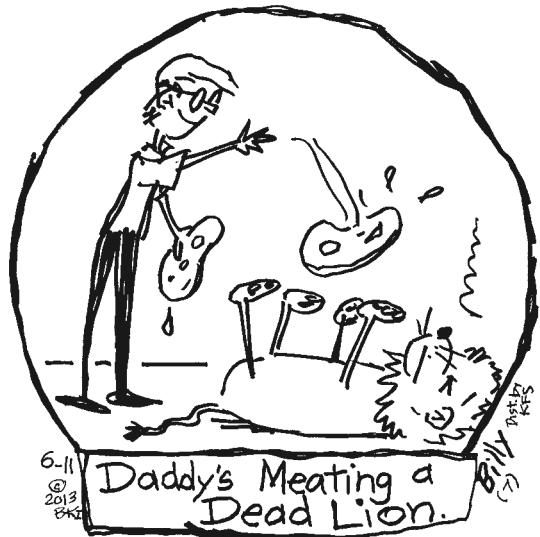


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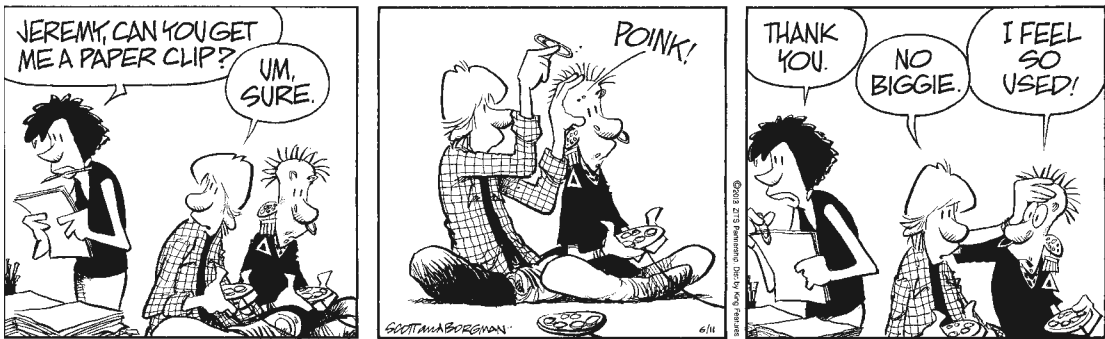


Note: This week seven-year-old Billy fills in with his own very punny cartoons.

