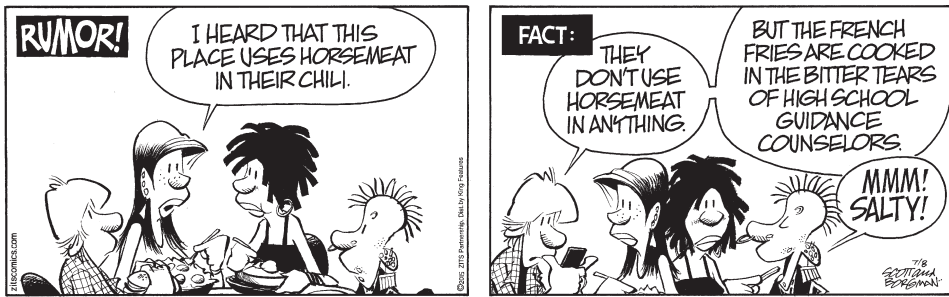


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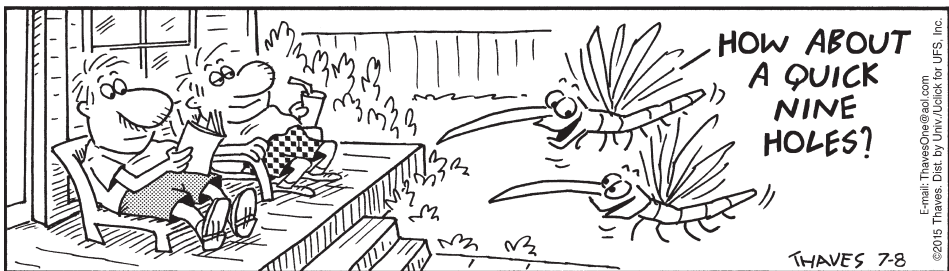
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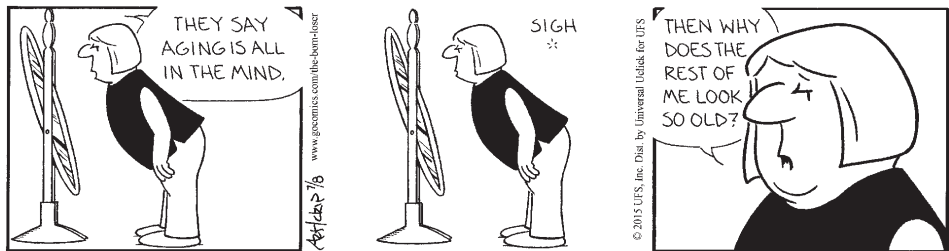
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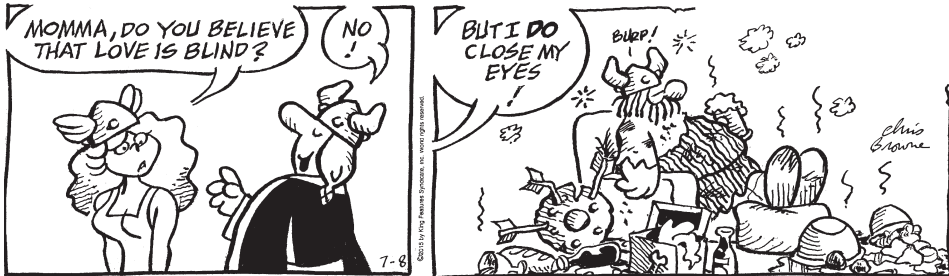
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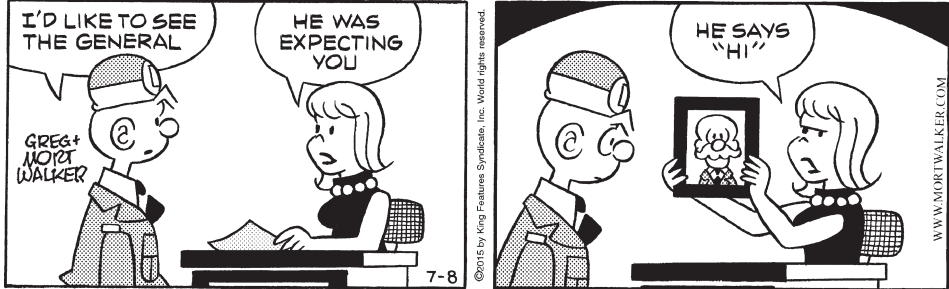
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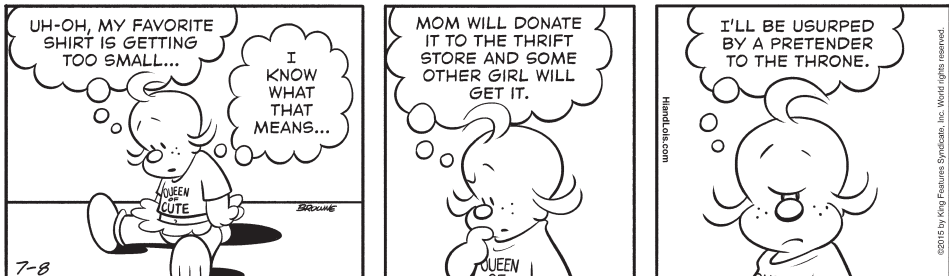
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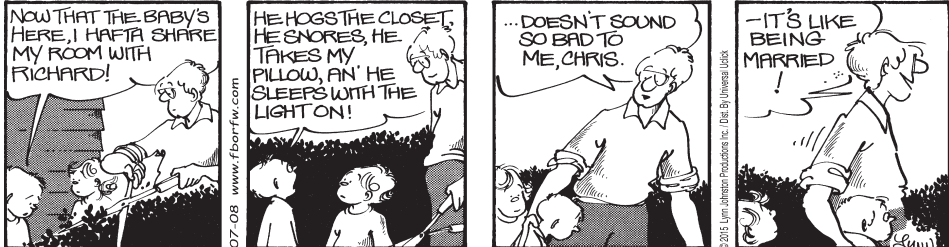
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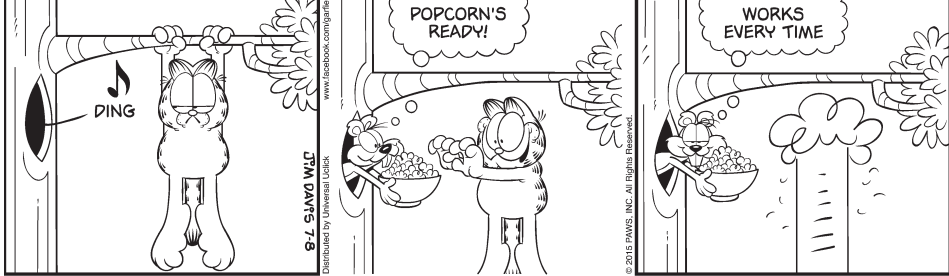
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Woman Who Is HIV-Positive Is Hiding Her Status From Men

