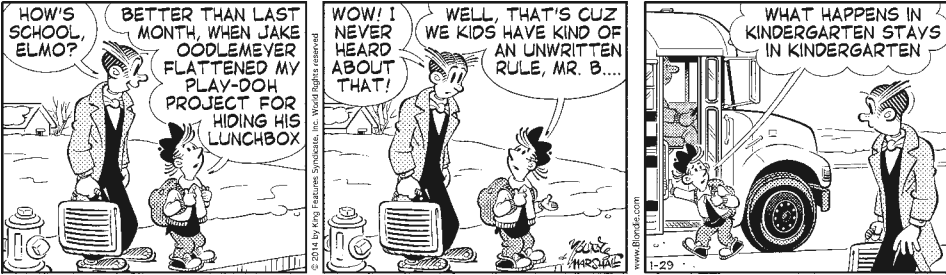
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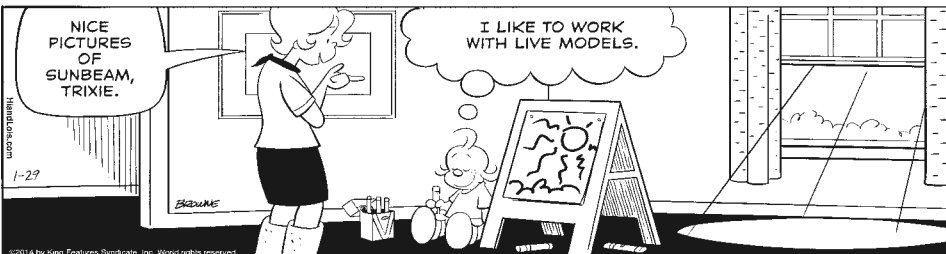
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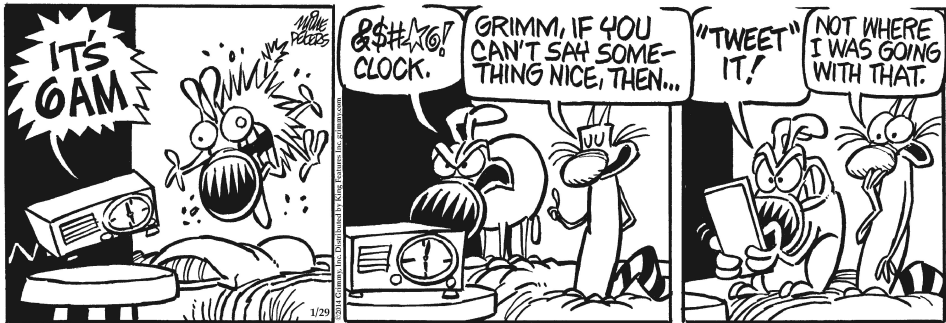
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## TO OUR READERS:

The PRESS & DAKOTAN is currently conducting a two-week test run of the popular comic strip “Take It From the Tinkersons” by Bill Bettwy. To accommodate the strip, we will be pre-empting “For Better or For Worse” from Jan. 27-Feb. 8. During this test run, we’d love to hear your feedback on the “Tinkersons” strip. We’d also like you to tell us what are your three favorite strips and three least-favorite strips currently offered in the P&D. Feel free to add other comments. Send your feedback to Kelly Hertz at [kelly.hertz@yankton.net](mailto:kelly.hertz@yankton.net). or mail them to: Press & Dakotan, c/o Comics Survey, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078. The survey will end Saturday, Feb. 8.

### Dear Abby

## Husband’s Plumbing Help Results In Leaky Marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for 19 years. I offered his plumbing services to a married couple I work with. While he was fixing the problem, he became friendly with their adult daughter. She was lonely and I knew the family, so I wasn’t concerned. Their relationship developed into something more and we separated. He ended their friendship and we reconciled.

Things were going great, but she continued to contact him. He has suddenly decided he can’t live without her friendship and has decided to divorce me in order to continue it with her. He swears it’s platonic, but something he can’t live without. He hopes we can “still be friends”!

My question is how to move on from this. I have to see her enabling parents every day at work, and all of this happened under their roof. I feel betrayed on every level, especially by my husband, who was my best friend. Every aspect of my life, including my job, has been affected.

Have you any advice for moving past this without all of the anger I carry? I don’t want to leave my job. It pays well and the commute is easy. But every time I see either one of the parents, I want to cry and scream.

