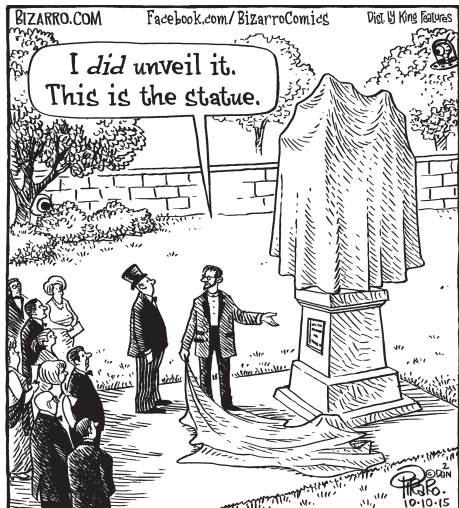


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Substitute cartoonist Billy (age 7) wraps up the week with another extremely punny cartoon.

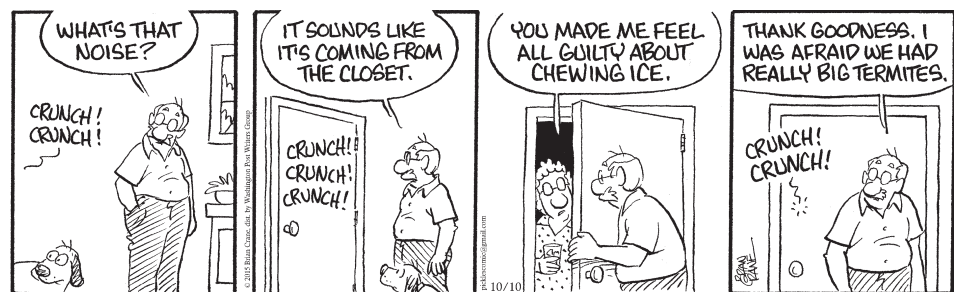
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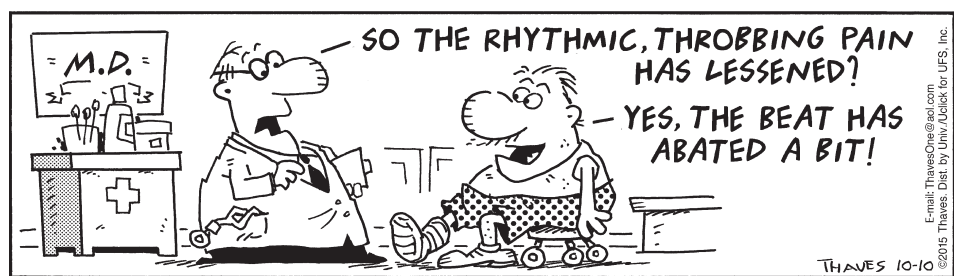
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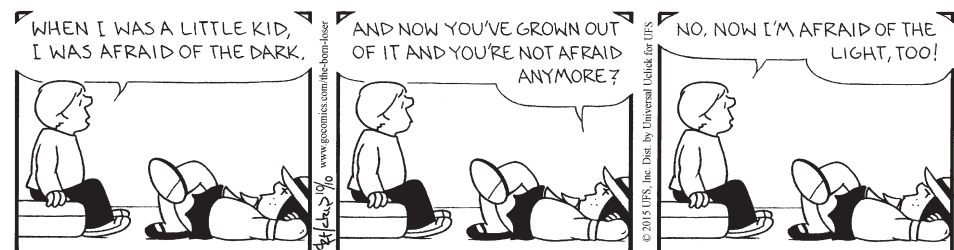
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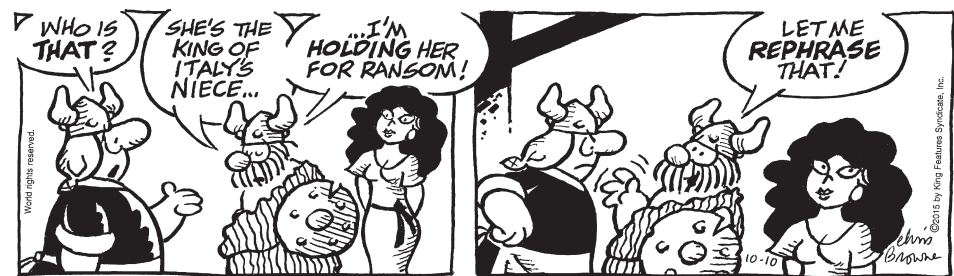
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Clothing-Optional Lifestyle Causes Nudist's Wife Grief

DEAR ABBY: My husband enjoys sitting around (among other activities) naked. We live in a subdivision with 700 homes. I have asked him repeatedly to stop, join a nudist group or go home to his mother - whatever! He says he's sorry, blah blah blah. But it doesn't stop happening.

The deputies have already visited to tell him to stop playing his ukulele while driving, and I'm afraid he'll get caught without a stitch on one day and all hell will break loose. I realize how ludicrous this letter may sound, but I'm being truthful. Am I crazy to expect him to stay clothed in semi-public? - TERESA IN THE SOUTH

DEAR TERESA: I'm sorry you didn't define "semi-public." It's one thing for a person to "let it all hang out" in the privacy of his (or her) home or fenced backyard. It's quite another for that individual to fully expose himself in public view. If this is what has been happening, it appears you have married an exhibitionist who could be arrested for indecent exposure if a neighbor chooses to complain. If this is what's happening, you're not crazy; you are a concerned wife.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter's elementary school has many fundraisers each year where the children are asked to sell things like takeout pizza coupons and cheap wrapping paper to raise money for schoolwide events. I'm happy to support the school, but do not want her to participate in the selling.

