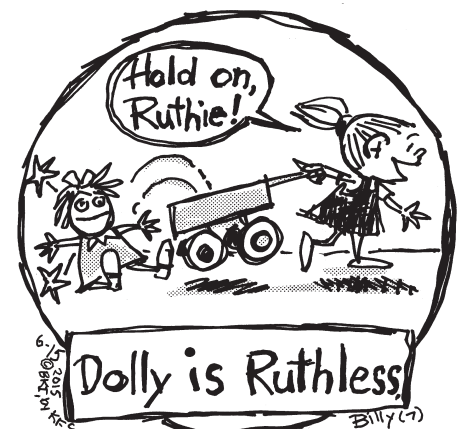
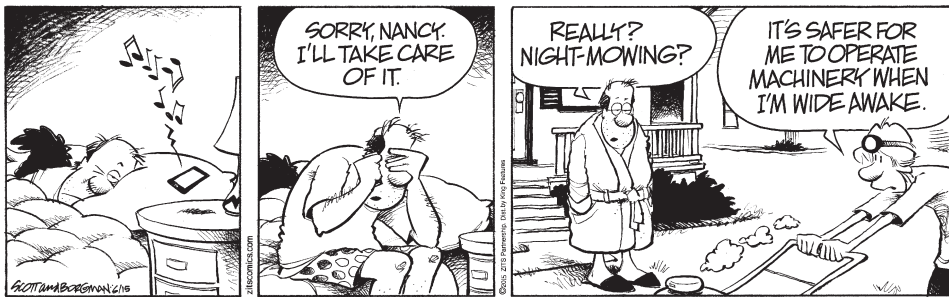


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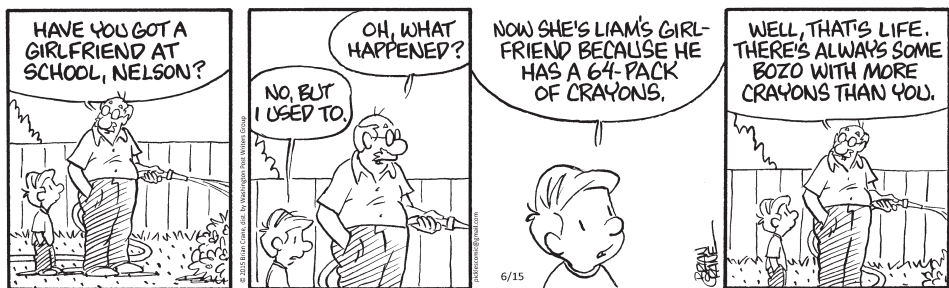


