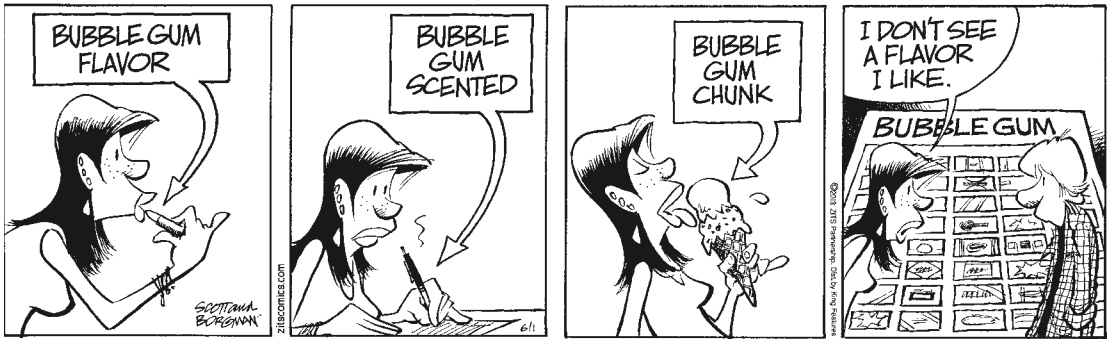


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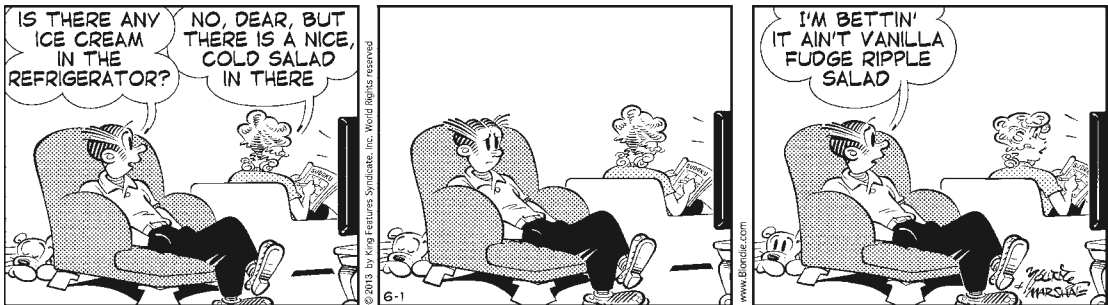
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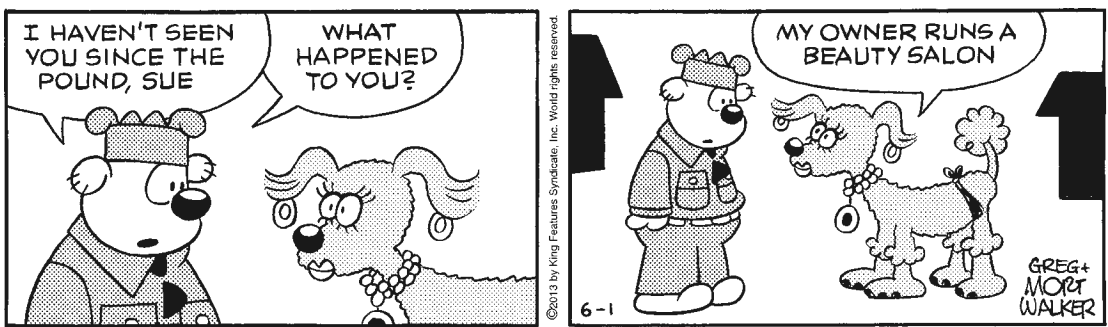
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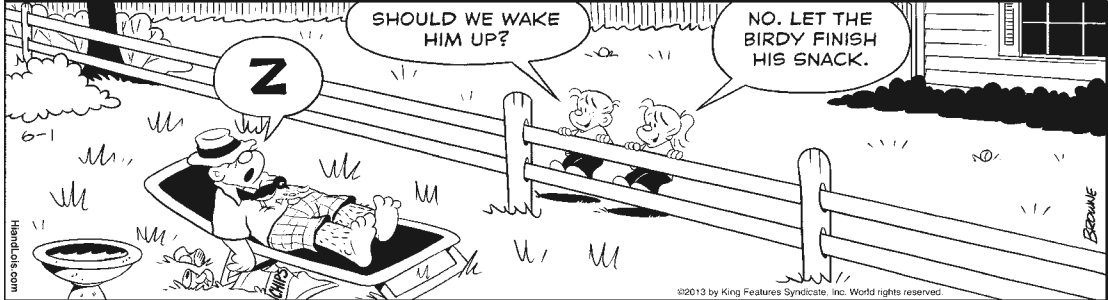
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Isolated Home-Schooler Cuts Herself To Relieve Loneliness

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl. I am home-schooled with one friend. I'm lonely, sad, mad and depressed. I have always wanted to go to a real school, but it's not an option for me. My parents are against it.

I am always lonely. I don't know where to turn. I want to meet new people, but I don't know how, or if my parents will let me do new things. I have been cutting myself for more than a year and have lost all motivation to do my schoolwork. I feel lost. Please help me. — SAD, MAD AND DEPRESSED IN BOZEMAN, MONT.

DEAR SAD, MAD AND DEPRESSED: Most parents who home-school make sure their children are exposed to activities within the community to ensure they engage with people of all ages. They participate in scouting, 4-H, sports, field trips, etc.

That you cut yourself to distract yourself from the pain of your isolation is serious. If you have a family doctor, please bring this up with him or her so you can receive the help you need to quit.

I'm sure your parents love you and want to protect you, but they appear to be doing it too diligently. At 16, you should be learning to interact with others your age. If you have a relative you trust or feel close to, I'm urging you to talk to that person about this. Your parents will accept the message from another adult.

