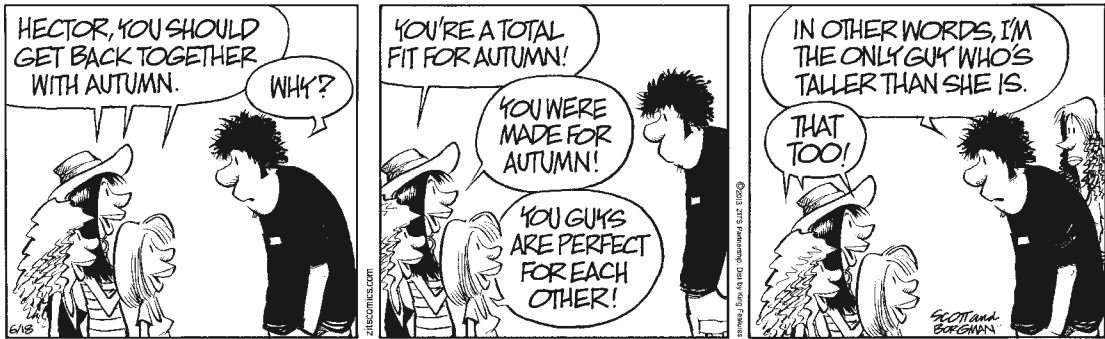


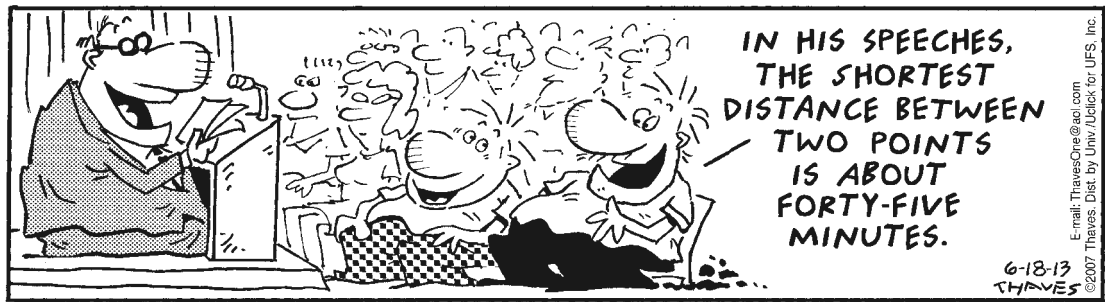
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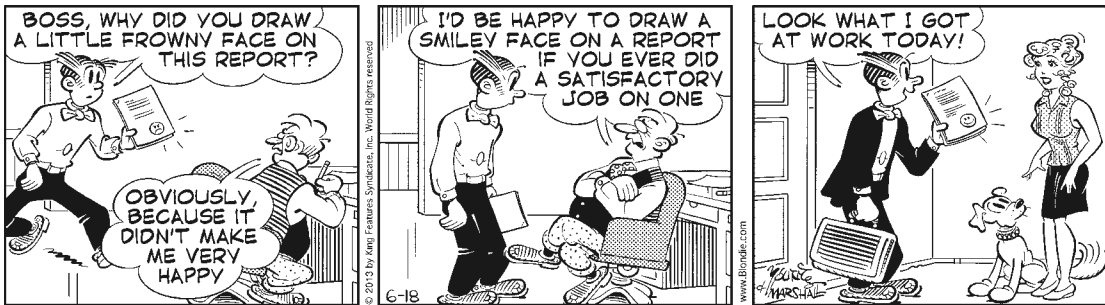
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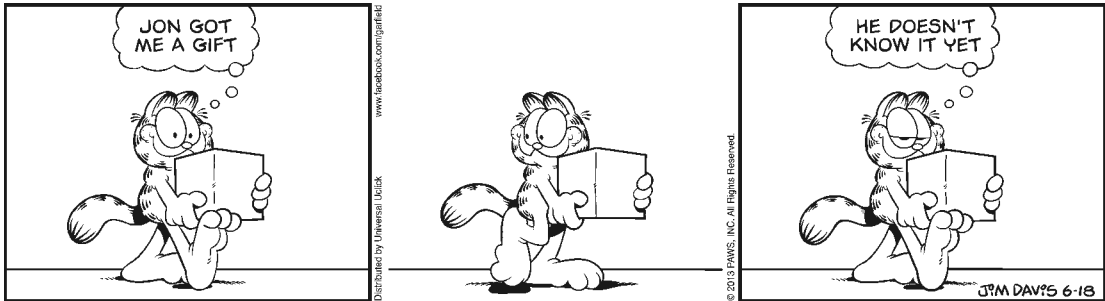
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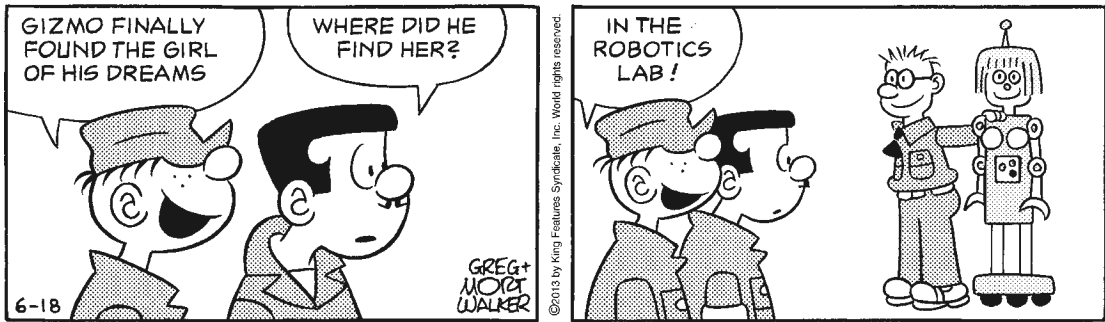
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Jew Striving For Orthodox Life Wants Fiance To Support Her

