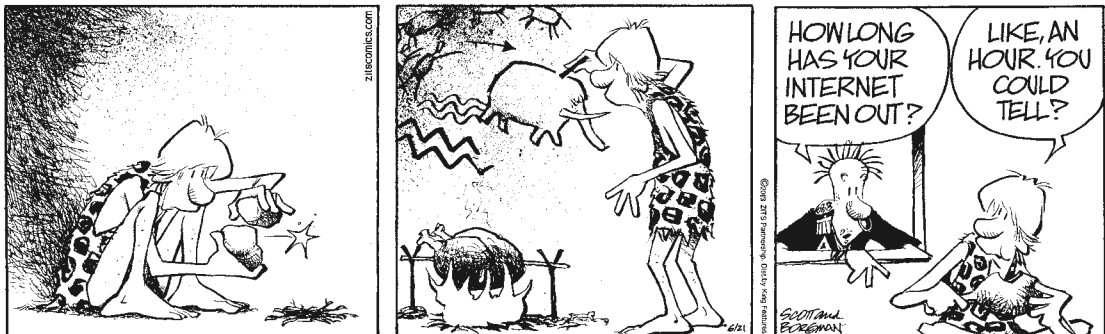


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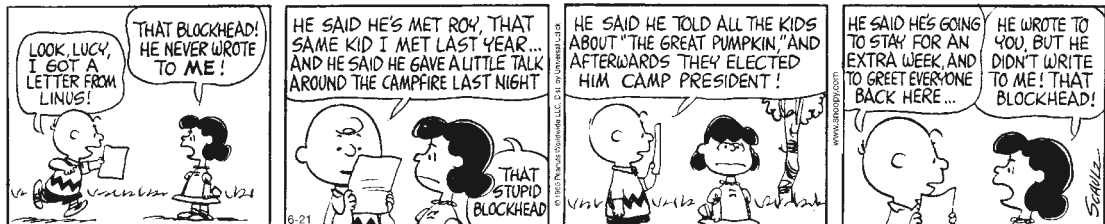
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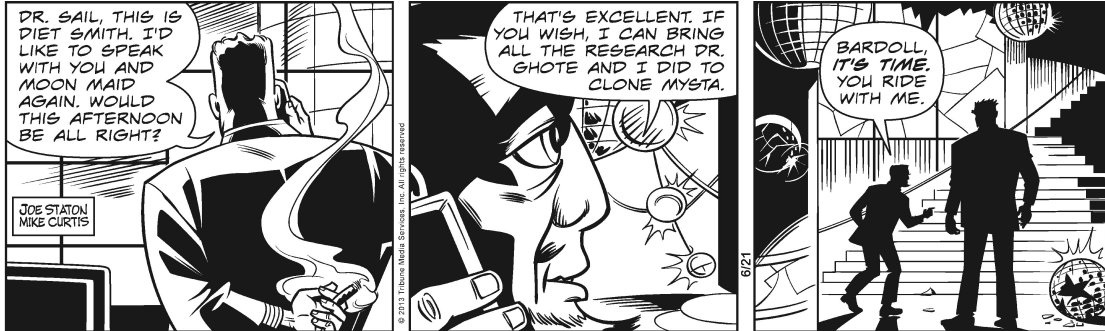
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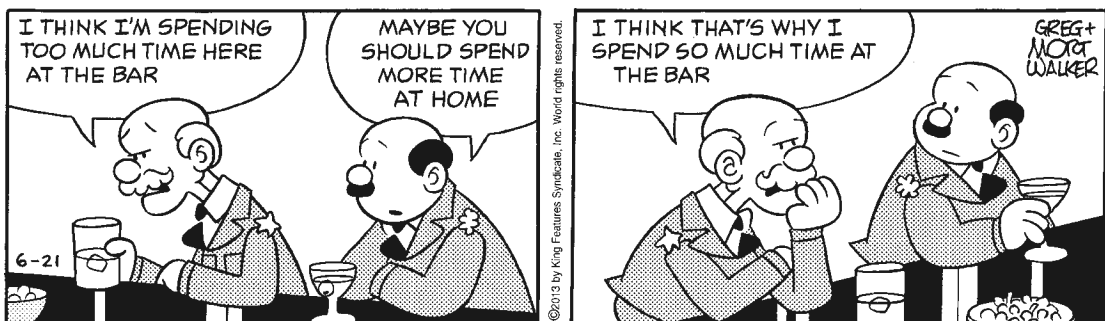
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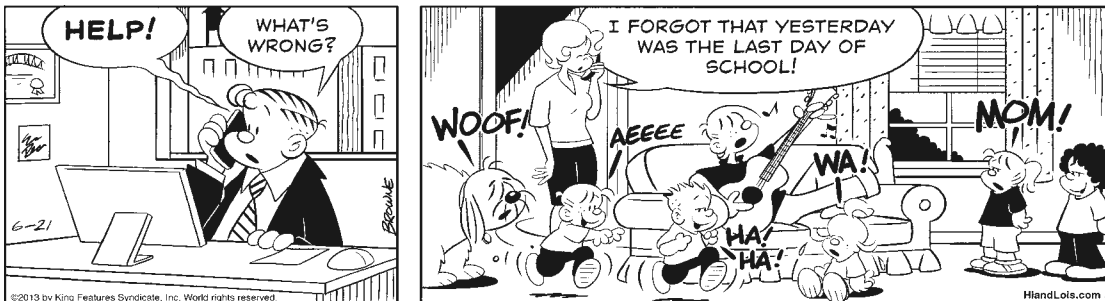
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# Mom Who Abandoned Daughter Now Won't Leave Her Alone

