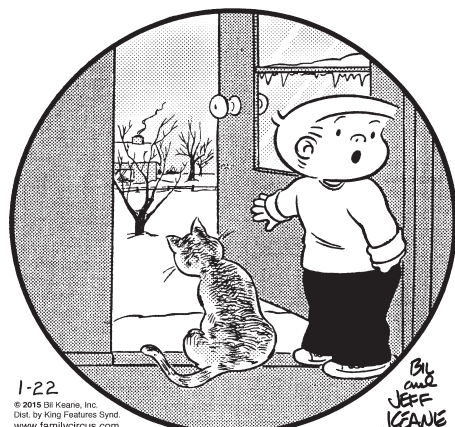


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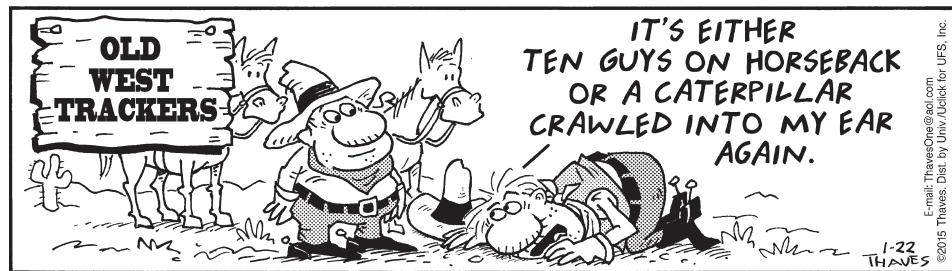
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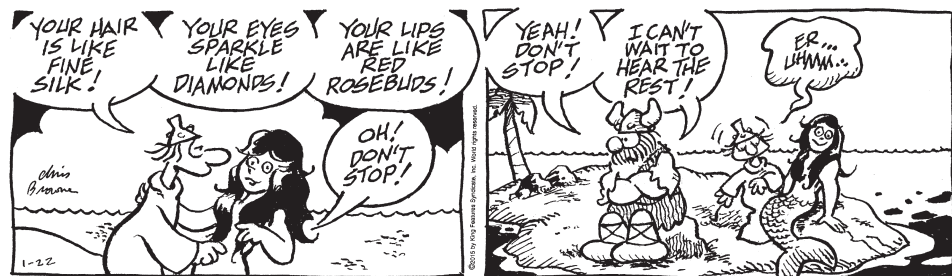
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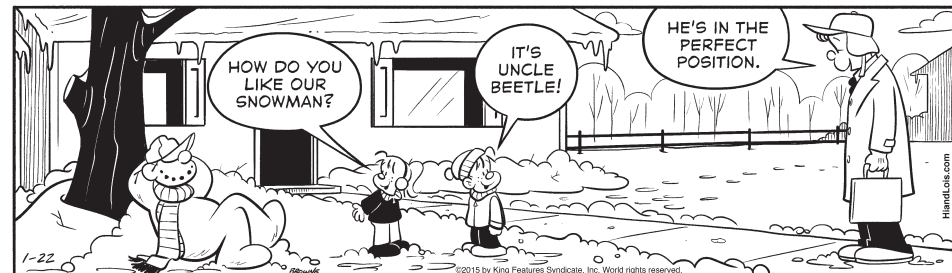
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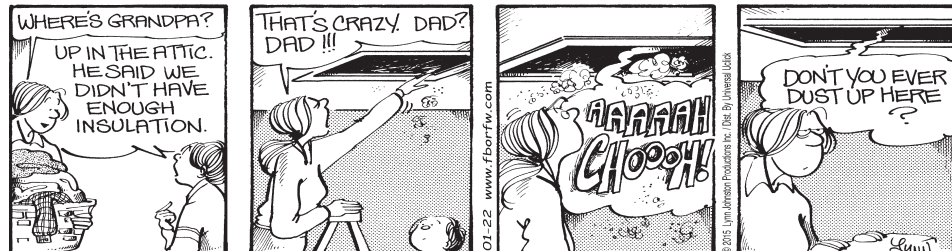
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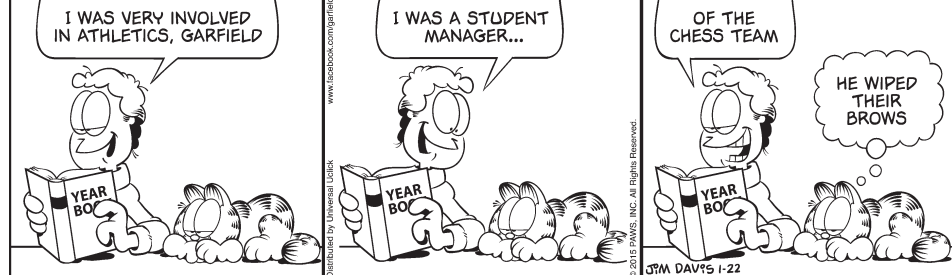
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Readers Share Many Reasons For Choosing To Be Cremated

DEAR ABBY: I just finished the letter from "Plotting and Planning in Arizona" (Oct. 5), regarding why cremation is so popular. There are also other reasons.

My father, a WWII veteran, had planned to be buried in a national veterans' cemetery. After his death we were informed that the only option currently available was interment in the veterans' wall of honor columbarium, because the cemetery had run out of space for traditional burials.

