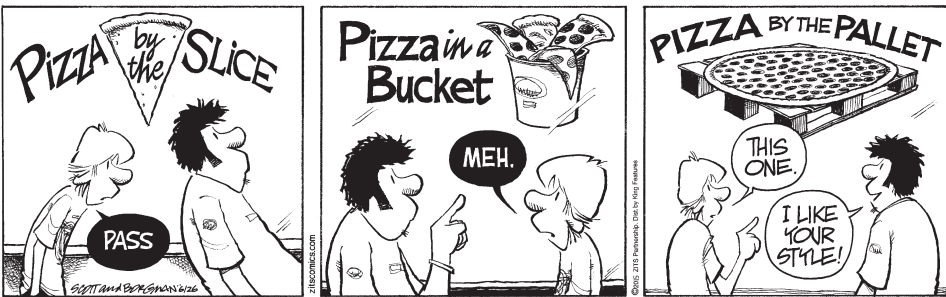


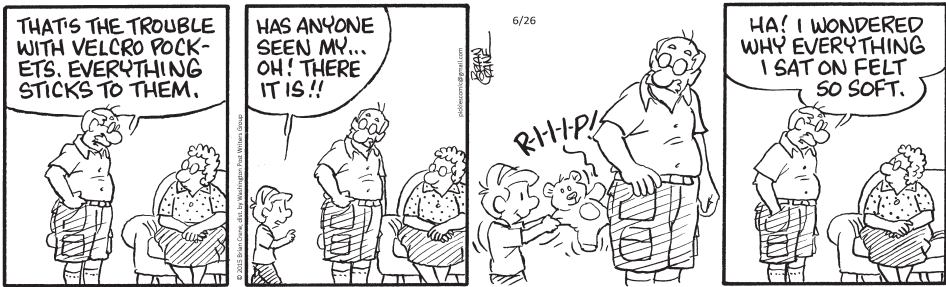
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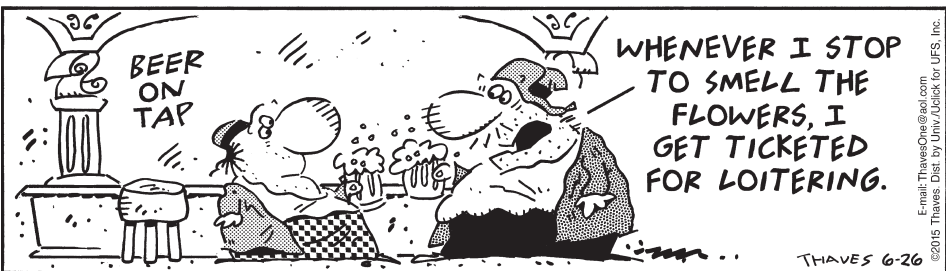
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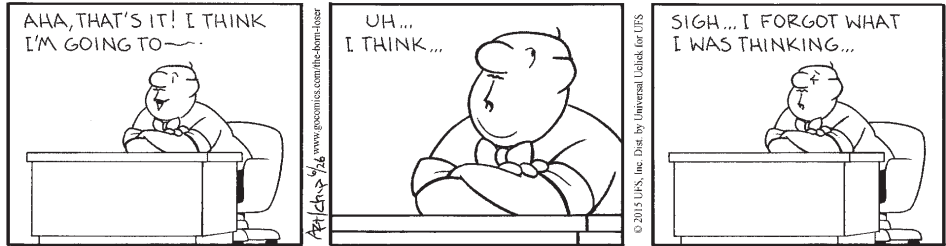
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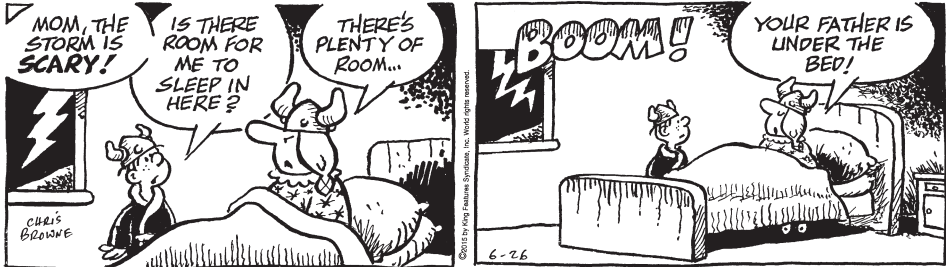
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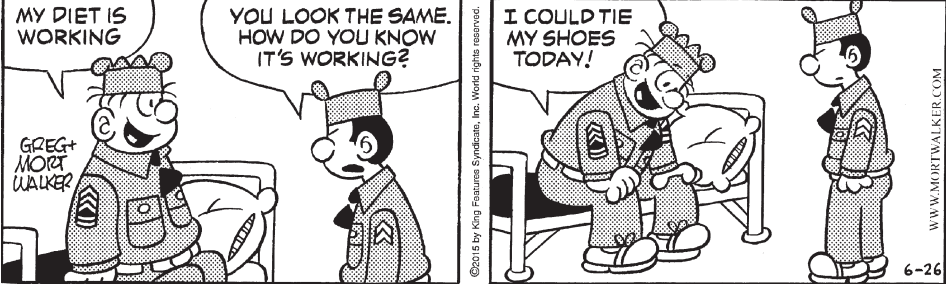
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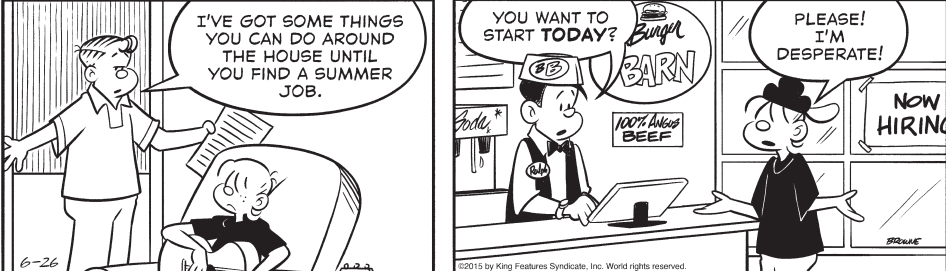
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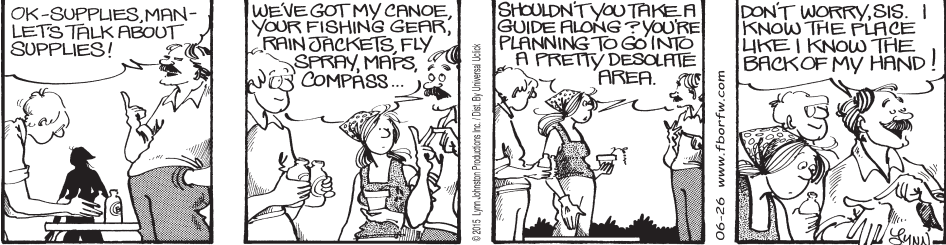
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Mere Mention Of Marriage Causes Man To Run And Hide