DEAR ABBY: I moved away from my hometown 18 years ago. At the time, a friend of mine had found out she was HIV-positive. Thankfully, healthwise she's doing well. To look at her you would never know.

We have reconnected, but I have recently learned that she had several relationships in the past and didn't reveal that she was HIV-positive or use protection. She says she "loves" these men, their families and their children. It makes me sick that she's killing them.

Someone called her doctor and he talked to her about it, but she lied and said that she had told them. These men have no idea! What can be done so she quits spreading this disease? — SHE'S KILLING THEM IN INDIANA

DEAR S.K.T.: I ran your letter by an old and trusted friend, Dr. Mervyn Silverman, former director of health in San Francisco. He asked me to reassure you that if your friend has been under treatment for HIV, her chances of passing it on are far less than they were years ago. He also mentioned that if these men's wives had contracted HIV from their husbands and become pregnant, that their disease would very likely have been discovered.

You need to talk to your friend and explain that this is both a health issue and one of morality. If she's continuing to have unprotected sex with her partners, there is still some potential risk that she could pass along the virus. So if she truly loves anyone but herself, she will get with the program and be honest about her health status.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mother of two wonderful daughters. I have a fantastic boyfriend, "Roy," who I met when I was pregnant with my second. We have been together for six months and I love him very much.

Unfortunately, he has become mildly controlling and critical. Roy has no children of his own, and he doesn't seem to realize what goes into working, raising children and running a household. Recently, he gave me a promise ring, which I accepted. He's great with the girls and he makes me happy.

My father, however, says that the controlling behavior will only get worse down the road. I think it's because Roy was laid off from work and is having a hard time finding a job. I'm sure once he's working he'll be less focused on me. Who's right, me or my father? — MOM OF TWO IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR MOM OF TWO: When a couple has been together for only six months, they are usually still in what is referred to as the "honeymoon phase." Has Roy been jobless since you met him? If the layoff is recent, then his change in behavior may be related to his frustration at not being able to find another job.

