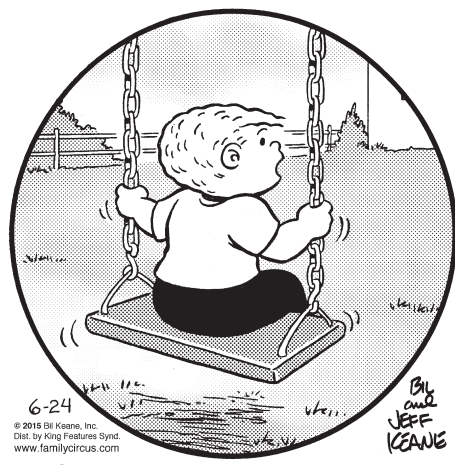
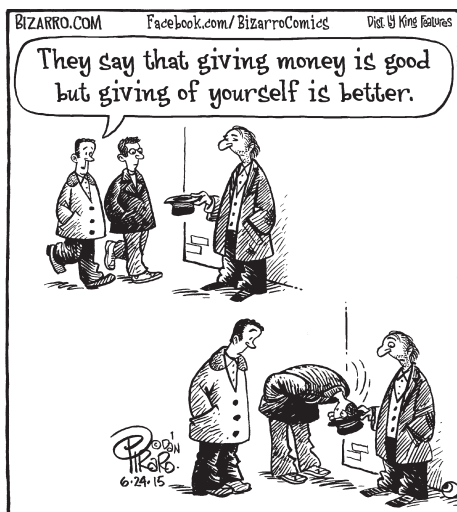


FAMILY CIRCUS | BILL KEANE



“Can somebody come out here and start me up?”

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



They say that giving money is good but giving of yourself is better.

Woman Raped By Friend's Fiance Must Share Her Secret Burden

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, my best friend's fiance raped me. He is a man I've known for many years, and I didn't see it coming. I became pregnant but had a miscarriage two months later. I recently had to have a hysterectomy from damage incurred from the rape and the miscarriage.

I never went to the police or pressed charges, and very few people are aware of the whole horrific experience. I have been beyond traumatized by what happened.

My best friend knows nothing about it, and I have been unable to face her since that awful night. We text now and then, and she keeps asking why I have suddenly dropped out of her life. I don't know if I can tell her the truth. We were as close as sisters, and I honestly miss her like crazy, but I can't be part of her life if this monster is in it.

Do I tell the truth? Or do I just shut her out of my life? This has taken a physical and emotional toll on me. Please give me some advice. — MISSING A FRIEND IN CANADA

DEAR MISSING: Gladly. Find the nearest rape and sexual assault treatment center in your province and make an appointment immediately! You need more help than anyone can give you in a letter, and the people there can counsel you not only on what to do, but also what your options are at this point. Your friend should absolutely be informed about what she's getting into if she marries your rapist, but I do not recommend that you tell her until you have strong emotional support beside you.

DEAR ABBY: Our married son and two young children live in Kurdistan, Iraq. They are volunteering for a charity that helps Syrian refugees. While we admire their noble efforts, we struggle with the daily sacrifices this brings to our whole family.

We work full time and could save up to visit them, but because we are not comfortable with their choice to live in this dangerous

part of the world, we continue to refuse their invitation. What do you advise? Are we being self-centered? — SO FAR AWAY

DEAR SO FAR AWAY: No, you are being rational and self-protective. Not only do I not think you are self-centered, I'm suggesting you keep them in your prayers and use Skype or video chatting to stay in contact.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Recently a friend invited me to a sex toy party. The saleswoman hosting the event is a distant acquaintance.

What is the most polite way to ask her if she has informed her family of her profession? Is it OK to attend if she hasn't told her relatives she sells sex products? If I refuse her invitation, would it be polite to enclose an order for some of her products? I prefer to buy from a reputable saleswoman rather than

some anonymous website. — AWKWARD IN ILLINOIS

DEAR AWKWARD: I don't think it would be appropriate to ask your hostess whether she has informed her family about her career, although I suspect she has made them aware of it. And if you prefer to decline the invitation, I'm sure enclosing an order for her products would be fine with her — and possibly the start of an ongoing business relationship.

