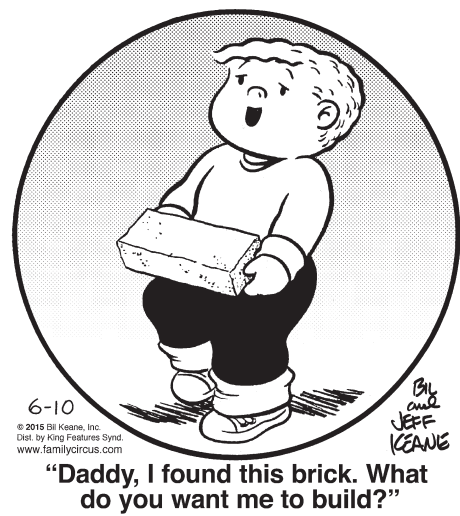


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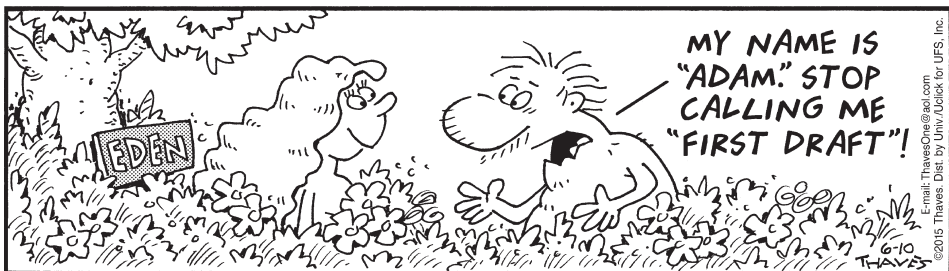
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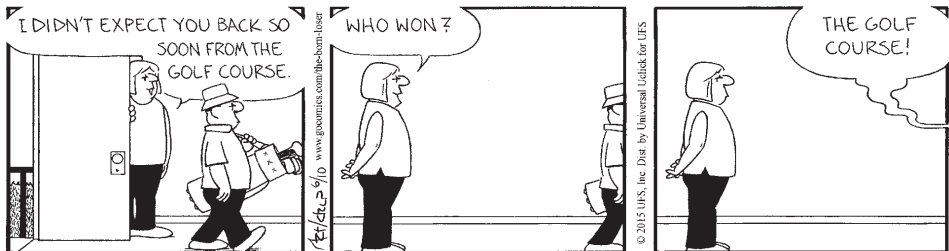
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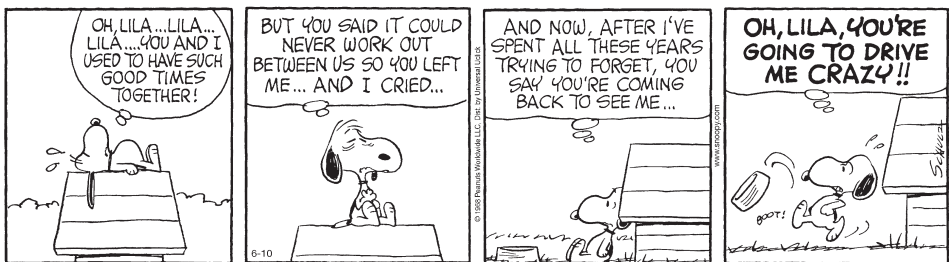
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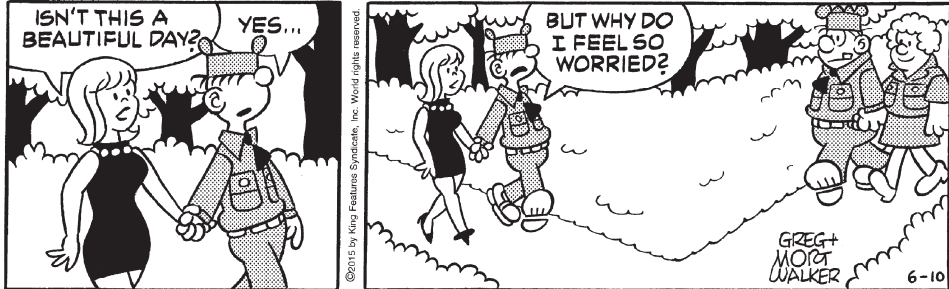
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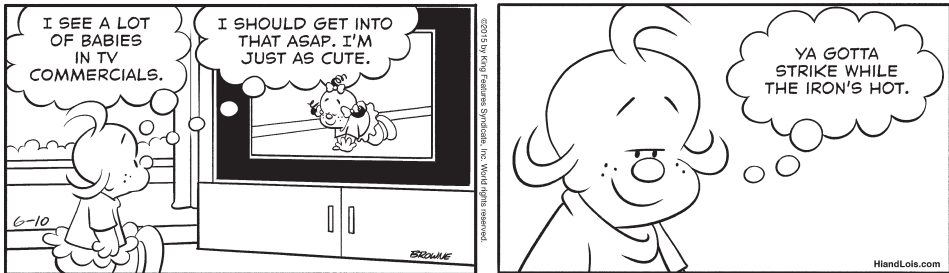
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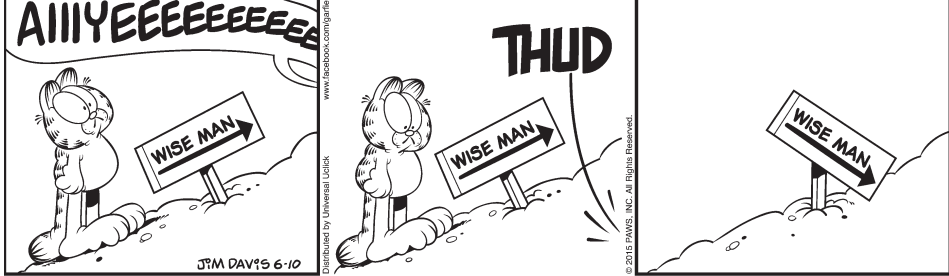
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Daughter With Absent Father Needs To Be Told The Truth

