

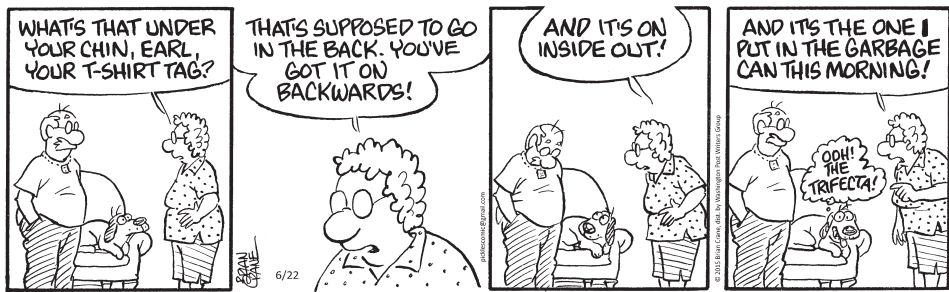
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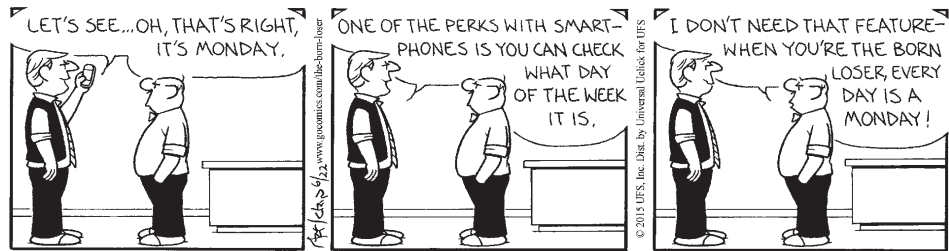
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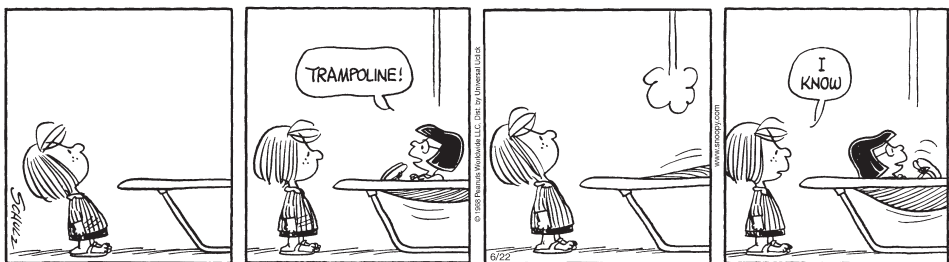
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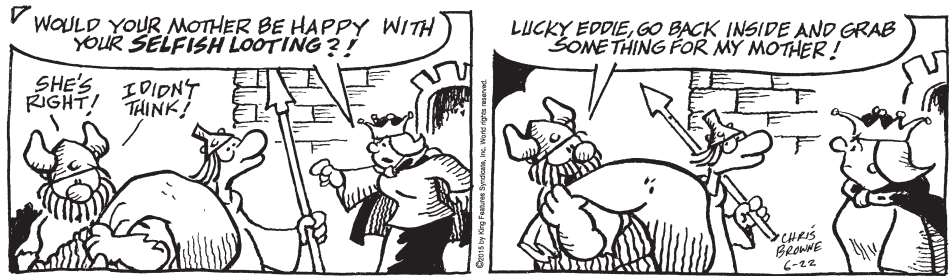
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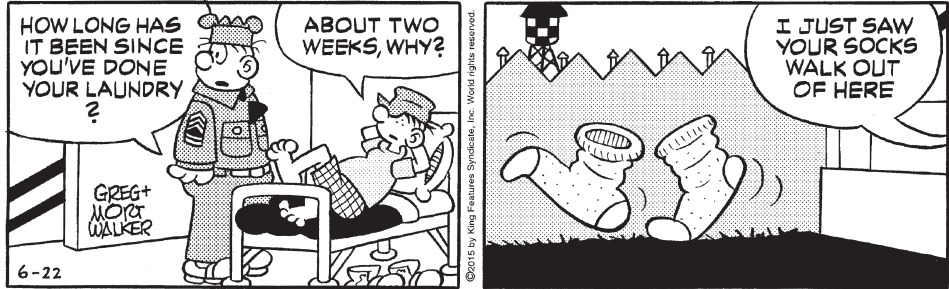
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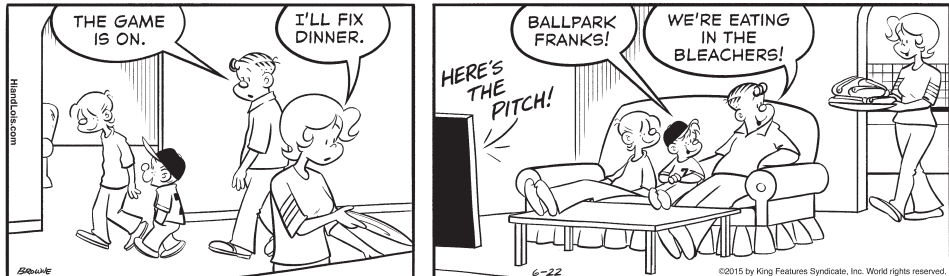
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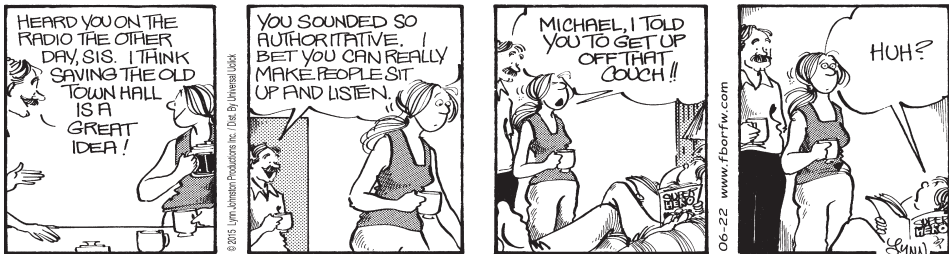
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## Pro Athlete Can't Be Good Sport About Free Tickets

