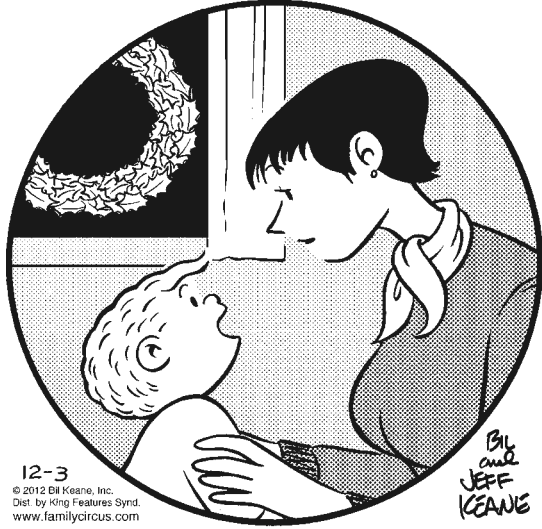
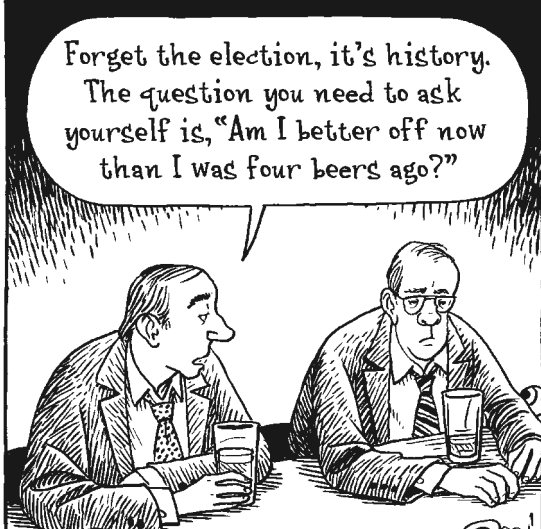


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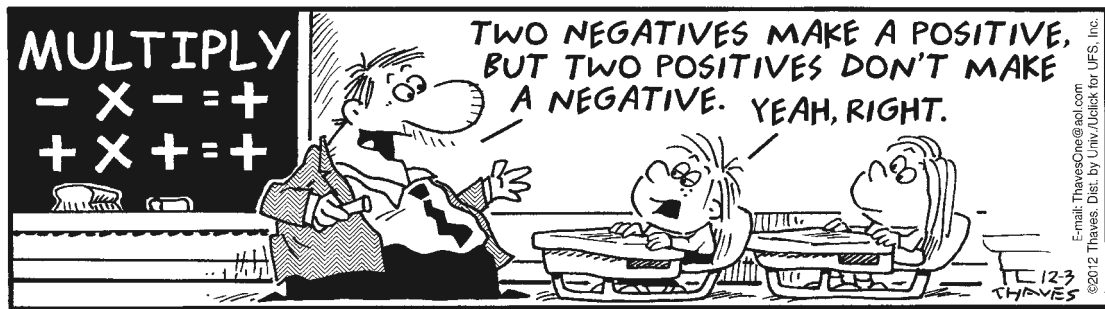