DEAR ABBY: Several months after I had my first daughter from a six-year relationship that ended sadly, I started flirting with a married man. (I realize now that I was still heartbroken and trying desperately to forget my ex.) The flirtation turned into a full-blown affair that resulted in another child. Her father isn't in the picture because the now-ex-wife (who still lives with him) forbids him from having any contact whatsoever with our daughter.

I admit I have lied by telling my little girl that her daddy is a workaholic, and that's the reason he doesn't see her when she asks about him. She is now 4. How or when do I tell her the truth? Would counseling help? – ON THE SPOT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ON THE SPOT: You didn't mention whether your former lover is contributing financially to the support of his daughter, but if he isn't, please make sure he does. An attorney can help, and so can the child-support agency in your state.

And yes, it would also be a good idea to discuss this with a counselor to help you communicate to your daughter, in a way that's age-appropriate and won't damage her self-esteem, that Daddy won't be in the picture. It's important she knows she can trust her mother to give honest answers when she asks a question, because if she doubts it, it may create problems when she's older.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were going along in life, doing it our way, until we decided we wanted to return to the church, so we stopped drinking and smoking pot. We hit a rough patch in that journey and divorced, but we didn't stop going to church. It's crazy, I know. After we divorced, I knew I messed up and deep down I knew I loved him.

So, now that we have remarried, it seems

like he's taking the role of Christian husband back to biblical times. This means he is the head of the house (which I get), but to the point where I am almost like a fixture.

I would say I'm here for my looks, but I am overweight. I would say it's for the sex, but it isn't happening morning, noon and night, if you know what I mean. I would say it is the money, but now, after his last raise, he makes more than I do.

