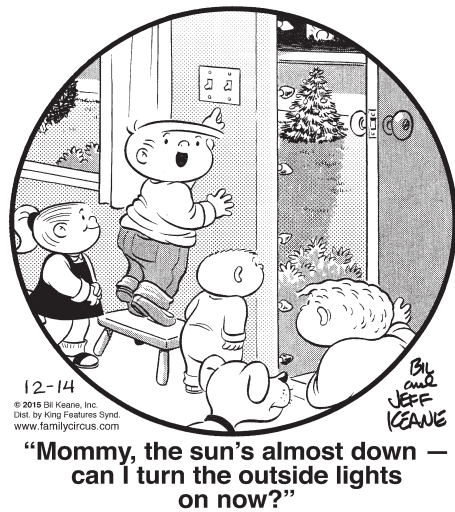


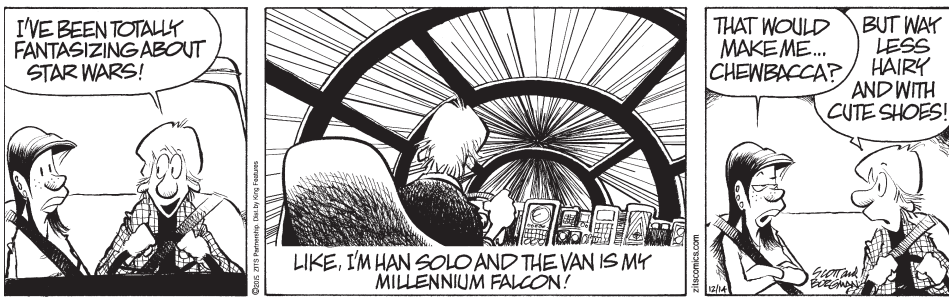
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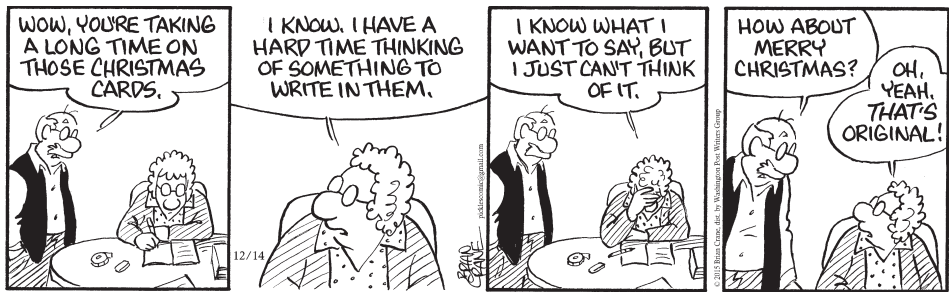
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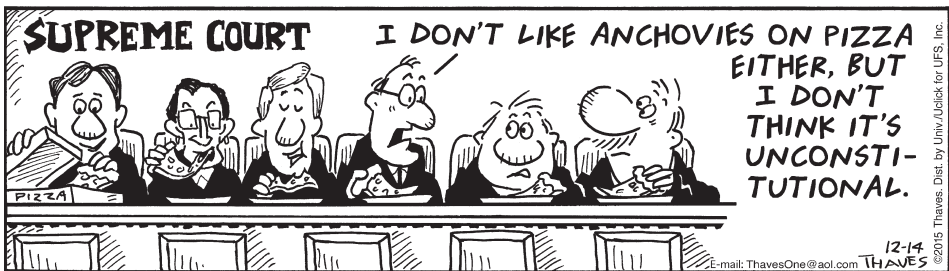
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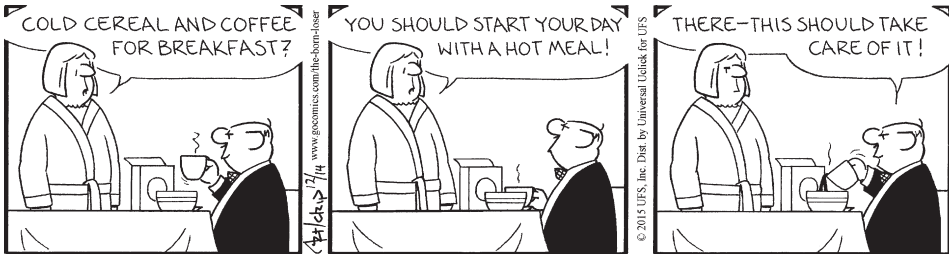
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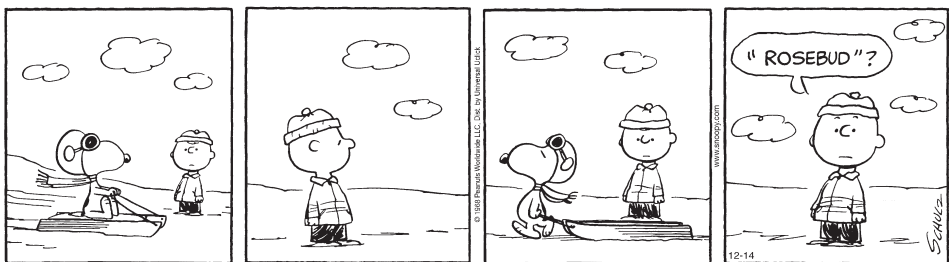
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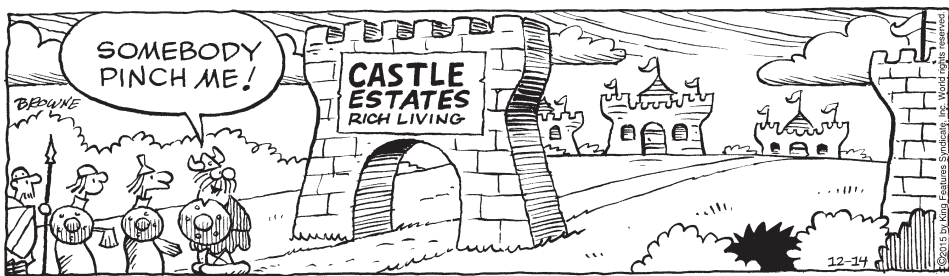
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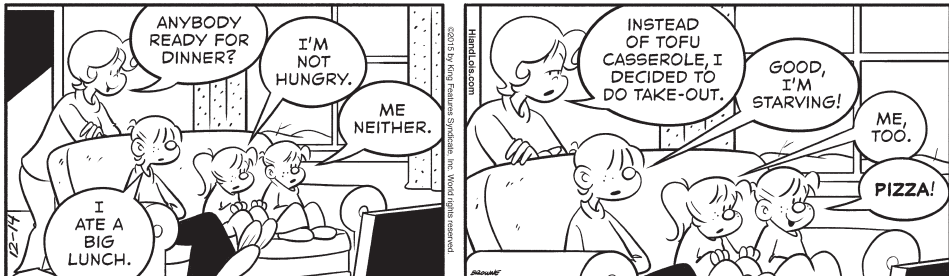
