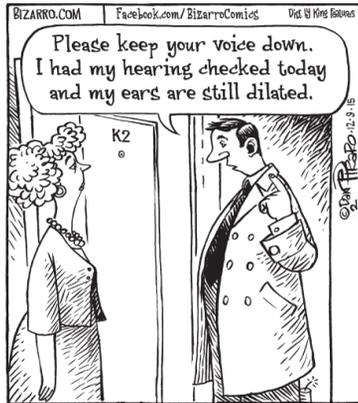


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"Why didn't Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus out of his car seat?"

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



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Please keep your voice down. I had my hearing checked today and my ears are still dilated.

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



I'M HOME!  
PARTY ON.

PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE



EVERYONE TELLS ME THAT I LOOK YOUNGER THAN I REALLY AM.  
WELL, YOU'RE LUCKY. NO ONE EVER TELLS ME THAT.  
DO YOU THINK I LOOK YOUNGER THAN MY AGE?  
I'M THE WRONG PERSON TO ASK. TO ME, EVERYONE UNDER FORTY LOOKS EIGHTEEN.

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



RECOMBINANT DNA LAB  
I'M CROSSING A PINE TREE, PUMPKIN AND BUNNY-- YOU CAN USE IT FOR THREE HOLIDAYS!

BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON



EXCUSE ME, CHIEF --  
OH, NO, NOT AGAIN!  
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NOT AGAIN? I HADN'T EVEN ASKED FOR ANYTHING!  
NO, BUT I COULD TELL SOMETHING WAS COMING!

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



"NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING... NOT EVEN A MOUSE"  
REMEMBER, IF I DON'T GET SOMETHING QUITE RIGHT, LET ME KNOW...  
"THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE... IN HOPE THAT JACK NICKLAUS SOON WOULD BE THERE"  
I ALMOST HATE TO BRING THIS UP...

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



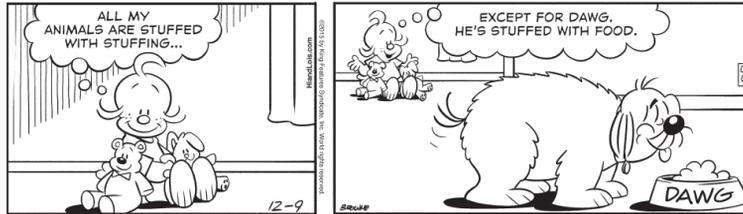
EXCUSE ME, IS ANYONE USING THIS CHAIR?  
NO YOU CAN USE IT!  
THANKS!

BETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



I HOPE THE GENERAL WON'T MIND MY VISIT  
JUST BE SURE TO THANK HIM FOR HIS TIME  
THANK YOU, SIR  
GREG & MORT WALKER

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



ALL MY ANIMALS ARE STUFFED WITH STUFFING...  
EXCEPT FOR DAWG. HE'S STUFFED WITH FOOD.  
DAWG

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



ELIZABETH, YOU WERE SUCH A NICE QUIET GIRL WHILE I WAS SHOPPING FOR DADDY!  
YAH! YOU THOUGHT I'D BE BORED, BUT I FOOLED YOU-- I FOUND SOMETHING TO DO!  
WHERE'S THAT \*G\* KID, POWELL? SHE'S BRAIDED ALL THE TIES!

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



TONIGHT'S YULETIDE NIGHTMARE?  
YUP-PER. I'M THE CHRISTMAS CAROL THAT'S STUCK IN YOUR HEAD  
AND YOU?  
I'M THE FRUITCAKE THAT'S STUCK IN YOUR TEETH

# Husband's Sexual Assaults Can No Longer Be Ignored

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for almost 14 years. I'm a sound sleeper, and I suspect he has been having sex with me while I'm sleeping. I have woken up without clothes on, my undergarments askew or the waistband "rolled on." I called him on it and told him I knew and that I'm not OK with it.

Weeks later, I caught him red-handed. This time I was awake, but I was so frightened that I froze! I was sexually abused as a child and raped as an adult, and now I feel like my marriage has been turned upside down. My husband denies it. He claims it's all in my head.

My friends say that for the sake of my children I should ignore it or I'll turn their lives upside down. Abby, everyone thinks my husband is a catch! I'm sure if I walk away I'll lose friends -- maybe even some of my family. Please help me. I feel lost. -- TURNED UPSIDE DOWN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR TURNED UPSIDE DOWN: Your friends are wrong, and you should NOT "ignore" this. Sex without a person's consent is rape! When a husband does what you have described, it is called spousal rape.

Because he claims this is "all in your head," for your own sanity, make an appointment to discuss this with a licensed psychotherapist. With your unfortunate history, you should have spoken with someone already. Your husband is either grossly insensitive or derives pleasure from being a predator. His behavior is appalling, and you do not have to stand for it.

