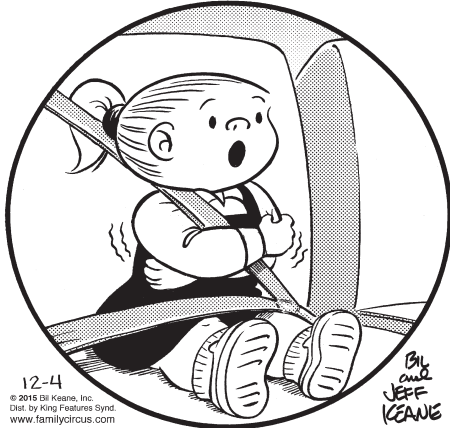


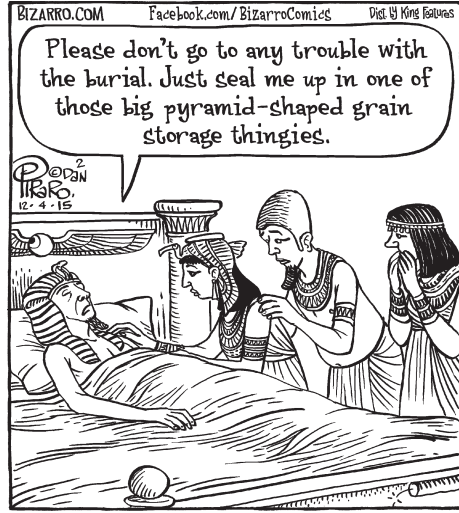
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"Mommy, I think we need to turn up the heat conditioner in the car this morning."

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



Please don't go to any trouble with the burial. Just seal me up in one of those big pyramid-shaped grain storage thingsies.

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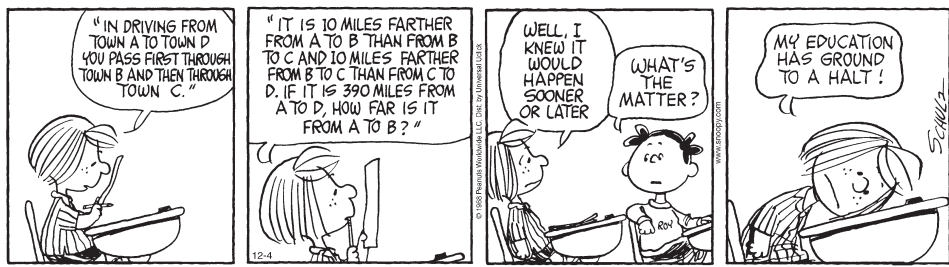
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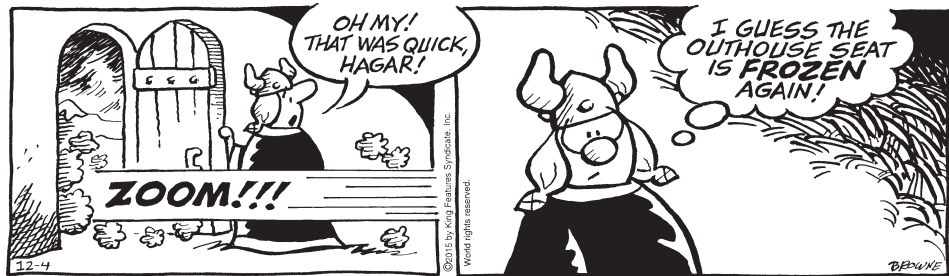
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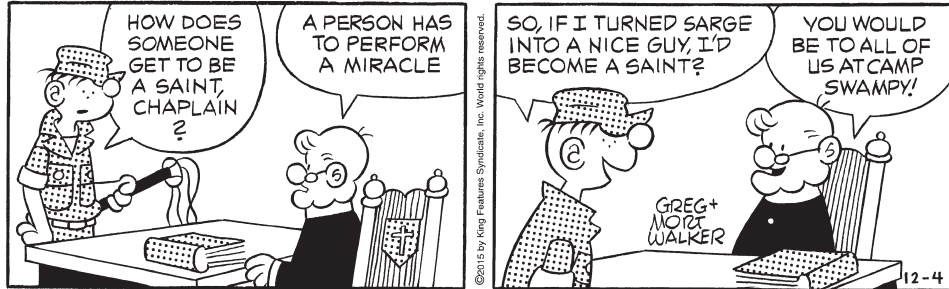
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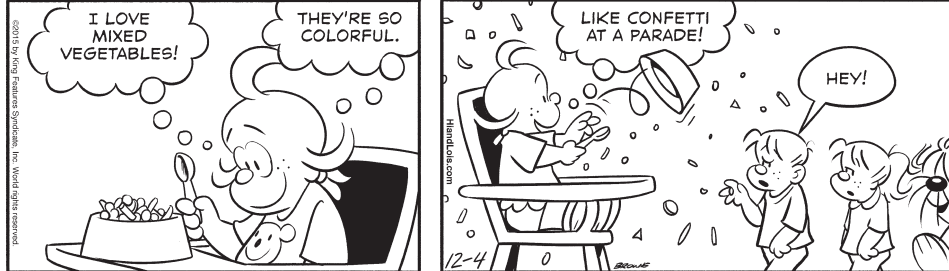
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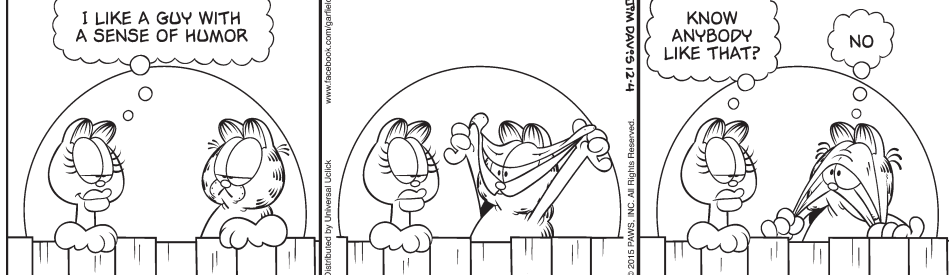
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Woman Weighs The Price Of Marriage Of Convenience