DEAR ABBY: I am 59 and have a steady, good-paying job. I was married for 20 years, but divorced 11 years ago. I am set in my ways.

I have been seeing a woman, "Melinda," for eight years now. She's 51 and also has a steady job. We live 30 miles apart. Our relationship has been somewhat rocky, but we have also had some really great times.

Melinda has said for years that she wants to get married. It makes me nervous. My hands sweat and I think of every excuse not to when she brings it up. I'm in love with her, but when she brings up marriage, I run and hide.

She feels our relationship should end so she'll be free to meet someone else and marry. She deserves that right, and I understand it. I struggle, though, when I don't hear from her, speak to her or I imagine her with someone else. It drives me nuts, and I end up contacting her. We start talking and things seem fine for a while, until the M-word is mentioned.

I suggested we move in together and see how it works, but it never happened. Abby, what is my problem? Why can't I get married? – TORN & STRUGGLING IN ARIZONA

DEAR TORN & STRUGGLING: Your problem may be that your first marriage – and probably your divorce – left you marriage-averse. Because you're in love with Melinda and can't manage without her, let me suggest that you discuss this with a licensed mental health professional and see if you can get beyond your fears. Joint counseling with Melinda would also be helpful for both of you, to ensure there are fewer rocky patches in your relationship in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I have a special "Pennies From Heaven" story to share with you.

My dear grandmother recently lost her long battle with Alzheimer's. Toward the end, we weren't sure how aware she was, and if

she understood us when we spoke to her. Tonight, my husband, my sister and I decided to have dinner at Grandma's house and go through her photos for her funeral.

After dinner, my sister asked if we had any chocolate. My husband said, "What about the chocolate in the refrigerator?" I hadn't seen any, but when I went to look, there was a packet of chocolate bars wedged in between the drawers. The expiration date on the wrapper was two years ago, when Grandma last lived in the house.