DEAR ABBY: My husband brought home a puppy he couldn't resist. I wanted to make him happy, so I didn't object. We already have one dog. She's calm, mature and well-trained. She is also used to our schedule (we both work full-time).

We have now decided to try for a baby. The puppy is only 5 months old, and even though it may take months to become pregnant, I'm worried it will

be too much stress to train and care for a puppy while I'm pregnant. When I try to discuss this with my husband, he says, "Everything will work out."

I want the best pregnancy possible, but I also don't want to upset my husband by finding a new family for the puppy. What should I do? — ILLINOIS DOG LOVER

DEAR DOG LOVER: Talk to your husband again and stress to him the importance of seeing that the dog starts obedience classes. While it might be tempting to foist off the responsibility on your husband, you should both be involved so the dog will obey you both. With that accomplished, your pregnancy will be less stressful.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with a man for 10 months. He is 70 and I am 59. Whenever we go to the grocery store, he winks and smiles at all the young, attractive women. Abby, I am fairly attractive for my age, and I don't appreciate his making me feel disrespected this way.

Other than this, he makes me happy. Most of the time, he denies he does it, except when I catch him red-handed. Is there any hope for this relationship? — FEELING DOWN IN THE SOUTH

DEAR FEELING DOWN: Yes, if you can accept him exactly the way he is and not take what he's doing personally. He may smile and wink because he thinks he's being friendly. Or it may be a way of proving to himself that he's still attractive. As long as it's just a smile and a wink by the frozen vegetables, I'd say it's harmless.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Pisces if born before 11:33 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013:

This year you express unusual enthusiasm for life, networking and people in general. Your high energy accompanies this exuberance. You'll discover a long-term desire that comes in from out of left field. Spontaneity surrounds friends. If you are single, your best bet is not to look for a relationship; instead, remain open to the possibility, and you will meet someone in an unexpected way. If you are attached, you will move into a new realm where you infuse your relationship with more vitality. ARIES is a good friend.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Score; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★ You might decide to play "Follow the Leader" for a change, and let someone else orchestrate the plans. You'll be happy curling up and reading a good book. You still seem to embody an element of surprise, even if it is just to yourself. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ Your ability to see past others' agendas does not always benefit you, especially if you feel the need to tell them about it. A splurge seems to be in order. Just make sure that you really enjoy yourself. Tonight: You are the party. Others seem to gravitate toward you.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ Your sense of fun emerges when dealing with an older person. When this person senses what is going on, he or she will join right in. Make a point of spending more time together. You laugh, and others lighten up. Catch up with a pal before the day is over. Tonight: Be the lead actor.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ You might want to entertain someone in a totally different way. You could decide to go off together and try some exotic cuisine. You might have a lot on your mind. Don't assume that everyone else will understand your revelations. Tonight: How about some live music?

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to play it low-key with a partner,

only to find that your friends are not OK with you not joining them. After indulging your partner to the max, try to schedule some activity with your pals. Consider hosting a party at your place. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★★ Go along with plans, but remember that a friend who seems to specialize in uproot will be involved. Take care of yourself first, and choose what works best for you. Acknowledge a need for an internal change, and understand your priorities. Tonight: Add some spice to the mix.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Emphasize your nurturing tendencies and ability to change direction. How you see a situation and the choices you make could be subject to change. Use care with a key partner who means a lot to you, as this person has been very unpredictable. Tonight: Where the fun is.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Your lively manner and fun personality help eliminate a problem that you might not want to face. A key person has many expectations and lets you know in no uncertain terms. Remain responsive to a loved one who wants more time with you. Tonight: Add romance to the mix.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ A partner might be belligerent. Expect more of this behavior, but take the comments with a grain of salt. Your ability to open someone up, especially about a vulnerability, is unique. Someone will apologize for his or her harsh words. Tonight: The action is at your pad.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ You seem to come up with the right words at the right time. Others might not know how to respond, but give them time. You are more in control of a situation that is volatile than you might realize. Know your limits and honor them. Tonight: Get together with friends and loved ones.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Remain sensible with your spending. A child or dear friend knows how to be loveable, and you always want to indulge him or her. For your sake, do not overdo it. Unexpected events can mess up your plans. Remember what your priorities are. Tonight: Let the party go on.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

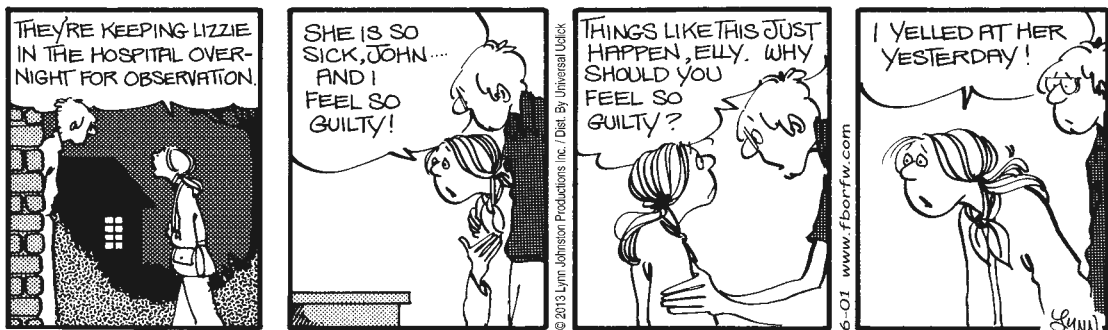
★★★★★ Enjoy the moment, especially when dealing with a family member who does care but might be stubborn or grumpy right now. You could feel as if you have no control. Listen to your inner voice regarding a financial risk. Be smart and get feedback. Tonight: Out and about.

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