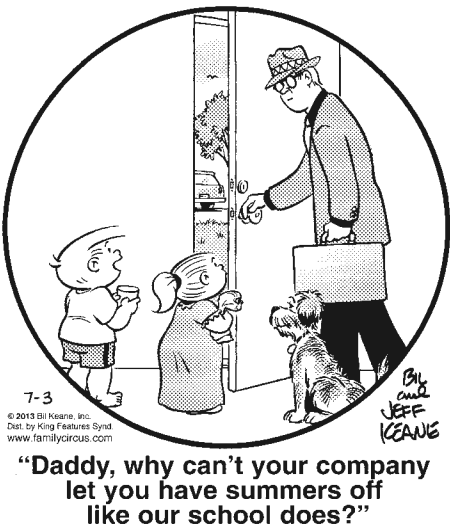
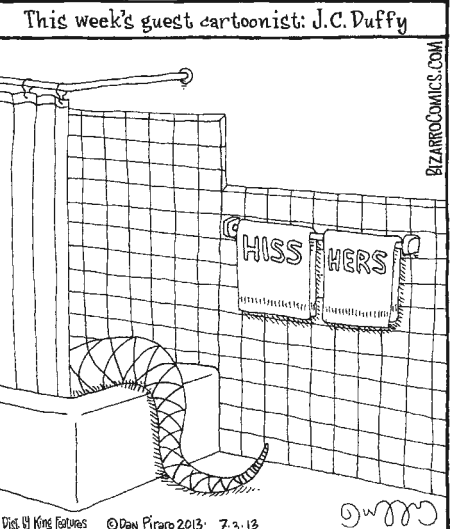