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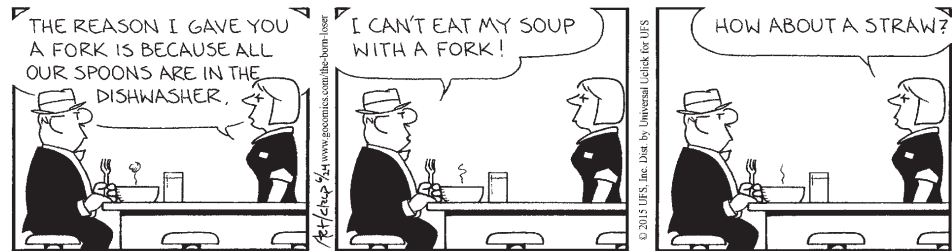
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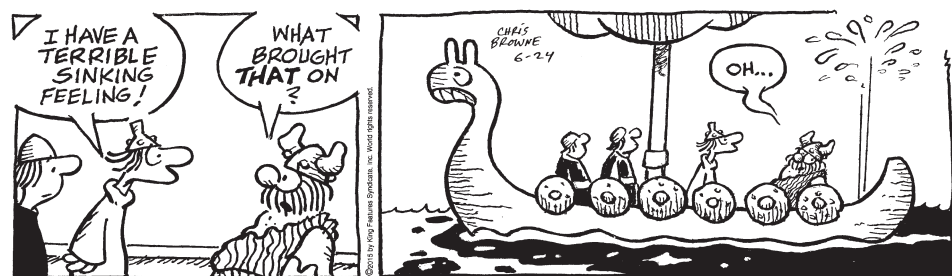
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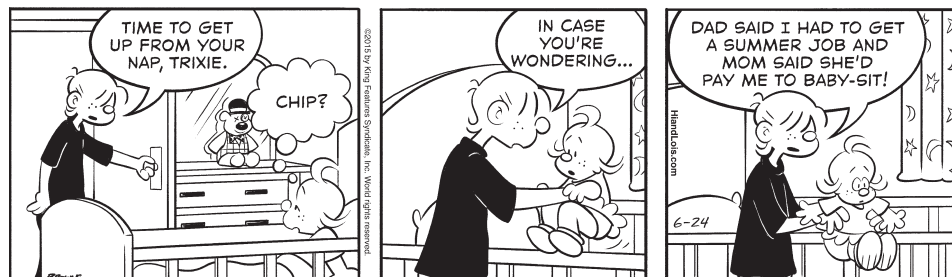
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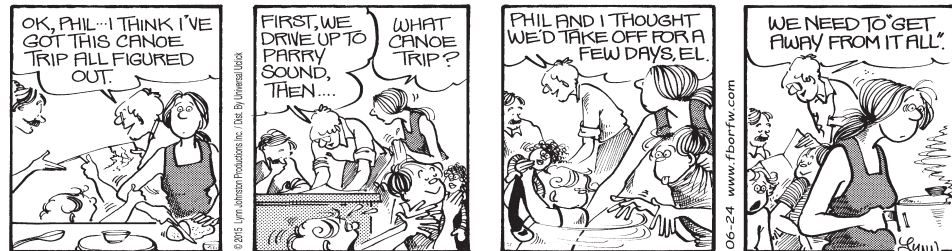
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 if born before 1:41 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015:

This year you tend to feel pressured. You often say one thing but do another. Others in your life might find your messages to be somewhat conflicting and difficult to understand. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance anytime from mid-August on. You might meet this person in your daily travels, perhaps even while running errands. This bond will be an active one. If you are attached, you both develop an increased desire to spend more time together. LIBRA is caring yet different from you.