DEAR PROUD DAUGHTER: "Plotting and Planning" guessed one reason was cost, while another might be that we live in a more mobile society. Readers agreed, but offered additional input:

DEAR ABBY: Several people I know prefer cremation because they are claustrophobic. Even the thought of being shut up in a casket gives them the heebie-jeebies.

DEAR ABBY: Rather than be buried in a cemetery (\$\$\$) or be cremated (my kids objected), I'm donating my body to medical science. I have degenerative arthritis, asthma and other minor conditions.

DEAR ABBY: A few reasons why I have requested cremation: First, due to modern technology, it is now possible to take a portion of one's remains and turn them into diamondlike gems...

Second, because of the proliferation of fine mini-urns — which may be used as jewelry — I intend to have a portion of my ashes distributed to a few of the women who have touched my life in various ways over the

years. I feel it is not only my right but also my duty to avoid saddling others with the exorbitant costs of today's funeral extravaganzas.

DEAR ABBY: Cremation has a lot going for it. "Green burials" are becoming more popular. You can be wrapped in a shroud and buried in the ground. No chemicals, everything is biodegradable — ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

DEAR ABBY: Being an avid scuba diver, I have instructed my family that I wish to be cremated and my ashes turned into part of the memorial reef by the Neptune Society.

DEAR ABBY: I'm opting for cremation when my time comes. I don't want to be dug up in the future for someone's science project, grave robbers or archaeologists.

I have "urned" my rest. — RALPHEE IN ALABAMA



DEAR ABBY
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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.

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Aquarius if born before 4:48 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 22, 2015:

This year you often need to regroup and reassess what is going on around you. Clarify and confirm messages, agreements and meetings in order to avoid misunderstandings.

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 might be holding back some strong feelings that you normally would be uncomfortable sitting on. A serious discussion with a friend who offers a fresh perspective will help you focus on what would be the best way to handle this whirlwind of emotions.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

A friend will play a strong role in your plans. Be careful, as this person could be unusually pushy. You might wonder which way to turn. A partner who seems closed off probably won't encourage a discussion, even if it involves him or her directly.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Take the lead, and you are likely to have more say in the outcome. You might have a lot of ideas that you want to throw into the mix. Look at what will bring you the greatest sense of well-being. Do not lash out at a parent or higher-up.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You have a vision that many people can't seem to understand. You know what you want and how to create it. Those around you might not have the ability to conjure up such a vision. Make a call, but do not stand on ceremony.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Make it a point to deal with someone directly. You will get a strong reaction, no matter

what you say to this person. Understand that this belligerent behavior has nothing to do with you. Step back rather than get involved.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Make it your pleasure to defer to someone else. This person is likely to be eager to want to help. Try to stay out of this process. A family member or a situation involving property could limit or substantially curb your options.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You might have a strong idea about how to proceed in a situation that affects your daily life. Allow your imagination to find the right path. Ask yourself some questions, especially involving a project and your involvement.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Work with a creative idea. You will see the difference when you don't hold yourself back so much. You might not want to invest too much money in this project. Know when to step back and become less involved.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Tension could build between you and a family member because of certain demands. Practice saying "no!" At the same time, note that this person can be unusually creative and is likely to come up with several good ideas.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You'll want to share some ideas you have kept to yourself once you discover that you have a receptive audience. You might trigger a brainstorming session and get important feedback.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

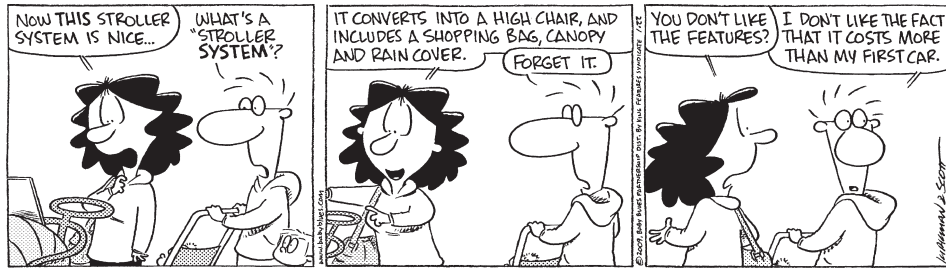
Be conscious of your spending habits. It will be almost too easy to say "yes" to any proposal that heads your way. You might want to put the kibosh on some wild purchases or investments right now.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

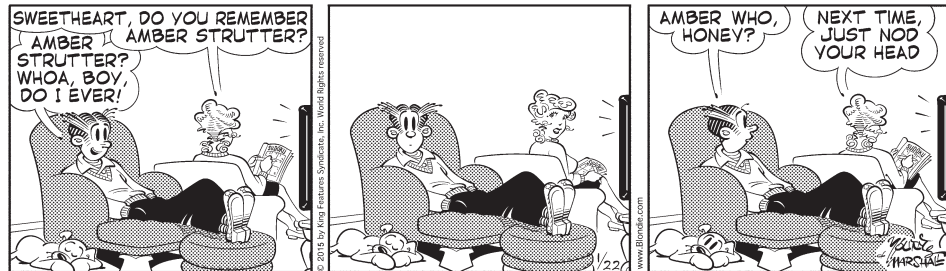
You'll have a lot of energy invested in finishing up a project. You might be very busy and somewhat demanding. You want the situation to be exactly the way you want.

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