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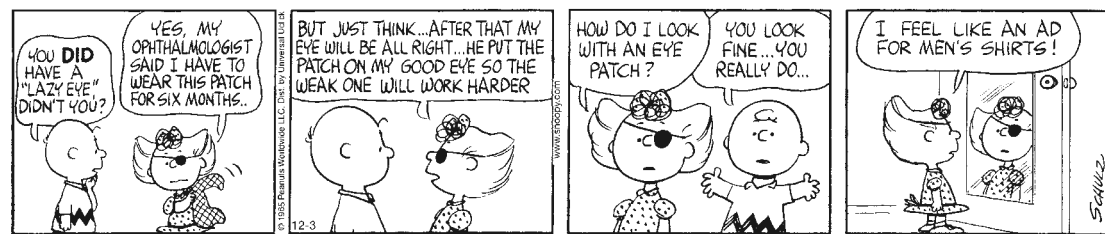
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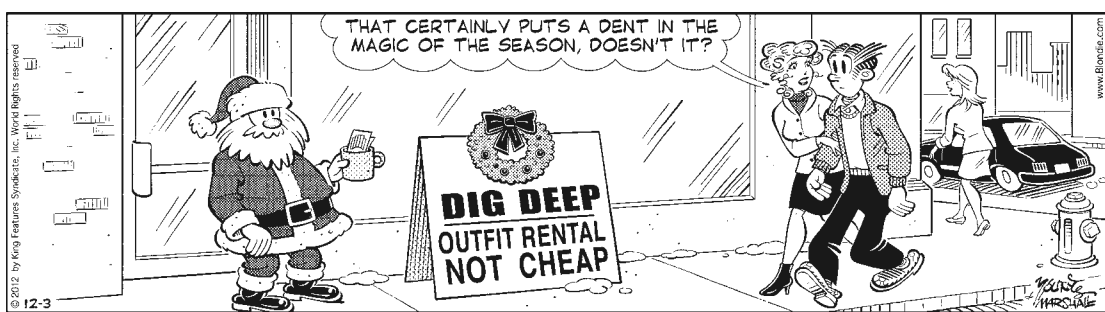
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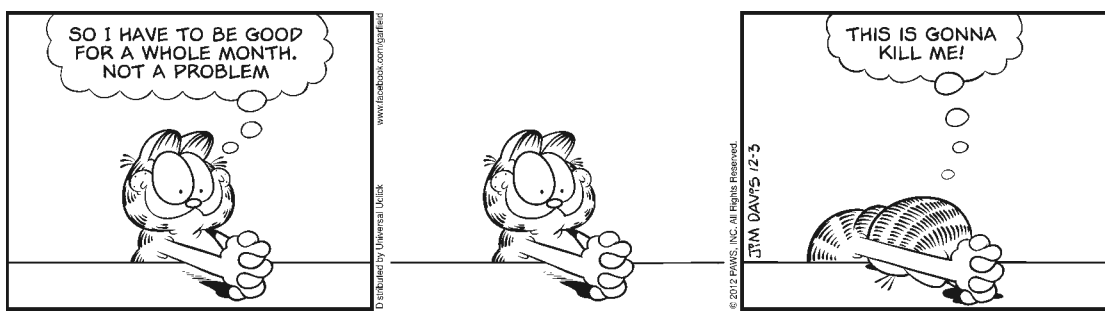
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Man May Get Rude Awakening
Why Wife Clings To Night Shift

DEAR ABBY: I'm married to the girl of my dreams. She's the best thing that's ever happened to me. We both work in the medical field. She's an emergency room nurse, and I'm a paramedic/firefighter.

For several years my wife worked the day shift at a hospital more than an hour away from home. I tried to convince her to find a job closer, so we could see each other more. Finally, she told me she had been offered a night shift position at the hospital here in town. She promised to switch to a day shift if one opened up. I thought that was great.

It has been almost a year now, and she is still working the night shift. There have been many daytime openings, but she hasn't requested any of them. On most of my days off, I watch her sleep.

At this point I'm not sure what to do. I am not happy and don't want to spend the rest of my life like this. I feel like I'm missing out on so much. I have the girl of my dreams, but most of the time she is dreaming — literally. Can you please help? — AWAKE AND ALONE IN FLORIDA

DEAR AWAKE AND ALONE: You ARE missing out, on the fun and companionship that you should be enjoying with your wife. It's time to have a frank conversation with her and find out why she has been stalling about changing shifts. There could be more wrong in your marriage than incompatible schedules, but the problems won't be resolved unless you can be honest with each other. The current situation is unfair to you, and you are right to be concerned.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have hosted a holiday party for our neighbors every year for the last 10 years. Over time, we have invited more and more people, and we enjoy almost everyone. However, one of our neighbors, "Jim," is very rude. For the past several

years he has taken it upon himself to invite several people to our party who he feels should be on the list. These are people we purposely did not invite.

Last year we decided not to invite Jim, but after he sent multiple emails demanding that we change the date and time, we reluctantly invited him. He then had the nerve to send out an email to dozens of people he thought we had missed on the guest list, notifying them of the party. This really embarrassed my husband and me.

How can I tell him it's not his party, and how do we deal with the situation with the folks we did not initially invite but now know about the party? — IT'S OUR PARTY

DEAR PARTY: There is more than one way to handle this. The most obvious would be to inform Jim that he won't be invited this year and tell him why. He is every host's nightmare, and his behavior is beyond nerve. A host must know how many guests to prepare for in order to ensure there will be enough food and beverages for everyone.

