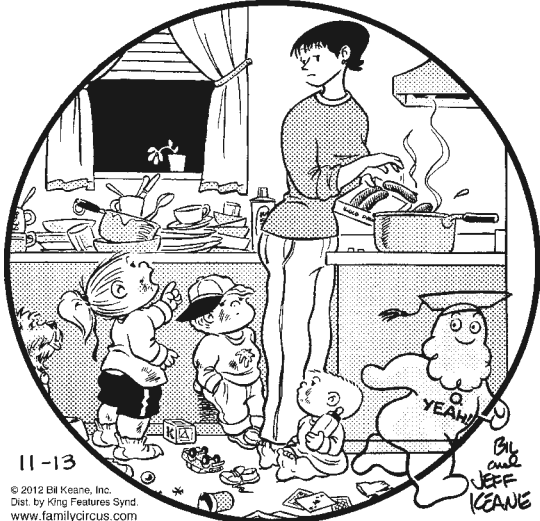


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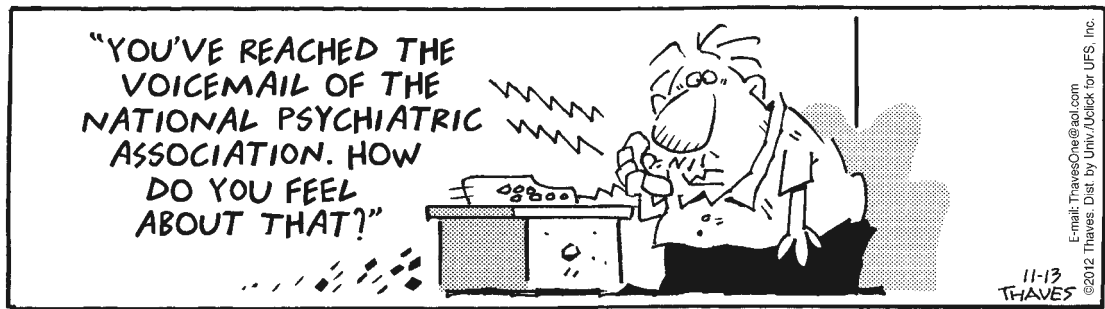


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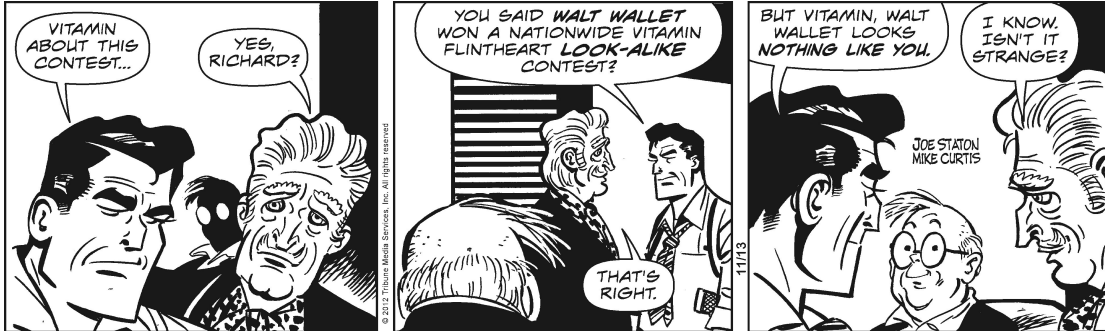
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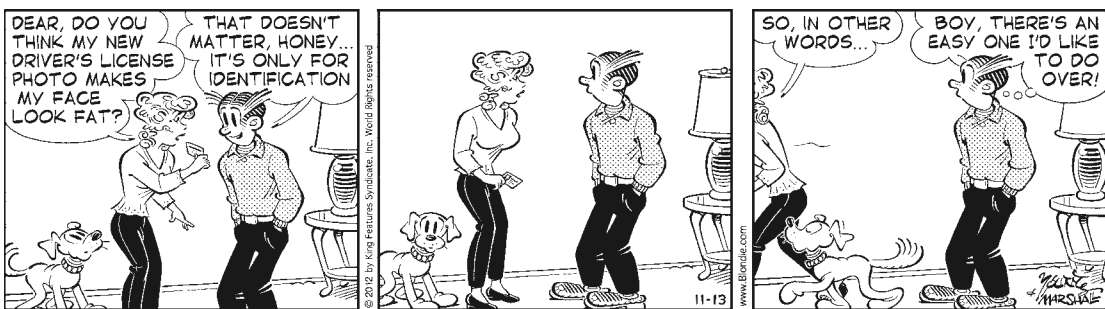
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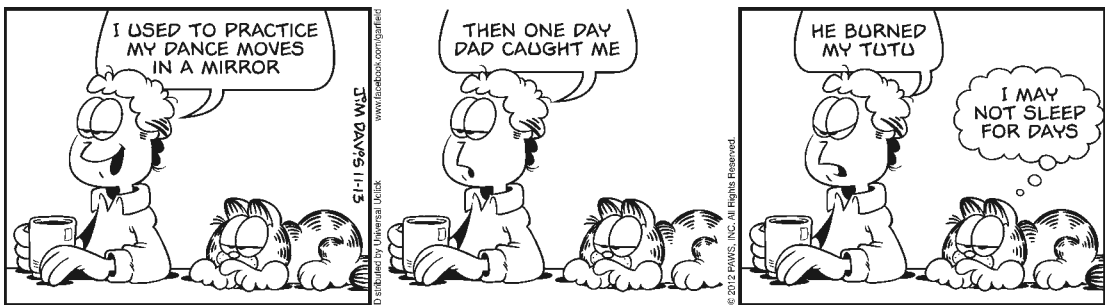
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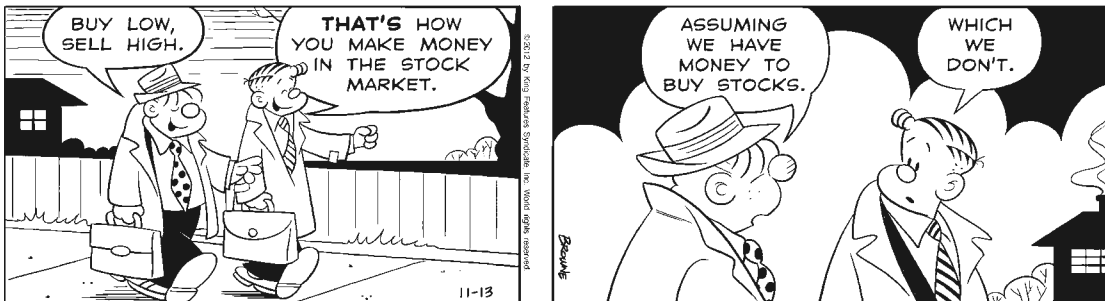
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Dog Pays The Price For Owner's Inattention Behind The Wheel