DEAR ABBY: I have a dilemma. Last year my son became a professional in his sport, and he has recently become famous. Since then, everyone is asking for tickets to games because they want in on the action. I treated one relative who lives near me to a game with her son, and now her sister (with whom I've had very little contact) is saying she follows the games and would love to attend.

My son gets tickets, but they are not free and they do cost him something. It's becoming very stressful for him. Friends and family from all over now ask him for tickets. I don't want to impose upon him for other than immediate family.

How do I tactfully tell these people that I won't ask? I don't want it to sound like HE doesn't want to do it. I want it to come from a concerned mom who simply doesn't get tickets for everyone, so they need to go online and buy them like normal people do. — PROFES-

SIONAL DILEMMA  
DEAR P.D.: These people may not realize they are being presumptuous. Tell them frankly, the same way you explained it to me, that the tickets aren't free to the players. These people may not be aware of it, and it should bring them back to reality.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine began having trouble in her marriage of 16 years. She has been coming to me for advice. Her husband has grown distant and refuses physical interaction. He speaks to her as if he is always irritated with her.

The reason she seeks my advice is because I'm going through a divorce and my husband exhibited the same signs. I have tried to give her the best advice I can, but now she's implying that her husband is attracted to me! It makes me very uncomfortable since I haven't done anything wrong. What should I do? — WALKING ON EGGSHELLS

DEAR WALKING ON EGGSHELLS: Your friend is an emotional wreck right now.

Because her husband hasn't given her the reason he is emotionally abusing her, she's desperately looking for a reason. A step in the right direction would be to assure her that you are not, never were, and never will be attracted to her husband. Then suggest that she may need more support than you can give her and she might find it helpful to talk to a professional counselor.

DEAR ABBY: I was an invited guest at a dinner party along with a few other couples. During conversation, one of the guests mean-spiritedly used the N-word twice. I was appalled. Because it was not my home, I said nothing.

