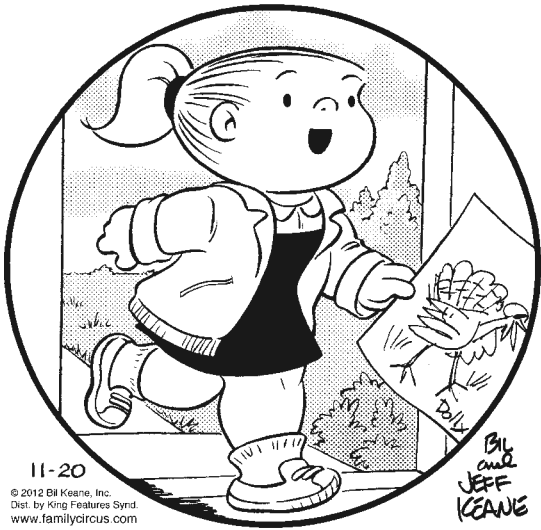


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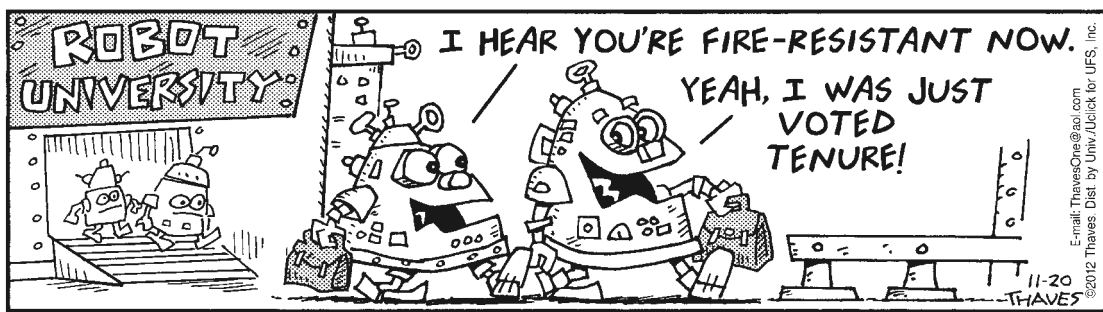