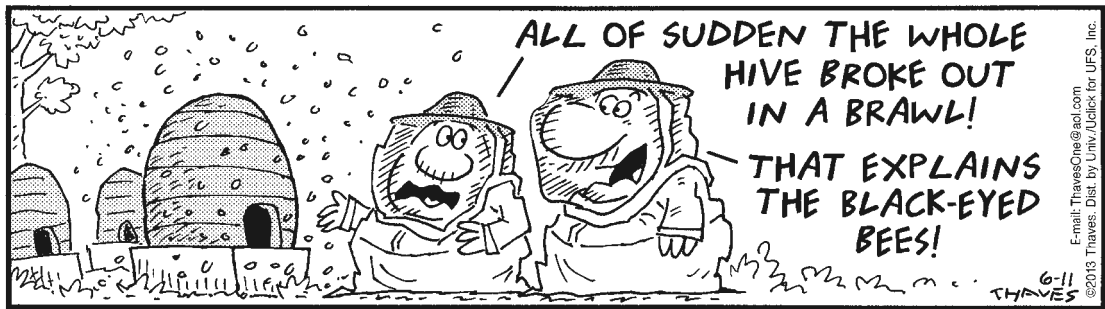
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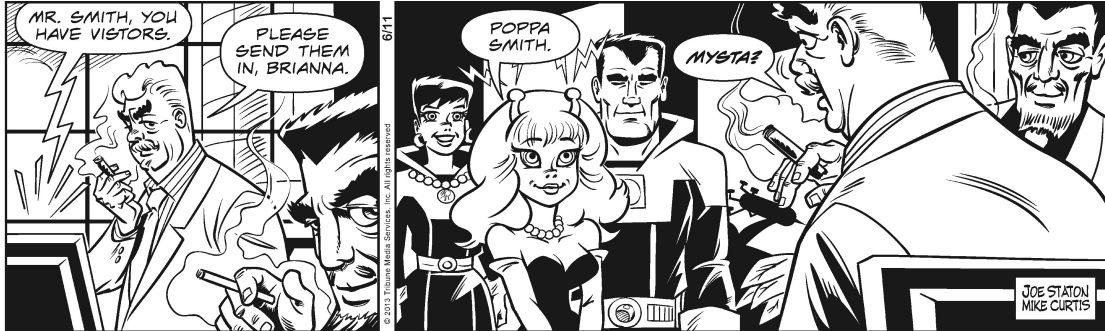
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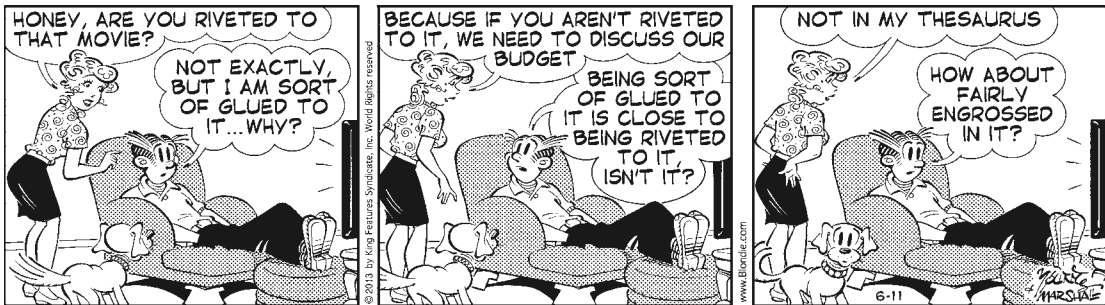
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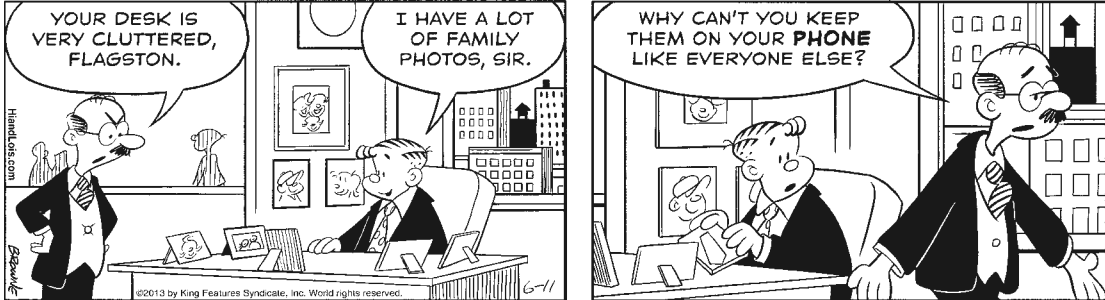
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THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



Widow Of Drug Abuser Fears Her Brother Will Follow Suit

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for as long as I can remember. My husband died from a drug overdose, and I am a widow at 32. He was a good man before the drugs, but he wouldn't stop and I was helpless to intervene. I am now raising our two sons alone.

My problem is my brother is headed down the same road, and I don't know how to help him. I don't have the money to send him to rehab, and he doesn't think he has a problem. He has lost his job, has no vehicle and is losing what friends he has left.

I don't want to turn my back on him or lose him the way I lost my husband. I know he needs rehab or therapy, but with the lack of funds I don't know where to turn. Furthermore, how do I explain this to my 9- and 10-year-old sons? The most influential man in their life is setting a terrible example. — CAN'T TURN AWAY FROM MY BROTHER

DEAR CAN'T TURN AWAY: If seeing your husband die from an overdose wasn't enough to convince your brother it was time to get into a substance abuse program, then nothing you can do will. There are two things that are more important in your life than he is, and those are your two sons. A narcotics addict destroying his life is a very poor role model.

Your boys are old enough to know how dangerous drugs are and that they caused the premature death of their father. Do not permit them to be in the presence of anyone who is abusing drugs and spiraling downward, or they will grow into adolescence thinking it is normal. Your brother is the only person who can help himself get back on his feet, no matter how much you might wish it were otherwise.

DEAR ABBY: I don't understand divorced women

and the restrictions they put on their exes about what they can and can't do with their children. ("You can't let him go to the pool party; he might drown"; "She can't visit with your mother; she has a cat"; "Don't make him rake leaves; that's YOUR job!") Instead, they should be grateful these fathers are active parts of their children's lives. Too many fathers simply walk away. Unless the dad is actively harming the child, they have no right to dictate what their ex does with his kids on his time.