DEAR ABBY: After a marriage of many years, I have come to realize ours has become simply one of convenience. My husband is a negative and controlling person who gripes about everything and anything. He has developed no friendships or interests of his own, and I have to battle with him to even have a day to myself.

How many other women are like me – stuck in loveless marriages without the resources to live on our own (at least in the lifestyle we are accustomed to)? Any advice for me? – IN LIMBO OUT WEST

DEAR IN LIMBO: If my mail is any indication, you have lots of company in your boat. Many women stay because they are afraid to live alone or see nothing better on the horizon. No third party can or should answer this question for you.

Make a list of the pros and cons of your marriage, tally them up and weigh the cons against how you feel living the life you are living now. A licensed counselor may be able to steer you in the right direction – which may entail marriage counseling and/or consulting a lawyer or your CPA about what other options you may have.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a busy sixth-grade girl who has played piano for seven years. But my busy schedule gets in the way of piano because I have to prep for competitions. I love the piano, but I still need to keep up with my school schedule.

If I tell my grandma I want to quit piano, she'll be disappointed. I already quit violin in orchestra. So this means my music life will be over. Should I still do it or not? – STRESSED OUT MUSICIAN

DEAR MUSICIAN: Unless your music causes your grades to drop, continue the piano for as long as you can. There may come a time when other things must take precedence, but you never can tell how beneficial your musical education may be when you're an adult.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

You're an intelligent young woman, so let me share a true story with you: A man here in Los Angeles studied classical piano for many years. He had talent, but didn't consider himself good enough to make it his career. He married, went to law school, passed the bar – and wound up becoming one of the most successful lawyers in town representing musicians and other entertainers.

You never can tell where life may lead, so the more talents you nourish, the wider your options will be.

DEAR ABBY: My husband demands we give our first child the name "Junior" as his legal first name, supposedly to honor the baby's paternal grandpa, who is also called Junior.

