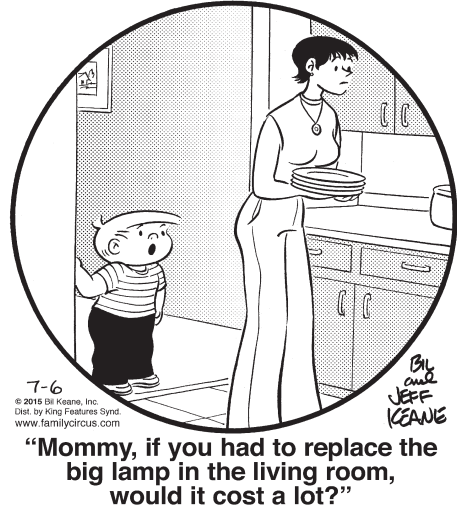
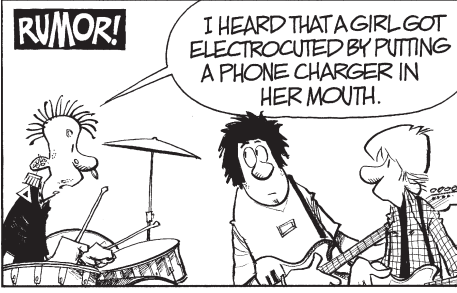


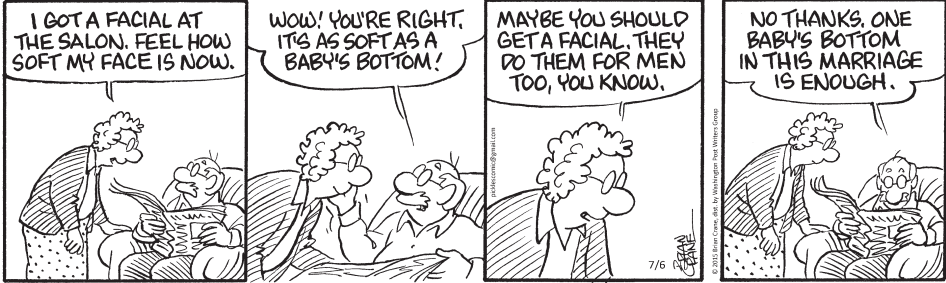
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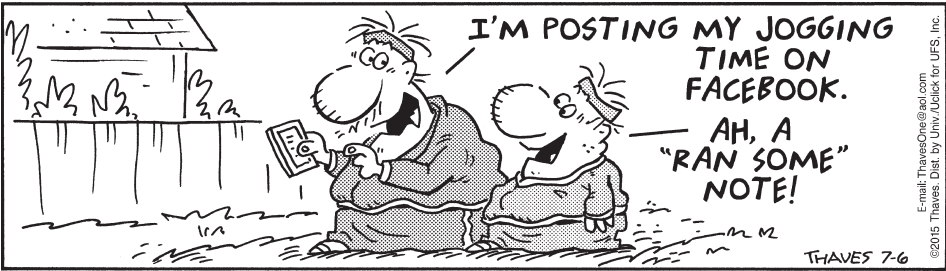
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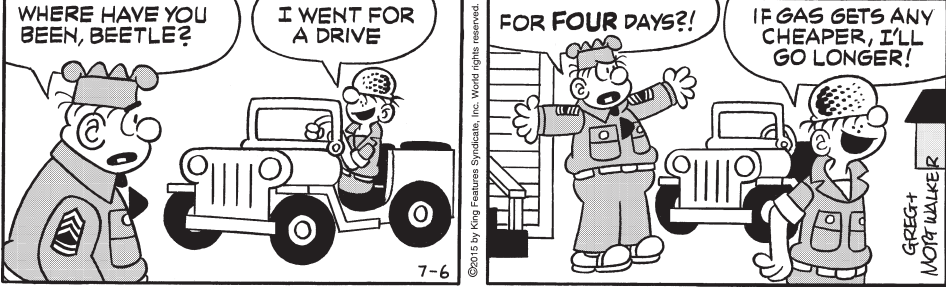
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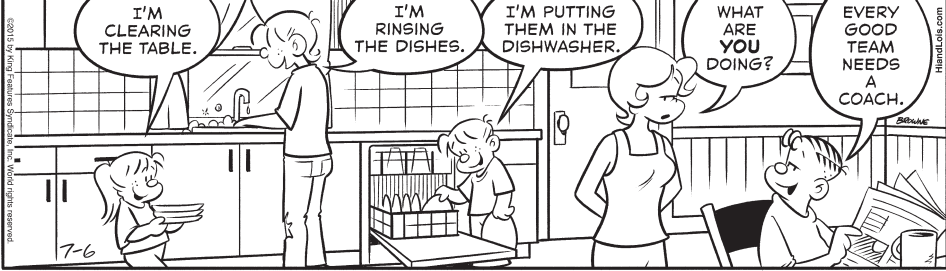
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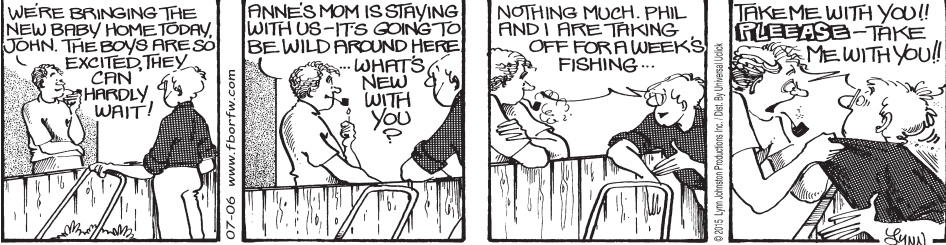
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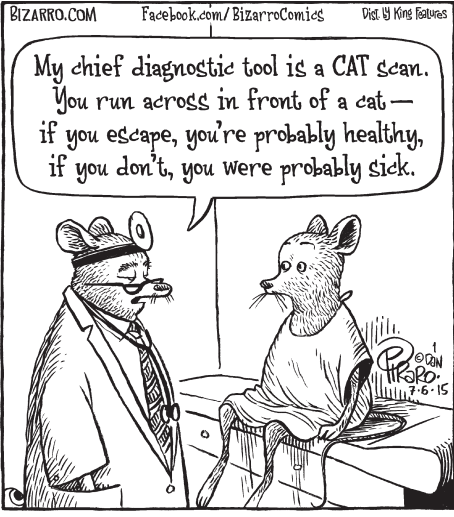
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Aftermath Of Son's Affair Puts Grandmother In Awkward Spot