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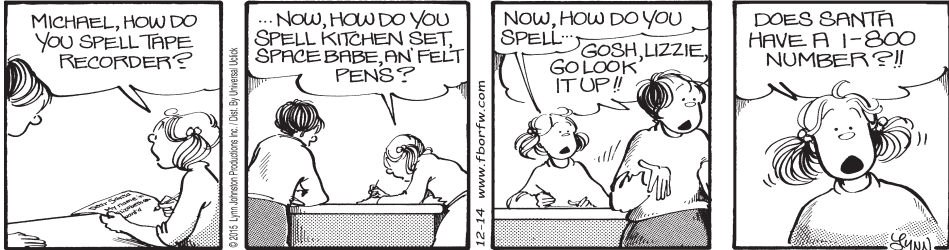
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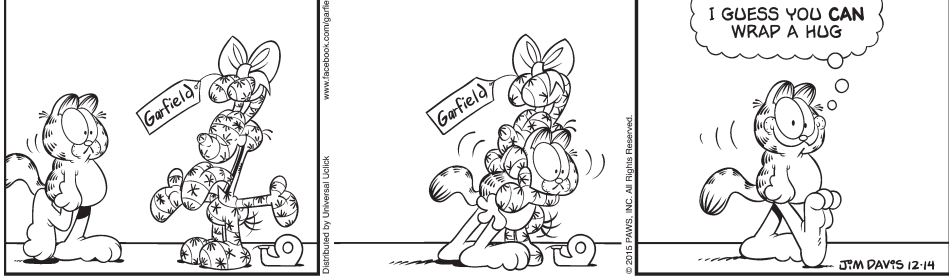
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Rapists Should Be Accountable For The Suffering They Cause

DEAR ABBY: My rapists are dead now, but I can see from the years since their attack what damage they have caused. I'm having medical complications that have developed over time, pain and suffering from those complications, PTSD and additional stress over pharmacy bills because of it. It has affected the way I feel about men, and I'm afraid it will be this way for the rest of my life.