I am vehemently opposed to it because Junior is a title, not a name, and also because Grandpa is a notorious drunk, criminal and adulterer. I am open to ANY other name my husband may want, but he won't budge. Who should win out? – DUE SOON IN SYRACUSE

DEAR DUE SOON: You should! Naming a child after someone is, indeed, supposed to be an honor, and from your description, your father-in-law isn't someone who deserves one.

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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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Virgo if born before 5:34 p.m. (EST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 4, 2015:

This year you experience unusual mood swings, where you go from being fussy and critical to being accepting and loving. You might not understand what triggers this, but you will be able to use this to your advantage in various situations. If you are single, you attract many admirers who would like to be more to you. A friendship could be instrumental in your meeting someone special. If you are attached, indulge your significant other as you would like to be indulged, and everything will work out fine. The friendship that exists between you is as important as the love you share. You find LIBRA to be fair yet sensitive.

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 have the energy to meet present demands. Reach out to someone at a distance who holds a very unique opinion. A partner plays a strong role in what occurs during the next few days. Trust his or her decision-making process. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

**** Apply some of your creativity to your workday. As a result, it might be more pleasant, and you could become more efficient, allowing for more free time. A partner or associate expresses his or her caring in a way that you can finally hear. Tonight: Join the gang for TGIF

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

*** You seem to come out of your cocoon by the late afternoon, just in time for the weekend. Accomplish what you must early in the day. Your ability to charm others and draw them closer to you emerges. Pace yourself, and be more demonstrative. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

***** You could be very playful and full of fun in the daytime. You might be busy texting, emailing and communicating in general. Don't forget to make weekend plans. Your caring and creativity emerge as the workweek ends. Please be spontaneous. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

**** Evaluate plans for the weekend.

Conversations finally flow, and you'll reach an understanding after a difficult period of trying to understand a key person in your life. If someone wants to treat you to lunch, say "yes." Tonight: Join friends for some fun.

VRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

**** Make the most of the daylight hours, when you feel empowered. Opportunities seem to present themselves to you from out of the blue. Making choices about these possibilities needs to be thought out. Take a hint from Leo about finances. Tonight: Treat a friend to TGIF.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

***** Have a conversation that you have been avoiding. You might feel that you can handle anything by the end of the day. You will roll into the weekend feeling good. Join friends whenever you can in the next few days. A flirtation develops. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

***** Balance the pros and cons of a situation. Get opinions from those involved. Ask yourself what is best for you and for everyone involved. Venus moving into your sign later in the day adds to your magnetic qualities. Tonight: An invitation is too good to say "no" to.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

**** You listen well to others when engaged in conversations. You might feel as if you have no alternative other than to do what others ask you to do. A meeting quickly shows who your supporters are. You know what you want and where you are going. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

*** Know that your instincts won't lead you in a bad direction. You might be unusually fortunate right now. You'll need to make calls and handle a confidential matter early in the day. By the late afternoon, many people will seek you out. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

**** Listen to a partner, especially if he or she is more knowledgeable about a particular topic. How you handle a personal issue could change as a result. Make your holiday shopping list, as you might have a moment to search for a special gift. Tonight: Try a new spot.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

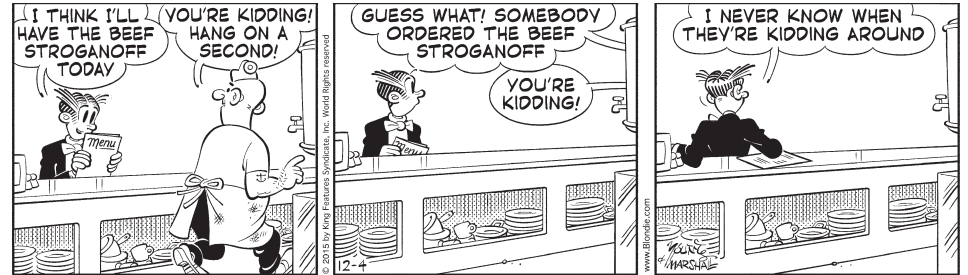
**** Others defer to you, which might surprise you, as you have many strong-willed people around you. If you are available, a loved one would love to spend time with you. Be aware of how much you need to spend this holiday season. Tonight: Make it special.

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