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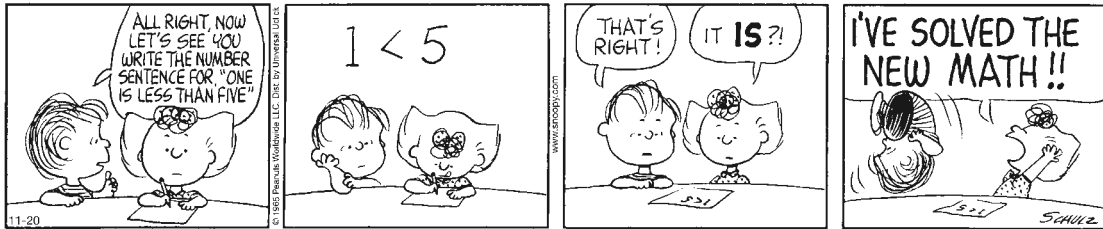
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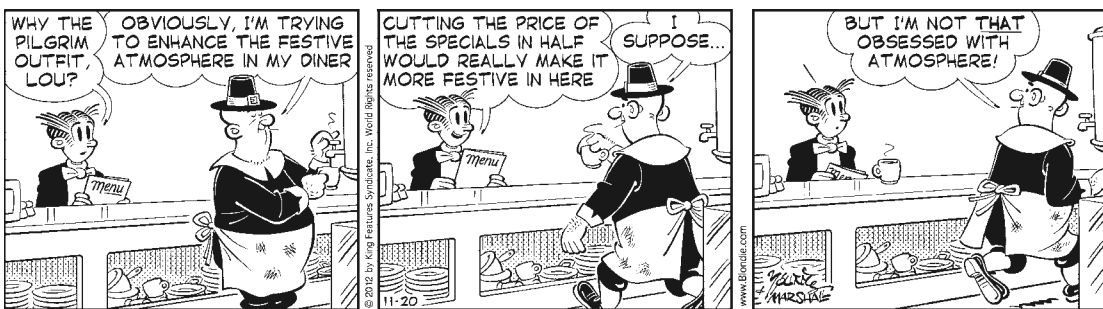
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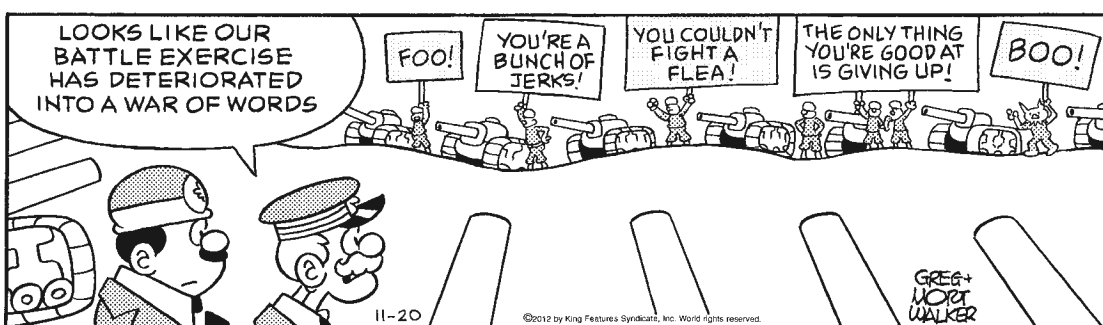
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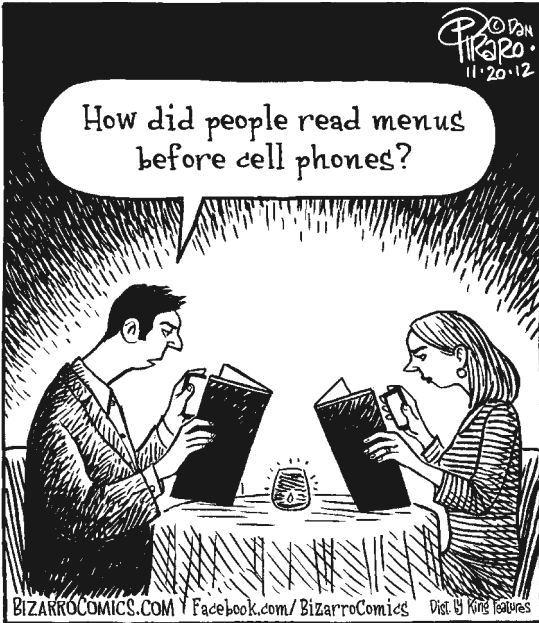
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Doctor's Silence After Wife's Death Adds To Widower's Grief

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Margie," recently lost her five-year battle with leukemia. I'm still grieving this huge loss. Something I found particularly upsetting was the apathetic attitude of her doctor and his staff.

Margie was seeing a specialist in a city 300 miles from our home. It involved many trips to his office as well as extended hospital treatments. During this period, we considered the doctor and his staff more than health care providers. We thought of them as our friends. Margie would often bring them home-cooked meals or pastries from a bakery. In addition, because she did fine needlework, she made all the women a set of dishtowels.

After my wife passed away at home, I sent a note to the doctor and his staff, thanking them and expressing gratitude for all they had done for her. I never received one message in return. I understand they treat many patients, but don't you think SOMEONE could have given me a call or sent a sympathy card?

I attend a bereavement support group and was surprised that I am not the only one who has had the same experience. Is it normal for health care providers to stop all contact with spouses after a loved one dies? — STILL GRIEVING IN ARKANSAS

DEAR STILL GRIEVING: I'm very sorry for your loss, and for your disappointment. However, everyone deals with death and dying differently and doctors are people, too. In the field of oncology, for every victory there are also many deaths. Emotional detachment is sometimes the way that these physicians and staff protect themselves from emotional pain. Please forgive them.

DEAR ABBY: My son-in-law "Ralph" is a good father, good husband and we have gotten along well for nearly 20 years. But an issue has come up that has me really upset.