My attackers caused a great financial burden on me because of the cost of psychological counseling and loss of income due to episodes of related illness and working beneath my potential. Rapists seem to think they're entitled to take what they want when they want it. I'm thinking perhaps they should be forced to take responsibility for the resulting cost to the person whose life they affected, which brings me to my question: Can women sue their rapists? — **ALTERED BODY AND SOUL**

DEAR ALTERED: In this country, anybody can sue anyone for anything, but not someone who is dead. However, lawsuits can be emotionally and financially costly, and the question is whether the plaintiff can win. Some states offer financial assistance to victims of crime, which includes medical and dental expenses, counseling costs, funeral or burial expenses, and lost wages or support.

Because your rapists are deceased, it would be more practical for you to go online and visit www.victimsofcrime.org to explore what kind of compensation may still be available for you. I wish you luck in your pursuit of justice.

DEAR ABBY: I'm an only child; my husband is not. Our parents don't live nearby, and every year we have great debates over where to go for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both sets of parents host both holidays at their homes.

My husband feels we should alternate, one year spend Christmas with his parents, the next with mine. I suggested that one year

we host Christmas at our home. That way, both sets of parents could be with us, but his mother said no because her other children and grandchildren spend the holidays with them at her house.

Even though I know the fair thing to do would be to alternate, I do not want to leave my parents alone on the holidays because I'm their only child. They have no one else! But his mother expects us to be there for every holiday and gets upset if we aren't. I know this situation will only get worse once my husband and I have children. What should we do? — **HOLIDAY TROUBLE IN NEW YORK**

DEAR HOLIDAY TROUBLE: Because a marriage is supposed to involve the joining together of two families into one, you might suggest to your mother-in-law that she extend an invitation to your parents for the holidays. But if she's unwilling or your parents are unable to travel, then I agree with your husband that you should alternate the holidays.

After you have children, this should be discussed again, because it is important that they get to know their cousins, and it will be easier to expose them when the family is all together — whether it's at your home or your in-laws'.

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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 Capricorn if born before 7:59 a.m. (EST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, DEC. 14, 2015:

This year you might feel as though you are not ready to take a leap of faith or assume new responsibilities, yet these obligations could land on you anyway. You have the wisdom and diligence to take the lead. You are likely to greet a promotion or pay raise. Your thoroughness will pay off. If you are single, you meet people from out of the blue when you least expect to. Know what you want from a relationship, and you will make good choices. If you are attached, you'll share more with your significant other. Remember, this relationship needs care. AQUARIUS can be provocative and fun.

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'll put a lot of energy into seeing the big picture. As a result, it will become clear which direction you should head in. Friends stand by you and encourage you to create more of what you want. Tonight: Meet a friend out for munchies after doing some shopping.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You have been considering some big, dynamic ideas. A partner could challenge your creativity. Recognize what you want from a project, and focus. An associate wants you to succeed, but he or she seems to be more uptight than you realize. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ A discussion will take you down a unique path. You might need to step back in order to see the big picture. You could feel uncomfortable with a situation seems to be problematic. Make an adjustment accordingly. Detach and become an observer. Tonight: Try something new.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might want to switch gears and handle a personal matter differently. You also could opt to let someone else take this on, as this person is so sure of him- or herself. You will free up some spare time if you do. You will appreciate the space. Tonight: Time with a special person.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, and

you need to have an important discussion with a friend. Sometimes this person confuses you. Allow your creativity to come out. Your cheerfulness makes all the difference in the outcome. Tonight: Put up your feet and relax.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Others could be confusing, or possibly not on the same page as you. You are practical, while they tend to lean toward being idealistic. That might be the core problem with the conversation you're about to have. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise if you can.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to be serious and think only about business or work. You could have difficulty eliminating all other thoughts. Allow your imagination to drift to other areas of your life. You will need some important information. Tonight: A boss can be difficult to speak to.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Understand your limits. Your imagination will add more dimension to what would otherwise be a dull day. A money matter needs to be sorted out. Someone whom you find to be refreshing and caring adds a new dimension to your day or plans. Tonight: Head home early.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You will manage to ask the right questions, even if you don't receive the answers you desire. Do not push so hard to get to a certain point. Recognize that you are coming from a centered space, though you might not be as upbeat as usual. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Your instincts will help you discern how to handle a money decision. Still, you'll want to avoid taking any risks. News, calls and information comes in from a distance. A private discussion is likely to illuminate your thinking. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Do more listening than talking. A partner will share many ideas, so don't discount them. Use self-discipline when dealing with your funds. A friend could be taxing and somewhat boring. Listen anyway; he or she might have wisdom to impart. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ Take your time when making a decision. Wait several days, if that is what you want to do. Time is your ally, even though your partner seems to want to act now. Much more is going to come up, so trust your instincts. Be diligent. Tonight: Relax in front of a warm fire.

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