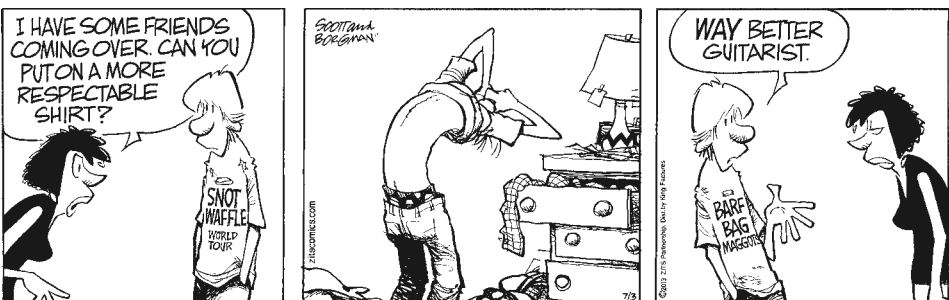
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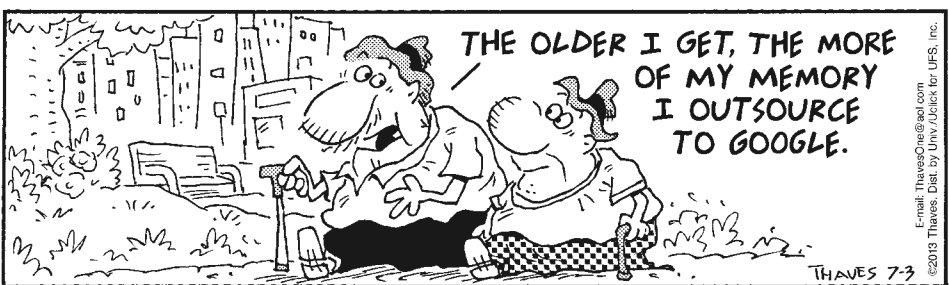
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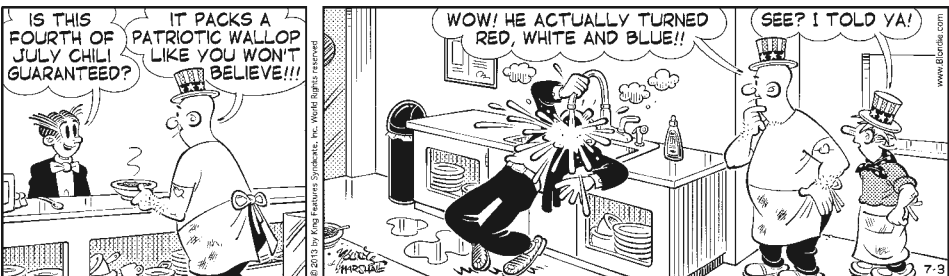
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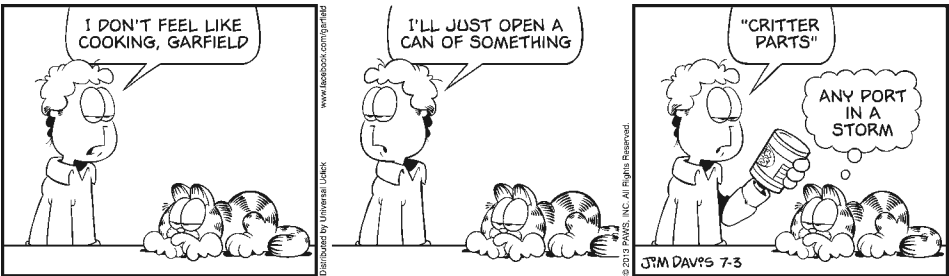
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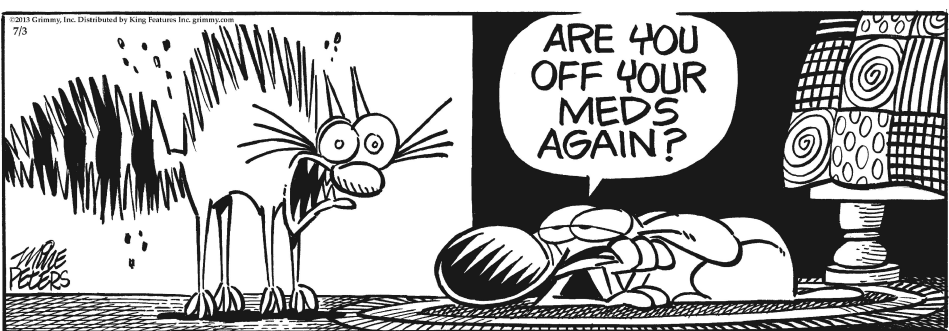
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Brother-In-Law's Kisses Leave Sister In A Fury

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law, "Dave," has twice kissed me passionately when my sister was not around. I made light of it and pushed him away. The third time it happened was when he came to my house to do a little repair job for me. That time he also grabbed my breast. I exploded and told him off.

Later on, Dave called and said he was going to come back to do some other things that needed attention. I told him he was not welcome in my house and that I'm furious he would do such a thing. He apologized and said he hoped I could forgive him.

I am so angry! I no longer want to be in his company. I also don't like that I have to keep his behavior a secret from my sister. I haven't told anyone, and it is keeping me up nights. Please help. — FUMING IN FLORIDA

DEAR FUMING: Your mistake was in not setting your amorous brother-in-law straight the first time he made a pass at you. Because you didn't, he thought his advances were welcome.

Now that you have made plain to him that you're not interested, you will probably have nothing more to worry about. But you are wise not to have him over unless your sister is with him.

I don't blame you for being angry, but do nothing until you cool off. The question then will be whether to tell Sis that her husband behaves inappropriately and how you know.

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved back to my home state and in with my grandmother to get away from my abusive husband. I have also filed for divorce. I love my grandmother dearly, but when it comes to the divorce or the therapy I go to weekly, she is not understanding and constantly brings up what he did to me.