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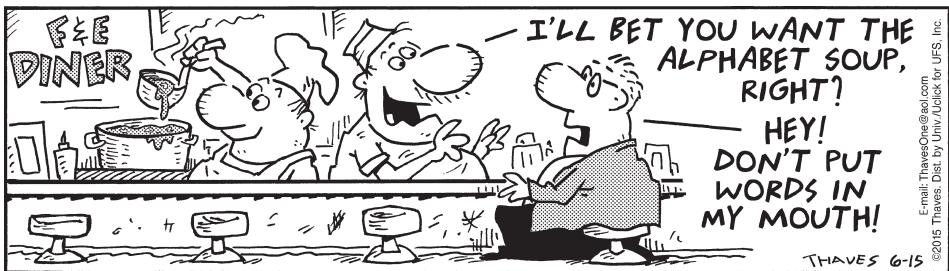
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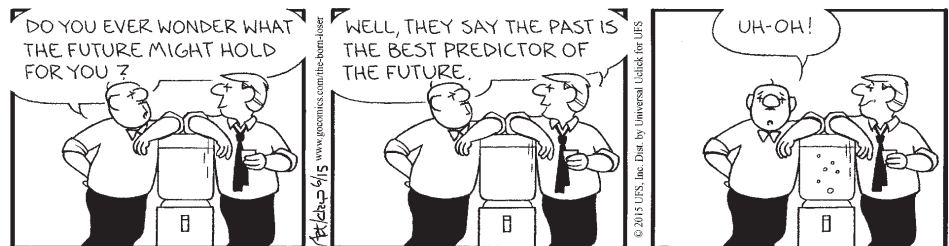
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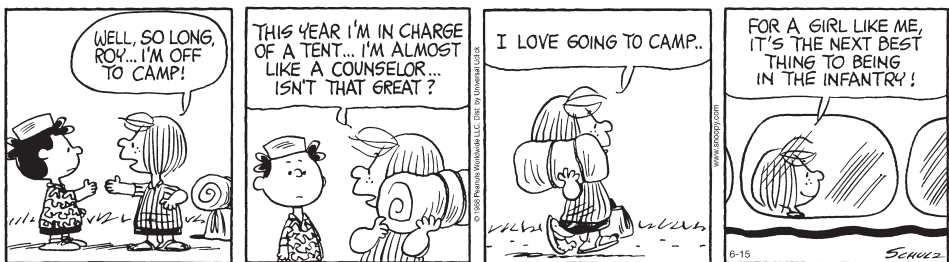
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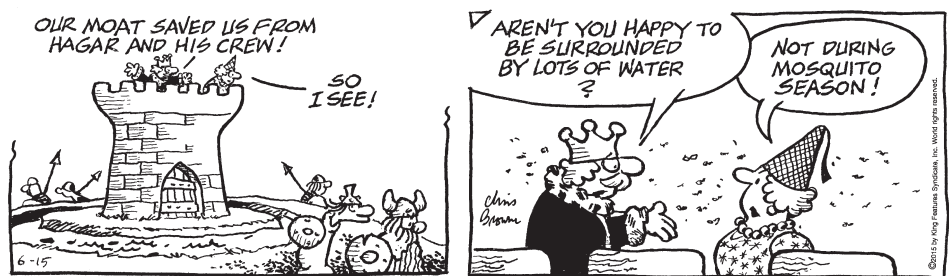
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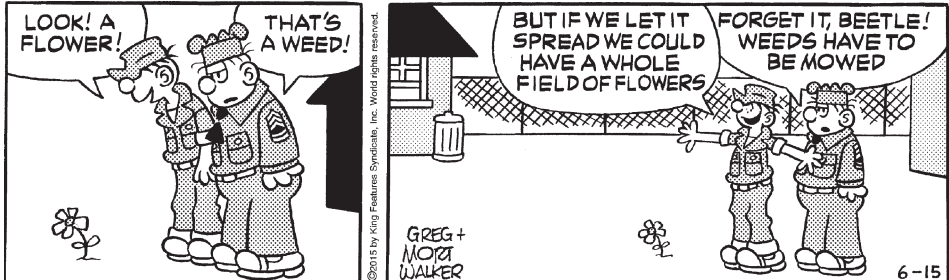
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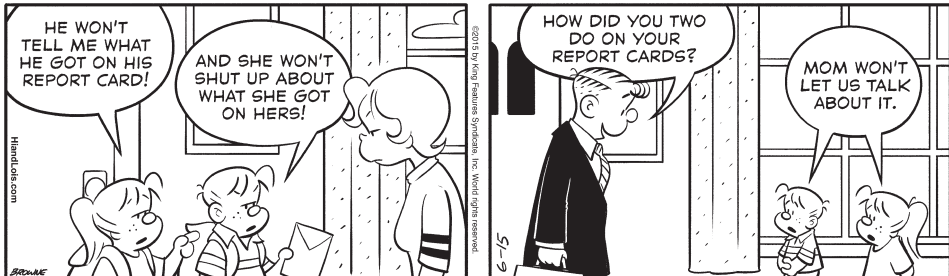
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HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



Husband's Cocktail Time Is Too Much And Too Loose

DEAR ABBY: I have been blessed with success over the years and continue to provide a comfortable lifestyle for my wife and me. I will be celebrating my 74th birthday soon, and 55 years of marriage to my high school sweetheart.

When I come home from a busy day, I enjoy sitting down and having two generous cocktails while I listen to my favorite news station. I espouse my views on the political events of the day. And always, without exception, I verbalize my adoration for my wife and our family, and express how beautiful my wife is and how much I love her.

My wife becomes somewhat annoyed because I get loose with my opinions and comments because of the alcohol. She wants me to quit drinking every night before dinner. I feel there's no harm because I have only two drinks. At my age, I feel entitled, but I don't want to make my wife feel like she is married to an alcoholic. What do you suggest I do? – MY AMERICAN DREAM INCLUDES COCKTAILS

DEAR AMERICAN DREAM: For openers, try laying off the sauce for a week or so – if you can manage it – or cut back to one drink in a smaller glass. When you say you consume two “generous” drinks a day, I can't help but wonder how generous and what you're using to measure. While you may have been able to drink two generous drinks when you were younger with no negative effects, as folks get older (and 74 would qualify as “older”), they don't metabolize alcohol as well.

One of the signs of problem drinking is when it starts to cause problems with others. Another is belligerence, and if that's the way you become as you listen to your news programs, you can't blame your wife for being upset. And as to the endearments you utter while under the influence – while they may be sweet, take it from me that women much prefer to hear them from men who are sober.

