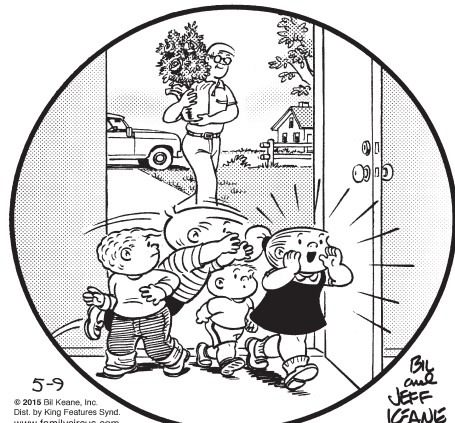
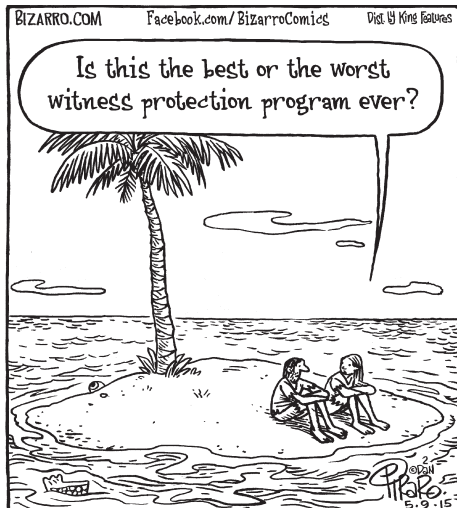


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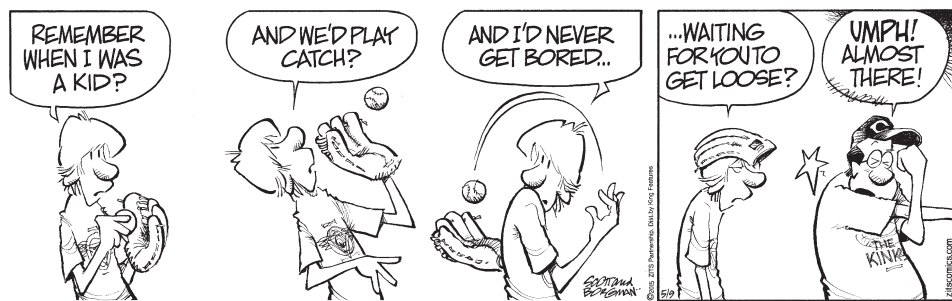
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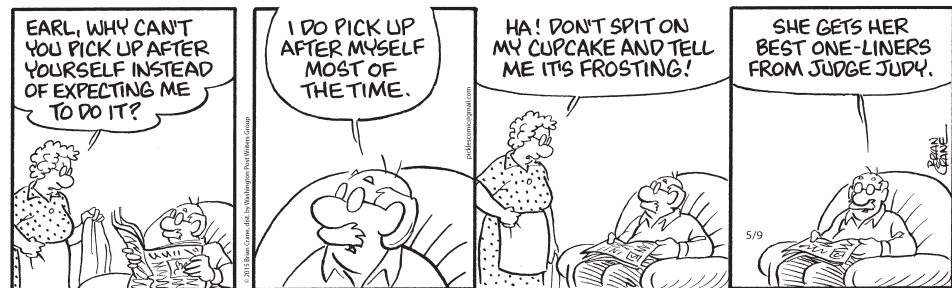


