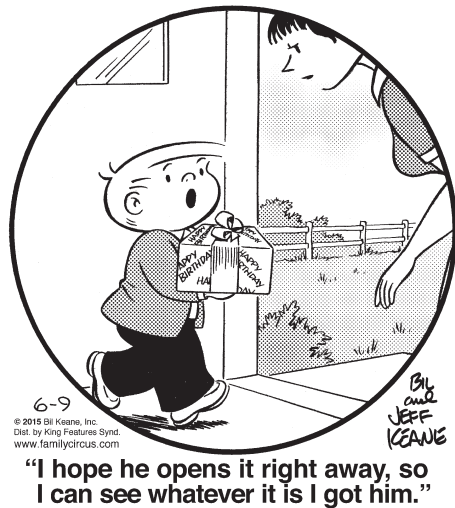
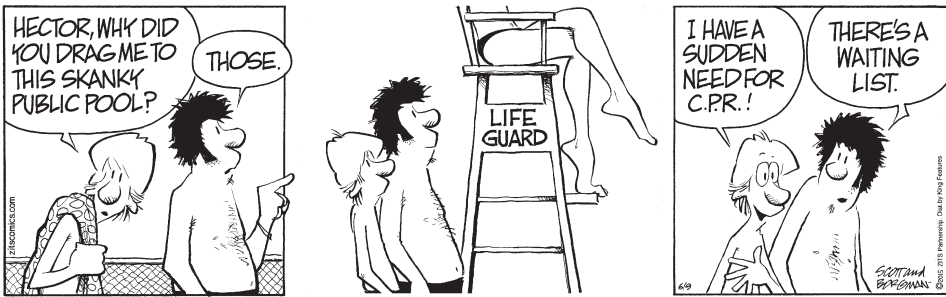


