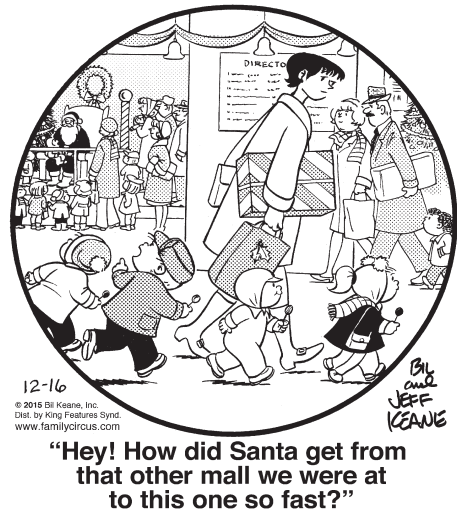


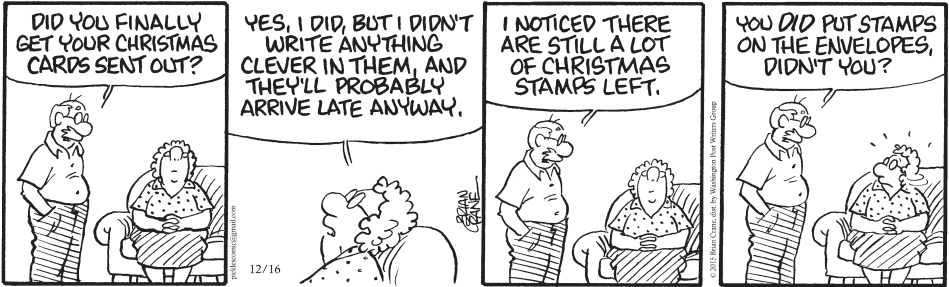
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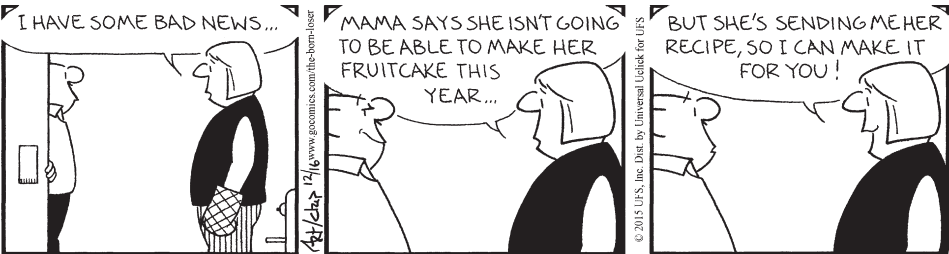
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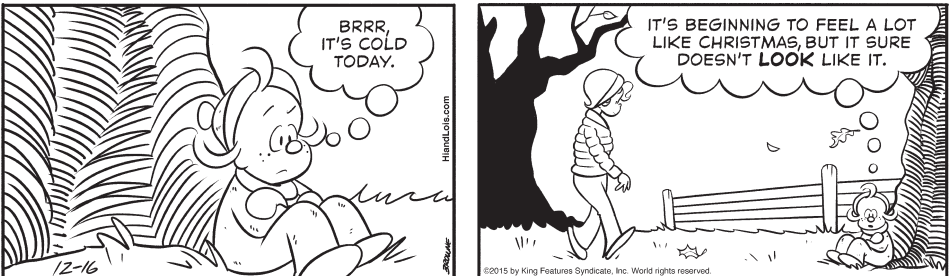
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Woman Who Wants Implants Must Ignore Boyfriend's Threats

DEAR ABBY: I have always struggled with a lack of self-esteem and confidence. I would like to get breast implants. It's not to seek attention or anything; it's merely to feel better about myself. Clothes don't fit me properly, and I am embarrassed.

My boyfriend is completely against it. He says he doesn't want to be with a fake person, even though I have tried in vain to tell him I'll be the same person on the inside. He has also threatened that we will have relationship problems if I have the surgery done.

This procedure will, in my opinion, help me in many ways. On the other hand, I don't want to lose my boyfriend! Please help. – DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE HIM

DEAR DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE HIM: Which is more important to you – to do something that will make you feel more confident about your appearance or hang onto this boyfriend? He may be worried that you will attract too much attention if you change your appearance, or have a hang-up about "relations" with a woman who has implants.

If he were your husband, I might answer differently, but from where I sit, you have to do what's best for you. A boyfriend who would prevent you from boosting your self-confidence strikes me as selfish and not much of a "friend" at all.

DEAR ABBY: I'm saddened by the mistresses of today, also known as "side chicks." These women have no morality or conscience. Yet their status seems to be glorified all over social media.

What advice would you give to my friends who are contemplating joining in this madness as a "hustle" and a way to get child support from married men? – DISGUSTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DISGUSTED: You are describing entrapment and extortion. A woman who would do this is lacking ethics, morals and self-

respect. That kind of individual isn't likely to listen to advice from me. I do have some, however, for YOU. End those "friendships" because, on an important level, you have nothing in common with these shameless users. I pity the children, who are nothing more than meal tickets to their mothers.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am vegan, which makes dining out an adventure. In restaurants, veggies and pasta or a veggie wrap are pretty much a go-to. At family functions (weddings, showers), I bring my own non-dairy milk and butter and try not to call attention to myself. When someone (inevitably) notices, the questions begin, which I don't mind.

