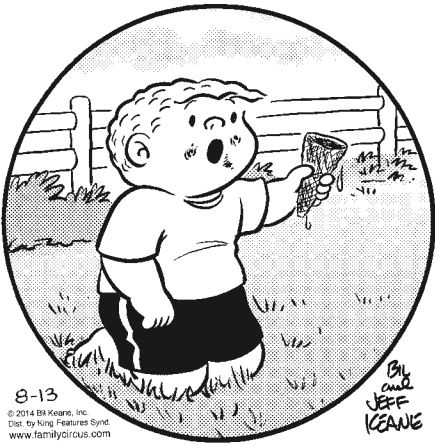
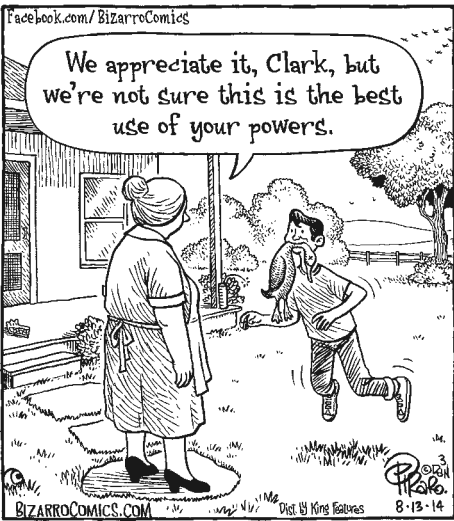


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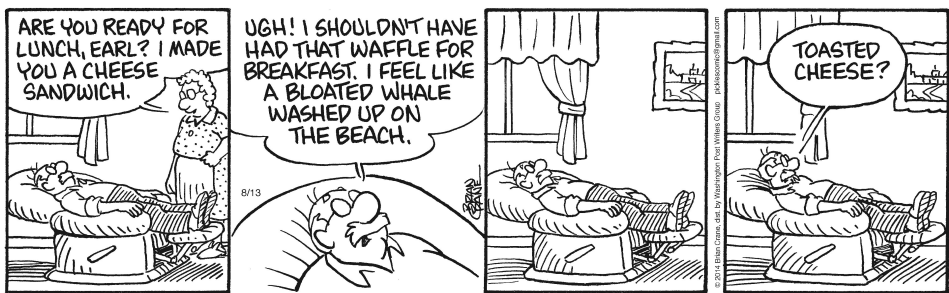


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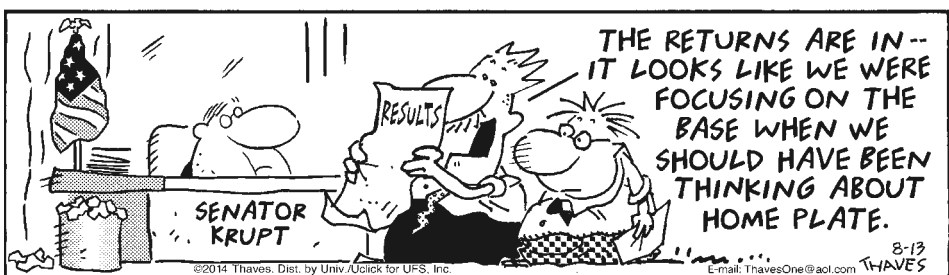
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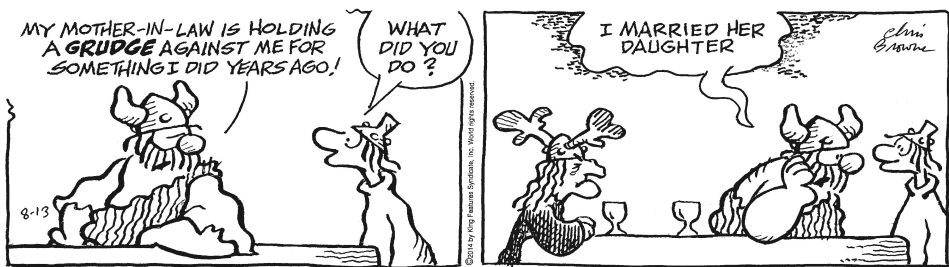
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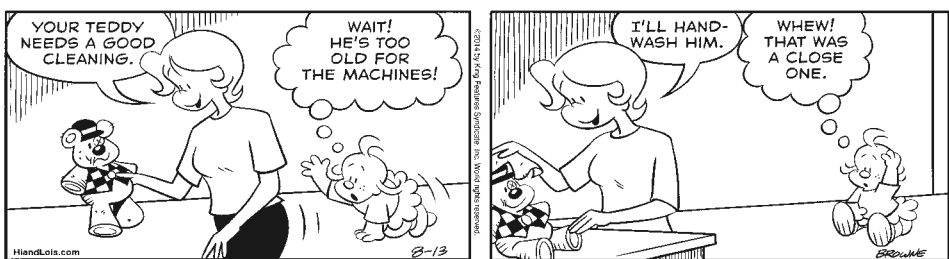
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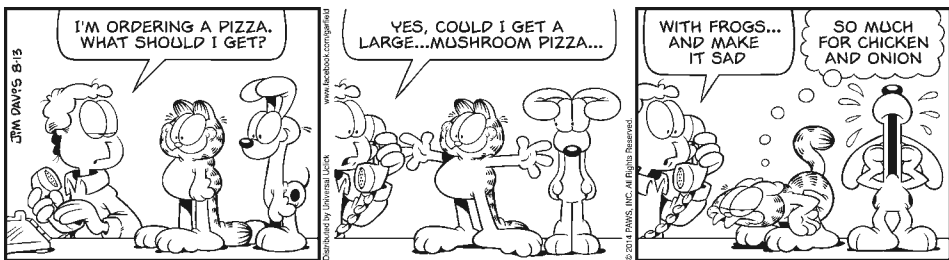
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Daughter's Obsessive Stalker Ratchets Up His Accusations

DEAR ABBY: I am very concerned about my 33-year-old daughter's safety. A man in his mid-60s, someone she met at a previous job, has become obsessed with her. He has declared his love for her, divorced his wife and slathered my struggling, single daughter with gifts over the last three years.

