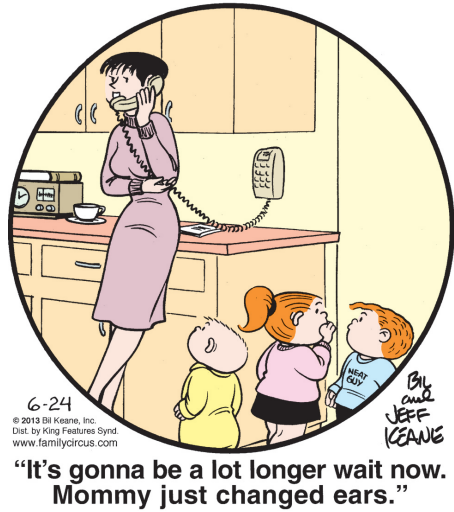


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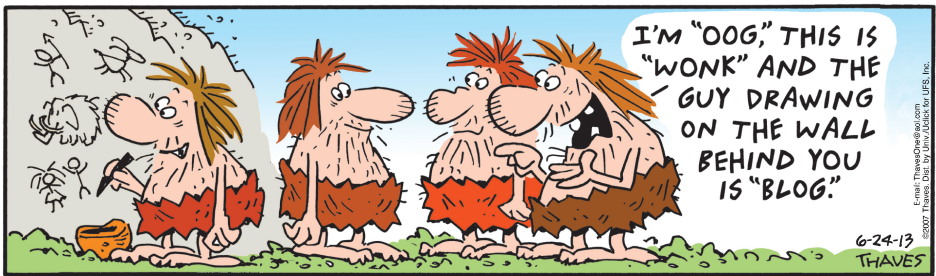
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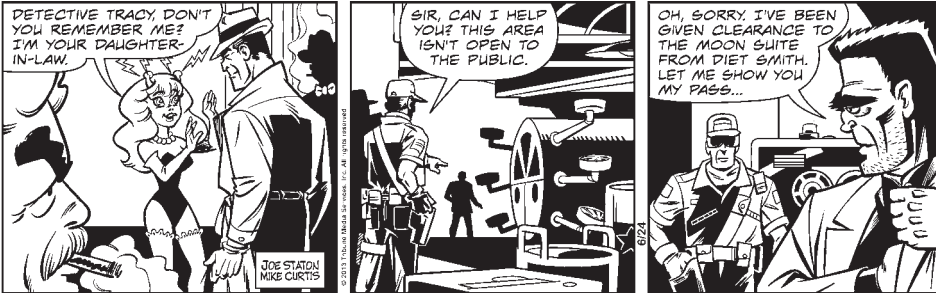
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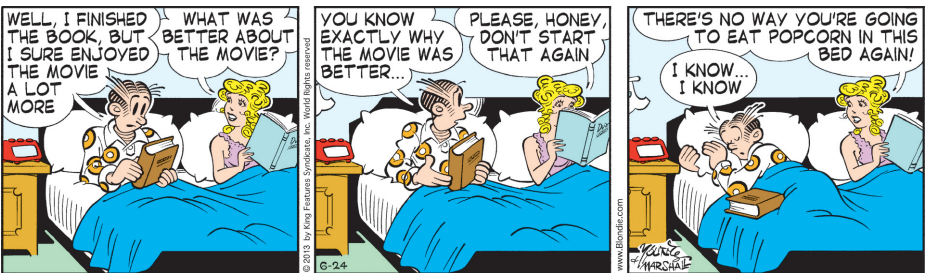
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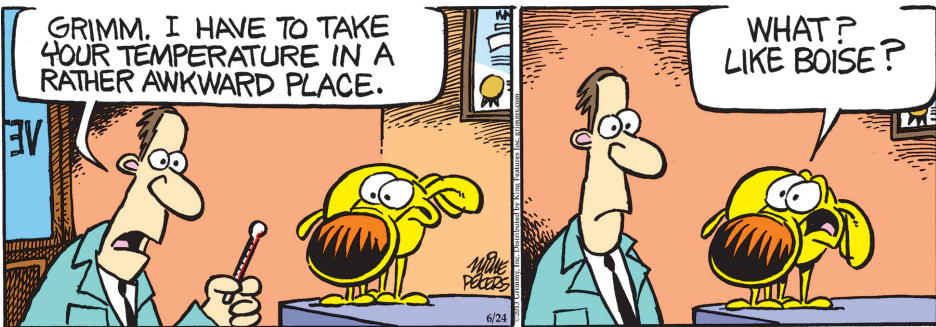
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Hosts Feel Slighted When Left Off Their Friends' Guest List

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I invite our friends for dinner quite often, and invitations are always accepted. Recently, I began to notice that we are never invited to some of their homes for dinner.

I know entertaining isn't for everyone, but they do entertain other people — just not us. I'm not sure why this is. We would never go empty-handed. If we weren't asked to bring a dessert or an appetizer, we would at least bring a bottle of wine to thank our hosts, and I'd help to clear the dishes and straighten the kitchen when the meal is over.