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my fiance for four years. He is 32, I'm 23. He is Catholic and I am Jewish. When I met him, I wasn't particularly religious, but since planning a trip to Israel and after studying under a rabbi, I have become more religious.

I now keep kosher and try to be as close to Orthodox as I can. I eventually want an Orthodox Jewish home and for my children to be raised Jewish. But every time I try to discuss this with him, he nods his head and says in a sarcastic tone, "Uh-huh."

I don't think he understands how serious I am about becoming Orthodox, even though I live the lifestyle now. How can I ensure that he will live and raise our children in an Orthodox Jewish way before I walk down the aisle and it is too late? — KEEPING KOSHER IN NEW YORK

DEAR KEEPING KOSHER: Your fiance is behaving as if he thinks you are going through a phase rather than making an actual commitment to becoming Orthodox Jewish. If he had any interest in raising his children in the Jewish faith, he would have shown it by asking questions and trying to learn more about what that would entail. I won't mince words with you: The only guarantee I can offer that your children will be raised Orthodox Jewish would be for you to marry a man who feels similarly.

DEAR ABBY: My wife is the best thing that ever happened to me. After 34 years together — 28 of them married — she is still the love of my life. How can I express this to her?

I have done the usual things over the years: candy, flowers, presents. I give cards, but I am not a wordsmith. I love her so much I don't know if it is even possible to express it with words or gifts, but still I try.

Do you have any suggestions on how I can convey my love to this wonderful woman who I call my wife? — SPEECHLESS IN OHIO

DEAR SPEECHLESS: You don't have to be a wordsmith to say "I love you" when she awakens in the morn-

ing and repeat it as she goes to sleep each night. Flowers, candy and presents are demonstrations of your love, but just as meaningful can be something as simple as holding her hand when you walk together and turning up the thermostat when she's chilly — even if you aren't.

DEAR ABBY: May I vent about something? It really irritates me when people write to you and blame a bad childhood on how they turned out. I didn't have the best childhood. I was molested by my mom's second husband, was on my own at 15, and pregnant at 16 and again at 17. I wasn't on welfare when I had my kids — I have worked and supported them by myself from day one. Don't get me wrong: I'm not bragging. But I had a tough time growing up. Now, at 33, I have two beautiful daughters who turned out well. I also have a good job and a fiance who loves us all.

We are who we make ourselves become. It doesn't always have to turn into a tragedy. I get so tired of hearing about people who kill, people who are strung out on drugs, and people in general who blame everything on when they were kids and how bad they had it. — DOING JUST FINE IN TEXAS

DEAR DOING JUST FINE: You are entitled to vent; that's what I'm here for. I commend you for your determination, resilience and resourcefulness in dealing with the challenges you faced while growing up, and for passing those traits on to your daughters.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding 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 Libra if born before 11:09 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013:

This year you will be able to understand others even better as you perfect the art of detachment. Misunderstandings will be less frequent as a result. If you are single, there is no shortage of admirers. Date until you feel sure that you have met the right person for this time in your life. If you are attached, the two of you have much energy between you. You are a strong combination as a team. LIBRA knows how to tease you until you get over yourself. 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)

