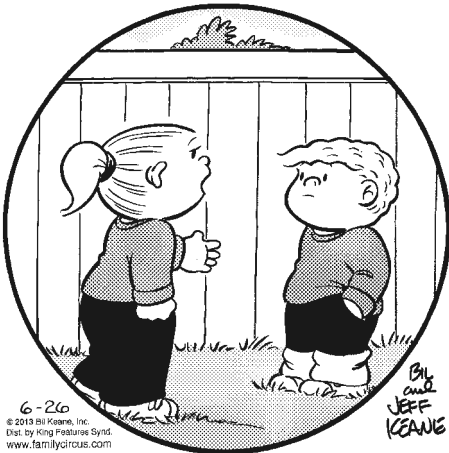


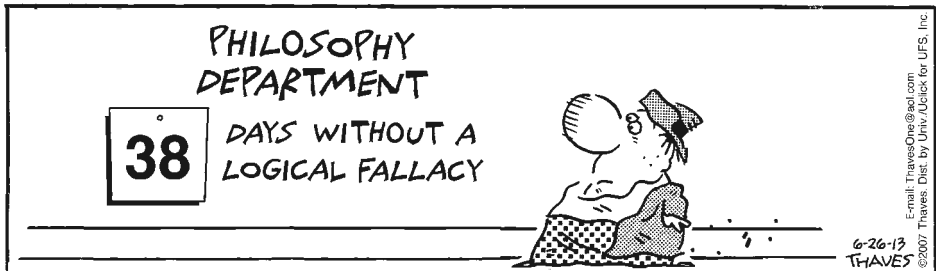
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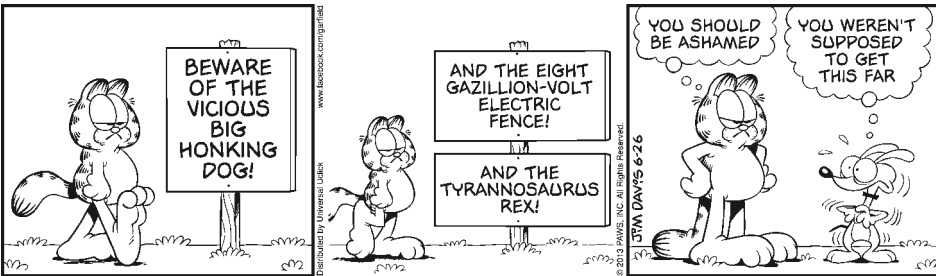
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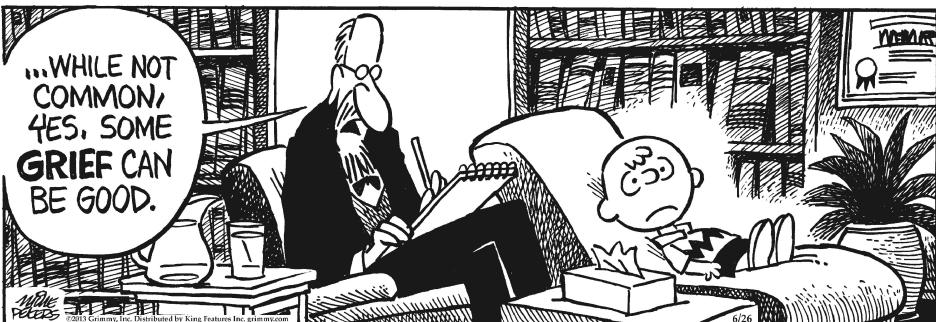
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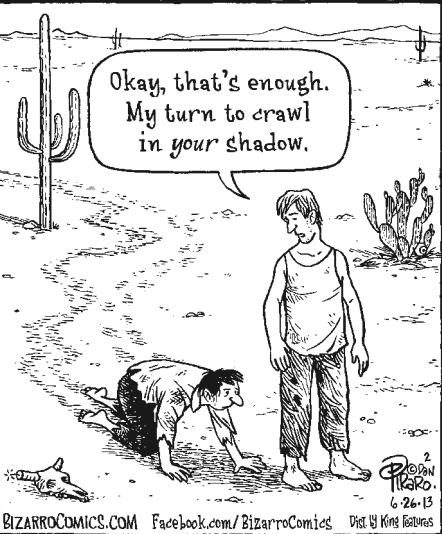
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Let America's Freedom Ring On The Fourth Of July

DEAR ABBY: President John F. Kennedy proclaimed the ringing of the bells nationwide on Independence Day, July 4, 1963, with the words, "Let's ring freedom bells!" I was a White House special projects aide at the time, and I recall vividly how exciting it was when bells rang throughout the nation.

I'm writing now to ask your help in getting the American people to ring bells again on this Fourth of July, and each Fourth every year from now on.

As a grateful American, I hope to resurrect this proud tradition. Let us tune in with each other and our history by ringing bells at 2 p.m. this July 4 in honor of the 237th anniversary of our independence. Encourage churches and civic buildings with bells to ring them. It doesn't cost any money to do it.