However, your father not only has a point, he also has more experience than you do. Pay attention to what he's telling you. If Roy becomes increasingly controlling and critical, you'll know your father was right, and you should return that promise ring.

So take your time and please don't rush!

DEAR ABBY: I have been a divorcee for 12 years. I haven't dated in more than a decade. I know a man who was widowed a couple of months ago. His wife died in her sleep. I have always been interested in him. When would it be appropriate to approach him? — INTERESTED IN CHICAGO

DEAR INTERESTED: If I were you, I'd get in line NOW.

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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 Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015:

This year you feel a strong drive to head in a certain direction in order to achieve your goals. With all the energy you naturally stir up, you probably will take on a community commitment. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone in a most unexpected way. You will note a case of the butterflies when you are around this person. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from taking on a new hobby or project together. You tend to isolate yourselves, even when in groups, because you like sharing so much time with each other. ARIES often intimidates or exhausts 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 might feel pressured at home or at work. You will be eyeing a potential change. If you feel uncomfortable, look within for a response. You also might decide to say less but connect more often with a family member who seems to need you. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Don't push so hard to have your way. You know what you are doing, but those around you might be hesitant. Be careful not to displace your anger. You might be taken aback by everything that is happening around you. Slow down the pace. Tonight: Listen to your inner voice.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You might need to relax some and not worry so much about someone else's reaction. You could be tired and worn out by a situation that you cannot change. Stay on top of your priorities. Honor a friend's request. A meeting could be very important. Tonight: Friends equal fun.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might want to try a different way of handling a pressured situation. You will need to keep communication open, but you also could be becoming less willing to find a solution. Ask yourself what would work best. Be willing to walk away, if need be. Tonight: Up late.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Some of you might not be aware of how much you are suppressing anger. It would

be best to detach for now. Communication needs to be authentic to make the difference you want. Cut through confusion with what you know is true. Tonight: Do something totally different.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Have one-and-one conversations. A friend who seems to be on the warpath might surprise you by forcing you to take another look at your relationship. Tap into your imagination and try to see a situation differently. A loved one is likely to shock you. Tonight: Among the crowds.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Defer to others in order to get a different perspective. Remain confident, even if events prove to be full of surprises or someone does the unexpected. Refuse to allow yourself to be irritated by everything that happens. Tonight: Defer, defer, defer.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Get into a project, and you might be able to avoid a problem with an associate who is on the warpath. Honor a change of direction, and know what you need and want. Be more direct, and make fewer assertions about the other party. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could be deciding to venture out in a new direction. Others like to share their ideas with you because you take and integrate them well. One-on-one relating has many surprises, as you will discover. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Allow your imagination to decide.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Deal with a property matter that is likely to surprise you in some way. Others share an interest in what you are doing. Try to avoid stirring the pot. A friend might not be as supportive as you would like him or her to be. Understand what is going on. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Ask rather than sit on a question too long. You might wonder what would be the best way to handle a problem that arises from out of the blue. You can discuss it forever, but you will need to take action to resolve the problem. Do not overthink. Tonight: Catch up on news.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

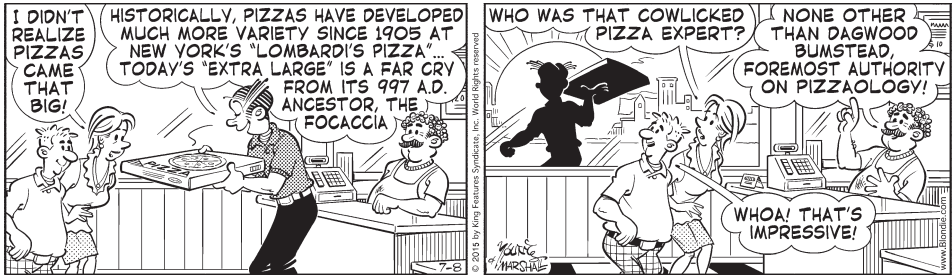
★★★★ You'll move into a new realm of thinking. How you handle a personal matter could change as a result. You will be more willing to express what others view as being a very wild idea. Allow your imagination to flow. Avoid taking any financial risks. Tonight: Make it your treat.

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