DEAR ABBY: My son had an affair that resulted in the birth of a child outside his marriage. The baby is extremely ill. My daughter-in-law has forgiven my son for his infidelity, and along with my two grandchildren, the little family is trying to rebuild and also do right by the baby.

The baby's mother stays in contact with us, although she is bitter and unpleasant to my son because he would not leave his family for her. However, she does keep us abreast of the baby's ongoing medical condition and needs. She confided to me that she got pregnant hoping that my son would finally leave his family.

My question is: How do I handle the relationship we have been forced into with the baby's mother? I need moral guidance, and some kind of etiquette guidance as well. —MORAL DILEMMA IN GEORGIA

DEAR M.D.: Don't blame the woman for feeling bitter. Her attempt to force your son into leaving his family failed, and she's now responsible for a very sick child. However, that doesn't change the fact that the baby is your grandchild, and she is your grandchild's mother. Treat her with kindness. Don't make things more difficult than they are by being hostile or judgmental. She's paying for this affair and will for many years to come. Remember always that she is manipulative, but treat her with compassion.

DEAR ABBY: I have a good friend I've known for 35 years. I was there for her during some rough times when we were both living paycheck-to-paycheck. Long story short, she's now married to a millionaire, and every time we get together, she insists on picking up the check.

Truthfully, I suppose it makes no sense for me to pay. I get that. Fifty dollars to me is like 50 cents to her. But the last thing I want is for her to feel I'm taking advantage or taking her for granted. Once I did grab the dinner tab, and she really let me have it!

Am I overthinking this? Should I just accept her good fortune and generosity? —VALUES FRIENDSHIP IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR VALUES FRIENDSHIP: It appears your friend also values friendship and appreciates how precious long-term relationships are. The two of you have a lot of shared history, and that kind of friendship isn't easy to replicate.

