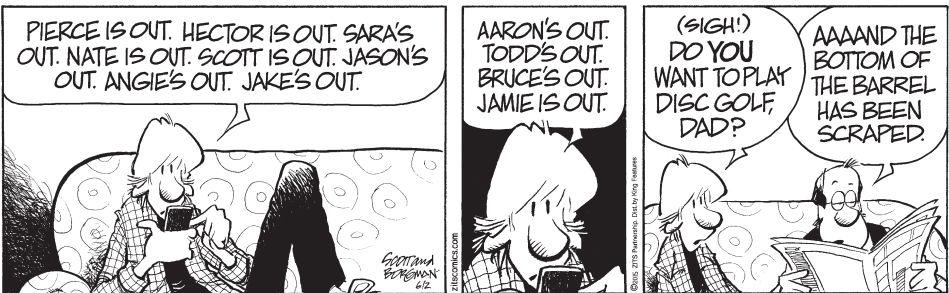


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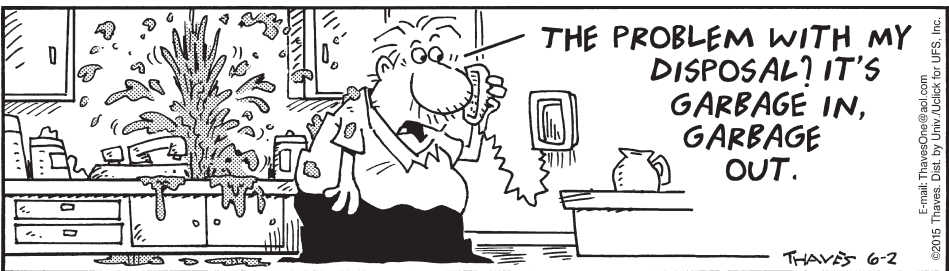
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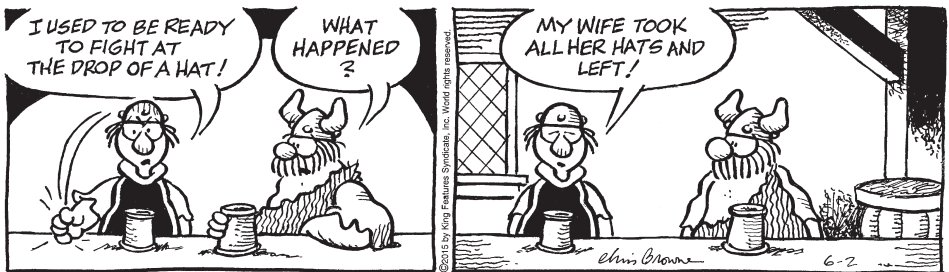
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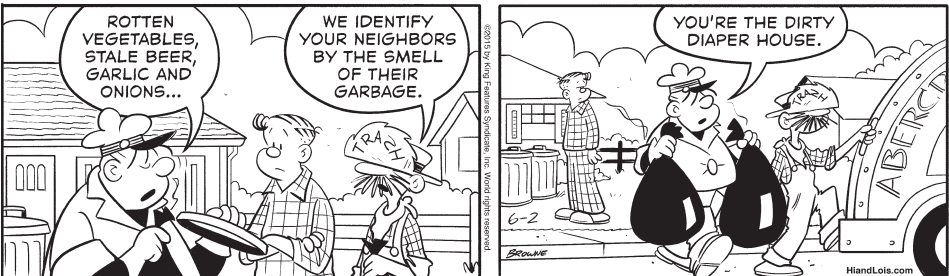
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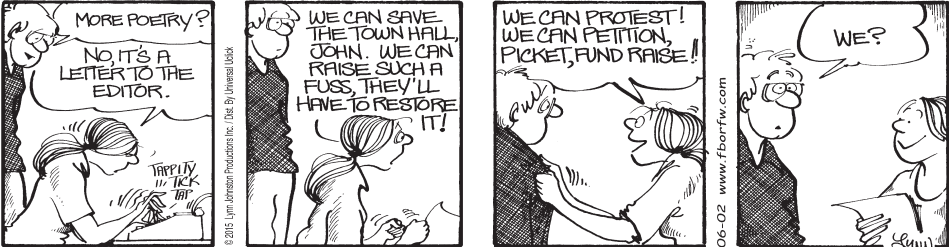
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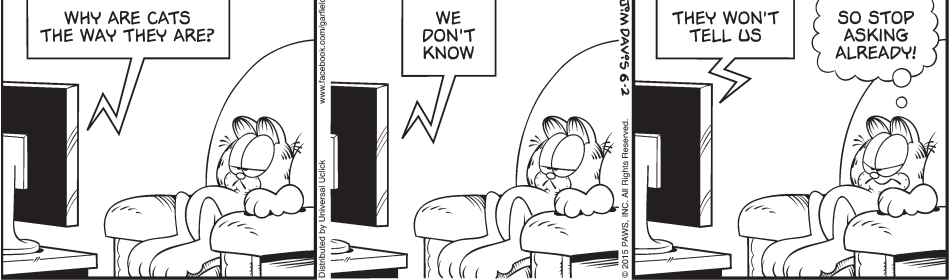
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# Parents Welcome Daughters' Boyfriends Into The Family