I believe she's frustrated because I'm in therapy and she doesn't see a reason for me to go. She thinks "if it's not talked about, then it never happened." I have tried to explain to

her that I can't just let go of what he did to me and my son. How can I make her understand that I'm trying to heal wounds that aren't visible from the outside? — TRYING TO HEAL ON THE INSIDE

DEAR TRYING TO HEAL: Your grandmother may come from a generation in which therapy was something to be ashamed of. A way to help her understand the importance of what you are doing would be to invite her to a session with your therapist, let her air her concerns, and let the therapist explain to her why it is important that you work this through to become healthy again. This must be very uncomfortable for you, and you have my sympathy.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a teenage girl living with my mom, who is a single parent, and my younger sister. We have struggled financially, but we mostly live a relatively comfortable life, and Mom owns her own home.

However, she constantly says things to me and my sister like, "We're so poor," or, "We're going to live under a bridge," even in public! We have asked her to stop several times, but she doesn't care that we are upset and embar-

assed. How can I get her to stop? — EMBARRASSED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Rather than ask her to stop, don't you think you should approach her privately and ask why she is saying it? She may be joking, but her concerns could also be a holdover from when her financial situation was less secure. Please do it. Her response might be educational.

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 Cancer and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013:

This year communication becomes more important than ever. Many times, you will experience misunderstandings, and you will want to clarify them. Your awareness of your words and how they will be taken helps you gain understanding. If you are single, you could meet several interesting people. Choose your sweetheart with care. If you are attached, the two of you learn to speak with more depth and awareness of how the other will hear the words. Consider taking a communication workshop together. PISCES is full of surprises.

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)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to a respected friend. You like to bounce ideas off this person, especially since you often gain insight and direction during your conversations. You could find that an unexpected event has you moving in a new direction. Tonight: Pay bills.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You know much more than you are prepared to reveal; however, a conversation could open you up to various possibilities. You'll gain insight when someone tosses a wild idea in your direction. You do not need to say much about your perception -- just observe. Tonight: Be wild.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Your instincts will be right on, but you still might decide to stay mum for a little while. As an observer, you learn a lot more than you realize. Stay open, and enjoy the interactions around you. Deal with a financial issue. You know what to do. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ A conversation with a friend will support your decision to head in a certain direction. You might not always agree with this person, but in the long run, this seems like the best way to go. You finally can clear the air, and you'll feel better as a result. Tonight: Follow your friends!

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Someone needs you. You give 100 percent of yourself in almost any project. How much you choose to share could vary with the moment. You

don't need to spill the beans just yet. Reveal more than you have, and see how the other person responds. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Kick back, and take advantage of the moment to see the whole picture. You might not feel comfortable with everything that you are seeing, but you need to sit on your feelings for now. Time will have an interesting effect on your perception. Tonight: Where there is great music.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Listen to what someone shares. During the conversation, or afterward when reflecting on it, you might see how a misunderstanding could have occurred. Though you might not be in the mood to open up about what you see, a sense of relaxation will take over. Tonight: Visit a friend.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Others seem more willing to explain where they are coming from. Do not react immediately to what someone says, but be willing to think over his or her words. You'll be able to visualize how you might have misread the situation. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Prioritize, and you'll be able to take care of far more than you thought possible. A younger person has a lot to share. Listen, and you might like what you hear. A loved one surprises you with his or her actions. Be thankful to have this person in your life. Tonight: Make it early.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Your imagination will kick in during a discussion. Know that you're able to light up someone's life just by relaxing more. Your ingenuity can be a source of fun and pleasure. There is no reason not to reveal your more creative side. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Stay close to your home or workplace. Though you usually enjoy an adventure or two, you might need a little more calmness right now. You could hear news that initially surprises you. Later, when you realize the implications, all you can do is smile. Tonight: Invite a friend over.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You are likely to say exactly what you mean, but know that someone might surprise you with what he or she hears. Armed with that information, you will know what to do. If you are not on the same page as someone, it might be difficult to prevent squabbles. Tonight: Your treat.

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