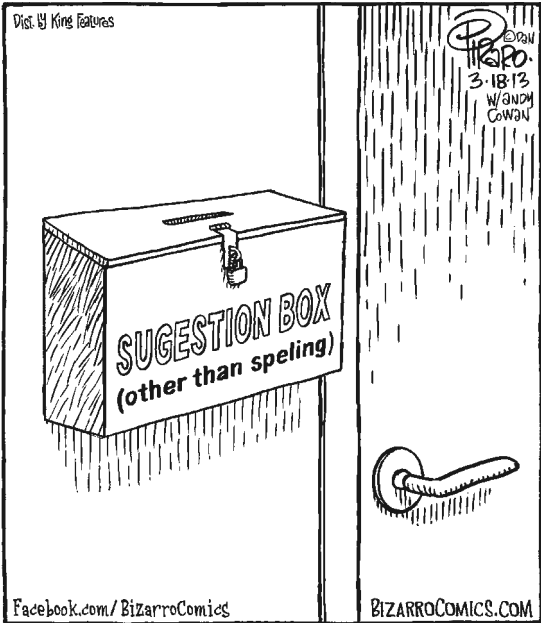


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Wedding For Bride On Rebound Should Be Small And Subdued

DEAR ABBY: My 26-year-old daughter was married last year, but four months after the wedding her husband was arrested for child molestation that had occurred years before. She filed for divorce immediately.

In the meantime, she has met someone and is now pregnant. They want to be married as soon as her divorce is final. My question is, what kind of ceremony would be appropriate in this case, especially since her father and I are church pastors in a small town? — SMALL-TOWN WEDDING

DEAR SMALL TOWN: If your daughter had written to me, I would have advised her not to rush into another marriage so quickly, and that if she hasn't already done so, she should seek some counseling because of what she has been through.

However, because she and the father of her baby are determined to tie the knot as soon as possible, their ceremony should be low-key, with a few close friends and family attending. The ceremony could be either a religious one or a civil one, depending upon their preference. I hope their union will be a happy and successful one.

DEAR ABBY: At what age should parents stop worrying about you? I am 41 years old, but in my parents' eyes I am still a child.

I am an independent woman and feel like I am not living the life I deserve, and I don't think it's fair. I do everything by myself, and I want them to know that if something happens to them, I'll be fine, and they should stop worrying. Am I wrong to feel this way? — DEBORAH IN OHIO

DEAR DEBORAH: You are not wrong. However, your parents may be clinging to you not because they are worried about what will happen to you if something happens to THEM. They may be clingy because they are worried about what will happen to THEM if something happens to YOU.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of eight years had an affair with an old girlfriend who is also married. I have spent the last nine months trying to forgive him, but he keeps breaking my heart because he can't seem to get over her.

First he was sending her emails, then trying to call her because he felt so guilty over the affair and "needed someone to talk to." Next, he went over to her house to see her. I know he loves me, but I know without a doubt he loves her, too. I'm expecting and due in the short-term, and I don't know how to heal.

The last time they talked — about a month ago — he told her she had ruined his life and he never wanted to see or think about her again. But I know he still searches her profile on Facebook every day and I know she blocked him, so he must be going nuts because he can't see her and her kids' pictures. I haven't confronted him about this yet, but feel I need to. Please help me. — BROKEN-HEARTED IN BUFFALO

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: The old girlfriend seems to be doing her part to end the affair. Whether your husband is "going nuts" because he can't see her on Facebook is HIS problem, so please don't make it yours.

Bide your time, have your baby, and then when you're strong enough, DO confront him. Insist on marriage counseling for both of you. You need to understand why he strayed before you or the marriage can heal.

