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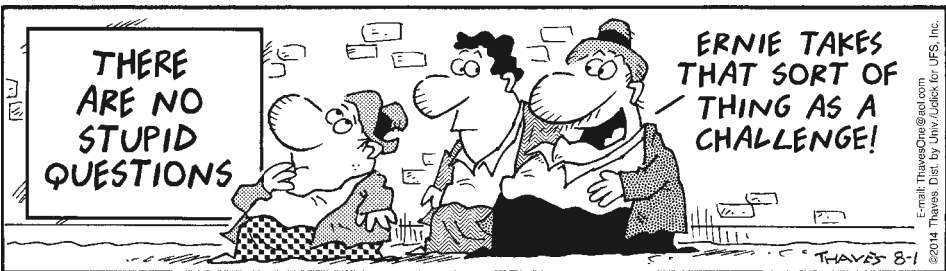
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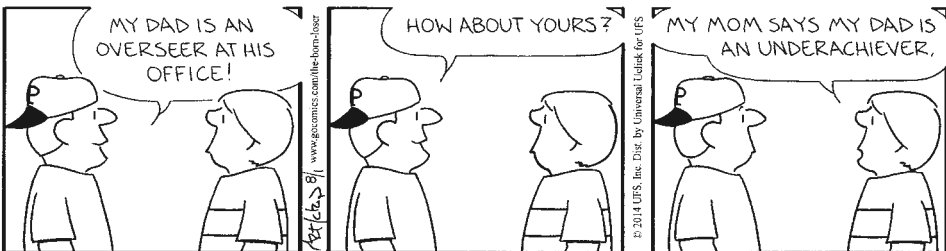
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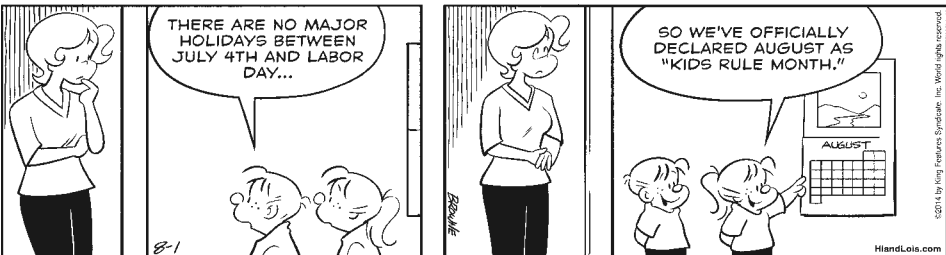
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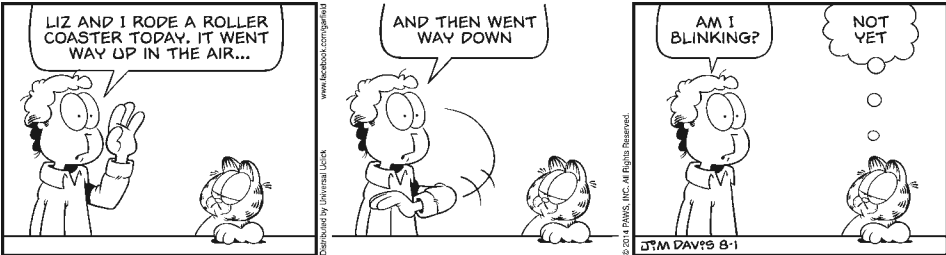
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# Diabetic Friend Suffers Close Call Miles From Hospital

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a lake house and invited a couple (close friends) to join us for a few days. The husband has cancer and has been taking chemo. We wanted them both to rest, as the wife is his only caregiver. We all thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy nature.

The second night they were there, the husband went to bed very early and the three of us were visiting. At one point, my friend went into the kitchen. When she didn't come out, I went to check on her and found her close to a diabetic coma.

It was very frightening. She hadn't eaten much dinner and her blood sugar had crashed to a dangerous level. Fortunately, we knew what to do because my dad was diabetic.

We were an hour from the nearest hospital and had no cell reception. We did not know where her medication was. My friend was making no sense and couldn't remember.

I want to respect my friends' privacy, but if you travel with someone you know has a medical condition, is it OK to ask where they keep their meds in case of an emergency? How do you approach the subject? — CARING FRIEND IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CARING FRIEND: Of course it's OK. And a perfect way to lead up to that question would be to relate the story you have written to me.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, for the most part, is a happy-go-lucky, funny person during the day. But once we sit down to dinner, he starts criticizing and making mean comments about me. Once dinner is over, he's back to being pleasant.

