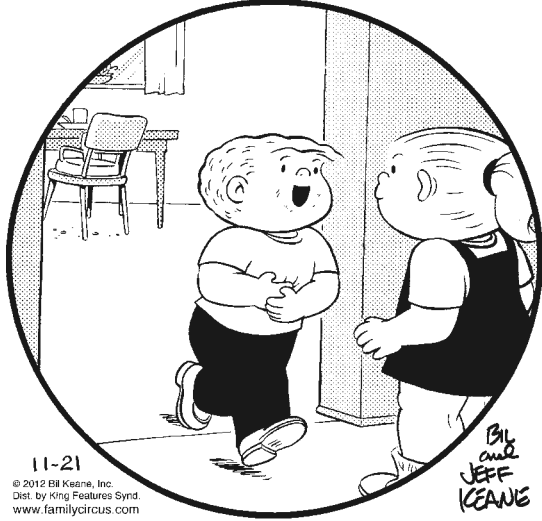
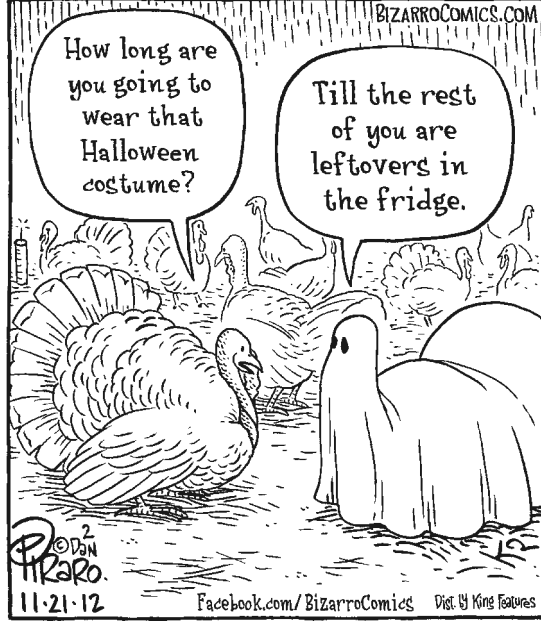


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"I'm not eatin' as much today because I'm planning on overeatin' tomorrow."

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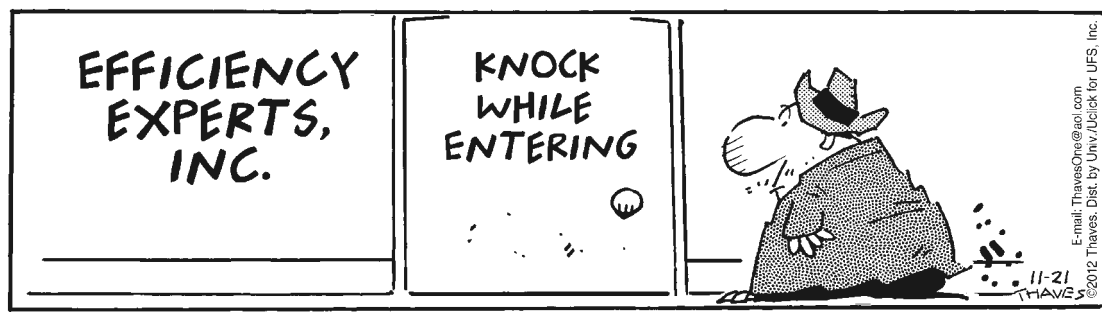