DEAR ABBY: I was taken away from my parents at 13 and placed into foster care, where I stayed until I aged out at 21. My biological mother is a drug addict who abandoned me to my father when I was 11. She never tried to contact me while I was in care.

I am now 24 and she won't leave me alone. She sends Facebook messages that alternate between begging me to let her get to know me, and condemning me for being vindictive and not having forgiveness in my heart. Abby, this woman exposed me to drugs and all manner of seedy people and situations. I was molested and beaten by some of the men she picked up to pay the bills.

Am I a horrible person for ignoring her? I'm close to losing my temper and letting her know exactly how angry I am, but I know it would do no good. I just want to move on with my life and advance in my profession without having to worry about this. What do you think? — STALKED IN NEW YORK

DEAR STALKED: Silence sends a strong message. I think that when the harassment started, you should have immediately blocked this woman on Facebook. It's not too late to do that now. If she continues to annoy you, consider getting a restraining order.

Because you are on a path to success, allow NOTHING to divert you.

DEAR ABBY: On March 14 you printed a question from "Jim in New Jersey" who asked if brand-new clothing should be washed before wearing. Having worked in a shirt factory for years, let me tell you how many hands handle the shirt before it goes into that neat little bag.

1. Someone spreads the fabric and lays the pattern.
2. The cutter cuts it.
3. Someone else ties the different parts together.
4. Another person takes the parts to the sewing people.
5. One sewer attaches the pocket to the front.

6. Another sews the yoke to the back.
7. Another sews that back to the front.
8. Another sews in the sleeves.
9. Another sews the side seams.

10. Still another hems the bottom.
11. Another adds the collar.
12. Another sews on the cuffs (if long-sleeved).
13. Someone else sews on the buttons.

14. Another reinforces the button-holes.
15. An inspector examines the garment for loose threads.
16. An auditor gives it a final check.
17. And finally, someone folds the shirt and puts it into that nice, clean-looking bag.

Don't even ask how many times it may have fallen on the floor — or if we washed our hands. Abby, I NEVER wear anything until I wash it! — JOANN IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR JOANN: And neither will I. Thank you!

DEAR ABBY: I'm 59 years old and still take my baseball mitt with me when I go to games in hopes of catching a ball. At what age should a guy stop doing it? (We usually sit in the lower level near the front.) — MINNESOTA TWINS FAN

DEAR TWINS FAN: Stop taking it when you have grown so aged and feeble that when the ball comes your way, you can no longer fend off the younger fans who are also diving for it. And not one moment sooner.