I have addressed this with him to no avail. I have tried ignoring his comments, changing the subject, asking calmly for him to make

his concerns known before or after rather than during the meal. I have suggested we eat dinner away from the table or separately. I have sought the counsel of a therapist and tried implementing her suggestions.

I am at my wits' end. I'm a well-educated, good person, a good wife and co-provider. I do not understand why he acts this way at the dinner table. Your thoughts, Abby? — IT'S ALL GOOD, UNTIL ...

DEAR IT'S ALL GOOD: When someone tells me, "It's all good" and then describes a marriage in which her husband beats her down emotionally once a day, I have to wonder what her definition of "good" is. For whatever reason, your husband appears to be trying to punish you for something by deliberately upsetting you every evening.

Was it his behavior that caused you to seek counseling or something else? I ask because I think the wrong spouse may have seen the therapist. Unless HE decides to get help and find a healthier way of channeling his anger/frustration, nothing will change, because as it stands, there have been no "consequences" for his actions.

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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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 1, 2014:

This year you develop such a nice way of telling people off that they don't even realize they've been chastised until hours later. This skill will prove to be quite helpful. The next 12 months set off a new luck cycle. If you are single, you will draw many people toward you, so be conscious of your choices. You could meet someone quite significant. If you are attached, you enjoy the company of your sweetie even more than usual. You rekindle the romance between you. LIBRA can be quite the diplomat.

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 are very skilled at dealing with a partner, and both of you will come to a mutual decision about a serious matter. Don't be surprised if there is a last-minute power play that mars your day. Avoid a combustible situation. Tonight: Go out and have some fun.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might feel as if a partner is in agreement because of his or her silence. You'll wonder what is going on with someone at a distance. Don't wonder — just call. You could discover that someone is upset, and you'll adapt your plans as a result. Tonight: Make it casual.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You'll have no reason to hold back once you complete what you must. In fact, you have so much energy that you could pick a fight without realizing it. Don't worry about someone's attitude; he or she will open up soon enough. Tonight: Lead the way into the weekend.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Play nice with a family member. You won't want this person to become difficult, as you have seen what happens in that case. Do your best to dodge someone else's attempt to gain the upper hand. Accept a compliment. Tonight: Funnel your energy into fun.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You seem to enjoy people even more than usual right now. Others could become full-blown chatterboxes around you. You might be

stressed by a last-minute request. Don't allow someone to trigger your frustration. Tonight: Out on the town.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to gain a greater sense of direction before you make a decision. Choose your plans carefully. Don't overspend and mess up your budget. Your instincts will prove to be right-on with a risk or money matter. Tonight: You can have a good time without going out.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ An obstacle could stop you right now, but know that you have the option to bypass the issue. Recognize that, in many ways, the problems you experience mostly are created by you. Do not allow a personal problem to get out of control. Tonight: All smiles.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You could become more vocal than you usually are. You can't hold in your feelings and not expect to lash out at someone who likely has little to do with the problem at hand. Take a walk to cool down, if need be. Tonight: Don't be available. Get some much-needed R and R.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might need to approach a meeting with a little more direction. Otherwise, the time that was allotted will be gone and nothing will be accomplished. Some more forethought could maximize your time, as well as others'. Tonight: Join friends for TGIF!

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might feel as if you need to forgo your plans in order to make the most of an opportunity to be with a respected associate or relative. At some point, you could notice that you are in a power struggle. There is little you can do; just refuse to get involved. Tonight: Out late.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

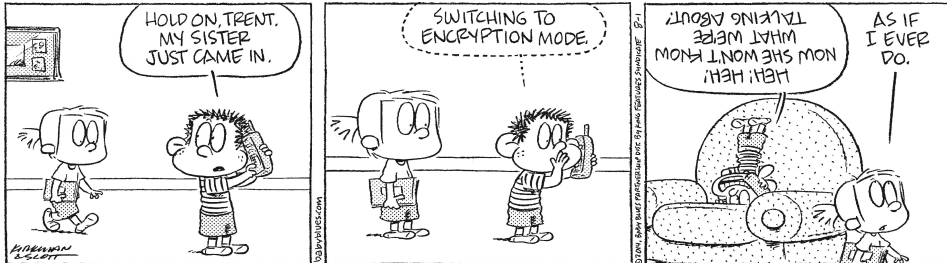
★★★★ If you can take off and make this a long weekend, do. You need an escape from your daily life. Head toward a friend's place where you always have an invitation. A parent could be quite difficult, so give him or her some space. Tonight: Opt for something different.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Someone clearly needs your attention and time. Make it your pleasure, but complete what you must first. A child or loved one will show his or her appreciation for your time and thoughtfulness. News from a distance could be irritating. Tonight: Keep it intimate.

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