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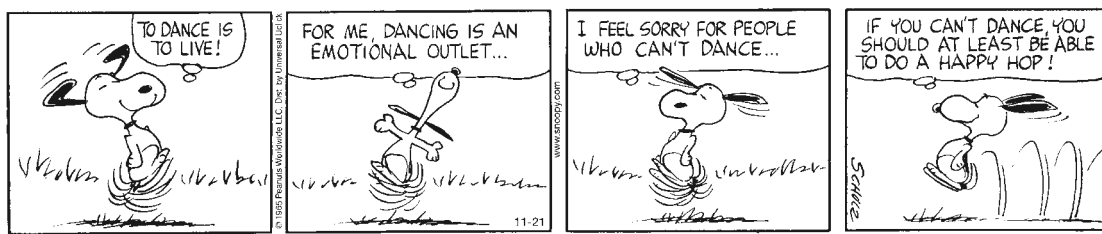
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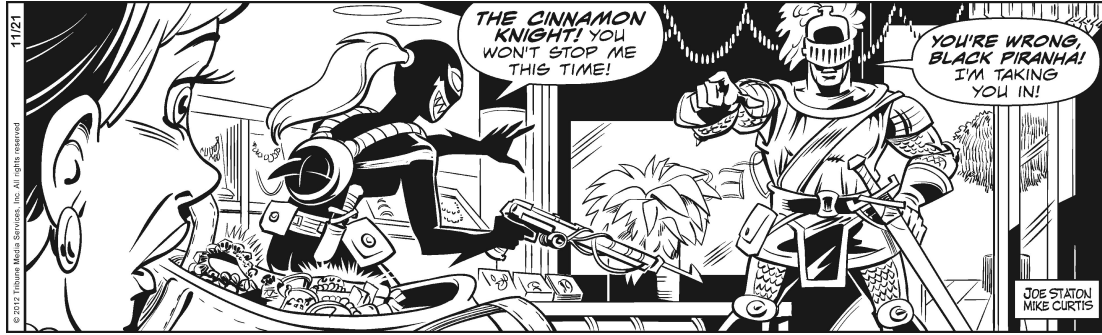
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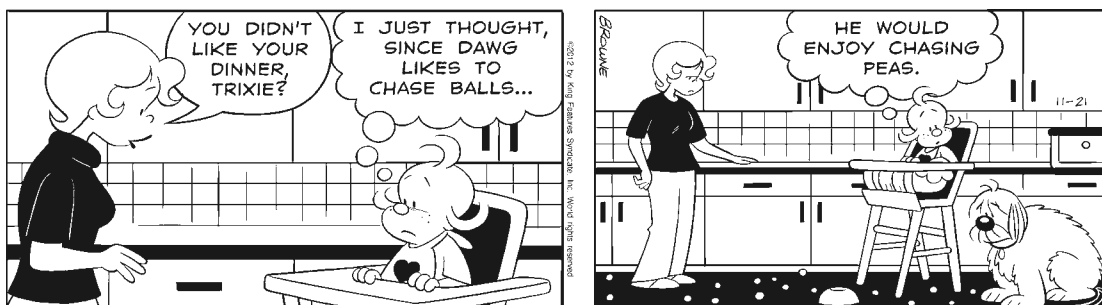
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Male Server Gets Wrong Kind Of Gratuity At Country Club

DEAR ABBY: My 24-year-old daughter and 21-year-old son work as banquet servers at a local country club. Many of the receptions at which they serve include guests consuming large amounts of alcohol.

If an intoxicated male guest made suggestive comments to my daughter or touched her, he would be asked to leave the facility. But what is my son supposed to do when an intoxicated woman, usually much older than he, pinches his backside and makes inappropriate comments or "invitations"?

My son isn't a prude. His sense of humor allows him to "laugh it off," but it happens often and he is becoming annoyed. In fact, he'll say, "Mom, it's pretty gross!" Abby, what are these women thinking? What should he do to promote self-respect but not cause an uncomfortable atmosphere for himself and the guests? — CURIOUS MOM IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR MOM: The employee protection rules are no different for males than they are for females. What your son should do first is document the incidents with dates, times and the women involved. He should then report their behavior to the banquet supervisor at the country club. I'm sure the person in charge will want to know, because if the sexual harassment isn't stopped, it could result in a very embarrassing — and possibly costly — lawsuit against the club.

DEAR ABBY: I recently began dating a widowed co-worker. We are both private people and we have kept our personal lives out of the workplace. Only our close friends at work know we are dating.

The issue we now face is the office gossip queen has spotted us out and about, and is asking all our friends about whether or not we're dating. We barely

know this woman and don't care much for her. How do I politely respond when people start asking me about my boyfriend?

I'm concerned that if I tell them we're seeing each other, I'll be treated differently because he had been widowed only a short time. I have spent my entire life avoiding the drama machine, and now I'm afraid I'll be thrown onto center stage. Please help me. — DRAMA-FREE MOUSE

DEAR MOUSE: Face it, your secret is out. If you prefer not to discuss your private life, all you have to do is say so to those who question you out of curiosity.

But why are you afraid that you'll be treated differently? Whether your co-worker's wife died two weeks or two months ago, he is available. Widowers have told me that women have approached them within DAYS of their wives' funerals. You're acting like you feel guilty for being happy. For both of your sakes, please stop feeling like you're doing something wrong.