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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 Gemini if born before 1:04 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Sun moves into Cancer. The Moon is in Scorpio if born before 4:18 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, it will be in Sagittarius.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013:

This year will be spectacular, as long as you keep your feet grounded in reality. A long-term dream could come to the forefront and become a reality. Stay realistic. In the next few weeks, you'll be entering a brand-new life cycle. The first year will be the luckiest. If you are single, you could meet someone who will help you write your life history. If you are attached, as a couple you greet a new beginning. SAGITTARIUS does not understand what nurturing means to 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)

★★★★ You might be ready for a mini-vacation. Be spontaneous when making plans. You simply might want to take off for a visit to a friend who might have a beach house or a home in the mountains. A change of scenery will re-invigorate you. Tonight: People surround you.

### TAURUS (APRIL 21-MAY 20)

★★★★★ Keep reaching out to others. Your voice tends to encourage others to lighten up. Tap into your creativity with a suggestion that emerges in a meeting. Your imagination will perk up because of an insightful conversation with a friend. Tonight: Go with a partner's suggestion.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You'll become more aware of a financial situation. Advice from a respected friend could be more confusing than helpful. A meeting could set the tone for the rest of the day. Others naturally take on your role of cheerleader, which will give you some space. Tonight: Join friends.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care deeply about. Something serious could occur when you least expect it. There will be a sense of confusion around what happens. Give yourself some time to feel out the situation. Some space will serve you well. Tonight: Be where you can relax.

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

★★★★ You might want to consider implementing

some new, creative ideas. Understand that your perspective of a problem could offend a loved one. The less said at the present moment the better. Trust that you will know when the timing is better. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

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

★★★ You might want to stay focused on your family and home. Concentrate on your immediate circle, and create more of what you want. Take news with a grain of salt. A partner could surprise you with his or her recent actions. Be prepared for anything. Tonight: Head home.

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

★★★★ Others seek you out, and you'll be flooded with calls, requests and invitations. Pressure builds when dealing with a superior or an older friend. Understanding happens through a discussion and your willingness not to be right. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

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

★★★★ Be aware of the fact that you might not feel the way others do about an investment or a risk. Your sense of direction emerges when dealing with a rather thrifty person in your life. Knowledge is power. Recognize what is needed. Tonight: Treat some friends to happy hour.

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

★★★★ You feel better than you have in a while. Loosen up and enjoy the company of a favorite person. One-on-one relating, whether you're at work or home, brings unique rewards. Someone might share a dream that strikes you as preposterous. Tonight: Friendliness works.

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

★★★ Others seem to know what they want, and they won't hesitate to ask you to help. You might want to prevent a contest of wills, so just allow this person to have more of what he or she desires. A family member or roommate might surprise you. Tonight: Do your own thing.

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

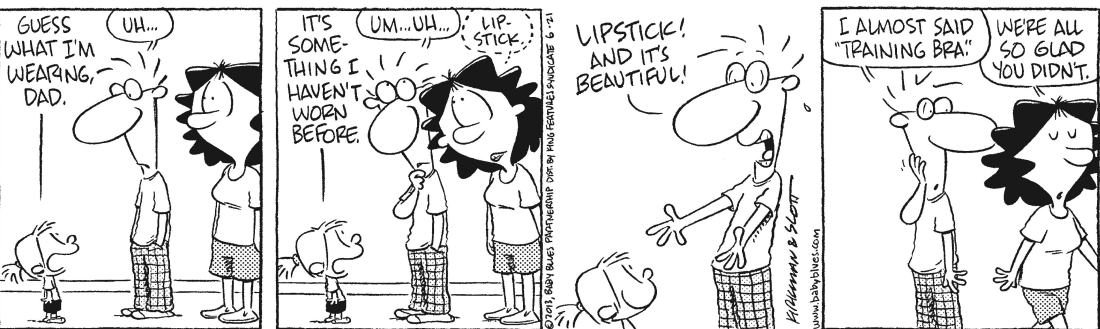
★★★ Try to focus on your friends, especially as one might seem off-the-wall at the moment. Realize that others could be deceiving themselves. You do not want to confront anyone at this point. Know how supportive they have been of you. Tonight: Be where the gang hangs.

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

★★★ Your imagination could go haywire right now. Take the lead, if need be. Make a point to take off your rose-colored shades so that you don't set yourself up for disappointment. A parent or older relative could be very important -- perhaps more than you realize. Tonight: TGIF!

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