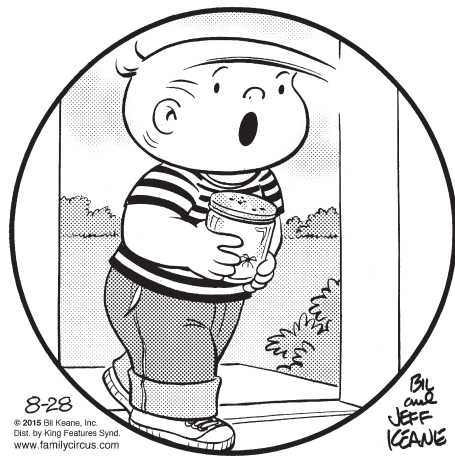


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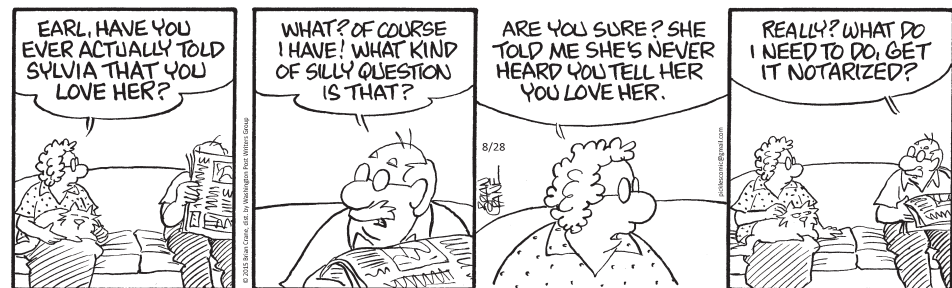


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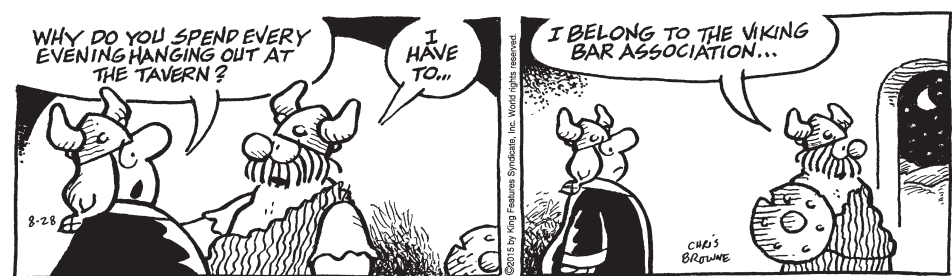
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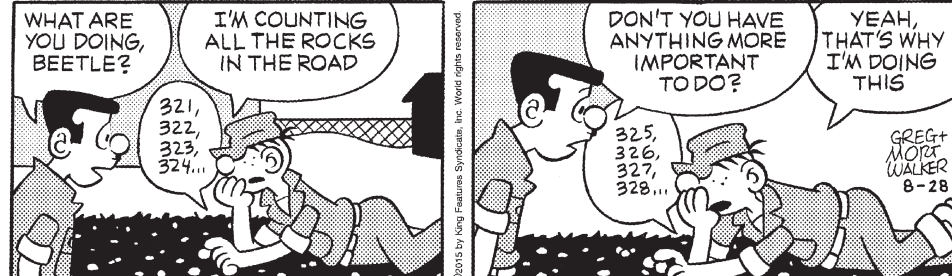
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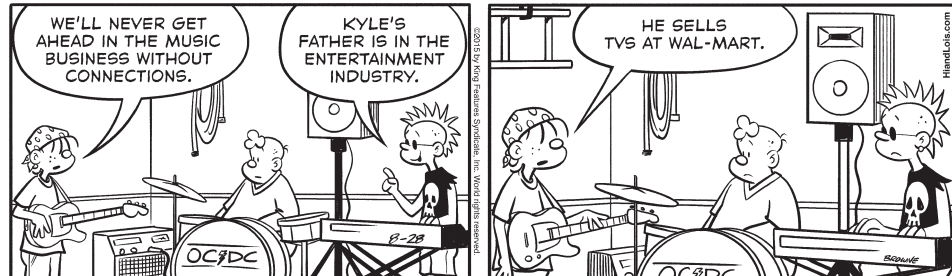
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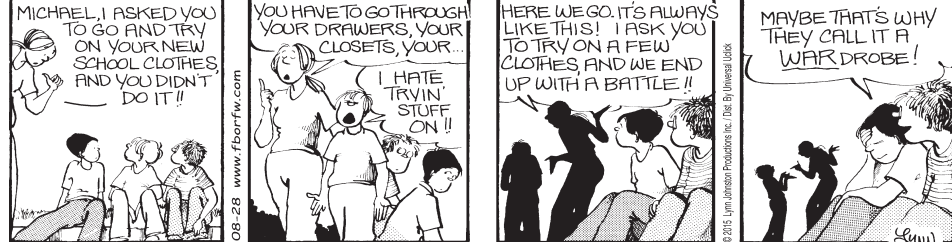
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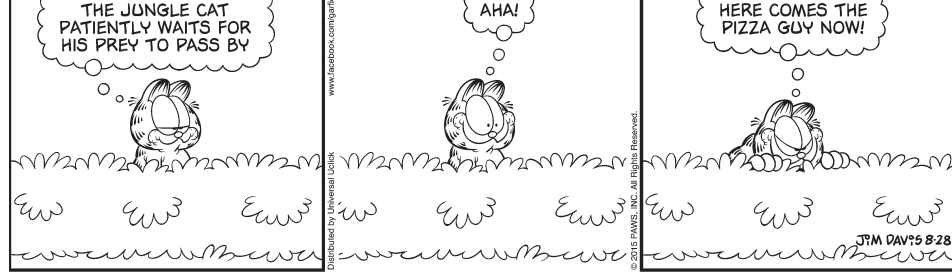
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Story Of Daughter's Move Back Home Is Altered In The Telling

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law quit her job and moved into my in-laws' basement six years ago. I think there may have been an emotional breakdown having to do with her work. I also think it upsets my mother-in-law to have her adult daughter living this life. Mom isn't willing to ask her to move out or even discuss the situation.