DEAR READERS: I am pleased to offer the traditional Thanksgiving Prayer that was penned by my dear mother, Pauline Phillips. No Thanksgiving would be complete for me without it.

Oh, Heavenly Father, We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank Thee for health and remember the sick. We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, everyone! LOVE, ABBY



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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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 before 1:50 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Sun will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21, 2012:

This year you might find that you are under pressure more often than not. As a result, you frequently send out mixed messages. Fortunately, many people who surround you are positive, and their energy floats toward you. If you are single, you'll need to work hard if you want to stay unattached, as you could have more than one suitor coming forward at the same time. If you are attached, the two of you might decide to plan and take that special trip. You also will benefit from a romantic weekend or two away. PISCES likes how you think.

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 are coming from an anchored position, though you will want to hold back a little bit. Gain more knowledge as to what types of people you might need to deal with. Discussions with a key associate point to the correct direction. Tonight: Do your thing.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Don't hold back, even if you feel like you don't have enough clout to speak up. Take your time making a decision; otherwise, you could be extravagant in decisions about money, food, feelings, etc. The reaction of a key person could be up in the air. Tonight: Work as a team.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Take a stand and carefully consider what you hear. Even if you feel 100 percent correct now, others might not feel the same. You can handle a lot of pressure, and you will find a way that lets both you and someone else be right. Tonight: Go with a friend's suggestion.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Reach out for more information. You might not have a situation under control as much as you might like. Tap into your creativity, and allow someone to share more of his or her thoughts and feelings. Together, you will make a great team. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You move slowly into your day, feeling full of energy by late afternoon. Follow through on what you

must do, but leave some free time for yourself. You flourish when you indulge your personal interests. It is important to have a healthy balance of fun and work. Tonight: A friend chimes in.

VRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You pick up on many different vibes, some of which are in conflict with each other. The best move is to do nothing until you are sure about how you feel. Someone you look up to cannot express enough gratitude for how you handle yourself. Tonight: Run with someone's plans.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Pace yourself and expect to complete what you must. From late afternoon on, an important phone call could come in. Be open and listen to what is happening; be willing to share your feelings. Give that person an extra boost of confidence. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Your imagination carries you far and demonstrates an ability to reframe any situation. You easily will lend an ear to help a loved one who is burdened with a financial or emotional decision. Venus enters your sign and increases your desirability. Tonight: A midweek break.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Emotions could run high, as you might feel backed into a corner. Remember, this is just your perception. If you can alter your understanding of the situation, you will discover a way out. A surge of compassion and energy will push you forward. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Your words make a big difference to a friend. This friendship might not be strictly platonic on one side. You need to be careful with your words and also with this person's feelings. You will get a lot done, despite being overwhelmed. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Your possessive side comes out when dealing with a financial matter. You know what is correct, so follow through accordingly. A meeting late in the day lets you know that you made the right decision. Tonight: Let a meeting move into dinner or munchies.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

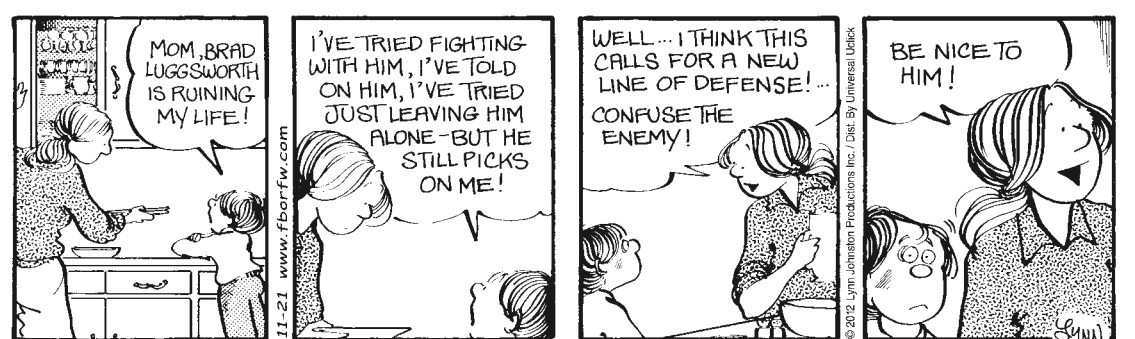
You are all smiles, and you know which way to go. Your sense of what works comes from a family member. You sometimes feel overwhelmed by your personal life. Reach out to a special friend or a loved one who offers you a different perspective. Tonight: Yours to play out.

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