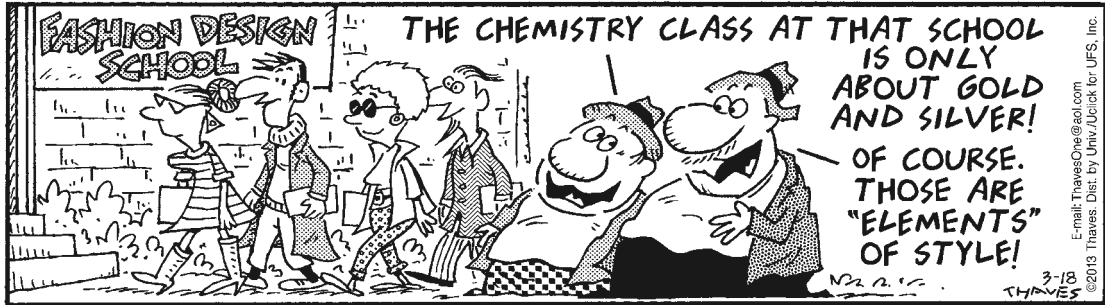
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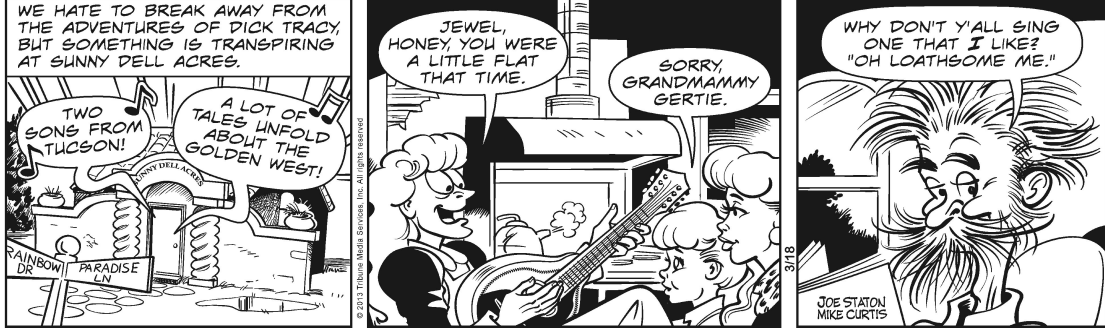
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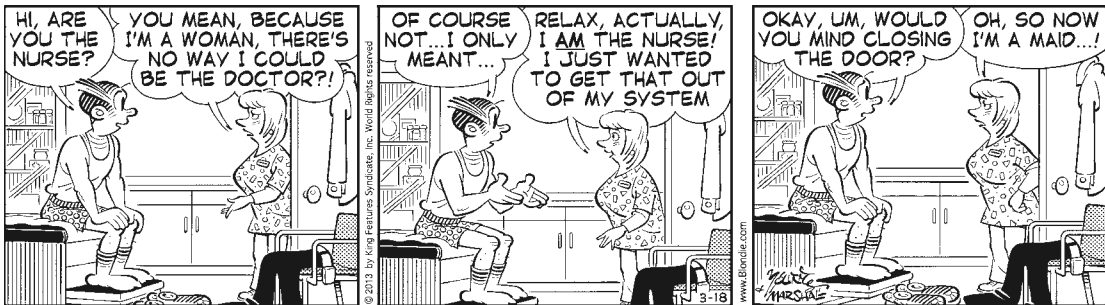
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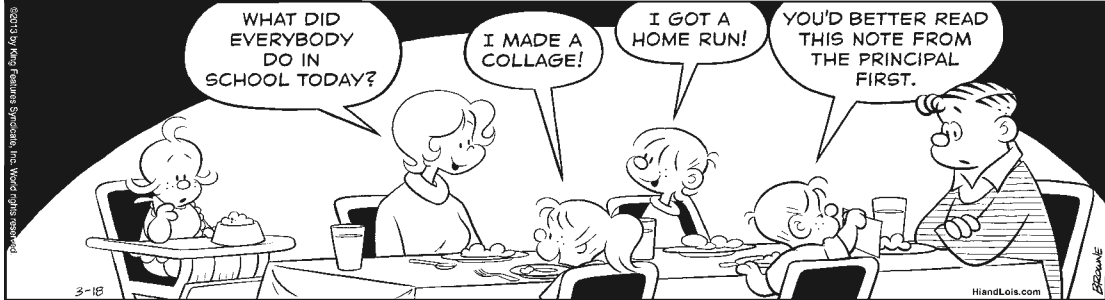
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Pisces and a Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013:

This year you gain through identifying your emotional and intellectual needs. You often will question which voice to follow. Once you decide, you will see results. Others get your intentions. Your work and public image become even more important. You are likely to take the lead in a community or professional commitment. If you are single, you could meet someone at work or out and about. If you are attached, include your sweetie more in your public life. GEMINI understands you well.

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 start the day raring to go. It might be hard to stop you or do anything to impede your chosen course. You tend to overthink or worry too much. A sudden insight will encourage you to stop and reflect. You know what to do. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Make it your pleasure to relate to someone who has a lot to share. One-on-one relating proves to be worthwhile. Honor incoming news, and rethink your position. Schedule that personal appointment that makes you feel confident and good. Tonight: Do some spring shopping.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Beam in more of what you desire. You might feel as if you can conquer the world and accomplish everything you desire. Recognize your priorities, and know that you are unusually fortunate at this point in time. Your humor comes through. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★ Be happy to get some quiet work done. You can and will accomplish a lot if you relax. Follow your intuition when dealing with a touchy associate or loved one. You'll also want to be careful with someone you meet for the first time. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Surround yourself with friends. You might wonder what is happening with a loved one who seems

distant. Push for what you want with the full expectation of getting just that. You could be seen as a role model for positive thinking. Tonight: Say "yes" to people.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ It feels natural to give others what they want from you. Unite friends and loved ones together in order to make a project happen. You will grease the wheels to ensure that it will be successful. Curb a tendency to overspend at present. Tonight: Working late.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. If this person does not respond, you might feel as if you can't do anything more. Detach, and try to understand where he or she is coming from; you'll gain a new perspective as a result. Understanding will follow. Tonight: Feed your mind.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Success often starts from others feeling valued. One-on-one relating could be instrumental to this experience. Once a person feels valued, he or she is likely to be more trustworthy. Do what is needed to bring a project to completion. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You might want to approach others more openly. If you must be assertive, try a different day. You could meet some resistance if you are not careful. Listen to what people aren't saying, and it will give you a lot of insight. Tonight: Go with someone else's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You are at your best when you get past a problem and restore your sense of direction. Laughter surrounds you. Realize what is happening within your immediate circle. Your way of handling a problem will prove very effective. Tonight: Get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Your awareness of possibilities attracts new ideas. How you feel and what you do could change after a playful exchange. You know what you want, but can you manifest it? Brainstorm with friends, and you will see several paths to the same end. Tonight: Play the night away.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Ask questions about a possible investment or a change on the domestic front, and you might see a new path. Check in on an older parent or loved one. You might wonder why you're doing what you're doing. Be honest with yourself about your long-term goals. Tonight: Order in.

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