Have you any thoughts as to why an invitation is never extended to us? — NOT ON THE "A" LIST

DEAR NOT: The problem may be that the couple is embarrassed that they can't entertain you as lavishly as you have entertained them. Or, they may have never been taught that it is rude to accept people's hospitality and not reciprocate in some way. Because they are friends, you should pose this question to them and ask for an honest answer.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 19 years and this is the third time I have caught my wife cheating. I didn't catch her "in the act" because she disguised it behind "vacations with her girlfriends." What happened was I caught her sending some guy nude pictures of herself and lying about having stayed at a friend's house. (She had spent the night with a guy.)

I have remained in this marriage because I wanted to raise all my kids before separating or divorcing. I am leaving eventually, but want to stay four more years to raise my last son.

Is it immoral to lie and pretend like I want to work it out? I feel this is the best way not to damage my children. — RESPONSIBLE DAD IN GEORGIA

DEAR DAD: I don't think you should lie. Instead, talk calmly with your wife and tell her that it's clear to you that she isn't satisfied in the marriage or she wouldn't be doing what she has been doing. You might be able to accomplish what you want with your son through a joint custody arrangement — or full custody, if your wife wishes. That way, she could live her life as she apparently wants to, and so can you.

DEAR ABBY: My next-door neighbor lets her two children, a 6-year-old boy and a 7-year-old girl, run around naked all the time. This includes playing in her front yard and in the street.

I don't want to seem like a prude or cause problems in the neighborhood, but let's face it — there are perverts everywhere. At what age is it no longer acceptable for children to be nude in public? — TAKEN ABACK IN MONTANA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Children over the age of 3 should not be out in public with no clothes — and no child should be playing outside that way without supervision. For that matter, clothed or not, for their own safety children should not play in the street.

Your neighbor's lack of attention is irresponsible and inappropriate. If you can't make her see the light, then child protective services should be consulted.

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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 Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013:

This year you will experience intense emotions. Learning to deal with your feelings will be for the better. Trust your gut instinct, and your choices will be excellent. You are in a year where you are initiating a new beginning in some areas of your life. If you are single, in the next few months, you could meet several potential suitors whom you easily could consider dating. If you are attached, as a couple you will fulfill a goal. You also might start acting like newfound lovers again. CAPRICORN comes through for you, even though you often have opposing views.

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 find that misunderstandings and overindulgences mark the day. What you are witnessing is a case of "Monday-itis." Treat each issue individually, and do not get caught up in others' differences. Tonight: Run home, kick back and put your feet up. You deserve a timeout.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ Your efforts could trigger someone's sensitive side. You can handle this emotional frenzy. Confirm what you say and hear, and make sure that everyone agrees on meeting times and places. If ever there could be a slip-up, it would be now. Tonight: Do something just for you.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You might think that one idea is better than another, but soon you could change your mind again. You seem to be everywhere all at once. You'll find the right path, as you want to avoid creating any uproar. If you are sure about what you want, go for it. Tonight: With a close friend.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You feel one way, yet a partner could feel differently. You might be putting too much emphasis on what others expect from you. Test the waters before you make a judgment like that. You could be projecting your thoughts rather than reflecting reality. Tonight: Listen to an offer.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Your efficiency will be tested, and the

nature of the day could be determined by several unexpected decisions. Remain confident; confirm all messages and meetings. You need to be sure that everyone is on the same page. Tonight: Relax at home. Snooze a bit, if you can.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You need to know more of what is expected from you. Perhaps an unexpected comment in a meeting could point to the right direction. Your sense of humor emerges with a friend who tends to be joyful. You will gain a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Where you want to be.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Understanding evolves to a new level if you can step back and remain uninvolved. You might be confused, as someone close to you could be sending you mixed messages. Try reiterating what you are hearing. You might not have all the answers. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might want to understand exactly what is motivating you and causing so much change. Realize what is needed in order for you to change direction. Honor a possibility that comes from a new connection. Be direct in your dealings. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could be tired of encountering complications, yet you're full of energy. This is a dangerous combination, because if you do not manage your frustration and find a solution, you could become volatile. It is important to express your feelings. Tonight: Reach out to a friend.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ You are more in control than it appears, as chaos swirls around you. Continue on your chosen path, and be sure to jump over any obstacles in your way. Communication might be needed, but it could be difficult at the moment. Tonight: All smiles -- the day has ended!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You might want to find out what is motivating others. If you feel confused by what is happening, know that you are not alone. Be careful with your funds and loved ones. What they feel they are offering might not be all that valuable to you. Tonight: Togetherness works.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You are sure of what you want and where you are going. Distraction will be your middle name, if you're not careful. Misunderstanding might happen out of the blue, so try to confirm what you are hearing. Reach out to a close friend for feedback. Tonight: Do only what you must.

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