Remember, ladies, you made a baby with him. He is their dad and he has every right to parent as he sees fit, even if it differs from your own philosophy. And dads, don't let your ex try to tell you that you are a bad parent because you let your kid go roller skating and she broke her arm. It is not your fault. Things like that happen all the time, even to kids whose parents are still together. So stand up for your right to be a real dad! — UNSYM-PATHETIC MOM IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR MOM: If I were you, I'd keep my head down and not get caught in the crossfire. It's not that you lack sympathy, but you obviously don't relate to the women you hear complain. While some of them may seem controlling or hyper-protective, others may have valid concerns about their children's safety while they're with Dad.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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 Gemini and a Moon in Cancer if born before 9:58 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013:

This year you open up to many financial changes, and your instincts remain right-on. You will know what to do. You often find yourself caught in a tug-of-war with others. Though some people will tolerate this; many others will not. If you are single, avoid a major control issue in a budding relationship. If you are attached, the only way to avoid a power play is not to get involved. CANCER can be quite self-indulgent.

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 have the ability to see when a situation is heading south, but can you prevent it from happening? Your best bet is to step back and let those involved deal with the ramifications. A serious conversation with others simply will not work. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You are likely to respond instinctively to someone's flak. Be careful, as the nature of your response could define the outcome. At this moment, you might be more idealistic in your hope of having a one-on-one discussion. Do not close doors, even if you want to. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Onward and upward is your attitude right now, despite what is going on around you. How you handle a personal matter could change. Lighten up about the different possibilities. Do not push others away — just continue to head down your chosen path. Tonight: The later, the better.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might feel as if someone has tossed a boomerang in your path. You know how to jump right over it. Do not make someone's interference out to be a bigger deal than it really is. Stay on the same path. You need to follow your own inner voice. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You might decide to rearrange your work schedule and make a change in your daily life. Wait a few days

before making a big announcement, and take some pressure off yourself. Schedule a weekend away in order to ease the tension. Tonight: Perk up with a fun activity.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Aim for what you want. Your creativity soars, and it allows you to see many different avenues to the same end. A meeting could prove to be more interesting than you anticipated, and you might discover that others are of a like mind. Be positive. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening within a friendship. Be aware of your options and the direction in which you are heading. Honor a family member's request, as you might not have a choice anyway. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Accept a surprise invitation.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could make many demands and end up in a strange situation. Stay on top of a personal matter. Return phone calls. A new responsibility could fall on your shoulders out of the blue. Remember, you do know how to say "no." Tonight: Take an overview of the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Know what you expect from a financial partnership. You might wonder where the other party is coming from. Just observe, and you will have your answers. You might need to add in some creative thinking to make it all work. Tonight: Relax more the later it gets.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You express an unusual intensity toward others, specifically one person. Do yourself a favor and take a good look at your behavior. You can change, and he or she might be more responsive as a result. Try not to get so hung up on living out your fantasies. Tonight: Let it happen.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Be direct in how you handle an issue that could affect your daily life. Check in with a dentist and doctor soon. When you're under stress, you need to remember to take care of your health. Follow your intuition on a money matter. Tonight: Choose to do something you enjoy.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

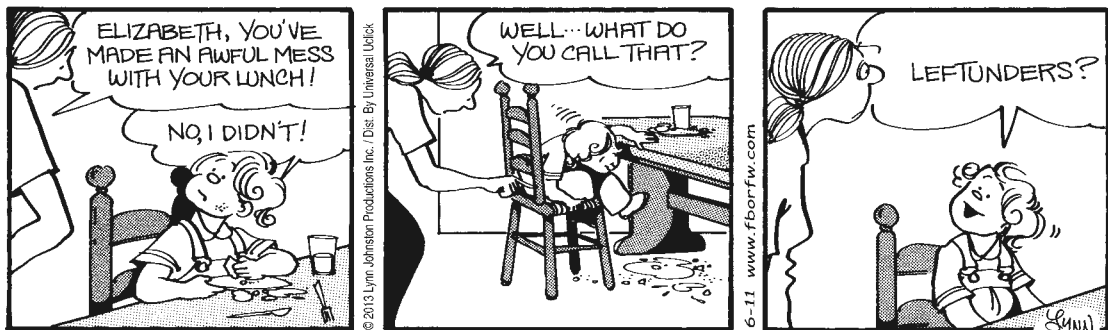
★★★★ You might want to try having another conversation with a loved one. The problem could come from this person's interactions with others. You probably need to maintain some distance, especially if you are not directly involved. Tonight: Let your inner child out.

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