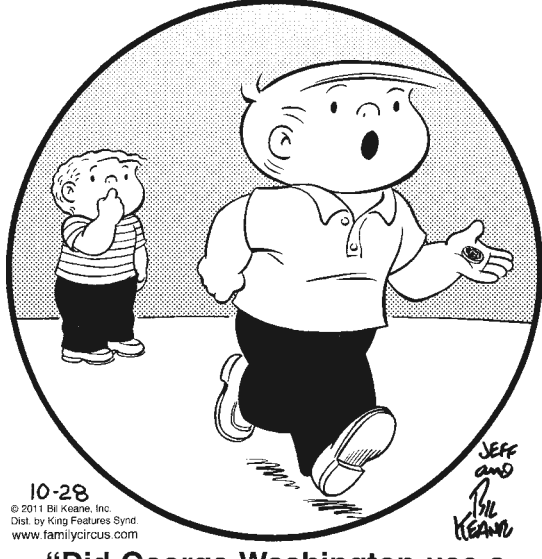
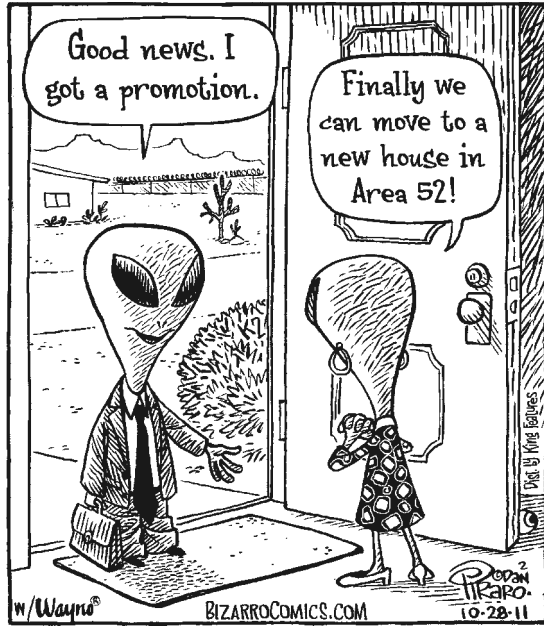


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"Did George Washington use a quarter as his ID?"

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Uncle's Ashes 'Temporarily'
Housed In Mom's Mausoleum

DEAR ABBY: My 87-year-old mother recently discovered that the mausoleum site she had reserved for herself next to my father's grave — and paid for when he died — was occupied by my uncle's ashes and headstone. Mom had moved away 20 years ago and had not visited the cemetery in all that time.

My cousin's explanation, when confronted by my tearful mom, was that it was a "temporary solution" as the mausoleum was full at the time of my uncle's death. They were planning to move him. Apparently, it has taken 14 years for them to get around to it.

Mom had to send a notarized letter to the cemetery asking that my uncle's remains be removed. My cousins, who are wealthy and successful people, saved \$800 by using my mother's prepaid site. Should Mom charge them rent? — BEWILDERED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BEWILDERED: I don't think your mother should ask your cousins for "rent," but I do think your mother should contact the owners of the cemetery and ask what they plan to do to compensate her for her distress. Frankly, I don't understand how they could have allowed your uncle's ashes to be placed in her reserved site. The ball will then be in their court — and if they are ethical and responsible, they may offer free opening and closing costs at the time of her death.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Joy" is 19. She attended a small school with about 40 other students in her grade. She never had a boyfriend — or even a date — until the first week of college a year ago. The boy was a high school classmate of hers. They became engaged before he went off to boot camp.

My husband and I are extremely concerned because of Joy's age and inexperience. Her fiance is OK, but we feel they are not for each other. We're positive she could find someone more compatible, but who's going to approach her with that ring on her finger? I feel my daughter has low self-esteem and is afraid she won't find anyone else. How do we make Joy see that she's

too young and inexperienced to make such an important decision? — MAMA KNOWS BETTER IN OHIO

DEAR MAMA KNOWS BETTER: You can't. As well-meaning and caring a mother as you are, if you try to tell your daughter what you have in mind you will only make her defensive. Instead, encourage her to wait until her fiance returns home and she either has her college degree or is close to it before they tie the knot. It will go a long way to making her more employable when she starts a career of her own. And if her fiance decides to make a career of the military, it will make her more employable as they are transferred from place to place.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: It's almost Halloween and parents need to teach their children that if a house does not have its porch light on, it means the resident will not be handing out candy or other treats.