P.S. My husband and I still live together as “roommates,” as this is all very recent, and we haven’t figured out our living arrangements yet. — WRONGED IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR WRONGED: I do not for one minute believe that your husband’s relationship with this woman is strictly platonic, and neither should you. Consult a lawyer now, while you and your husband are still “roommates.” Make sure he doesn’t hide any assets because, after 19 years of marriage, you should be entitled to a healthy share of them.

I agree that you have been wronged, but for now hang onto your temper. “Best friends” don’t treat each other the way you have been treated. It may take the help of a religious adviser or licensed mental health professional for you to let go of your anger.

DEAR ABBY: My friend of five years, “Gigi,” has a heart of gold. However, we were raised differently. Gigi comes into my home when I’m not here and borrows whatever she needs without telling me. And whether I’m here or not, she feels free to go through everything — personal documents, my drawers and cabinets. Nothing is safe from her fingers or her eyes.

I have tolerated her behavior because when I tried talking to her about it, she became upset and started crying, which made her husband irate. I’m now dating a man who values his privacy, and my friend’s behavior bothers him. He’s friendly with Gigi’s husband and deals with my friend only out of respect for her husband.

How can I get her to leave things alone without her having another meltdown? I don’t want to lose a friend, but my boyfriend has a valid point that I happen to agree with. — INVADED IN TEXAS

DEAR INVADED: How does this woman get into your home when you’re not there? Does she have a key? If she does, ask for it back or change your locks. And when you know Gigi is coming over, place anything you would prefer this nosy woman not peruse out of sight or under lock and key. That way, you can reclaim your privacy without being directly confrontational.

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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 Capricorn if born before 8:33 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 2014:

This year you travel more and sometimes seek resolutions through exploring different cultures and ideas. This transformation might be difficult and involve letting go of former values. If you are single, you will meet someone after June 2014 who might be The One. This person will grab your interest, nearly to the point of you becoming obsessed. If you are attached, the two of you will commit to more detachment and understanding. As you become wiser, you both will see your relationship evolve to a new closeness with less judgment and more caring. Listen to a fellow AQUARIUS -- he or she understands you.

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)

★★★★ The unexpected seems to surround you as of late. You are full of surprises, and this intrigues certain friends. However, you also might throw a close loved one for a loop. Be more open about your process in an effort to calm this person down. Tonight: Go for what you want.

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

★★★★ You’ll want to make an impression, but you can’t seem to cope with information that comes forward. Actually, it is the insight you gain that you have difficulty integrating. A partner is inordinately serious right now. Tonight: Screen your calls, unless you want to work late.

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

★★★★ Your ability to move past a problem and gain a new understanding remains high, as long as you brainstorm with one individual rather than several. You could be overserious with an associate. Allow your creativity to emerge, and relax. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

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

★★★★ Let others make their demands; you have a choice as to whether you want to respond. You might discover that there is no negotiating to be had -- it’s either this person’s way or the highway. Choose to drift away from such demanding people. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

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

★★★ You could be more in tune with a situation,

but you can’t seem to get into the changing dynamic and uncertainty regarding your role. You easily could become irritated. Be aware of the fact that you probably will say what you feel. Tonight: Join friends.

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

★★★★★ You can’t be less than you are -- it’s not natural. When others need help, you’re always there. Even if you feel slighted by someone, you would find it difficult not to come to his or her rescue. Do less if you would like to lessen your resentment. Tonight: Make it early.

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

★★★★★ You might experience a lot of frustration when it comes to a certain individual. Learning to do less will be important in this bond. Your expectations could be off, or your perception of this person might be distorted. Use care with your finances. Tonight: Ready to indulge a little.

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

★★★★★ Your sense of well-being could be tested, mainly because you could be overtired. Know that you need to separate certain aspects of your life in order to lessen tension. Your fuse could be a lot shorter than you realize. Tonight: Head home early.

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

★★★★★ A loved one’s unpredictability could add excitement to your life rather than upset you. How you view this person’s behavior, which you know won’t change, could define the quality of your relationship. A friend could become unusually testy. Tonight: Respond to a pushy friend.

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

★★★★★ You might feel very connected to this day and also to the people around you. You could get a surprising call involving your home or a domestic issue. You’ll speed through today feeling empowered, and you could be difficult to stop. Tonight: Indulge in a break.

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

★★★★★ Your ability to see past the obvious will help you in a conversation. You might be unusually intuitive; however, if you don’t make sense, your thoughts will be rejected. Try to be clear. Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Do your thing.

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

★★★★★ Your intuition will take you far in a meeting, and it could help you reach a long-term goal. You could be taken aback by a partner who seems to be on the warpath. This person has been feeling rather off lately. Refuse to be triggered. Tonight: Not to be found.

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