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married to a wonderful man. He suggested that his close friend “Zoe” would like to be a bridesmaid, so I asked her and she accepted.

The problem is, I have sent multiple messages to Zoe regarding the color we have selected for the bridesmaid dresses and also asked if she'd like to come along when I look for my wedding dress. I have received no response at all from her. My fiancé has also contacted her, and he hasn't heard back, either.

Is it OK if I decide to use someone else who is willing to participate in the events leading up to the wedding, and not just the ceremony? – FIRST- AND ONLY-TIME BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: Have your fiancé check with Zoe to see if she's OK and her contact information is correct. Then send Zoe a written message explaining that because she hasn't responded to your previous messages, you and your fiancé assume she won't be participating in the pre-wedding activities and would prefer not to be one of your bridesmaids. Say that you both hope she will attend the wedding as a guest and send her an invitation. If she accepts – fine. However, if you don't hear from her, take her off the list.

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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 and Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015:

This year you are unusually creative and dynamic. You also seem to be more sensitive and caring in how you approach others. The response to the evolving you is nothing less than positive. Try to avoid the pitfall of becoming too me-oriented. If you are single, the question remains: Which potential suitor will you choose to be your sweetie? You might want to redefine what you want from a relationship in order to make the right choice. If you are attached, communication soars between you this summer, providing greater intimacy and understanding. Come fall, both of you will opt for more time at home. A fellow GEMINI is as eclectic as you are, but in different ways.

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'll speak your mind and share your ideas, some of which have been on the back burner for a while. With a slight adjustment, you could transform an OK idea into a great one. Your positive attitude toward a loved one will shine through, no matter what. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Use caution with your finances, no matter how great an idea might seem. You will see a change in your choices and in what occurs as a result. Pace yourself. Know what you want and where you are heading. Tonight: Decide if you really want to treat someone to dinner.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You'll be close to unstoppable with your nearly limitless collection of ideas. Your way of handling a matter could surprise many people, including yourself. You might be left wondering where you got so much nerve in the first place. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your ability to move past an important situation will be enhanced if you can just slow down. Ask a trusted friend to play devil's advocate. Listen to others' people's ideas, and then weigh the pros and cons. A more successful path will emerge. Tonight: Get some R and R.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want, even if oth-

ers are distracting. What you find to be true might not be true for others. Be more aware of what people want from you. A meeting could provide even more information. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to understand a different point of view, especially if it is coming from someone you need to answer to. The more you understand this person, the better you will feel. A sense of well-being is likely to emerge at the same time. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Reach out for more information. You'll need to step back from someone who has a great deal of influence on you. Once you understand the dynamic between you, you will be able to make a decision. Friendship plays a role in what goes on. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Make a list of your priorities. Listen to news more openly than you have in the past. The person who delivers this information is someone whom you might not fully trust. However, don't automatically discount what this person is saying. Tonight: With a favorite loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might not believe some information that suddenly gets dropped on you. Understand what needs to happen between you and another person. Decide whether you should make a change. Tonight: Be receptive to an invitation.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Pace yourself. You have a lot to do, and a wave of confusion seems to wind its way through a conversation and/or plans. One-on-one relating will take you to a new level of understanding with a key associate. You'll realize the power of two. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Observing and listening well will give you the answers you have been seeking. Use good sense with your finances; make sure that you don't make any errors. A dear friend is likely to provide some interesting gossip. Tonight: The only answer is “yes.”

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

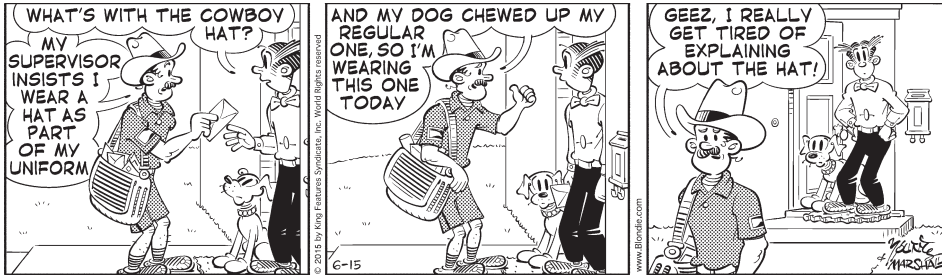
★★★ You often don't see the correlation between your actions and your words; you just accept what you see rather than analyze it. Focus on day-to-day matters. You will be more centered and upbeat as a result. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise, then head home.

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