I do think you should accept her generosity, but I also think you should share your feelings with her so she can put your mind at ease. If it will make you feel less indebted, consider giving her an occasional gift. It doesn't have to be expensive, just thoughtful.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: What are the best words to use when you realize the psychotherapist you recently began therapy with isn't the right one for you? Should the words be said in person, over the phone in his voicemail or in writing? I want to get this over with as soon as possible and start looking for someone who may better suit me and my issues. —LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT ONE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LOOKING: The words are, "This isn't working for me, and I won't be coming back." Be sure to tell the person why. Your message can be conveyed face-to-face, left as a phone message or be put in writing. The choice is yours.

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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 Cancer and a Moon in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015:

This year you find that others express their discontentment more often. Avoid getting into power plays by simply not playing. You have a vision that others cannot grasp. Trying to communicate sometimes might be difficult. If you are single, you seem to know when you meet the right person. After August, someone of interest is likely to walk through the door. If you are attached, the two of you find much of this year to be very special, particularly once summer passes. You and your sweetie will want to create situations where you can be alone with each other! PISCES might not be realistic, but you enjoy his or her far-out ideas.

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)

★★★ Take your time when making decisions; some confusion seems to surround a situation. Events involving your personal life might enter your mind at inopportune moments. Though you might want to be direct and take on the matter, is that the best way? Tonight: Read between the lines.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Others might misread a statement. However, you see the same message in the best possible light. Any attempt to rein in a friend who seems to be wearing rose-colored glasses will most likely fail. Go where your efforts count. Tonight: Avoid a conflict that is not yours.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Allow more creativity into the moment. A financial matter could be beyond your ability to handle. Go to someone in the know and get some feedback. A boss might be a visionary, but does his or her vision really work? Keep your thoughts to yourself for now. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You'll be able to see where someone is coming from by looking at his or her actions. In fact, you will like this person's way of handling a personal matter. You see life from a different perspective. Your vision of what is possible could be challenged. Tonight: Avoid a skirmish.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ A partner will have a lot to share. You expect some far-out ideas from this person, but

what you hear could surprise you. You might experience some difficulty with your schedule or with a health matter. Is it time for a checkup? Tonight: Listen to someone else's story.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Defer to someone else, and you might be taken aback by how different his or her approach is. Open up to new possibilities, and remain in touch with this person's needs. Avoid a conflict or a power play with a loved one over long-term desires. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You could be surprised by your lack of organization right now. Open up to new possibilities that head your way. Understand what is happening with a loved one, but opt not to get into a conflict. You might be quite uncomfortable with the situation. Tonight: Pace yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for more information. You might not be getting the whole story, which could result in a faulty decision. Choose your words with care; otherwise, you could anger someone. Tap into your creativity and look at the big picture. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Tension builds. Remember that often it is a fundamental judgment you make about a situation that results in stress. Use caution with money agreements. Try not to sign any contracts, and be sure to count your change. You will be much happier as a result. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might be more demanding than you realize. If you find yourself in the middle of an argument, ask yourself why you are pushing others so hard; that attitude no longer works. Make amends by explaining the vision behind what you are fighting for. Tonight: Hang out and relax.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

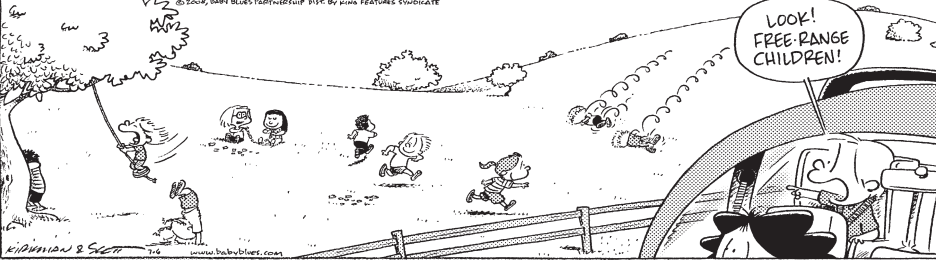
★★★ If you would rather go off and do something spontaneous, do so. You might need to work through the pros and cons of a potential argument first. Remember, everyone sees situations differently. When you return, you will be able to handle this matter. Tonight: Dinner for two.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might be able to bypass a hassle today, but it is possible that this issue could emerge again later on? Your imagination will allow you to do the impossible when working with an idea. Others enjoy your ingenuity and how it helps in various situations. Tonight: Just be you.

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