DEAR ABBY: We have two lovely daughters in their 20s. The older one lives with her boyfriend. They are expecting a baby soon. Our younger daughter lives with us, and she's planning on moving in with her boyfriend.

We're an old married couple, and we're not sure how to treat our daughters' boyfriends. However, "Gerald" is the father of our new grandchild, and we think of him as family. "Joel" is a great guy who is in love with our younger daughter and vice versa, so we think of him as family, too.

We stumbled through the holidays not knowing if we should get gifts for them. Joel is having a birthday soon. Should we get him a gift? We want to bring the boyfriends into our family and treat them like our children, but we don't know if we're overstepping our bounds. Can we start treating them like sons and wait for them to correct us? – STUMBLING IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR STUMBLING: Stop stumbling. I can't think of a better way to draw your daughters' significant others into your family than to open your hearts, let them know they are welcome and treat them that way.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 17 and will start my senior year of high school next fall. Recently, I started talking to this boy in my cooking class named "Ethan." He's a year older, but I decided to make the first move. We went on a few dates and he was quiet, reserved and respectful. Overall, he's a nice guy.

At first the fact that he's only an inch taller than I am bothered me. But then he told me about a foot deformity he has. He said two of his toes on each foot are attached and he calls them "webbed." When he sent me a photo one day to prove it, I realized his toes were almost entirely attached and I freaked out. I don't know how to feel. Am I being shallow? – NERVOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NERVOUS: No, I think you're being foolish. Ethan's toes are HIS issue, and you appear to be making it yours. You say he's a nice guy. Try to remember you are not dating his

feet, you are dating the person to which they are appended, and a person's toes are not the measure of his character.

P.S. This is an excellent example of why it's unwise to send photos of one's anatomy.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married for the second time. Some of the guests were invited to her first wedding and will be invited to her second one as well.

As her mother, I don't feel right about expecting certain guests who have already given her one wedding gift to give her another at the second wedding. How would you suggest we convey to this "select group" that a gift is not expected from them? Would it be proper to state something such as "Your presence is our present"? – MOTHER OF THE BRIDE, AGAIN

DEAR MOTHER OF THE BRIDE: NO mention of gifts should be made in your daughter's wedding invitation. I agree that guests who gave your daughter gifts for her first wedding should not feel compelled to buy her anything more than a token gift for this one. This goes for ANY guest who attended the first wedding, not just "select" guests, whatever that means. Any discussion regarding gifts should be done verbally by you if you are hosting the wedding.

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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 Sagittarius.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015:

This year you often see both sides of an issue. You might find yourself caught in the middle of a debate. You don't need to play devil's advocate. You have a very easy time convincing the majority of people of the rightness of your ideas. If you are single, your popularity is undeniable. Few can say "no" to you. You'll need to figure out what type of bond you want before you get involved with anyone. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other's company more and more. You allow yourselves to disagree by respecting a difference of opinion. SAGITTARIUS knows how to test your patience.