DEAR ABBY: I want to share my experience with being a distracted driver. One gorgeous, sunny day a few months ago, I happened to glance down at my iPad and the next thing I knew, I had hit the car in front of me. The airbags engaged and hit me and my golden retriever, who was in the front seat with me. He was so freaked out he jumped out the window into oncoming traffic. I chased him, but lost him as he darted through traffic on the busy streets.

Fortunately, a couple found him and brought him to a vet who scanned his chip. I got him back, and it is a gift from heaven — but he was severely injured. With time, he will make a full recovery, but my stupid mistake hurt my most cherished companion. I can't forgive myself. From now on, those devices go in the trunk. — REFORMED DISTRACTED DRIVER

DEAR REFORMED: That's a start. And in the future, your cherished companion should ride in the BACK seat — with the windows closed and wearing a restraint so that in the event of another traffic problem he won't be reinjured. Because you are in communication with your veterinarian, ask him or her what type is recommended.

DEAR ABBY: I am a mature, adult woman in my 40s who has never had a good relationship with my mother. Candidly, she is a mean person who has left a lot of hurt feelings in her wake. It makes being close to her impossible. Our entire family feels the way I do about her, including her only surviving sister.

I will be remarrying soon. Although I feel that inviting my mother to my wedding is the right thing to do, it could mean potentially inviting disaster — literally. I'm having trouble coming to terms with this decision and would love your input. — NEEDS GUIDANCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEEDS GUIDANCE: Your mother appears to be a bitter, possibly disturbed woman. If she isn't invited, the hurt and angry feelings could reverberate for years. Because the rest of your family knows the way she is,

consider inviting her on the condition that she will be on her best behavior — AND with the understanding that if she "lapses," some family members will escort her out.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: My husband has met my co-workers and their spouses at various company-related events. He recently mentioned that he has seen "Wally," who is married to one of my co-workers, "Anna," with another woman on more than one occasion. Apparently, Wally didn't recognize my husband.

Should I "casually" mention to Anna that my husband saw her husband and where, and let her figure it out for herself? My husband said it's up to me to decide whether to tell her or not. If it were me, I'd want to know. — OLDER BUT NOT WISER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR O.B.N.W.: I suppose you could casually mention it to Anna, but don't be surprised if she casually responds that the woman is his sister, his cousin or a daughter by a former marriage. It may be perfectly innocent.

DEAR ABBY: My friend left a plant for me to take care of while she was out of town. The plant died. Do I replace the plant? — NO GREEN THUMB IN LUB-BOCK, TEXAS

DEAR NO GREEN THUMB: If the plant was thriving when your friend asked you to care for it, and it died because of lack of sun or water while in your care, then the answer is yes — you should at least offer to replace it. For your sake, I hope it wasn't a rare orchid.