Counseling can help you decide whether to remain in this marriage. Regardless of what your ultimate decision may be, it will help you be emotionally resilient enough to live with your choice regardless of what your "friends" and family members may think.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Rob," and I are pregnant. This should be an exciting time for

me, but he keeps bringing up a previous relationship during which he had an unplanned child. That was 10 years ago, and the mother denied him access.

I have told Rob how much his mentioning it upsets me and I have asked him not to do it, especially during my pregnancy. I want to feel happy and special as the woman who will be providing Rob with an actual family unit. But instead I feel like second-best and resentful.

This should be a time to focus on us and our new baby, not the child that isn't in his life or that woman and her stupid actions. Please advise me. -- SOON-TO-BE MOM IN DENVER



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR MOM: You ARE special and you ARE the person who is creating a new family with Rob, but your pregnancy may be a painful reminder of the child he "lost." He may be afraid the same thing could happen again and need all the reassurance you can give him that it won't.

Because his bringing up the past relationship is hurtful, suggest he talk with a licensed mental health professional about it. Sometimes the best way to stop grieving is to talk about it.

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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 Scorpio if born before 5:25 p.m. (EST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9, 2015:

This year your energy creates a new beginning in at least one area of your life. Other times, you will want to pull back and isolate yourself. You frequently need some time off. You could decide to revamp your budget as well. If you are single, meeting someone you are interested in will take time and probably several tries. Don't get involved in a commitment if you don't want to be tied to this person. If you are attached, as a couple you alternate between being very visible and vanishing for weekends at a time. You thrive on those special times together. A fellow SAGITTARIUS is very different from 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)

★★★★ How you handle a situation could vary from morning to evening. Your preference during the daylight hours is to handle everything you can on a one-on-one level. By later today, you will want to resolve issues through a change in perspective. Tonight: Allow your mind to wander.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Let go of a need to control. A partner or dear loved one will come through with flying colors. One-on-one relating proves to be fruitful. Anger could emerge from out of the blue if you aren't careful about your expectations. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's choice.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You are full of energy, but you need to direct it. A meeting could be instrumental in choosing the right direction. A friend might push you in an unexpected way. This person can be difficult at times. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Defer to a friend or loved one.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your imagination continues to flow like an endless fountain. As a result, you could become someone's muse. A boss would like you to focus a little more on what is happening at the workplace. A child also might want more of your time. Tonight: Be with a loved one.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Your sense of value could prove to

be a major factor in the day. Others are likely to learn from you, either by seeing how you value them or by observing how you value yourself. Communication could be confusing later. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You'll wake up with a heightened sense of optimism and well-being, which proves to be your signature for the day. Though you could be facing a hassle, know that everything will turn out well because of your positive attitude and willingness to adjust. Tonight: Head home.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be stuck between a rock and a hard place. You can't seem to launch a project, which might become a problem. Try to understand what is holding you back. Funds could be part of the issue. A discussion becomes possible later in the day. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite haunt.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You'll feel more together than you have as of late. Decide to take some downtime. You have a tendency to push too hard in order to achieve your desired goals of the moment. Lie low and kick back, if possible. Tonight: What seems like a great deal might not be.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Resisting a low-energy cycle might not be as difficult as you think with so much happening around you. Know that someone is observing your potential and your leadership abilities. You'll like the direction this situation is heading in. Tonight: Finally feeling good!

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Use today to go over some past work and make sure that you are heading in your chosen direction. You could encounter a complication or two; hold off on making any major changes. You might want to go over certain details in your mind. Tonight: Catch up on news.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You might decide that taking a stronger stance is an important way to go. However, you could be disappointed with the results you get. Honor a fast change later in the day. Accept an invitation, even if it is last minute. Tonight: No telling who you could meet when you are out.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Some people can't seem to get enough quality time with you. However, you might not want to stop whatever you are doing, as you could be having such a good time. If you can handle fitting everything in, you'll be pleased. Tonight: A last-minute request keeps you busy.

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## BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



ZOE HAD ME PUT UP A POSTER OF SOME TATTOOED THUG IN HER ROOM.  
HE'S NOT A THUG, HE'S A MUSICIAN.  
WELL, MAYBE NOT A MUSICIAN, HE'S A SINGER.  
WELL, NOT REALLY A SINGER, EITHER.  
ARE WE BACK TO "THUG"?  
YEAH, BUT A THUG WITH KILLER ABS!

## BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



GORA SAYS I DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO HER ANYMORE!  
WHY'D SHE SAY THAT, BOSS?  
WHO KNOWS? I NEVER LISTEN TO WHAT SHE'S YAMMERING ABOUT ANYWAY!

## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



DOGS MUST BE LEASHED  
ACTUALLY, HE'S NOT REALLY ON A LEASH, HE'S JUST CHARGING HIS IPHONE