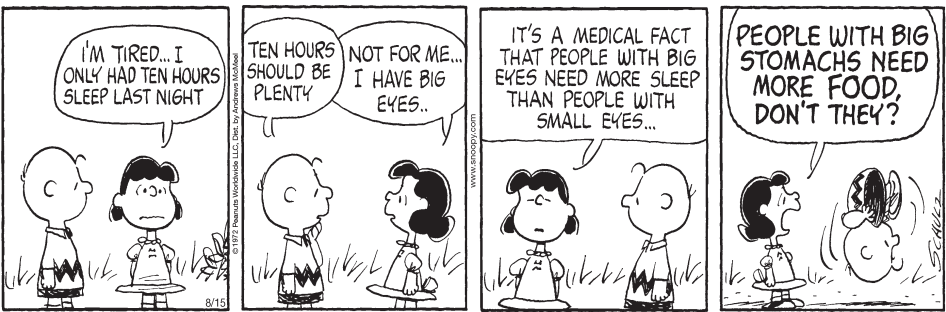


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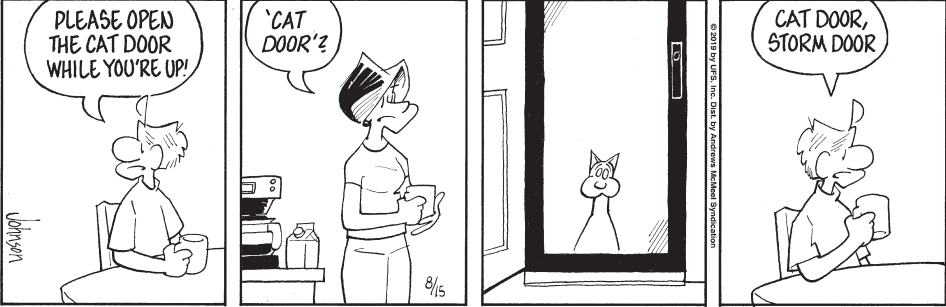
Hi and Lois



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Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Let your actions speak for you this year. Set goals and be sure to finish what you start. Stop worrying about what others do, and pour your energy into what matters most to you. Partnerships, getting along and keeping the peace should be your priorities. Romance is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Listen and follow instructions carefully. There will be no room for error, especially when dealing with professional, legal or financial matters. Don't let someone else's mistake fall in your lap.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - If you don't like something, change it. Trust in what you know, not in what someone tells you. Emotional manipulation is apparent and should be dealt with quickly. No muss, no fuss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Look for something to do that is enjoyable and also good for your health and emotional well-being. A personal pick-me-up will boost your confidence. Romance is on the rise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Keep a close watch over others' actions. If someone tries to undo what you've worked so hard to put in place, implement long-term solutions and keep moving forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Travel, learning and communication are highlighted. You can accomplish plenty if you are proactive and passionate about what you want to achieve. Romance will enhance your personal life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Money, legal and health issues may pose problems if you aren't quick to intervene and make some positive changes. Avoid joint ventures, indulgent behavior and leaving decisions up to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Set sail for your target and don't stop until you reach your destination. You have plenty to gain if you are forward-thinking and persuasive. A partnership will improve your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Stick to what's doable and don't let anyone talk you into something risky, unhealthy or that costs more than you can afford. Simplify your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Don't let someone tell you what you want or need. Size up your situation and do what's in your best interest. Spend time exploring possibilities and sharing your plans with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Keep your life simple, practical and within your financial means. Don't let stubbornness be your downfall. Be realistic and moderate. You cannot buy love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You know what's expected of you if you want to get ahead, so don't give anyone a chance to redirect you or take over your plans. Personal and physical improvements can be initiated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Think before you act. If someone pressures you to spend money or do something you shouldn't, consider it a red flag and question his or her motives.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My brother, "Kevin," came out at the age of 30. Now, 20 years later, I have a son who would like to stay with my brother for a few months while working a job nearby. We have never discussed that Kevin is gay. I had no idea when he came out to me. No one ever asked me about it other than my mother, who goes on and on when we are alone about "how could this have happened?"

The news did not change anything for me. I love my brother for the kind, loving, hardworking person he is. He is always welcome in my home, but my parents refuse to accept any of his friends, so he never brings anyone along. People still sometimes ask me if they can set up a girl for Kevin to date, so I don't think most people know he is gay. He told me that if anyone questioned me about his sexual orientation to tell them to ask him in person, so it's a topic I never bring up.

Should I talk to my son about his uncle being gay before he moves in with him? My brother lives alone with his dog in a nice house with extra rooms. - CAUTIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Talking to your son may not be necessary. If he and his uncle have agreed on the living arrangement, the chances are good that the subject has already been mentioned or is not an issue.

DEAR ABBY: I know a girl through work I'll call Lydia. She is a hard worker and a great mom and wife. She has a loving husband and three great children under 19. Her youngest just started driving. Lydia hosts all the parties and holidays. Everyone thinks she has a perfect life, and she's the Rock of Gibraltar. If anyone has a problem, they go to her.

Not long after I started working here, there was a terrible tragedy in Lydia's family (it didn't involve her husband or children, but another relative). She is very depressed and doesn't seem to be able to pull herself out of it. I know everyone is busy with their own lives, but how can I get her friends - or anyone - to help her through this?

Abby, she is such a beautiful and kind person, I feel terrible for her. I have only been at this job six months, and I don't really know anyone. She never talks about it at work. But I can see the difference in her. - LENDING A HAND IN NEW YORK

DEAR LENDING: You are kind to want to help Lydia. Because you are concerned about her, speak to her privately. Tell her how terrific you think she is, and you know she has been going through a difficult time. Then tell her that if she wants to talk or there is anything you can do to help, all she has to do is let you know.

DEAR ABBY: Please help settle a debate, and let me know if I am right or wrong. Is it rude to drop my girlfriend off at the door of a restaurant and go and park the car? When I walk in, she is already seated, and I have to go and look for her. - RUDE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR RUDE: If the weather is bad, leaving your girlfriend at the door of the restaurant while you park the car is considerate. If having to look for her bothers you, she should tell the host or hostess that her friend will be in a minute and to please let him know where she is seated. Her being seated is actually a help. She should also keep her eye on the front door and, when you come through, flag you to where she is sitting.

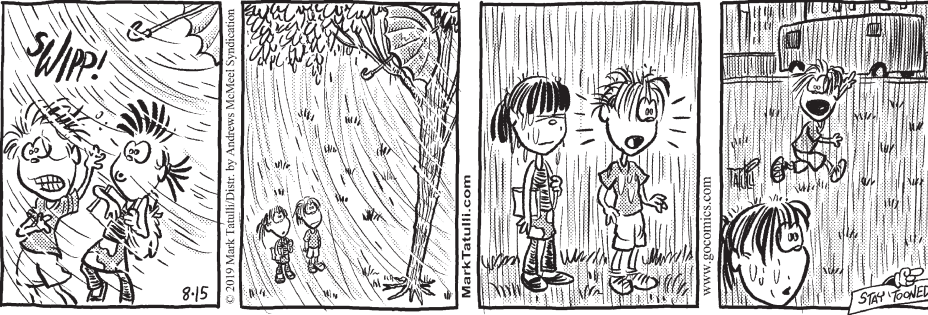
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