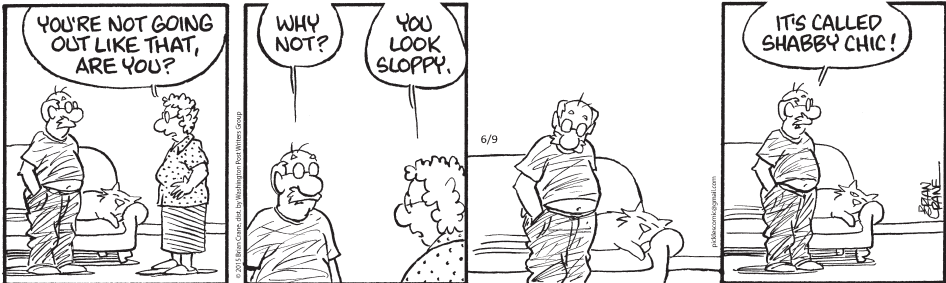
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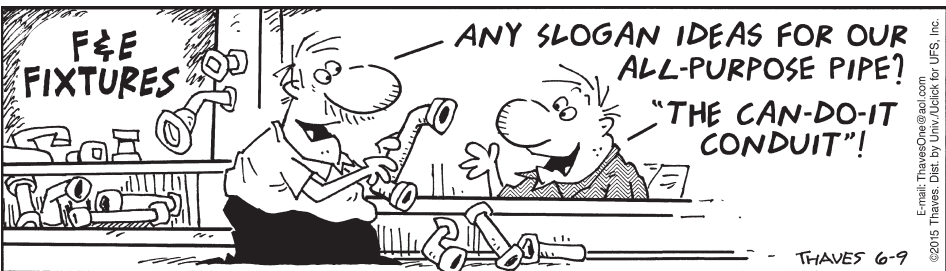
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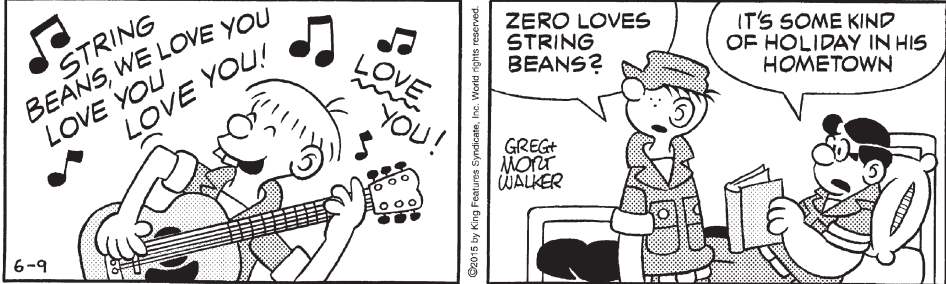
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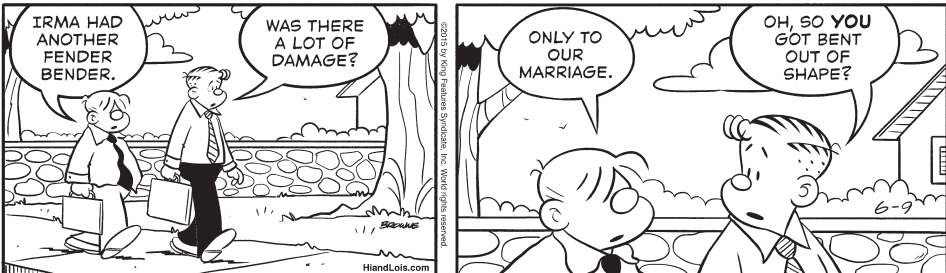
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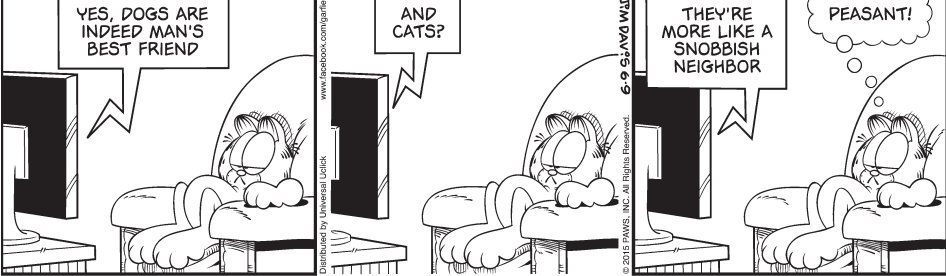
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Meet Comments About Biracial Child With Humor And Pride

DEAR ABBY: May I comment on the letter from "Open-Minded in Pennsylvania" (3/6), the adoptive mother of a biracial child who asked for a witty comeback for strangers' comments/questions? This is a rare teaching moment! If a parent reacts with the slightest hint of displeasure, the child will think the parent is displeased with her/him.

We adopted a daughter of a different race 29 years ago. When I received comments/questions from acquaintances and strangers, my face would light up, and I'd respond, "Oh, we adopted her! She is Filipino! We are so blessed to have her in our lives!" Usually, the person would smile and say something positive. The rare times someone didn't, we would hurry on with a wave and a smile, and I would hug her close.

Our daughter has grown up proud of her ethnic background and knowing she's special. She is now married and the proud mother of two biracial children. — JUDY IN TEXAS

DEAR JUDY: You handled the situation beautifully. I heard from a slew of adoptive parents after printing that letter. Let me share some of their comments:

DEAR ABBY: Thirty years ago, we adopted two baby girls of a different race from ours. Our adoption social worker gave us some insightful advice about what to do when someone made a bigoted or ignorant remark. She said:

"Always remember your child is watching you to see how she is supposed to feel about what has just happened. If you become upset and defensive, your children will feel that way too and begin to believe something is 'wrong' about them and your family. So take the role of teacher and educate the ignorant person. Keep it light, add humor if you can, and then chuckle later with your child and other family members about the silly dumb-

ness of a few people in the world." It worked for us. — ANTONIA, MOTHER OF TWO

DEAR ABBY: When my adopted son from Bogota, Colombia, was about 4 months old, we were shopping for groceries one day. A woman approached our cart and asked, "Where is he from?" I smiled and replied,