Abby, the refrigerator had been cleaned out multiple times, but somehow we missed the chocolate until today when we needed a sign from my grandmother that she was near.

Grandma was a Dear Abby fan. We found many of your clippings among her photos. I know she'd love it if you shared this story with your readers. – JEAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER IN TENNESSEE

DEAR JEAN'S GRANDDAUGHTER: I'm glad to do it. And speaking as another chocoholic, that you found Grandma's stash in your time of need warmed my heart. I hope it lifted your spirits during what had to be an emotional time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear grandmother.

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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 Libra if born before 7:57 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015:

This year you relate in a way that seems irresistible to many people, but you are unusually assertive. The friends who have known you for a long time might be unsure how to take the new you. Be sensitive to their adjustment. Your intuition will lead you down the right path. If you are single, you will expand your horizons by drawing in many new types of people. Know that this birthday year presents a noteworthy romantic possibility that you don't want to miss. If you are attached, the two of you often can be seen out and about enjoying each other's company. Your ability to understand each other grows. SCORPIO draws out your innate sensuality. 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)

***** One-on-one relating marks the difference between success and failure. Your fiery side emerges when dealing with a partner who could be very irritating. Reach out to someone who gives you helpful, compassionate feedback. Tonight: Get to the bottom of a problem.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

***** Your ability to get past an emotional matter unscathed will be tested. Share more of what you feel is needed. Anger could bubble up from out of nowhere. Try to discuss what is going on. Use caution with mechanical equipment, as you could be accident-prone. Tonight: Hang out.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

***** Your focus is on completion rather than initiating. Stay on top of your finances. You are walking a rocky road, and determination counts. At the risk of exhausting yourself, you'll do what is needed. Be aware of the implications of your actions. Tonight: A visit with a friend.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

***** You beam in whatever you decide is necessary. You might have the luxury of choosing what you want to do, for a change. Your diligence counts and allows you more flexibility. Let spontaneity and imagination merge to make an idea possible. Tonight: Your popularity peaks.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

***** Stay centered when dealing with a

personal matter. Some of you might want to take your time to evaluate a real estate proposition. Your instincts will guide you through some difficult decisions. Try not to sit on your feelings. Tonight: Home is where your heart is.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

***** You naturally choose the right words. Your insightful comments will draw in others who appreciate your feedback. However, we all have our critics, and you might discover that one person strongly disagrees with you. Work through your differences. Tonight: TGIF!

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

*** Be aware of what is going on. You might believe that you that are responsibly following through on a particular matter, but in reality something else is going on. An element of possessiveness or a need for control is playing into your thoughts and actions. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

***** You might want to get to the bottom of a problem. Detach and take an overview of what is going on, and make strong choices. Honor a difference of opinion, which is likely the result of communication issues and new interests. Tonight: Be where great music is played.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

***** You could be taken aback by a situation that startles you and calls for your attention. Go within to determine the source of your knee-jerk response. There is more going on here than you are aware of. Be sensitive to others' needs as well. Tonight: In the moment and enjoying it.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

***** How you deal with someone reflects who you are. Someone with high energy could challenge you. Ask yourself what you expect from this person. Try to gain a better understanding of where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Let another person make the first move.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

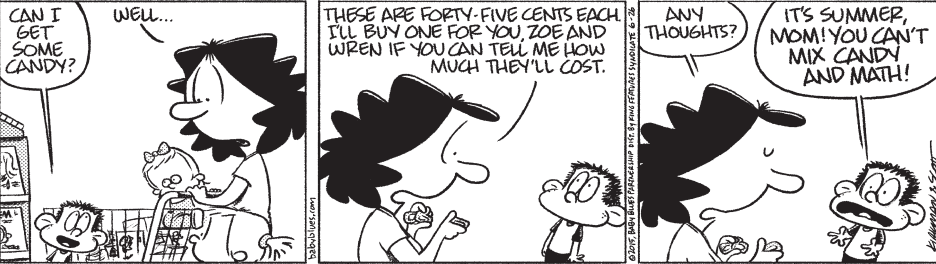
***** You might be taken aback by all the activity around you. Plans that you previously had made easily could go up in smoke. Your ability to understand what is happening within your immediate environment will mark the next few days. Tonight: Do what feels good.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

***** Your thoughts float to those at a distance whom you care about. Put more effort into understanding the long-term direction of a decision. You see events quite differently from the majority of people. Allow your creativity to infuse your day. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

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