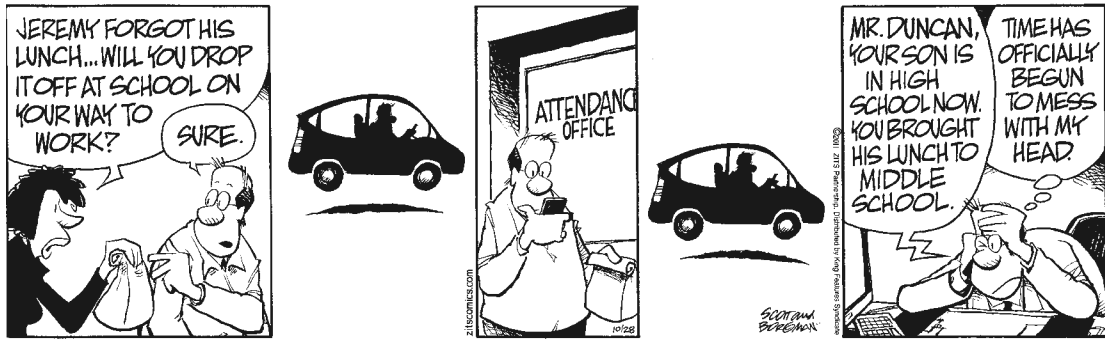
There are many reasons people don't participate. Some people run out of treats early, while others simply can't afford to buy candy in the first place. These homes should not be targeted with "tricks" or vandalism. Simply skip the house with the lights off and move on to the next one that has its lights on. — LIGHTS ON IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LIGHTS ON: Your letter is a timely one, and I'm glad you brought the subject up because what you have written is correct. Some people do not participate in Halloween for religious and other reasons, and their beliefs should be respected.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$12 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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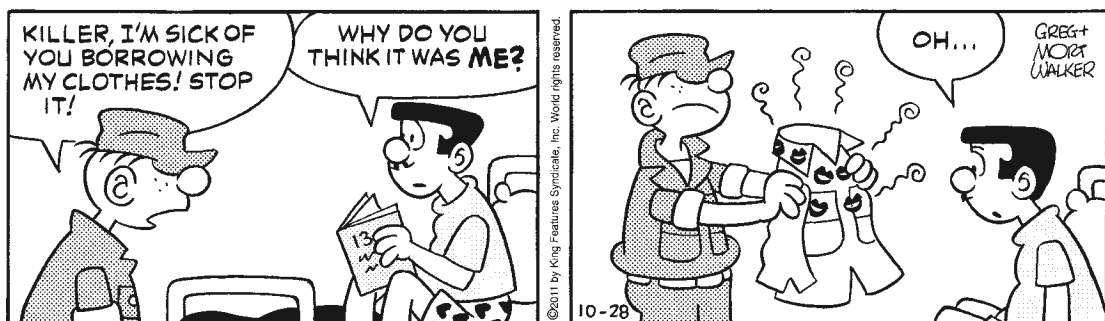
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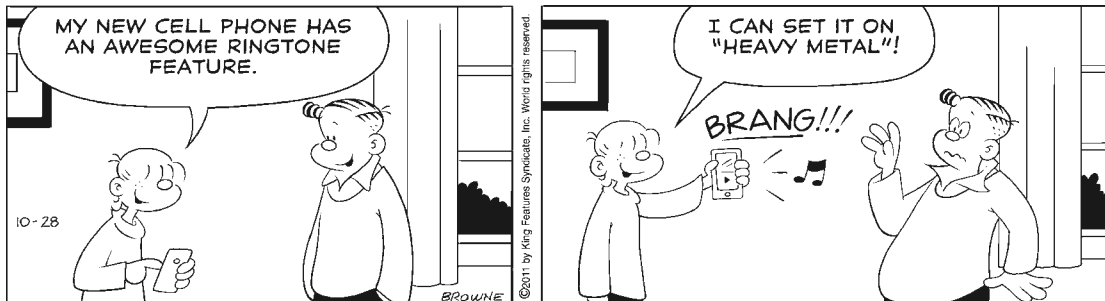
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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, Oct. 28, 2011, before 7:45 a.m. (PST) has a Sun and Moon in Scorpio. If born after that time, the baby has a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: FRIDAY, OCT. 28, 2011