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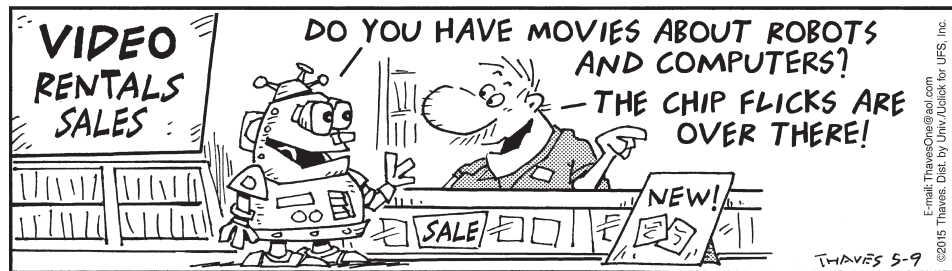
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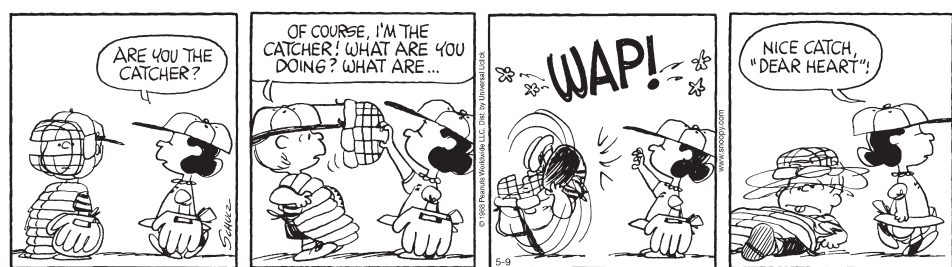
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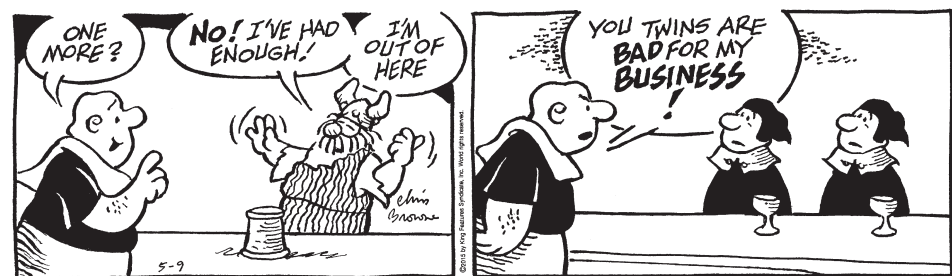
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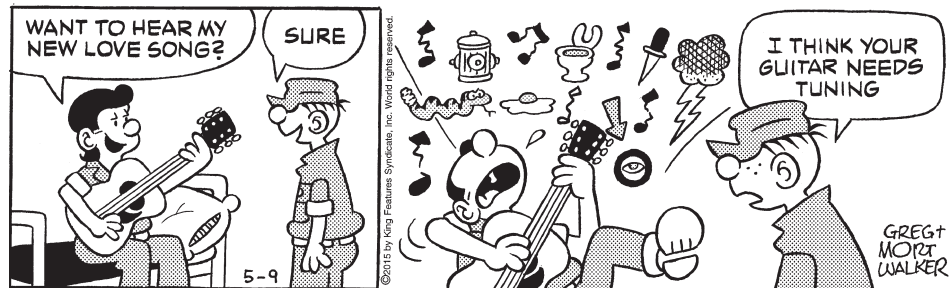
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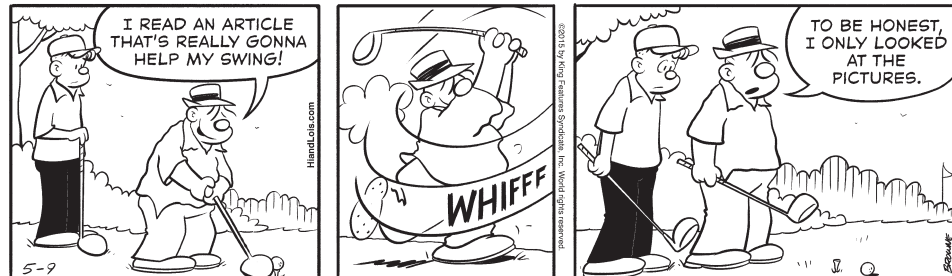
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GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



Teen Fears She Will Regret Not Choosing Another Path

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Brandon" for three years. I'm 19, going to a four-year college and I'm planning to move in with him. I enjoy his company and can see myself with him in the future, but I wish I hadn't met him so young. I wish I could have experienced more - other people and situations. I'm afraid I'm falling into a trap where it is more convenient to stay with Brandon.

I don't want to feel confined, but I also don't want to break up with him and find it was the worst decision of my life. We have discussed it. He said he will understand if I want to leave, but I'm afraid it might destroy him.

I enjoy being around Brandon, but I don't want to stay if it means missing half my life. He isn't the most attractive guy compared to others, so maybe that's where all this is coming from. More attractive guys talk to me, and I assume they would treat me as well as Brandon does. Maybe that's what has got me thinking. Some advice, please? - NOT SURE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NOT SURE: Feeling as ambivalent as you do, do not move in with Brandon. To do so would be cheating both of you. Because someone seems more physically attractive than your boyfriend does not guarantee the person would treat you as well - or better - than Brandon does. However, this is a lesson you may need to experience firsthand.

It could also be a growth experience for Brandon to date others. He has already told you he will understand if you leave, so he may be emotionally stronger than you give him credit for. This does not mean you won't eventually wind up together, but it may make you both more appreciative of the special relationship you share because you will have something to compare it to.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl who would like to fix my relationship with my mom. I love her dearly, but sometimes it is difficult to spend time with her. We have differ-

ent tastes in music, clothes and what is fun. I know she notices the distance between us and would like to spend more time together, but the things she suggests we do don't appeal to me.