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 might want to get past others' attitudes. Just try to keep everything calm on the homefront, where a disagreement easily could explode. Consider your options and weigh them carefully, especially if they involve real estate or your domestic life. Tonight: Out late.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

*** Weigh the pros and cons of a situation. Make an effort to be more in touch with your needs. You will be entering a period where you will be more likely to become angry or combative. Try to express your feelings in a way that they can be heard. Tonight: Pace yourself.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

**** You might want to put more pep in your step and come from a place of happiness. Money might be a key priority, as you likely will want to funnel it into some fun. Be careful -- once you start spending, you will have difficulty reining yourself back in. Tonight: Very playful.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

*** Someone knows how to evoke a strong response from you, as you will see. Know that caring can translate into hurt, and then into anger. When you become a hot head, it might be difficult not to say the wrong thing. Tonight: Use your imagination no matter where you are.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

*** Be aware of the costs of continuing as

you have. You might enter a period where you want others to take the lead more often. You could feel awkward when dealing with an associate or a personal matter. Let your emotions point you in the right direction. Tonight: A force to behold.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

**** You'll have good reason to approach a situation in a different way. You are likely to get the results you have been hoping for. Don't allow money to become too much of a theme. A friend suddenly could become demanding. Pull back for now. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

*** Your patience seems to be wearing thin from dealing with a difficult associate or friend. Although you might like to spend time with this person, you could be hesitant. Refuse to make any decisions just yet. An older relative's temper is likely to flare. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

**** Read between the lines when dealing with someone you care about. This person might not be revealing what is really going on, and you'll sense his or her inauthentic ways. Rather than get into an argument, say little. Use caution with anyone you meet today. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

**** You could feel as if you need to take a different road. You might be insecure, but with the amount of supporters you have, you'll sense that the results will be excellent. Don't allow a loved one's display of anger stop you. Go for what you want. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

**** Others have expectations that might surprise you. Avoid a disagreement, if possible, and don't minimize someone's goals or interests. You will want to understand this person's logic. You might need to defer to someone else to handle this. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

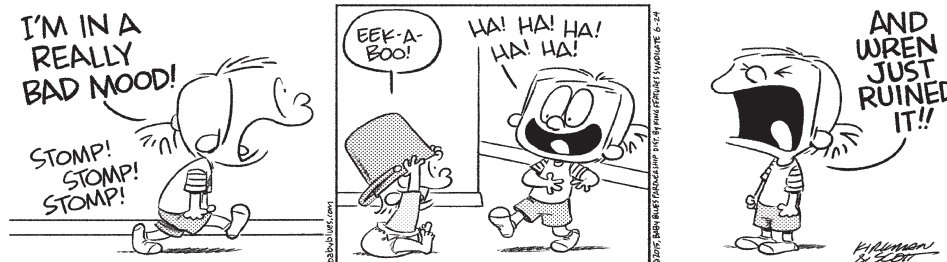
***** Be willing to take a walk on the wild side. As a result, you will lighten up and invigorate others to express their true selves. Use caution around money agreements. Count your change carefully. Be aware of the negatives as well as the positives. Tonight: Use your imagination.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

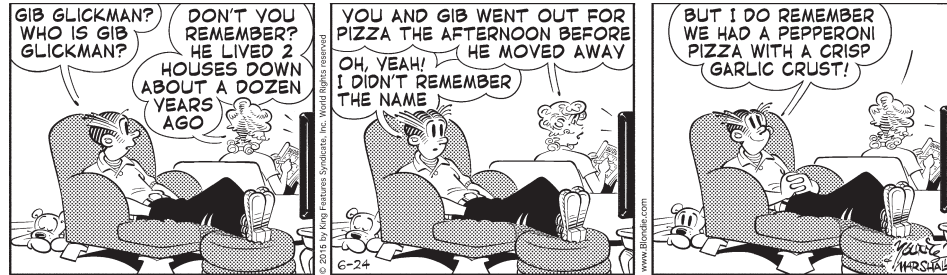
**** Be aware of what is happening around you. A partner's efforts will pay off in a way that neither of you had anticipated. Tap into your creativity for solutions. You will be amazed by how a situation can be transformed so that all parties are happy. Tonight: Reach out to a friend.

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