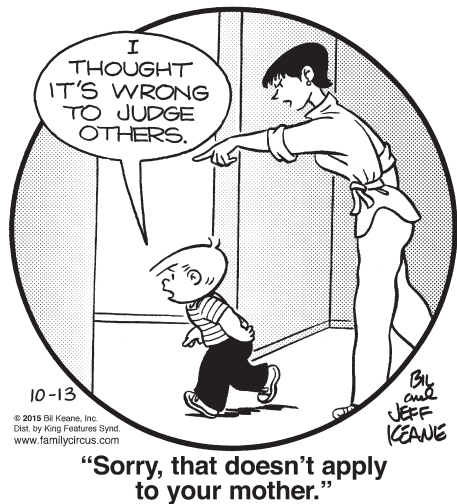
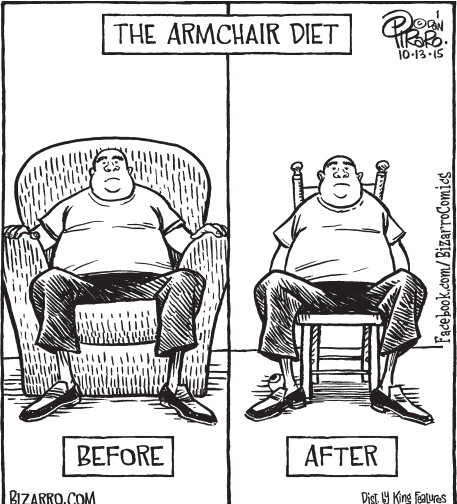


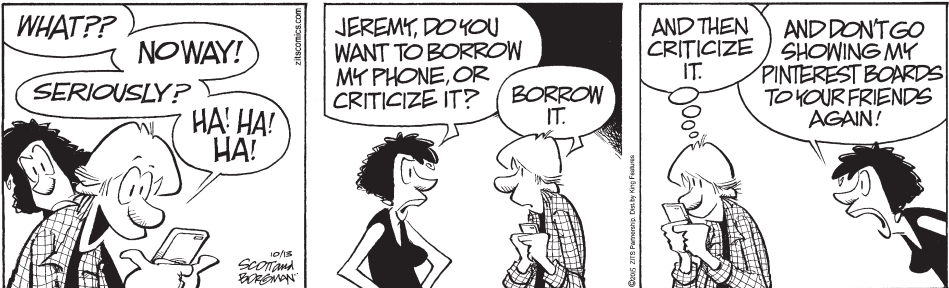
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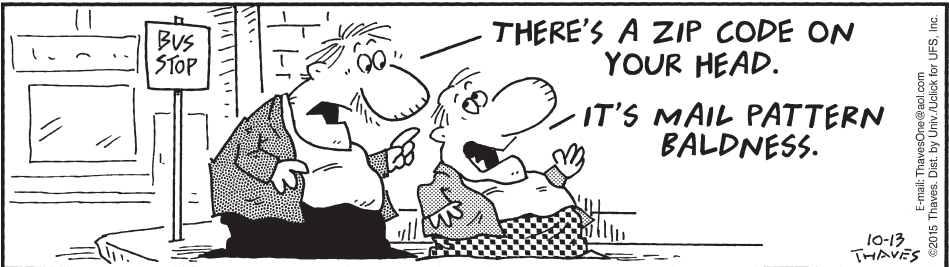
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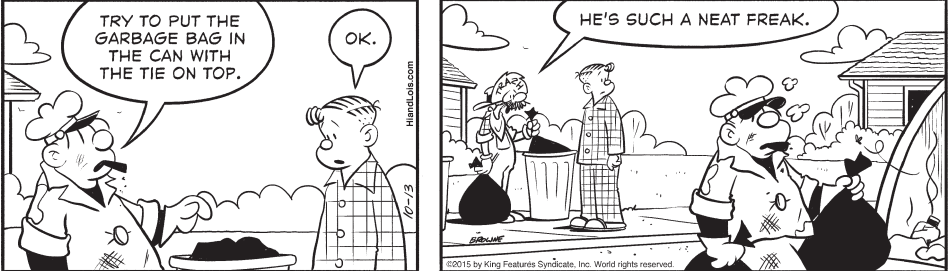
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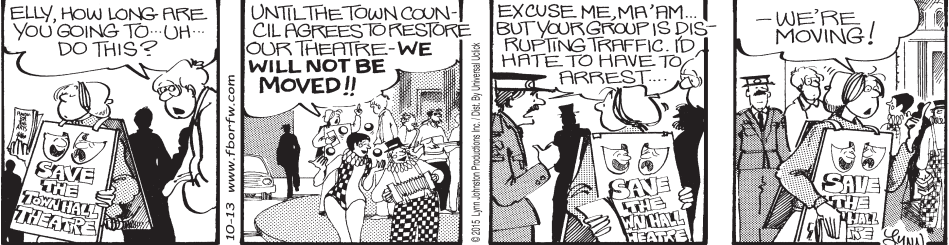
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Woman's Hidden HIV Status Must Be Brought To Light

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "She's Killing Them in Indiana" (July 8) and your response to the writer, whose friend is HIV-positive and doesn't tell her partners her diagnosis. I am a disease intervention specialist (DIS) in Indiana and work specifically with STDs like HIV.

