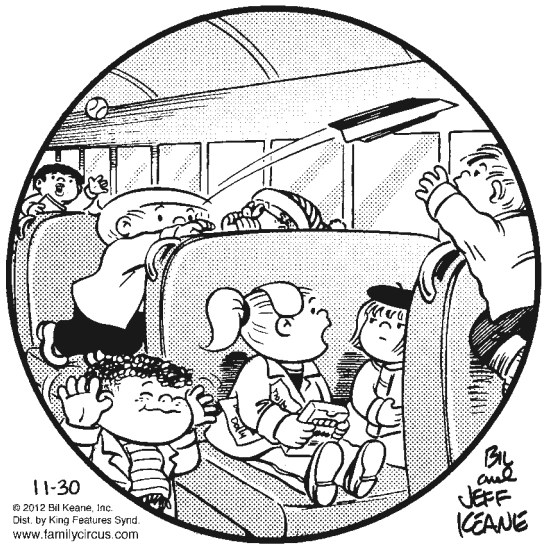


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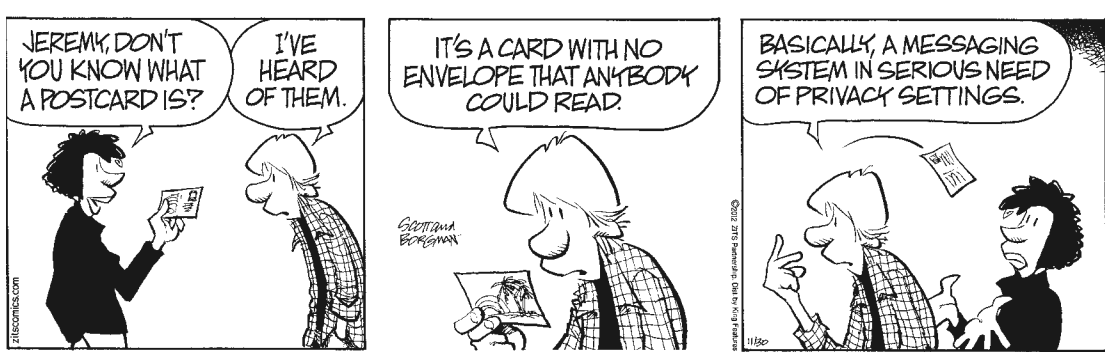


"My daddy was lucky. He was allowed to WALK to school."

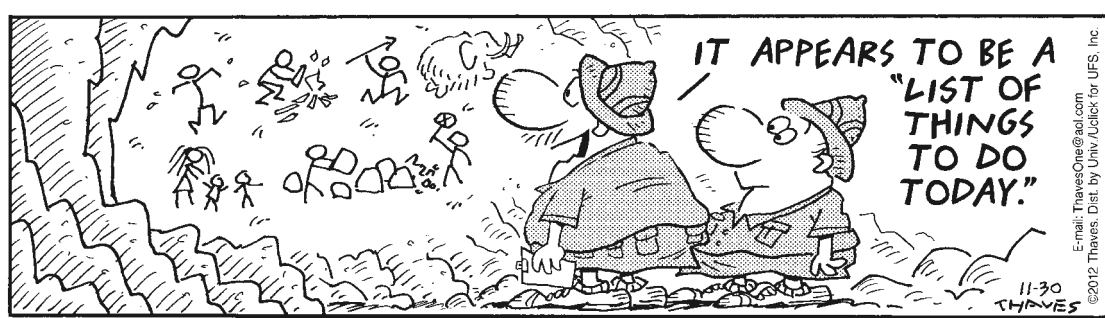
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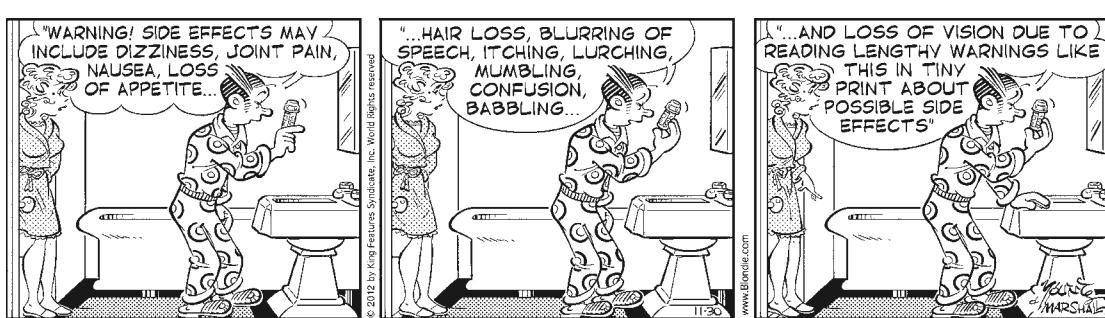
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Too Much Togetherness May Result In Couple's Breakup