The first groups to support this national effort include baseball teams, the National Cartoonists Society, and the Iron Workers, Firefighters and Sheet Metal Workers unions along with other AFL-CIO affiliates.

As we celebrate our freedom, let us also honor the lives of those who sacrificed theirs for our precious liberty. Your millions of readers can help "let freedom ring." — CARMELLA LaSPADA, FOUNDER, NO GREATER LOVE

DEAR CARMELLA: I'm pleased to join you in this national effort. Readers, engraved on the Liberty Bell are the words, "Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof." So let's do it. Shake any bell you happen to have. Our freedom is something to celebrate!

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a married man for more than a year. He's my boss. "Gerry" has two kids with his wife and two more outside the marriage.

I have never been the type to date someone else's man, nor do I approve of it. I know that what I'm doing is wrong, but at times it just feels so right. We do everything together and enjoy each other's company.

Is it possible for him to be in love with us both? Why do men cheat? — THE OTHER WOMAN IN ALABAMA

DEAR OTHER WOMAN: What you're doing with your boss may "feel" right, but as you clearly stated, it is wrong. It isn't fair to his wife, or to you or his children. While the two of you are doing "everything" together, he is cheating all four of his children of time that should be spent being a parent to them.

As to whether this man is in love with you and his wife, frankly I doubt it. He appears to be more in love with himself. Men cheat for a variety of reasons, and more often than not, it's more about the cheater than the spouse. Consider that fact carefully before wasting any more precious years with him, because you will never get them back.

DEAR ABBY: My husband needed a car to replace the old one, so he insisted on a manual transmission, which I don't know how to drive. Do you think that's fair?

He said, "Oh, you can learn." I am 58 and nervous, and I have heard it said that many a clutch got burned out by "learning." I don't want to do that. What do you say? — SHIRLEY IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SHIRLEY: While I understand your concern about a stick shift, your husband has told you you can learn to use one. I recommend that you learn by driving his car.

While many a gear may have been stripped by a novice driver, some have not. Think of it this way: You may be a natural. And if you're not — well, he asked for it.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, 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 AQUARIUS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013:

This year you approach your life with unusual seriousness and dedication. You are unlikely to take wild risks. If you are single, misunderstandings could become commonplace. In starting a relationship, you will note this tendency. Give others the benefit of the doubt. If you are attached, you might have more disagreements than ever before. Assess the issues and get past them. Do not blow situations out of proportion. Maintain a sense of humor. AQUARIUS sees the other side.

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)

★★★ Strap on your seat belt. You are about to enter a three-week period of chaos. Do not sign anything that involves your home or domestic life through mid-July. Opportunities will reappear shortly afterward. Tonight: Chat with a dear friend.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Just when you start to think you have it all together, you might discover that you don't. A challenging person could push you to the point where you have an issue. Communication is highlighted. Tonight: Work on an important project till the wee hours.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Recent events might propel you to take another look, especially as you encounter a standstill. You never anticipate a snafu, but in the next few weeks you could have more than your fair share of them. Use good sense with your finances. Tonight: Let your mind drift.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Honor a change. You can't get away from the feeling that you are about to enter a new phase of life. First, test out and share any details, especially in areas involving your goals. Refuse to stand on ceremony with others for the next few weeks. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might want to defer to others as tension builds. One way to avoid a misunderstanding is to let someone else run the show. Just the same, you might have an issue with

maintaining clarity. Tonight: Test out an idea with a trusted adviser before you share it.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Emphasize networking and communication, as interactions might not be going smoothly. The good news is that you'll be able to find out what the cause is. Use this knowledge to make corrections. Tap into your imagination to create more of what you want. Tonight: Play it easy.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Allow your ingenuity to carry you through an awkward moment or two. Stay open to the possibilities, and you'll see what goes on behind the scenes. What you do with that information is your call. You might not have the control you desire. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Communicate with a family member rather than stand on ceremony with this person. Pressure builds to an unprecedented level if you ignore a domestic matter. Let your creativity and intellect merge. As a result, you'll find the answers quickly. Tonight: Head on home.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might be more verbal than you realize. Your focus remains on a key relationship, even if you are out socializing and networking. Confusion surrounds your home or a domestic issue. Make sure that everyone's watch is set to the same time zone! Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might want to hold off on making any big purchases or signing any agreements for a while. This might be hard to sit on, but if you don't, the chance of something backfiring is high. More will come out about this situation later, if you just wait. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You beam, despite having a lot of responsibility on your plate. These extra tasks actually are a reward for being very present in a situation and making good decisions. Understand that there are limits to your energy. Save time for yourself, too. Tonight: Try being a bit lazy.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Your sensitivity and ability to observe will merge. You might not want to spill the beans, and that would be a wise decision. A new friend would like some extra attention. Be careful with relationships like this, as others are more on edge than normal. Tonight: Go with the moment.

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