Ralph was an exceptional wrestler in high school until a shoulder injury ended his career. Now he wants his 10-year-old son, "Carter," to wrestle. Carter went to a few practices in early elementary school, but

showed no real interest in the sport. However, he does like basketball and shows potential to be a decent player.

Right now, my grandson's dream is to have a cellphone, and Ralph has promised to get him one — if he goes out for wrestling. I said I'd buy him a phone so he won't have to go out for wrestling just to get one.

I'm afraid Carter could get hurt while participating in a sport he has no real desire for, and could end up being unable to play the sport of his choice. I know there's danger of injury in any sport, but at least if an injury did occur, it would be while doing something he wants to do. And injuries aside, he should be able to pursue the sport of his choice, not his dad's. We need some guidance here. — FRUSTRATED GRANDMA IN IOWA

DEAR GRANDMA: I agree with you, and for the sensible reasons you stated. However, I would add this: It appears your son-in-law may be attempting to relive a chapter of his life in which he failed to succeed because of his injury. To lure his son away from the sport he

likes by bribing him to go into wrestling is unfair to the boy. I hope you and your daughter will talk to Ralph and tell him you think this is a bad idea, and that he will listen to you.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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 Scorpio and a Moon in Pisces if born after 8:56 a.m. (PST). Before that time, the Moon is in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 2012:

This year you open up to your creativity and your heartfelt desires. When sharing those dreams, you are taking the first step in making them so. If you are artistic, you will give form to one of your life's masterpieces. If you are single, a very significant romance could blow in this year -- most likely after spring. If you are attached, you might find that you could be welcoming a new addition to your family. PISCES sparks your imagination.

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)

★★★ Listen to your instincts with a key partner. You'll go far, because you are willing to honor your intuition as well as your intellect. You might not want to reveal a lot in a conversation about money. Teamwork allows greater give-and-take. Tonight: Take much-needed personal time.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Listen to your comrades in order to gain some insight as to what to do with someone who might be stopping up the works. This discussion takes you in a new direction, and it allows greater give-and-take. Tonight: You are coming from a more centered perspective.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ A boss might be instrumental, but he or she is demanding. Make sure that you can handle this combination. You have strong drive and want to get as much done as possible. A partner could slow you up by wanting to talk. Tonight: Understand what you can and cannot change.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Do not hesitate to reach out to someone at a distance who means a lot to you. You might decide to make plans to see each other in the near future. A dear friend or loved one supports you in promoting a cause or an initiative. Tonight: Where music can fill the air.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Someone else wants to run with the ball, but you might not be sure of this person's choices. Try to help

this person get grounded by having a conversation with well-placed questions. You might want to rethink a decision involving your health. Tonight: Share ideas.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Defer to someone else, and know full well what the end result will be. You know what to do. Your sixth sense comes through for you, but you might want to discuss the situation with a friend who will be equally impacted. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Issues involving work or your daily routine come to the forefront. You might want to rethink a situation more openly. Your creativity is high, and you know how to bypass a problem. You also have assumed a stern stance on a money matter. Tonight: Include some exercise.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Your more playful personality emerges, which allows greater give-and-take. You see a situation far differently and are able to incorporate others' ideas. You know when enough is enough, and you might even put strict terms on a sibling or an associate. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Consider working from home so that you can handle a domestic issue. Communication flourishes, no matter where you are. You might need to screen calls. Your instincts might be off, as you could be drained or slightly depressed. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Communication thrives, and it's unlike anything you've ever seen. You might be getting a mixed message from someone and could be unsure as to which way to go. Slow down before taking any action or speaking any words. Tonight: Get into a happening.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You could be more in touch with someone's needs right now. Your instincts will come forward, but you also might be dealing with some anger. Pull back and take a walk, especially if you are feeling pushed. Tonight: A parent or older person might be demanding.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ The time has come to share some strong feelings and get feedback. A friend lets you know exactly what he or she is feeling. This person wants you to agree with him or her. Follow your conscience. Tonight: Mood changed? Adjust your plans accordingly.

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