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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 and Moon in Scorpio all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 13, 2012:

This year you could experience important yet surprising changes. You might even see a change on the professional front or in your relationship status. During the next 12 months, you'll be on somewhat of an emotional roller coaster. Hold on tight, and as a result, you will emerge a stronger person. It will take the full 12 months to determine the outcome. You will not be bored this year. If you are single, you meet a lot of potential suitors. Choosing the right person could involve making a mistake or two at first. If you are attached, your sweetie is adjusting to all the changes. Be indulgent and understanding. Another SCORPIO could challenge you beyond your limits. 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)

★★★★ Others will not be happy unless you give them the full attention they feel they deserve. Communication falls into the proverbial situation where everyone only hears what they want and nothing more. Try a different approach. Tonight: Relax with a less stressful person.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Defer to others, as they are so demanding that you have little choice. You might feel as if many people do not understand what you are sharing. It would be a different story if they weren't so self-involved. Recognize that you are wasting your energy. Tonight: Go with someone else's choice.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Stay even-tempered, and focus on accomplishing as much as possible today. The pace is hectic, but you are up to it. Clearing up as much as possible now will allow you to accept an invitation that otherwise you couldn't. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Others could be tumultuous and even exhausting to watch. Communication might be confusing, and your reaction could take you down an odd path as a result. Stop and center yourself, then go over the situation in your mind. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Instinctively, you want to retreat from others.

People could be overly demanding and not into negotiating. You might decide to spend a quiet day at home in order to steer clear of the uproar; that would be a very smart decision. Tonight: Make it non-stressful.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your personality comes out in a discussion, which might surprise a business associate. You always are so professional, and people expect nothing less. Allowing others to see your authentic self won't hurt. Tonight: Have an important discussion over dinner.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You are totally occupied with your finances right now. Unless you have the ability to pull white rabbits out of black hats, you are unlikely to find a money tree in your backyard. Stay realistic. You could get yourself into some trouble otherwise. Tonight: Spend wisely.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by the many possibilities you see. As a result of the enormous amount of activity and tasks you have taken on, you have become rather me-oriented. Understand that someone might be needier than you. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Lying low is acceptable if you are feeling drained. A discussion with a friend or loved one might help. Actually, your fatigue could be blamed on today's solar eclipse. Be aware that others might be experiencing a similar effect. Tonight: Not to be found.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Emphasize what you want, and focus on that very thing. Friends surround you, but their moods might be volatile and unpredictable. Confusion surrounds a key meeting. Could you be mixing business with pleasure? Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

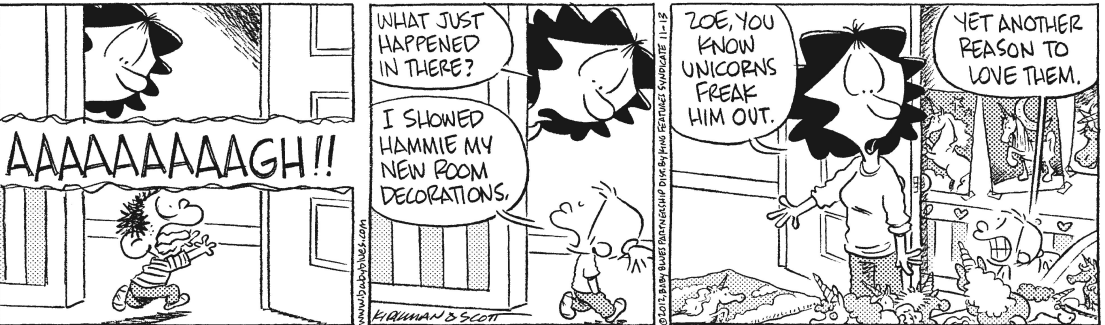
★★★★ Others can't seem to concentrate or handle a particular problem. Your popularity skyrockets as others reveal how much they need you and want your support. Be willing to say "no" if need be. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

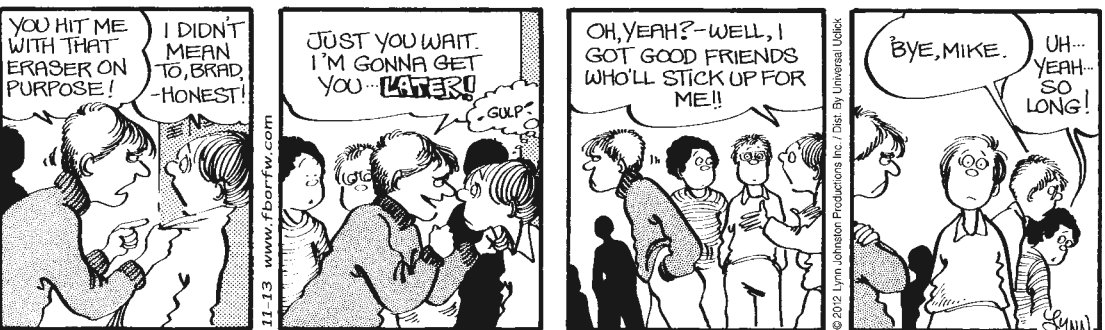
★★★ Believe that there is a solution, and you just have not found it yet. Remain confident and detach from the immediate issue. Your inner sense of confusion could be playing an important role in what is happening. Tonight: Follow the music.

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