What I DO mind, however, is the hostility I encounter. "What makes you think you're better than the rest of us?" is the most common comment. I don't think I am, and I certainly have never implied it.

I need a response that won't fuel the fire and will hopefully allow me to eat in peace. Thoughts? – VEGAN GIRL IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR VEGAN GIRL: Try this: "I'm sorry you got that impression, because it's not the way I feel. It's simply the way I choose to eat."

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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 Aquarius if born before 12:13 p.m. (EST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16, 2015:

This year you tend to be offbeat. Others might claim that you have become quite eccentric. At other times, you will be dreamy, creative and artistic. This back-and-forth could throw a friend into confusion, but this is just who you are right now. If you are single, forming a friendship as well as a romantic bond will be very important to you. You seem to be able to manage both, but not everyone can. If you are attached, you will be more and more aware of the importance of a friendship within a love relationship. With any luck, you will be able to manifest a dream together. PISCES expects a lot from you on a personal level.

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)

★★★★ Use the morning for interactions with others. In the afternoon, you'll want to put aside time for some quiet time to work. Be sure to note your thoughts as rapidly as they come to you. You might want to touch base with someone you rarely speak to. Tonight: Be incognito.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ A take-charge attitude goes far in the morning. Meetings with associates or friends will put a smile on your face, as long as they're scheduled for later in the afternoon. You can accomplish a lot at that time. Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with a pal. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could be in a situation where you enjoy yourself to the max. You don't want to be distracted, but a responsibility calls. You might want to rethink a choice you recently made. Could it be a mistake? Tonight: Handle everything that you need to ASAP.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be wondering what is best to do under certain circumstances. A partner might be very firm about what he or she wants to do with a project. You have no room for negotiation, so don't even worry about it. Detach and you won't be so concerned. Tonight: Feed your mind.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Touch base with a loved one. Your

decisions need to be based on when the two of you will be getting together. Understand why this person is so emotional. The reason might not make sense unless you stop and listen to his or her story. Tonight: Togetherness will be a great theme.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You could be in a situation where you want to have a long-overdue conversation. You might feel unable to draw in the other party as much as you would like to. This person is full of ideas, but he or she tends to be easily distracted. Tonight: The only answer is "yes!"

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Use the morning for you and you alone. In the afternoon, you'll need to get into errands and/or a project. Don't allow someone to distract you too much, if you want to accomplish what you need to. A conversation could be quite informative. Tonight: Use your imagination.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You will be full of ideas and distracted for most of the afternoon. The person who occupies your thoughts could act very much like a muse. You often can funnel these spurts of creativity into other areas of your life as well. Tonight: Finish up some holiday shopping.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You finally might discover what is going on with a neighbor. Nevertheless, you won't be able to continue the conversation for too long, as you have other obligations. Set up another time to visit very soon. Handle a personal matter in the evening. Tonight: Close to home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Use good sense with your purchases. You might not believe how much you need to spend. You could decide to reassess your holiday shopping list. Honor a change of pace, and go along with a discussion, even if you feel it is a bit crazy. Tonight: Share some eggnog with a friend.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

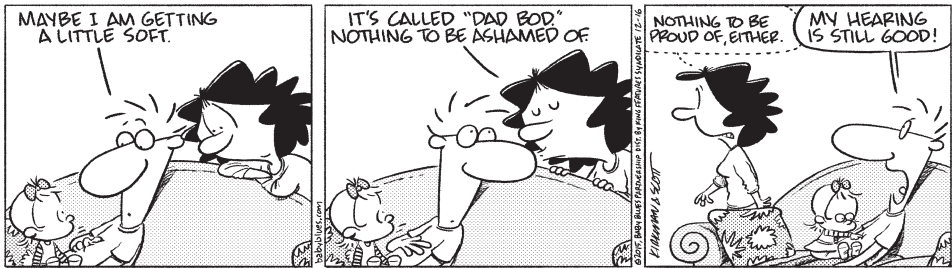
★★★★ Use your abundant energy well in the morning. You could feel some pressure, as the holiday season is in full gear. You might need to play out a situation that surrounds a friend and a money matter. Know when to say you have had enough. Tonight: Finish up some shopping.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

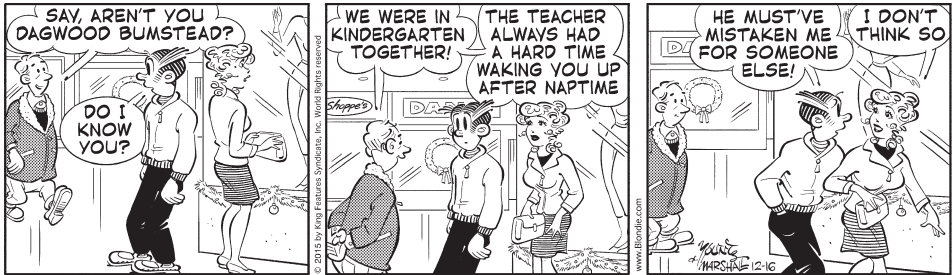
★★★★ You might need to rethink a certain matter. A loved one could be difficult in the morning, or perhaps just unwilling to work with you. By the afternoon, everything and everyone interacts like a well-oiled machine. You have a lot on your mind. Tonight: Get into some holiday fun.

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