Please tell me how I could have handled this to let the bigot know this wasn't acceptable and was just plain wrong. I no longer respect this person, and I'm not sure I want to associate with him or even be in his company again. — SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN UP

DEAR SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN UP: If you choose to avoid the person, that's your privilege and it's fine with me. There's a saying, "All that's needed for evil to flourish is for good people to say nothing." It would not have been rude to have said, "Please don't use that word around me, because I find it offensive."

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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 Cancer and a Moon in Virgo.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015:

This year can be described as the opposite of boring; in fact, sometimes you might wish for a little dullness. You and others often might be miles apart in your thinking, but because of your mutual respect, solutions are able to be found. Refuse to say the word "impossible." If you are single, from mid-August on, you could make new acquaintances. Within a changing social circle, you could meet someone who easily could light up your life. If you are attached, communication flourishes between you and your sweetie. Know that this reflects your positive attitudes and willingness to interact more. VIRGO is intrigued by your emotional responses. 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)

★★★ A misunderstanding could flare up from out of the blue. You might replay the conversation over and over in your mind in an attempt to figure out your role in this matter. You likely just triggered the other party unintentionally. A talk later on will clear the air. Tonight: Relax.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might not be in the mood to do anything but socialize. You could gain an important insight into a child or loved one. This is the result of your being more responsive to the social side of your universe. Tonight: Who cares about tomorrow? Live in the present.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ A matter involving your domestic life will steal the scene. You might become quite frustrated when you see this issue arise. A discussion is likely to be more controversial than you had anticipated. A friend will act in an unanticipated way. Tonight: Head home and screen your calls.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You are likely to ask a lot of questions and question much of what you hear. You'll sense instability in your immediate environment. News from a distance heads your way, and it could surprise you and force you to regroup. Tonight: Hang out with a close friend.

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

★★★ A disagreement could surprise you. The

unexpected will turn this situation around before you know it. A conversation later today or tomorrow will help iron out the problem. You might need to adjust your opinion of a particular person. Tonight: Curb a possessive streak.

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

★★★★ You unintentionally might ruffle a higher-up's feathers. You both have the same issue, but you come up with solutions very differently. Respect each other's style, and learn from the other's approach. There is no reason to fight. Tonight: As you like it.

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

★★★ Consider other alternatives. You might be taken aback by a situation that suddenly comes up. Try not to be so reactive, and maintain a low profile -- you will be a lot happier that way. Mull over the information you get for a respected associate. Tonight: A must appearance.

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

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Your sense of humor will emerge when interacting with a child or loved one. A friendship benefits from your attention. You might need to revise your thinking about how you speak to a key person in your life. Tonight: Surround yourself with people.

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

★★★ You could feel tense about a public appearance and/or a discussion with a supervisor. You might not be sure which way you should go. Expect the unexpected, and you can't go wrong. Your upbeat attitude will carry you through a problem. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ If you detach, you will find this day far more enjoyable than you might have imagined it would be. Greet differing opinions with openness. You will help someone whom you consider quite knowledgeable to see the other side of an issue. Tonight: Try something new.

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

★★★★ Your insight into someone else's behavior could be quite helpful. You might see a personal matter differently from the way you have in the past. A conversation will lead to a potential change. Work on a money issue with a key associate. Tonight: Reflect on what has happened.

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

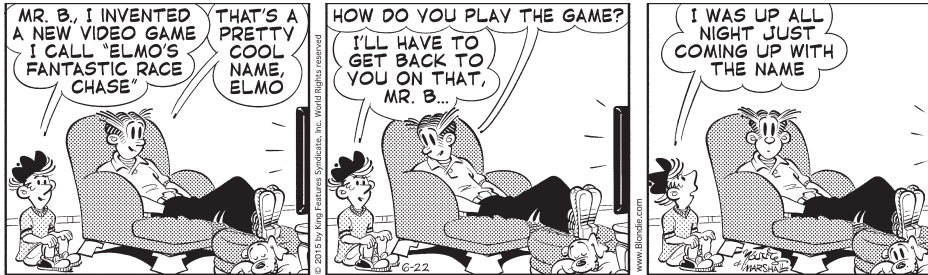
★★★★ You could find yourself struggling to understand where someone is coming from. Your sense of humor emerges when an unexpected moment of good luck drops on you. Understand the potential of this news. Tonight: Listen to a friend's rendition of what has happened.

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