She has refused his advances on nearly a daily basis, and he is now tracking her every move. If she leaves her house for even 30 minutes, he knows and accuses her of going to have sex with someone. If she says she's coming to my house, he drives by to verify it. If it takes her longer than he thinks it should, he accuses her of having sex with someone. She swears that she has never had sex with him.

It has really intensified lately. I'm frantic about her safety. What should I do? — SCARED MOM IN FLORIDA

DEAR SCARED MOM: Your daughter's "admirer" is showing all the signs of being a stalker. Why is she carrying on ANY conversations with him and telling him where she's going? If she accepted gifts he "slathered" on her, it may be why he feels she encouraged him. They should be returned.

You and your daughter should go to the police and report what he has been doing. It may be necessary for her to take out a restraining order because this person appears to be unbalanced and may be dangerous.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I recently decided to get married. We plan to go to the courthouse next month and have a justice of the peace perform the ceremony. Since it will be nothing fancy, we have decided to invite just a few family members — his mom, grandma and brother, along with my mom and dad.

What we need advice about is how to tell his mom. She feels that marriage is just a piece of paper and you shouldn't need it to prove how committed you are. Because of her

views, he wants to "surprise" her the day of the wedding when we all arrive at the courthouse. I feel it's a bad idea, and she should have some time to get used to the thought of us being married.

Any advice you can offer on how to tell her, and how to handle what she's going to say? — FUTURE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR FUTURE D.I.L.: I agree that your boyfriend's mother should be told beforehand, and the good news should be delivered by both of you. When she delivers the predictable "marriage is just a piece of paper" comment, you should respond that the piece of paper is an important one to you, and your boyfriend should tell her he's doing this because he loves you and, in the event that anything should happen to him, he wants to provide for you. If she gives you an argument, remember that you're asking for her blessing — not her permission.

DEAR ABBY: Do you think people can change? — JILL IN CHESTER, PA.

DEAR JILL: I assume you mean change for the better. The answer is yes, of course people can change. With motivation, determination and perseverance, people can accomplish almost anything they set their minds to.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Pisces if born before 9 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13, 2014:

This year you open up and seem much more prepared to receive positivity into your life. Negative habits easily can be worked on. You are in the midst of starting a 12-year luck cycle, and this year could prove to be excellent. If you are single, romance will not elude you. Just don't commit until you are sure that you're with the right person. If you are attached, the two of you will decide to fulfill a long-term goal or desire. The friendship between you is as strong as the romance. ARIES always causes a tumultuous situation around 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)

No wonder others are jealous of your energy and enthusiasm. You seem to draw the results you want. A child could play a major role in what goes on. Today the universe seems to greenlight any opportunities that enter your life. Tonight: Find a good reason to celebrate.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You'll see what is happening, and you'll decide to sit in the dugout and let others play the game! As a result, you will learn a lot about the people around you. A partner might get upset because he or she wants your attention. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You might be in the mood to be more adventuresome, as long as you have your friends behind you. You seem to say the right words to get the responses you desire. This pattern will continue for a while. You could be overtired by the end of the day. Tonight: Midweek break.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You might be too concerned about someone's reactions if you express your true self. At the same time, if you hold back, you still might not like the response you get. Try not to be difficult in an argument that is likely to arise. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You seem to be anywhere but in the present moment. Your mind might drift to someone

who is not as involved in your life as he or she used to be. You often manipulate others with your charm, but you really don't need to. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Into the midweek scene.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You might feel completely challenged by a situation. Just follow your instincts, and you will land well, no matter what. You are in a period in which you are like a cat with nine lives. Reach out to someone you really care about. Tonight: Spend time with a good friend.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Others will come forward; some of them will have questions, while others will have some remarkable stories to share. Lighten up, and enjoy those around you. You understand the importance of camaraderie. Tonight: Live life to its fullest.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You might hesitate to continue down the path you currently are on. Maintain your focus, especially when dealing with others whom you count on. Your attention flatters many people, yet others seem to get nervous around you. Ask yourself why. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Sometimes you can't seem to suppress your energy. You have a strong sense of direction and a strong sense of what needs to happen. Pushing others will not work; you simply need to let them notice the benefits of heading down your chosen path. Tonight: Out partying.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

How much stress do you think you add to your life? Try to relax about a domestic matter. Clearly, worrying doesn't help. You have more control of your life when you are in control of yourself. A friend might push you hard to agree with him or her. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

You might want to understand what is motivating you with a friend. What do you really want from this person? Someone who is quite authoritative could push your buttons. Lie low and re-think a decision, and you will be a lot happier as a result. Tonight: Join a favorite person.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Be aware of how much you offer to others. Sometimes you give too much of yourself, which results in you getting hurt. Let others make more of an effort, and the results will be much better. A long-distance call could be agitating you. Tonight: Be where there is music.

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