In Indiana there is a duty to warn law that requires anyone who is HIV-positive to inform any past or present sexual or needle-sharing partners of her/his HIV status. At the time of diagnosis, all providers inform the patient of this, and DIS's like me are required to get a signed copy of this law from HIV-positive individuals.

This year there was a large outbreak of HIV in a rural southern area of Indiana. More than 100 new infections occurred within just three short months. If individuals like this woman do not inform partners, then the risk is high for another outbreak.

The person who wrote you should contact the Indiana State Department of Health's Recalcitrant Program and inform them of this situation. All information is kept confidential. Counseling could be provided, and then if she continues not informing, legal action could be taken against her. —MELISSA MURAWSKI

DEAR MELISSA: Readers were upset about the gravity of that letter. They felt it was not only a health issue but also one of morality, and the legal issues could land the writer's friend in serious trouble, including jail. You are right that the person who wrote that letter should contact the appropriate authorities and report her friend's dangerous and risky behavior.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been together for 10 years. Like all couples do, we've had our ups and downs, but we love each other very much. Two months ago, we welcomed our first son into our family; we are overjoyed.

Raising a newborn has its challenges because babies don't come with an owner's manual. Our communication has always been good, and we work hard in our relationship to keep it that way. When we disagree, we try not to fight in front of the baby or raise our voices.

But something my wife does bothers me. She talks about me to the baby. An example: "Apparently you're too stressful for Daddy right now, but not for me." I have asked her to please not do it. I understand that he's only 2 months old and can't understand her, but I don't feel disparaging me in front of him is right. Am I wrong? Or am I being overly sensitive? — NEEDS HELP IN NEW YORK

DEAR NEEDS HELP: I don't think you're being overly sensitive. It is important for an infant's development that the parents talk to him or her. While your baby may be too young to understand what's being said right now, your wife is forming a habit that both of you may regret later. It implies that she is the "good mommy" and you are the "bad daddy" who can't deal with his son. If this continues, at some point the boy WILL get the message, and it won't be good for the relationship you have with her or the one you have with your son.

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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 and Moon in Libra if born before 5:38 p.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, OCT. 13, 2015:

This year you will attempt to draw a relative, friend or neighbor out of his or her irritable mood. You will notice that many people around you hold on to a lot of tension. Your ability to make an impression and help others change might be limited, as you have similar tendencies. If you are single, you attract others like a light draws a firefly. Enjoy your popularity. If you are attached, the two of you might become a lot more sociable than in the past, but still need downtime together in order to have your relationship thrive. SCORPIO demands a lot from you.

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'll express exactly what is on your mind. Don't be overly concerned if you witness a lack of response. Others are quietly weighing the pros and cons. Don't be surprised if someone pulls you aside at a later point to discuss your ideas. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You could be at a point where you can't seem to come up with the right answer. A partner is likely to pitch in and help you get through a problematic project. Say thank you in your own way. This person might have an attitude, but don't let it get to you. Tonight: Return calls.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Make time for a conversation, even if the other person is reticent. You could be overwhelmed by what you hear. Try to remain supportive and positive when dealing with this person. Give more thought to what he or she shares later in the day. Tonight: Off to the gym.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Stay close to home. A conversation could come up that gives you food for thought. You might feel as if you are being pushed in a certain direction, but need more time to consider your choices. Don't forget to schedule a dentist appointment. Tonight: Add some spice to the night.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Make an effort to break through some-

one's emotional walls. You can be charming and kind, but unless the other party wants to open up, it won't do any good. Let the issue go if you can't break through. Give this person some time and space. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You sometimes take your innate skills for granted, and as a result, others do as well. Take some time to yourself to recognize what you have to offer, and refuse to let people take advantage of you. Tonight: Hang out with a pal at a favorite place.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Handle as many important matters as possible today, as your charisma and intellect are peaking. You have an interesting financial predicament coming in. You need to be more aware of your spending. Tonight: Say "yes" to an irresistible offer.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Lie low and listen more closely when engaged in conversation, no matter whom you are dealing with. As a result, you are likely to discover what the other party's priorities and character traits are. You will learn a lot. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Don't avoid a get-together. Remain sure of yourself, as your presence does make a difference. Be responsive to inquiries, and be willing to share your thoughts. You have strong ideas, and you'll want to use them to help others. Tonight: Make it early.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You stand out when involved with others. You give perceptive feedback, which helps people get past limited thinking. At the same time, they don't feel as if you are talking down to them. Recognize your limits in this role. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ If you're feeling triggered by a situation, step back and do more listening, and be aware of your reactions. You might want to figure out when you first felt these feelings. You are likely to end up taking on greater responsibility later in the afternoon. Tonight: Not to be stopped.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might be delighted yet surprised by how much someone else wants to do for you. Relate to this person on a one-on-one level to draw him or her out more. Be willing to make calls and run some important errands later in the day. Tonight: Use your instincts well.

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