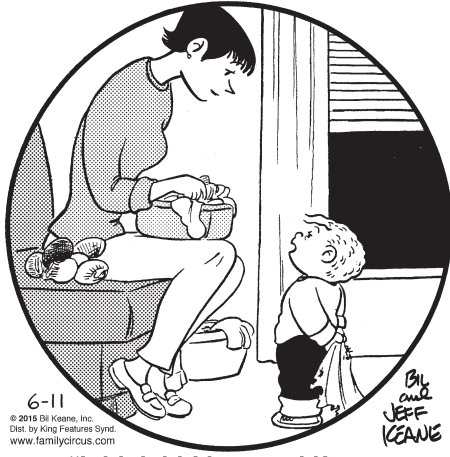


FAMILY CIRCUS | BILL KEANE



"I think it'd be good if you told me to go to bed now."

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



I've seen prairie dogs before, but prairie cats are new to me.

Wife Of Transgender Husband Refuses To Get Counseling

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I came out as male-to-female transgender. My wife has come around since then, and our second child will be born before I start my transition. She has decided to stay with me, but occasionally she tells me she isn't sure if she can be married to a woman. On the other hand, she says she doesn't want to have to share custody of our children.

I have urged her to talk to a therapist, because she gets a few free sessions from her job. Because she doesn't like people knowing about her problems, she steadfastly refuses. I'm not sure what else to do. I won't make her stay if she can't handle it, but I refuse to tell her I'll give her full custody. — LIVING MY TRUTH IN THE EAST

DEAR LIVING: If your wife prefers, out of concern for her privacy, not to talk to a therapist who's connected with her job, that is her choice. But that does not mean she shouldn't get counseling elsewhere to help her make rational decisions about her future. A support group that could also be helpful to her is the Straight Spouse Network (straightspouse.org), which has been mentioned before in my column.

As for you, my friend, you should consult a lawyer who specializes in family law and gender issues. Lambda Legal (lambdalegal.org) should be able to refer you. With help, you should be able to work out a fair and reasonable custody arrangement, should it become necessary.

DEAR ABBY: I'm attending a close friend's bachelorette party and have confirmed that having it in an adult club is "a priority" for her. I'm uncomfortable with the idea of entering such an establishment because it goes against my personal beliefs. We are all staying with friends, so I can't just head back to my hotel room or go home. How can I excuse myself from this part of the event without causing too much trouble for anyone? — READY NOT TO PARTY

DEAR READY NOT TO PARTY: Because all of the bachelorettes will be out of town and you prefer not to attend the "main event," level with the bride about your feelings, give her your regrets, wish her well and stay home.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 73-year-old man. Over the years I have sometimes cried over sad, heartwarming stories in books or on TV, especially those involving children.

I have also lost several loved ones, and although I was as sad about these losses as anyone else, I was never able to shed tears over it. Why do I cry over things that don't pertain to me or anybody in my life, but can't when someone I love passes away? Is something wrong with me? — TEARLESS IN WICHITA

DEAR TEARLESS: Tears can be cathartic, but people react to death in different ways. Not everyone can cry on cue, even if it would be a relief to be able to. Sometimes there's just a deep "ache," like lead in one's chest. In your case, it may be less painful or threatening to cry over a sad movie than a funeral. When tears finally come (usually over something less significant), they can be more copious than one would expect because they have been bottled up.