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to someone I love very much. I am 36 and he is 44. We get along great, but he's in a rush to get married. It will be my first and his second. We got engaged three months ago, and he wants the wedding to be in February. The date he picked is his father's birthday.

My other problem is, he is always pawing at me. He always needs to be touching me or calling me his "beautiful angel." It's good to hear that once in a while, but not five times a day.

I love being with him, but sometimes I need my own space. If I say no, he gets defensive and worried that I'm going to leave him. We spend practically every waking (and non-waking) moment together. I am almost at a breaking point. Help! — OVERWHELMED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR OVERWHELMED: I hope you realize that the behavior you are describing is not an indication of love, but of extreme insecurity. His need to constantly touch you, his defensiveness if you say you need some space, and his fear that you will leave him WON'T CHANGE if you marry him. I am also concerned about the way your wedding date was chosen, because the decision wasn't arrived at mutually.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 25, have an associate's degree in health management, completed a CRMA (Certified Residential Medication Aide) course, and I'm now on my way to obtaining my bachelor of science in health management. It sounds like I'm heading toward a great future, right?

My problem is I have zero confidence in myself. I'm scared of death of making mistakes as a CRMA, and equally scared of being successful. Everybody says how "proud" they are of me and that I'm headed toward great things, but I'm not sure I can do this. I am struggling to find self-confidence because if I don't believe in myself, I won't achieve anything. What can I do to put myself out there and take the steps I need to accomplish my goals? — NEEDS A BOOST IN MAINE

DEAR NEEDS A BOOST: Self-doubt can be an asset if it causes you to strive harder to master the skills you will need in your profession. However, because you are afraid of both failure AND success, the surest way to conquer your fears would be to talk about them with a counselor at your school or to a psychologist. What you are dealing with is not as unusual as you may think.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: My husband insists that wearing a white T-shirt when out and about is the same as wearing a colored one with a design on it. I think he's wearing underwear as outerwear and is being too casual.

We do not live in a rural community. We are in a suburb of San Diego. Life is relaxed here, but not THAT relaxed. Do you have an opinion? — DRESSING UP, NOT DOWN

DEAR DRESSING UP: I do have a thought or two on the subject. If your husband is comfortable this way, leave him alone. Because you are the one concerned with appearances, continue dressing up to create the impression you want and let him dress down and suffer the consequences — if there are any, which I doubt.

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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 a Moon in Gemini if born before 5:55 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 2012:

This year success comes from relating on a one-on-one level, both professionally and personally. Others sense your compassion and become more responsive. Your creativity comes in waves and sometimes out of the blue. You will have greater insights than ever before. If you are single, you might feel like you're on a dating roller coaster. Let time determine the durability of a connection, if you decide to relate. This person will bring excitement into your life. If you are attached, the two of you rediscover the chemistry in your relationship. Try not to overreact to the intensity. CANCER understands you better than you do!