He cooks most of the time because he gets home before me. The house is always clean, and we share the household bills and expenses. So, I'm kinda lost and confused. Do I have a purpose here? Or am I only here to help pay the bills? – STARTING TO WONDER

DEAR STARTING TO WONDER: Only your husband can answer that question. However, part of a husband's duties to his wife is to make her feel "honored and cherished," and if that isn't happening, your remarriage is in trouble. Marriage counseling (possibly within the church) might help you to reconnect with each other, and I strongly recommend it. Unless you find out why you're unhappy and fix it, this marriage will not last.

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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 if born before 4:14 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015:

This year you will be more forthright and expressive than you have been in the past. You have fun and enjoy your friendships more. You might decide to become involved in a community project or some kind of club. Through this commitment, you will network and expand your social circle. If you are single, someone life-changing could enter your life in the next few months. You will know when you meet this person. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other's company more and more. Some of you will relocate, while others simply will choose to spruce up your home. ARIES can really get you going.

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)

★★★★ Your fiery attitude and high energy will clear away a lot of obstacles. A long-overdue conversation could end a misunderstanding, as long as it is void of sarcasm. Demonstrate your caring, and be receptive to new ideas. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes. Others will reveal more than they might realize. Keep your own counsel, but make it OK to ask a question or two. Touch base with a parent or roommate. Tonight: Make the most of the moment, but keep it low-key.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what is going on with a friend. Consider inviting this person out for lunch and helping him or her get past a problem. Your ability to be open and caring emerges despite a closed-off attitude from someone close to you. Tonight: Get together with friends.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You generally are emotional, but you will become more upbeat as soon as you detach from a heated situation. Indulge yourself, and buy that special item you have been eyeing. Someone you look up to continues to act in an unexpected manner. Tonight: A surprise heads your way.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Your influence appears to extend

further with more gentleness and understanding. Your ability to detach and see the whole picture will intrigue others. Be more forthright in discussions involving someone at a distance. A meeting points to a new direction. Tonight: Midweek break.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ A partner could be important in handling a negotiation, but you might not see eye to eye. You are able to see past the obvious in your dealings, whereas this person isn't. You might not want to share what you are seeing, but you'll know what to do. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Others might want to take the lead. Why not allow them to do just that? You could be interested in other matters anyway, and this will help free you up to pursue them. Touch base with a friend whom you have wanted to spend time with. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover. Don't hesitate to push hard, but also be willing to ask a friend if he or she could chip in. You will find that together you can accomplish everything you want. A loved one might play a significant role. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Your fiery temper comes out, regardless of whether you want it to. Detach in order to have more self-control. You could discover that you have reason to celebrate. Trust your instincts with a friend or relative at a distance. Tonight: Add some spice to your life.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Take charge of a personal matter that likely will affect your home life. You might not be comfortable with what comes up, but remember to relax. Stay in touch with a friend you see only once in a while. You are on top of your game. Tonight: Listen to a loved one's rant.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You might feel rather irritable or touchy, but you will be able to manage it better than you have in the past. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with others, especially someone who is close to you. Stay on top of what you need to do. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

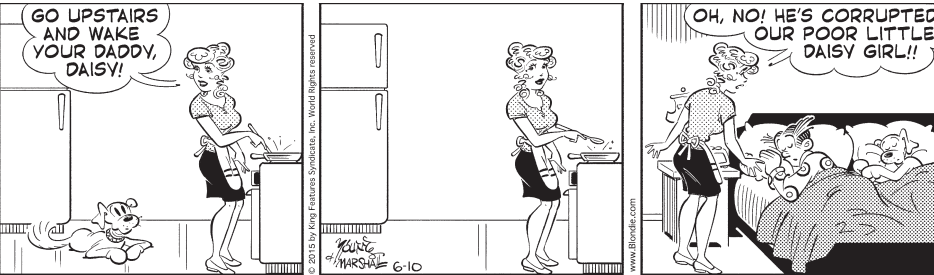
★★★★ Deal with a personal matter that could involve your finances. You are on top of a situation, but you might hesitate to act, as you would like to understand what is happening around you first. Be observant. Take your finances out of a discussion. Tonight: All smiles.

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