Dad and I are close, which is probably because he's more like a kid. We have similar likes, and he isn't as overprotective as Mom is. We're more like friends than father and daughter.

I really want to be closer to Mom, but I don't know how to do it so we'll both be satisfied. Is this a normal teen thing? - MAKING AN EFFORT

DEAR MAKING AN EFFORT: Yes, I think so. However, I'm pleased that you want to build a closer relationship with your mother because, at your age, it's important. Being a mother these days isn't easy, especially if being the disciplinarian and drawing the line is a role that was "assigned" to her by an overly permissive father who prefers to be more of a pal than a parent.

You and your mother need to compromise regarding the things you do when you're spending time together. Part of the time, try the things she wants to do. If you do, you might surprise yourself and discover you enjoy them - and vice versa. Talk to her about your desire to be closer to her and give it a chance. I'm sure the result will be rewarding for both of you.

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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 Taurus and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 4:22 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015:

This year you alternate between being practical and being impulsive. The swing between these different stances could make you seem erratic to those who are not close to you. Your determination to achieve what you want will be highlighted. If you are single, someone quite exotic could enter your life and make you smile as you rarely have. Explore this potential relationship carefully. If you are attached, the two of you have the desire to explore different cultures. Opt for an unusual or offbeat vacation. AQUARIUS often surprises 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 visit with an older friend or relative during the day. You feel very safe with this person and often share your trepidations. A contemporary will delight in spending time with you later in the afternoon. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

\*\*\*\* You finally might be able to bridge a gap between you and a loved one. When you reach a point of understanding, you will realize how important your determination has been. Plan on celebrating this change in the status quo. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

\*\*\*\* Reach out to someone whom you often confide in. Your ability to get past a problem will be amplified because of this person. Your caring comes through and allows the other party to open up. Enjoy a lengthy meal together. Tonight: Be imaginative in your choices.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

\*\*\*\* Defer to those around you who need to feel as if they're in control. You might be amused by someone's idea of a fun time. Go off and join this person. As a result, you could be laughing and understanding a lot more about where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Out late.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

\*\*\* You might feel as if you must complete

a lot of errands. Deal with this sense of being overwhelmed by digging in with determination and clearing out some of your to-dos. Relax later in the afternoon, as you embrace the idea of joining friends. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

\*\*\*\* Allow your imagination to come forward with ideas. For many people, your thoughts will surround delighting a loved one. Some of you might put a bit more ingenuity into making plans with friends. Activity surrounds you. Tonight: If you need to make it an early night, do so.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

\*\*\*\* You'll remain anchored and direct when dealing with a personal matter. You might want to clear up any problems quickly. Slow down, and get into the process of observing more. Make fun plans, whether they happen at your place or out and about. Tonight: Frisky, aren't we?

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

\*\*\*\* Speak your mind openly if you want to be able to relate well to a loved one. You might prefer to beat around the bush and not chance hurting anyone's feelings. However, being direct could spare some sore feelings later. Tonight: Your place is where the party's at.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

\*\*\*\* Be cautious with your spending. You might not be comfortable with what you are seeing as you breeze through your day. You could be taken aback by how snappy and sharp someone seems to be. Could you be projecting that behavior as well? Tonight: Let your hair down.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* You'll beam in much more of what you want during the day. Your happy attitude and friendly demeanor will attract others' goodwill and friendliness. Curb a tendency to overbook your schedule, and understand the costs involved. Tonight: Treat someone to munchies.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

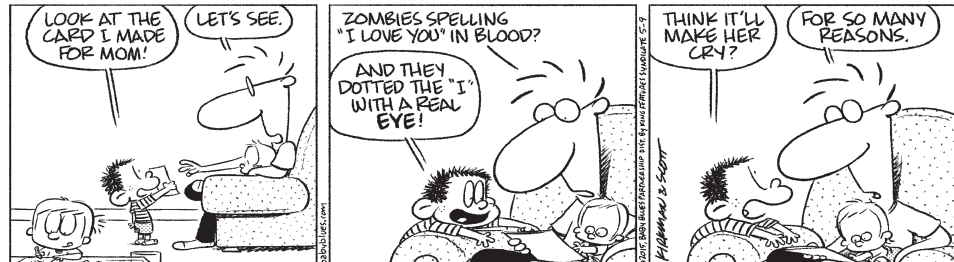
\*\*\* You will be happiest being by yourself this afternoon. You might want to indulge in a long nap or wrap up some important details. Make plans for later in the day. In fact, you might not have a choice, as your friends have missed you. Tonight: Ask, and you might be surprised.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

\*\*\*\* Use the daylight hours to the max. You might want to complete a certain project that has been on the back burner. Avoid getting sidetracked by a long conversation, a couple of snappy remarks and/or an angry reaction. Tonight: Make it early. You need some extra sleep.

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