This year your ability to relate and communicate proves to be positive financially. Adapt your style even more depending on different people and situations. Many opportunities will head in your direction. Your profound ability to transform a situation emerges. Your willingness to adapt and grow marks your behavior. If you are single, you will have to push suitors away. You might enjoy dating even more. If you are attached, you will see a change in your sweetie that you view positively. SAGITTARIUS has great money ideas.

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)

Reach out for new possibilities. If one answer doesn't work, trust that you will find the solution. You see structure and power very differently, allowing for an unusual perspective. Swap ideas without being vested. Tonight: Take off if you can.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You achieve powerful results without trying too hard. Your ability to relate to individuals directly emerges. Others start seeing many more new opportunities that up until the present moment they had never considered. Tonight: Be willing to revise your plans.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You see situations in a very different way because of what is happening and how people are reacting. Be willing to discuss an issue in a new light. Re-frame different ideas, knowing what works in your mind. Tonight: You gain a deeper understanding of others.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Focus on getting out the door. If you are wondering why another approach works for someone else, look at his or her mental outlook. Be willing to revise your thinking in a positive way. Tonight: Out with friends and perhaps an associate or two.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Your creativity comes into play early on. You wonder how, when and why concerning certain issues. You

feel like you need to solve what is ailing not only you but also a family member. Put less stress on yourself. Handle issues in a low-key manner. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Your instincts guide you in a new direction. Verbalize what you are seeing, and understand what might be going on to a deeper level with you. Willingly greet change and creativity. Excess is the name of the game with a partner. Your issue might be how much to join in. Tonight: Close to home.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Keep conversations moving, and explore alternatives. A revamping of your finances might be just what the doctor ordered. You might want to approach this situation differently. Understanding evolves, and you create greater stability. See what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You might want to understand more than someone is willing to share. You make an enormous effort toward others. Don't worry about the responses. You need to see what happens. Handle your finances with wisdom, but not in a stingy manner. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Stay on a steady course despite what might be going on. Listen well to others who are experiencing a wholly different set of concerns. The unexpected opens a pathway that could provide greater energy and fun. Walk through the door. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Much is going on behind the scenes. Passion runs high, especially concerning a partnership. Deal with others directly if you want to get past an obstacle. You might not be able to express exactly what is on your mind. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

You could be hard-pressed to get past an immediate issue or problem. Your way of looking at a situation could set the standard for others. They see the wisdom in your approach and long-term results. You know what is going on with a boss or supervisor. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

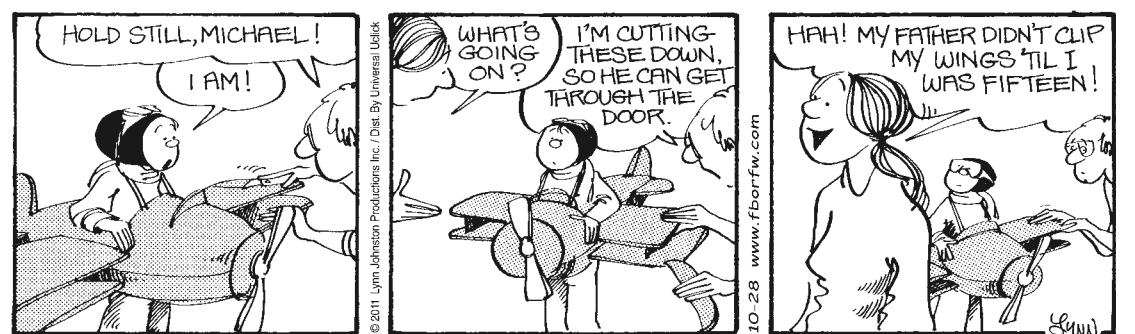
Recognize that others look to you to take the lead. Understand the push and pull of a boss's or others' demands. Listen to what is happening behind the scenes. Be willing to break the mold and move forward. Tonight: A late meeting could become a happening!

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