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 a risk, now that you can see the big picture. Clear up any confusion by having a brainstorming session. You easily could have a misunderstanding arise from out of the blue. Give some extra time and attention to a key person. Tonight: Respond to an inquiry.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Make an extra effort toward key people in your life. How you see a situation is likely to change as a result. You genuinely will feel more upbeat than you have in quite a while. Avoid overspending if possible. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Try to tame your challenging ways in order to get past a problem that keeps reappearing. You might want to let go of an interaction that is most uncomfortable. You could find yourself in a squabble before you realize it. Proceed with care. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Much is going on in your mind, and you could be going over the same scenario over and over again. Do whatever works in order to let go of this mental rehearsal that keeps replaying, and you will feel much better. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You'll discover the pros and cons of a situation by tapping into your ingenuity. An argu-

ment could ensue from out of nowhere. Don't let a misunderstanding develop into anything more; the other party probably has been under a lot of pressure. Tonight: Keep the peace.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ The instinct to stay close to home or to cocoon in some way might not be a bad thing. You have personal matters to handle, and you likely will have to deal with someone who has become quite difficult. Step back and get out of the line of fire. Tonight: Make it easy.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Understand that you can say what you think, but you can't control others' reactions. Honor a change in upcoming plans, or perhaps you will want to take the time to make plans for a long-desired getaway. Tonight: Keep a conversation as nonjudgmental as possible.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might want to try a different approach or a new way of handling a problem. You could be quite exhausted by recent events. Remember that just because someone doesn't agree with you, it doesn't mean you are wrong. Tonight: Make it your treat.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Go after what you want, but expect to get some flak from a loved one. This person simply does not agree with you right now. Take an overview, and you might be able to present the issue in a way that this person can understand. Tonight: Stay on top of a problem.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ A discussion will allow others to express their feelings and support. You might need to have a brainstorming session with someone who likes to play devil's advocate. Understand what is going on in your immediate circle. Tonight: Take a night off from everything.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

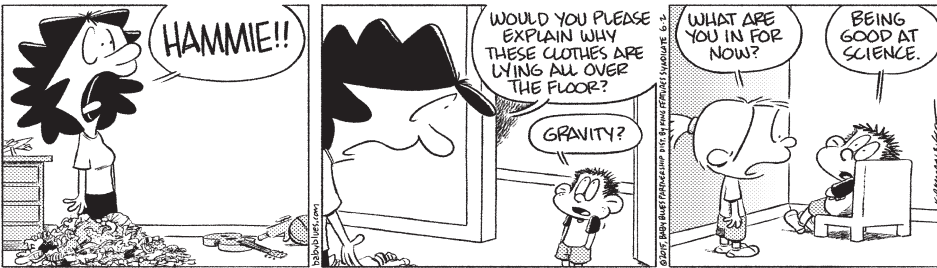
★★★★ You could be dragged down by a situation that becomes difficult, as someone might want to express his or her views and get your approval. You'll be able to prevent a volatile interaction if you choose to. Allow a sense of humor to come into play. Tonight: Hang with friends.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

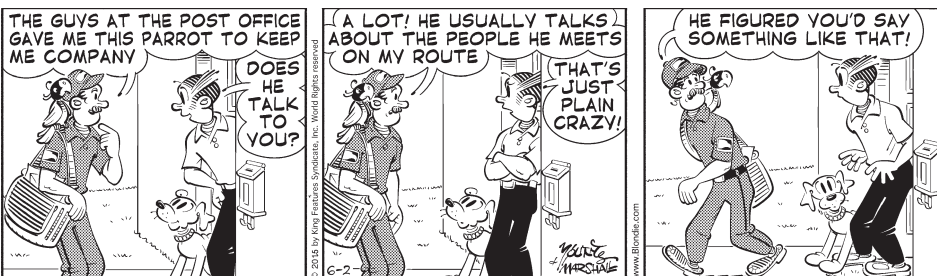
★★★★ You'll greet someone with a great deal of deference. You might be ready to move in a new direction, but someone is likely to disagree with your choice. You will hear about it in no uncertain terms. You both see the matter in a different light. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

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