Another way would be to forgo giving the party for a year or two and perhaps take a short vacation. Tell anyone who asks why that the gatherings became too large to manage. And then, when you resume entertaining, limit the guest list to something more intimate than a casting call for "American Idol."

One thing is certain: If you continue to tolerate what's been happening, your hospitality will continue to be abused.

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, DEC. 3, 2012:

This year interactions with others generally are very fortunate for you. It is through these contacts that many opportunities will arise. Impulsiveness works in your favor. You will want to detach when you feel triggered. If you are single, someone very special strolls through your door. This person could be very significant to your life history. Come next summer, you will experience a greater intimacy than you have in a long time, or possibly ever before. If you are attached, you could act like young lovers again. Plan on taking a special vacation this summer. You will remember this year for a long time. LEO helps you gain perspective.

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 could feel challenged by financial news and/or a partner's reserved attitude. You have what it takes to break out of this stifling situation within a few hours. You'll naturally find the right approach, which you impulsively will put into action. Tonight: Let the games begin.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Someone you usually count on could be rather cold toward you right now. If you can't figure out what gives, it is important that you find out. You know how to talk this person out of his or her reticence long enough to tell you what is wrong. Tonight: Happily at home.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You appear to be robust and quite happy, until a normal encounter becomes too serious for your taste. You might consider distancing yourself from this person, as he or she seems to be the source of a chill in the air. Hang with your more jovial friends. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You might not like what a risk brings, but you are very tempted to find out. Make an effort to move past the obvious. Consider what would happen if this idea goes south. If you resist the temptation, you deserve a pat on the back. Tonight: Treat yourself. You choose what.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You beam, no matter what you do. Others

respond in a big way to your efforts. A situation could drain you if you allow it to, but you won't. Good news heads your way. A meeting could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Your wish is someone's command.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★ Know when to step back and handle a situation differently. You are on top of your responsibilities, but you still are mulling over an important idea. Listen rather than talk. Ask all the questions you need to. Choose to do a stressbuster. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You could feel a bit insecure and might be left wondering just how much others expect of you. Regardless, you'll take the lead in a meeting. Your opinions make a difference to many people. Would you present yourself differently if you felt slightly surer of yourself? Tonight: With pals.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might not feel energized, with everything that is going on around you. In fact, you could be stuck on overthinking what has gone on. Know that you might need to understand the influence of your own negativity. Share your opinions. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could be questioning what you want to do and why. Detach, and you will see that you need no explanations. It is your life; choose to live it well. Think more carefully about what is happening around you. You do need some feedback. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Deal with someone directly. In fact, everyone you deal with would appreciate your personal attention. Consider the possibility that everything would run more smoothly if you shared more one-on-one time with others. Tonight: With a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Stay on top of surprising requests or an unexpected financial development. Your original reaction could be very different from your final response. Lady Luck increases your options if you tap into your creativity. This allows you to see situations differently. Tonight: Return calls.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

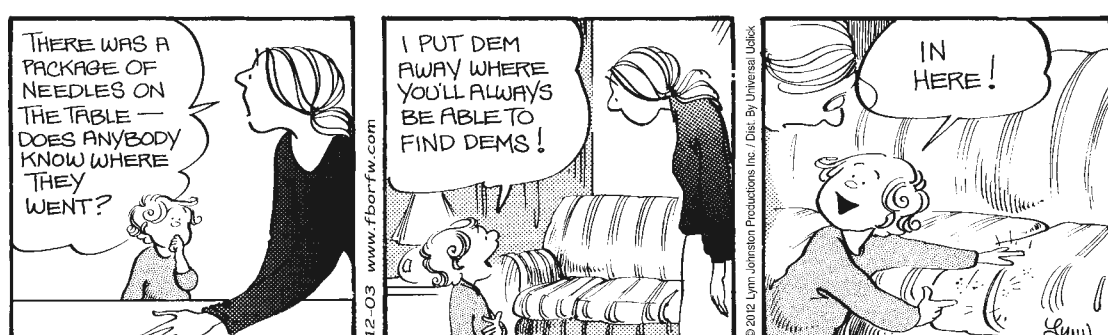
★★★★ You might want to rethink recent developments in your daily life. You might need to let go of a pattern or a certain way of thinking. You will be much happier in the long run. A child or family member seeks you out with good news. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

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