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)

Tap into your imagination and seek out a novel approach to a uniquely different situation. You could be overzealous about a financial matter involving a partner. Try to initiate a conversation with this person. Tonight: Head home first.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You'll open up a conversation and gain a better sense of what is going on. The unexpected plays a role in plans, and you will gain a sudden insight as a result. Conversations are animated. A creative friend even might offer a new perspective. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Be aware of the advantages of heading in a certain direction. Confirm that you and a boss are on the same page, as easily one of you could misread the other. You might find that your routine is becoming a bit tiring. Consider making it livelier. Tonight: TGIF!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Listen to forthcoming news with a touch of cynicism. The unexpected could add an element of confusion and force you to revise your plans. Think twice before making any changes. A loved one is more than ready for a serious talk. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Recognize that you can't handle everything in the

timeframe you would like. Manage your responsibilities with the knowledge that you are only human. News from afar could jolt you. Do your best to make sure that you understand the various forces at work. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Do not lose your focus right now. It would not be advisable, especially with an associate or a loved one experiencing uproar in some form. Meetings add to a feeling of being in control. Think positively, and step back from any negativity. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Pressure builds at work or within your immediate circle. Stay focused in order to discuss what is going on at a deeper level. You seem oddly off-kilter. Try to worry less about the here-and-now, and you will gain the ability to see the big picture. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Read between the lines with an associate. In fact, just listen to this person as if you were a complete stranger, and you will understand a lot more about the differences and similarities between you. Think long and hard before giving a reaction. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Someone approaches you with a very interesting idea. You might question what is really happening. Why not simply choose to experience what this person has in mind? You might be making too much of this interaction. Tonight: Deal with a key person directly.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You might want to defer to someone and find out what is going on behind the scenes. How you visualize what you want and what a friend is offering might seem very different, but they actually are not. Be open to a suggestion. Tonight: You certainly are not alone.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

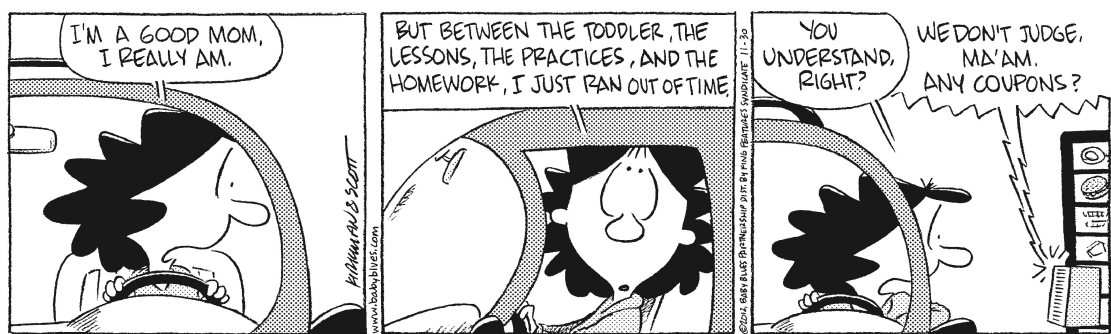
You could be taken back by all the last-minute errands that fall into your lap. Be willing to say "no" if you feel as if you have too much to handle. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a higher-up. Tonight: Go relax with a friend and have some munchies.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

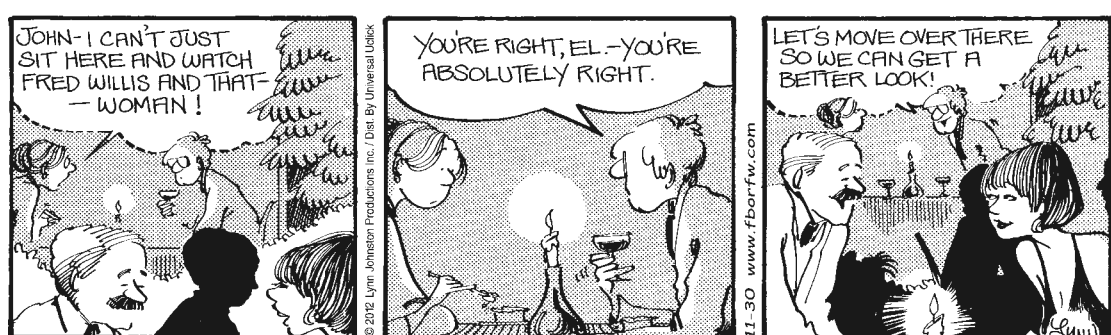
You might not be able to restrain yourself as your more romantic side emerges. Be careful when handling your finances or anything else that demands your full attention. Your ability to dream and come up with unusual ideas emerges. Tonight: All smiles.

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