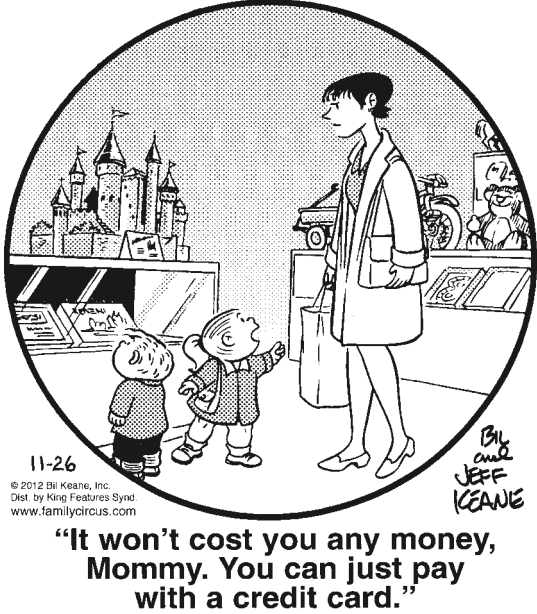


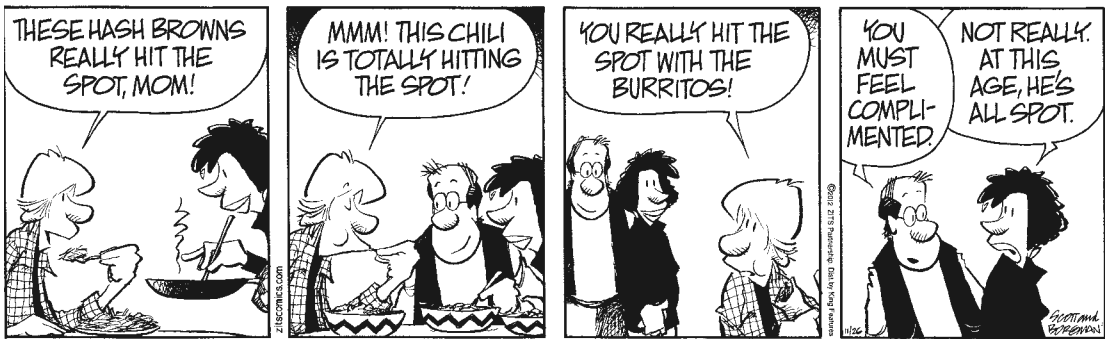
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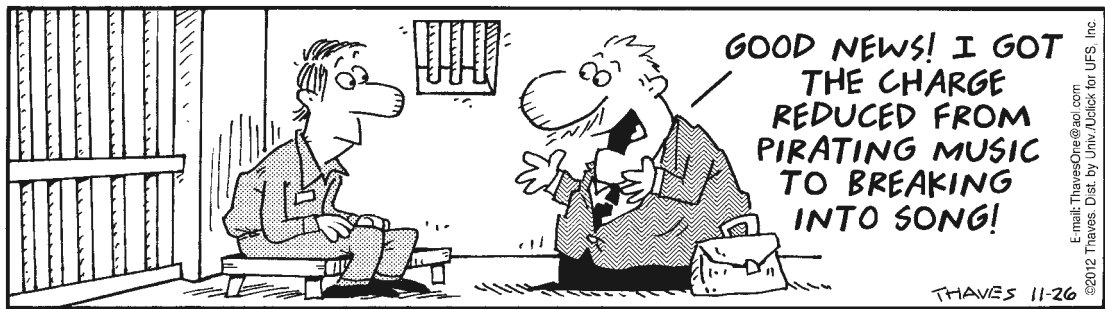
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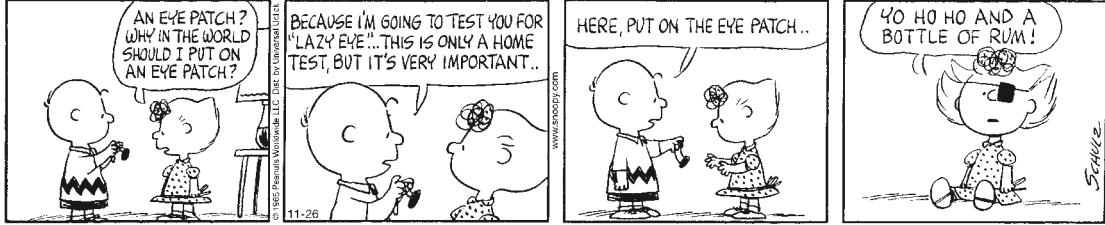
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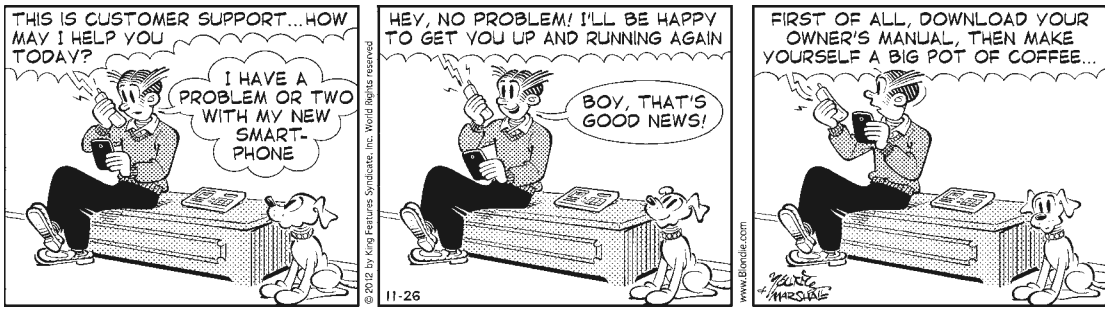
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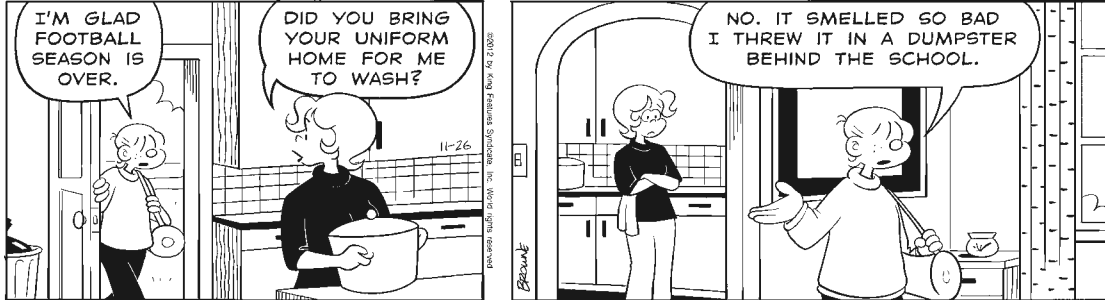
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# Man Can't Trust Woman Who's Had One Marriage Too Many