This was fine until my sister-in-law told my 10-year-old daughter that she lives with her parents because "they need her to take care of them." Nothing could be further from the truth! My in-laws are fine on their own.

My concern is that this is sending a bad message to my daughter, and she will think she will need to take care of her father and me in 30 years. I have told my daughter that kids do not need to move back in with their parents – even if they need help.

My question is, should I tell my mother-in-law about this or just drop it? – TAKEN ABACK IN NEVADA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: Your sister-in-law may have justified her living with her parents in order to save face after having been asked about why she was living in their basement. Because you have dealt with this with your daughter and the subject is a sensitive one with your mother-in-law, my advice is to let it go.

DEAR ABBY: Can you please help me understand the rule of etiquette when borrowing a wedding dress? The owner was fully aware that the bride intended to alter it. It was obvious that it would need to be made several sizes smaller and shortened. Also, the bride stated clearly that she intended to lower the neckline and remove the sleeves. Everyone seemed happy the gown was being used again after 25 years of being in a box.

After the wedding, the dress was professionally cleaned, boxed and returned to the owner. She is now livid and contends that the dress should have been returned in its

original state – just like it was loaned.

I'd appreciate your help settling this family dispute. How should this work? – BORROWING TROUBLE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR BORROWING TROUBLE: It is a fact of life that when cloth is excised so a garment can be made "several sizes smaller," it cannot be put back in its original condition. If that was the expectation of the owner, it was unrealistic. The bride did the right thing by having the wedding gown professionally cleaned and boxed, and it shouldn't be necessary for her to make any apologies.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my sister-in-law gave me a beautiful watch for Christmas. It became my favorite accessory for any dressy occasion. However, a year ago her brother and I divorced. I still have the watch and would love to wear it, but I'm not sure if it would be appropriate or if I should give it away. Thanks for your input. – TORN IN DECATUR, ILL.

DEAR TORN: The watch was given to you with affection, and even if you wear it in your ex-husband's presence, the chances are small that he would realize who it was from. Because you like it, wear it and enjoy it. There is nothing inappropriate about doing so.



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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 Virgo and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 28, 2015:

This year you will be on a more adventurous track than usual. You often seem calm, cool and collected, yet others around you tend to be unpredictable and full of fun. You could find the structure of your days challenged. Though you might want to resist this change, you might not have a choice. If you are single, you will meet someone of significance. In fact, you might discover that you have your choice of wannabe sweeties. If you are attached, you'll turn a major page in your relationship this year. You will walk hand in hand with your partner into a major new phase. AQUARIUS teaches you how to be a good friend.

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 might have an unusual amount of demands coming from others. You will want to confirm that you are on the same page as them; otherwise, you could witness some uproar. A meeting will be the perfect way to make what you want happen. Tonight: TGIF!

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are being pulled in two different directions. You have the ability to charm someone into following your chosen path. Despite this ability, give this person the space to make his or her own choices. Be willing to listen. Tonight: You are the lead actor.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could be in the position of having to explain your perspective to someone who has chosen to look at a situation from a different angle. If you are careful and choose the right words, you will be successful in getting this person to see your vision. Tonight: Try a new approach.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating will reveal many differences between you and someone else. Respect your different views, and know that all of them are coming from a grounded place. Understand what your limits are with this person. Tonight: How about a close encounter?

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others. If you think an idea

is off, listen to the logic behind it. If you still feel the same, how you share it will determine its fate. You might want to rethink your approach. Others respond better to you because of your unique style. Tonight: Join a loved one for TGIF!

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your originality marks your decisions. You don't need to get to the bottom of a problem right now; just accept it and move on. Let others fuss. Schedule an appointment to get your hair cut or a checkup with your dentist. Focus on yourself right now. Tonight: An easy pace.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You have an idea that you might not want to share yet, but somehow it could get out. Recognize how many different ways you can handle this information leak. You also might want to find out the source. Tonight: Dip into the social whirlwind around you.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could be in the position of handling a lot of personal matters. Why they have landed on your plate might be less important than the reason for their existence in the first place. Put out the fire, then find out who set it. Remain centered in the midst of a mini-crisis. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Conversations swirl around you. Some of the talk might be negative, while some commentaries will express confidence and caring. What you choose to listen to will indicate what kind of mood you are in. Open up to new possibilities. Tonight: Party the night away.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You have a solid understanding of finances that generally saves you and points to making good choices. However, what sounds good could turn out to be disastrous. Your antennae might not be picking up the implications of what is occurring. Tonight: Treat a pal.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Use the day and the upcoming Full Moon to energize yourself to the max. When you are positive and revitalized, you'll feel as if you can accomplish anything. Do your best to remain upbeat no matter what comes down your path. Tonight: Head in a new direction.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ You could be picking up on so much pessimism that you might want to disappear. Isolating yourself will help, yet you will have little say in the events that follow. What is more important to you – being involved, or staying away from negativity? Tonight: Vanish if you want.

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