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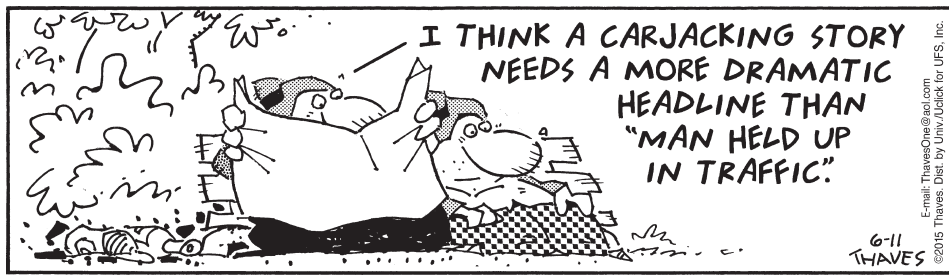
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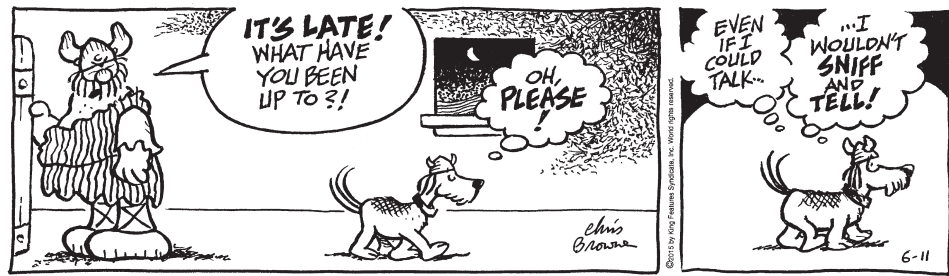
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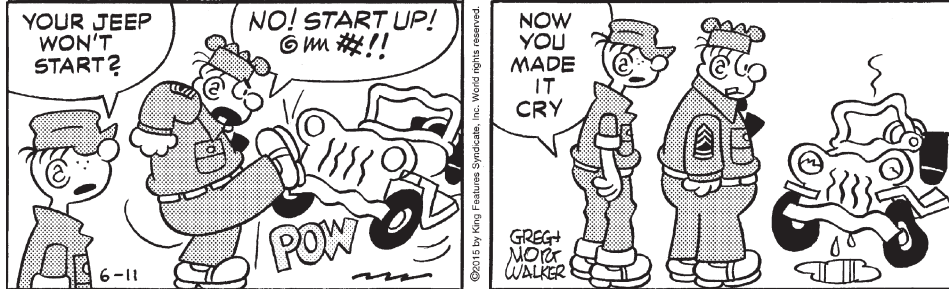
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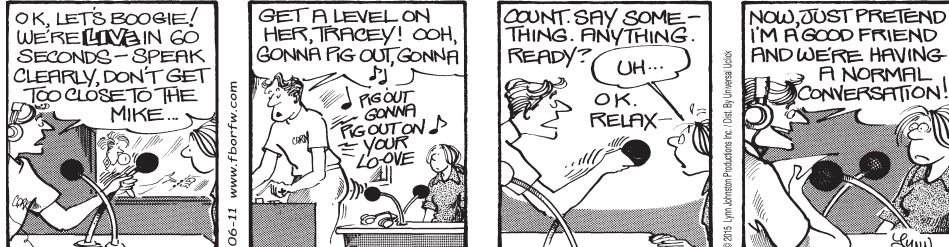
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 and a Moon in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015:

This year you open up to new possibilities. You might wonder which one you should jump on. The period through the summer will be very exciting, but you could feel overwhelmed by everything that is happening. Come fall, you will want more organization and less chaos. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease this year. This person will be significant to your life's history. If you are attached, you are likely to spend even more time with your sweetie. This closeness will strengthen your bond. You enjoy ARIES more than you enjoy many other signs.

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 have a major concern that starts your day. Remain optimistic. People will change their tune throughout the day. You could get a problem resolved, but perhaps not in the way you thought you would. Tonight: Curb a need to be right when in a lively discussion.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You seem to be on information overload. You might want to weigh the pros and cons of a money matter. An unexpected event could force you to rethink your decision. You will be a lot happier if you relax. Tonight: New information comes forward.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Though you could be perturbed by a partner's or loved one's decision, you'll feel much better once you give it some time to set in. Emphasize solutions rather than problems, and you will find that you can jump over a major hurdle! Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might be more worried about a situation than you previously had thought. Today you will feel as if you are willing to take a stand and move forward. You will need to have a discussion with a partner about a problem that is close to the surface. Tonight: A force to behold.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You could be tired from the confusion surrounding your friends. You might not be able to sort through all the issues right now, but at least

one matter is likely to fix itself by the end of the day. Don't let a friend's temper get to you. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to express your confidence in a partner whom you have some financial involvement with. Keep certain feelings to yourself for now, especially if a discussion is related to other matters. Don't allow others to trigger your temper. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be tired and feeling as if you have had enough. You'll see a situation differently if you can relax. Don't be so rigid in a conversation. Perhaps you need to take a walk before you meet up with friends. You will clear up a problem. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ All work and no play won't be fun, but it could result in an exciting opportunity. Clear up as much as you can now, so that when the chance to be more playful and relaxed appears, you can jump on it. A little organization will go a long way. Tonight: Finish your errands quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You finally might be moving past a problem with a close loved one. You know what is happening, and you'll be able to make it through what previously was a web of hassles. Don't worry; you will see the issues drop away soon. Tonight: Add naughtiness to your plans.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You might be tempted to toss a problem to the wind. Hold off just a little while longer. You could be more negative than usual. Give yourself some time and some perspective. As a result, you are likely to witness how quickly issues vanish. Tonight: Let your hair down.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Be careful about what words you choose to tell someone that you have had enough. You might be best off just saying nothing for now. By exercising patience, you are likely to experience a much more pleasant interaction. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite haunt.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding in the way you have been. Someone around you, who is involved in your personal life, might have quite a temper. Be aware of what could come out if you push this person too hard. Try to stay calm. Tonight: Mosey on home.

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