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 51-year-old man. Three years ago, my first and only marriage ended after 20 years. Over the past two years, I have been in a wonderful relationship with a very bright woman, "Toni," who told me she had been married twice before.

A year ago, her job required that she move out of state, but we have successfully maintained the long-distance relationship with frequent visits and daily phone calls.

A few days ago, I learned by chance that she was briefly married a third time while she was in her early 20s. I'm having a difficult time with this news — not for the additional marriage, but for the fact that she chose not to share it with me. I have bared my soul to her and thought she had done the same. I'm sad and disappointed.

Toni doesn't know that I know this, but it has changed my feelings for her. Trust issues are in question. Do I bring this up now? If so, how? Do I wait for her to bring it up someday in the future? How do I reconcile it in the meantime? — LET DOWN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LET DOWN: You say you visit each other frequently, so I assume you plan to be together soon. When you see her, tell her you were told she had been briefly married a third time. She may have told you she was twice DIVORCED, and if the marriage in her 20s was annulled, that may be the reason she didn't mention it. If you were deliberately lied to, you will know by her reaction.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I dated this guy, "Craig." I tried to be the perfect girlfriend, and I was extremely close to his grandfather. When Craig went away to the Army, I would visit his grandfather regularly, and we developed a special bond. When Craig

got back, we were supposed to get married, but he dumped me. The next day he had a new girlfriend.

Craig was hard to get over, and I didn't handle the breakup well. Because his grandfather asked, I tried to maintain a relationship with him, but Craig's then-wife didn't like it and asked him to end my contact with his friends and family.

Sometimes I wonder if I could have changed things. When Craig broke up with his wife, we exchanged emails on a dating website where we both apologized for what happened between us.

I just heard that his grandfather died. Would it be wrong of me to reach out to him? We don't talk. — STILL NOT OVER HIM IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR STILL NOT OVER HIM: I see no reason why you shouldn't extend your sympathy to Craig for the loss of his grandfather, with whom you were close. However, keep in mind that there is a reason you haven't been talking and that communication is supposed to be two-way. Also, as much as you may wish it would, it may not resurrect your romance.