She's too little to go door-to-door or make phone calls on her own, so I end up doing it for her. I am very uncomfortable when individuals ask me to buy things. I don't want to put that kind of pressure on other people. Also, some of the items for sale are unhealthy or not things we'd use, so it seems wrong to ask others to buy them.

Instead of selling, where they only get a small portion of the funds, I'd rather donate directly to the school. However, I'm not sure how to do that without making our family

stand out in this very small community.

When a new fundraiser is announced, should I ask the teacher or PTA member how much our share is and then write a check? I'm afraid I'd be inviting gossip about being too stuck up or wealthy to participate (we are neither). And how do I explain to my 7-year-old why I don't think she should be selling things, without seeming critical of her friends who are? - JUST WANT TO DONATE IN IOWA

DEAR JUST: This is a concern you should discuss with the person who is in charge of the fundraiser. If you prefer to donate the money you would be expected to raise, rather than have your child solicit door-to-door, your wishes should be respected because the result will be the same for her school. Frankly, I think you have a point.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I disagree about what to do if a child is invited to a birthday party but is unable to attend. Mom says you should still buy a present for the honoree. I think that's a nice thing to do, but not necessary. What do you think? - UNSURE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNSURE: I agree with you. Buying a gift for the birthday child would be a very thoughtful gesture, but it is not required.

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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 Libra and a Moon in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 2015:

This year others find that you are more introverted than usual. You will be spending many hours pondering the decisions and direction of your life. You might decide to let go of what no longer serves you. If you are single, carefully check out someone new on the scene, as he or she could be very different from what you think. If you are attached, the relationship benefits from frequent getaways together. You can create the type of closeness you need to strengthen your bond. VIRGO is full of fun.

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)

Stay level despite surprises early in the day. You could feel abandoned in some sense. You will be in an enviable position, as you seem to be able to reset your schedule and mood with ease. You will notice negative feelings drift away as time passes. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You will be unusually playful compared to most people. Don't worry -- you'll find a playmate with ease. What you choose to do must be an activity you love. That type of excitement is what will draw in others. Tonight: You could become quite mischievous.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You might be spending a lot of time at home, as you feel comfortable in this setting. Invite friends over later in the day for a spontaneous fall happening or party. Your attitude and easygoing nature might surprise some of your company. Tonight: And the party goes on.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You'll need to have a conversation with a friend in order to clear the air. How you deal with this person could be subject to change because of information that comes in. You might feel as if you are having a difficult time keeping a steady pace. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You might be concerned about the costs of a trip or a special weekend. Verify the

costs now, and if you are comfortable with them, go ahead. Do not create unnecessary tension in your life. You can always find an alternative. Tonight: Nothing needs to be formal right now.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

The Moon highlights you and draws quite a few admirers toward you. Handling this popularity could be difficult, especially if you are attached. Honor a changing situation with a family member who seems to be in an odd mood. Tonight: Create a special time.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Your ability to understand more of what is happening with a special friend is likely to emerge. This person might be more withdrawn than you have seen in a long time. Be understanding. Recognize that you handle personal matters differently. Tonight: Vanish.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Your situation is changeable. Your finances seem to be rather tight, but you still will manage to have a good time. Sometimes throwing yourself into a situation in which you aren't normally exposed can invigorate the moment. Friends surround you. Tonight: Go for it.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Pressure builds as a key person seems to need you and make demands. At some point, you will need to say when enough is enough and allow yourself to create some fun, personal time. Take a stand, and others will follow. Enjoy the position as leader of the gang. Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Reach out to a friend at a distance. Perhaps you will make plans to get together in the near future. You might have been considering a change of scenery anyway, so why not join this person for a mini getaway? You won't have to go far. Tonight: A new spot with new people.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

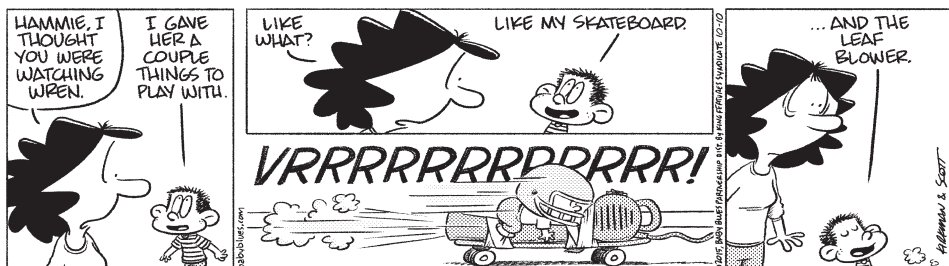
You'll want to deal with a loved one on a one-on-one basis. As a result, you might draw a strong, unexpected reaction. You could be surprised by what comes up. Be smart and respect this person's point of view rather than create a struggle. Tonight: Add some candles and ambiance.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Others seek you out. You have so many invitations heading in your direction that you could be overwhelmed. If money is an issue, say so, and others will help you find a way around the problem. Tonight: Go from one happening to another!

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