"Heaven!" — KATHY IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: I employ a strategy I learned from your column. I face the questioner with a smile and say, "I am stunned that you would ask such a personal thing!" The look on the asker's face is priceless. And it makes it quite clear that I have no obligation to respond to anything someone may choose to ask. To that mother: Hold your head high, radiate pride in your precious child, and know all's right in your world. — PAT IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful grandchild of mixed race. When I'm asked insensitive questions like, "What is he?" I smile, hold him close, and respond, "He's PERFECT — don't you think?" — PROUD GRAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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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 Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015:

This year you will need to recognize that you sometimes say one thing yet do another. Because you might not be aware of this behavior, you should listen to feedback from others. Your temper is close to the surface, and it would be wise to learn to share your feelings before they turn into anger. If you are single, in the next few months you are likely to meet someone who knocks your socks off. This person will have a strong effect on your life. If you are attached, you might need to be more in touch with your feelings and be more aware of your sweetie's response. PISCES can be touchy at times.

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)

★★★ Try not to lose control in a discussion where someone considers him- or herself to be above the majority of people. Follow your intuition, and test out any solutions in your head before you verbalize them. Curb statements that could cause a problem. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Remain focused on your objectives, and don't allow any uproar to distract you. Addressing one item at a time will be the best way to proceed. You might have to switch gears when you least expect to, and it could add to the present confusion. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Tension is likely to build as an authority figure starts causing a problem and creating additional pressure. You might be past the point of worrying about this person's wishes, but that could cause you a major problem where you least want it. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You might want to maintain a lower profile than usual. Anger might rise to the surface, but be smart and don't reveal anything that you'd rather not discuss. Financial gain is possible if you can keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ It doesn't take a genius to see how

stressed out many of your friends and loved ones are. Listen carefully, and try to reconcile all the different opinions. One-on-one relating will result in a different reaction from what you might have anticipated. Tonight: Work through a problem.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ When you try to initiate a conversation with a parent or higher-up, you could discover that there is a problem. You might feel as if this person is using you as his or her punching bag. Use your instincts, and you won't make a bad decision. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Your focus and determination continue to be your strong suits. Others might want to play devil's advocate and go into deep reflection, but you will get the job done. Tension is likely to emerge because of what you must do. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ An interesting conversation with a loved one or someone you are financially involved with is likely to spur your imagination. A discussion with an expert or an older friend will point you toward a positive path. Follow through, and don't question yourself. Tonight: Be a duo.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You could be juggling more than you want to handle. You'll see an important relationship or a matter involving your home experience some ups and downs. You might find it hard to be present, especially as others seem to be demanding! Tonight: Go for what you want.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Keep communication moving. You might feel as if you have too much information. You will want to change your approach with several people, especially if they are loose cannons. Listen to an associate who is argumentative, but wait to comment. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You might want to revise your thinking about a risk for now. Your creativity easily translates into ingenuity when dealing with a touchy associate or loved one. Don't get your funds involved in any of your dealings, except when paying for lunch! Tonight: Pay bills.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

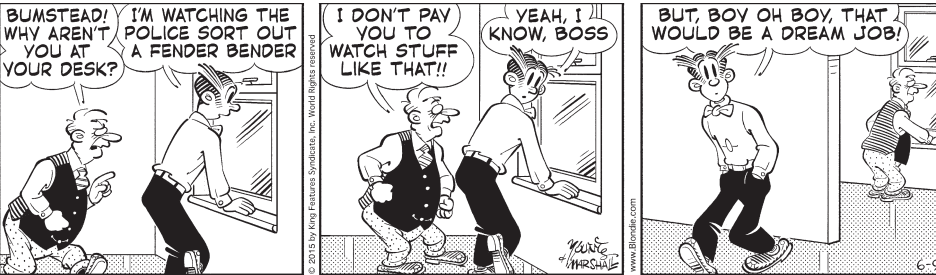
★★★★ You might want to come to a better understanding of what is happening with a loved one. You could be overwhelmed by this person's attitude, which is likely to be cantankerous and difficult. Go off and do something just for you. Tonight: Let the games begin!

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