★★★★ If you choose not to defer to others, the result might be better than in the recent past. You are a natural leader. Optimism surrounds others, and they will be more open. Communicate your bottom line. Whether it will be honored is another story! Tonight: Time with a key loved one.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Continue the push to accomplish key tasks. Handle a financial conversation with care. Confirm what you are hearing. If need be, get an agreement written down; otherwise, there could be quite an unusual turnaround. Tonight: Go as late you want or need, then please relax.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You dance to a different tune, and if you get stopped, you could get aggravated. Be clear about where you are coming from in an overwhelming situation where misunderstandings might happen more easily. Many people come toward you. Tonight: Others cannot help but respond.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Reach out to others, especially family and close friends. An issue needs to be seen from all perspectives before a decision can be made. Everyone's knowledge, experience and opinions will come together. Tonight: Debate all you want, but know that you have a busy day tomorrow.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Understanding evolves from your recent excessiveness. Try to root out the cause, and you will be happy you did. Misinformation seems to be the status quo

at present. Just wait for more facts; asking questions will only add to the confusion. Tonight: Be playful. Meet friends.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. If information and/or financial facts seem to be skewed, or if you feel off, take a step back and observe what is going on. Assume that time will be your ally, and know that the waiting game will pay off. Tonight: Join a friend and swap stories.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Your personality helps others bypass a problem. Ultimately, their unawareness and carelessness could be an issue. You might want to present the facts as you know them. Cut back on the charm for the time being. In the long run, you will not be blamed. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★ Watch, observe and stay mum. You'll see the underlying cause of a problem as a result. Others might not be ready yet to hear it, though, so be discreet. Do some research in order to stay out of an argument. Tonight: Get some extra R and R, as you are about to go into high gear.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You'll be found shaking your head and feeling uncertain about which way to go with a major consideration or issue. You might sense that information coming from a partner is off. Wait and see what other facts come in. Put off a meeting for now. Tonight: Where crowds are.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You tend to carry a lot of weight on your shoulders. Others want to hear your opinions and feedback. Hold off as long as you can; everyone needs to make his or her own choice. You could see a change in someone's mood. Pace yourself. Tonight: Count on going till the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

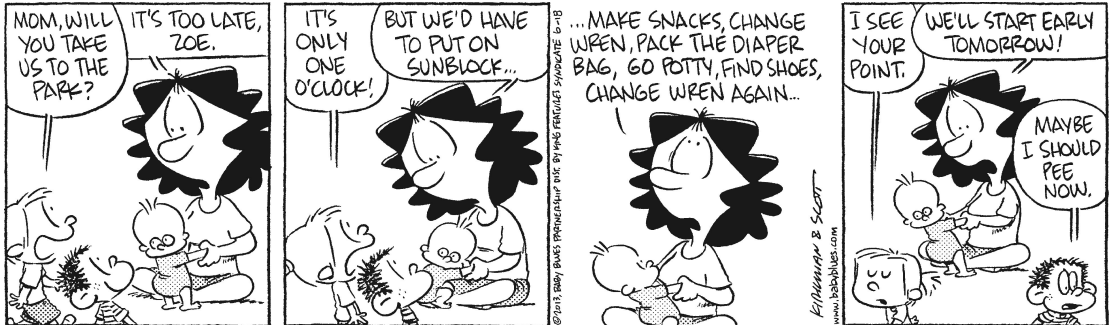
★★★★ You might feel as if you have pushed hard enough. A partner or close friend will take the lead. If you have questions, ask this person for clarification. If you say nothing, it could lead to an unpleasant disagreement later. Avoid this at all costs. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

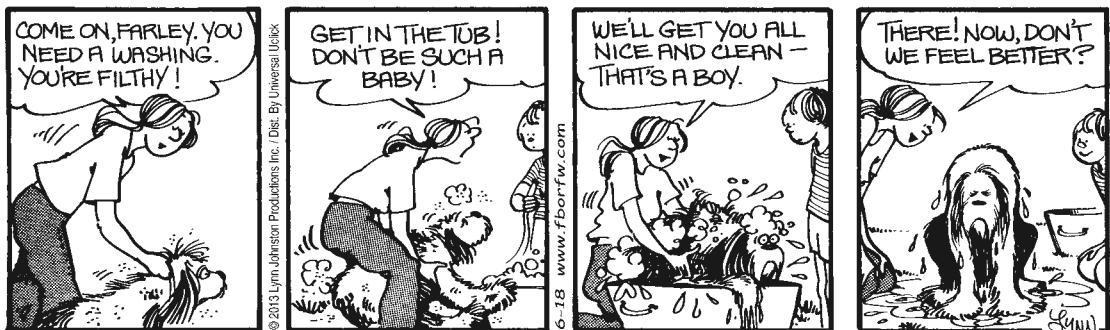
HHHH You need to make it a point to relate directly to someone you care deeply about. This person knows how to respond appropriately, as he or she understands you well. Do not make a misunderstanding out to be more than it really is. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

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