DEAR ABBY: We are a small group of senior women. Whenever we go to a restaurant, one member of the group insists on changing tables that are offered by the host/hostess. This can happen two or three times, and I find it embarrassing and annoying. It seems like some kind of control issue to me, and I don't want to be part of it. Any suggestions? — TIRED OF THE MUSICAL CHAIRS

DEAR TIRED: I agree with you that it's a control issue. Because you find it embarrassing and annoying, ask the other women in the group if it bothers them, too. If the answer is yes, then the woman needs to be told to cut it out, or she'll be invited to join you less often.

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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 the Moon in Taurus.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, NOV. 26, 2012:

This year your life proves to be quite lively. At times, when you think you finally understand someone or a situation, you'll discover that that's not the case. You might even have to go back to square one. Clarity and confirmation will help prevent problems. Others think differently from you, which is why you don't always understand their actions and thoughts. If you are single, you could make quite a fuss until you meet the right person. Do not waste your time with someone who has a tendency to be inappropriate. If you are attached, the two of you need to agree to disagree and learn to respect each other's differences. TAURUS might be too detail-oriented for you.

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)

★★★★ The unexpected occurs, and you might be confused as to what to do. When push comes to shove, a new beginning will become possible. You prevent misunderstandings because you ask questions. You are a serious-minded person. Tonight: Indulge in some fun and easy times.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ You seem so optimistic that it might be impossible for anyone to do anything that could be viewed as annoying or difficult. An element of confusion could start to make its way into your plans and conversations. Be sure to clear this up as quickly as possible. Tonight: All smiles.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ Your ruling planet, Mercury, goes retrograde, which adds an element of confusion to your day. You will see a matter differently as a result. Your words are clear and direct, but you can't comfort someone who is not open to listening. Tonight: Not to be found.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Zero in on why you desire a certain object. You could be more confused about an evolving situation than you realize. A misunderstanding between you and a loved one could be touchy or difficult at best. A meeting proves to be strategic. Tonight: Go with the flow.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Take a stand in the midst of a current contro-

versy. Disorder marks your plans and choices. You are serious and well-intentioned, and you know when you have had enough. When you express different ideas and opinions, you expect to be heard. Tonight: Set the stage.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You can only handle so much at a time. Get ahead of your normal thoughts, and look at the long-term. Someone might be trying to communicate his or her bottom line, but clarity is lacking. Tonight: Put on some music.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating evolves to a new level, as you realize what is happening behind the scenes. You might want to go for the best end result by setting some limits. Your sixth sense comes out in an important conversation. Tonight: Visit with a loved one over dinner.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Defer to others within your immediate circle. Be sensitive to the possibilities surrounding a key relationship. Confusion surrounds you. Listen with a touch of cynicism to discussions about a partnership and your long-term desires. Tonight: Let the party begin.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Your easygoing nature allows you to get past a complication; however, the path you decide to take could cause some stress. If you slow down and assess the situation, you might make different choices. Confusion surrounds your decisions. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Go with the unexpected instead of fighting whatever is heading your way. You might be overtired, which could result in an odd reaction from a loved one. Avoid answering a problematic question until you are sure of yourself. Tonight: Enjoy a loved one's company.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You could be busier than you would like to be, and it might prevent you from heading in the direction you want. Pressure builds in the workplace. Bite the bullet, and get as much done as possible now in order to free up some time for yourself later. Tonight: Head home.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

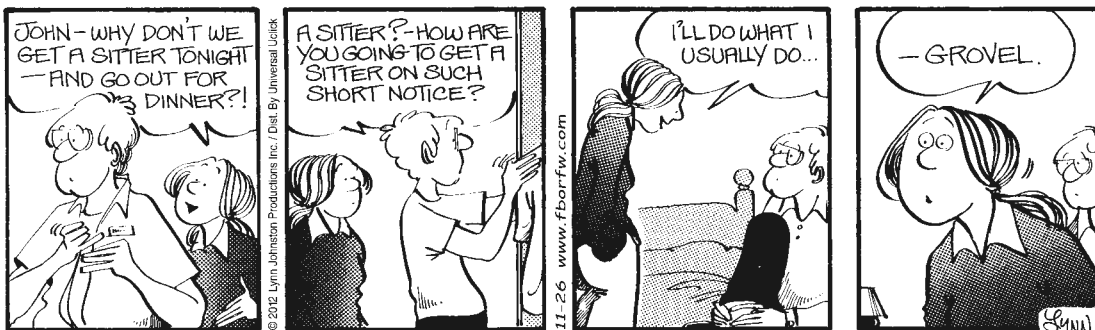
★★★★ Say what you want, but verify that you are understood as you would like to be. It's always easy to misread someone, and even more so right now. Confirm that your words were heard. Ask questions. Do not stand on ceremony with a friend or a loved one. Tonight: Return calls.

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