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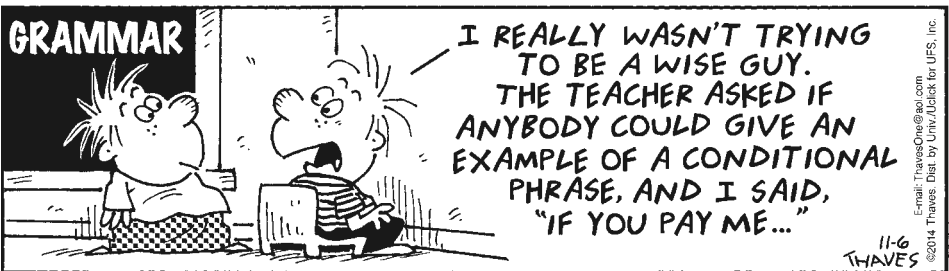
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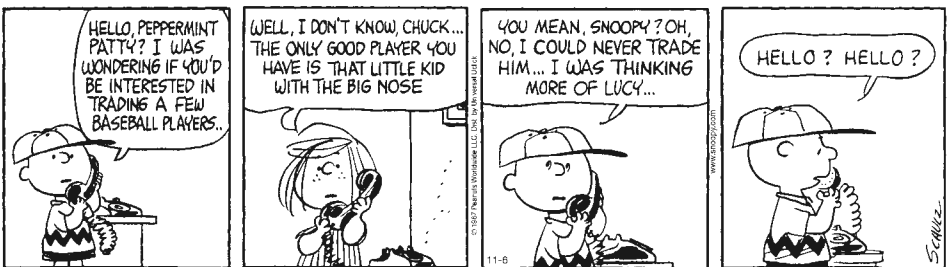
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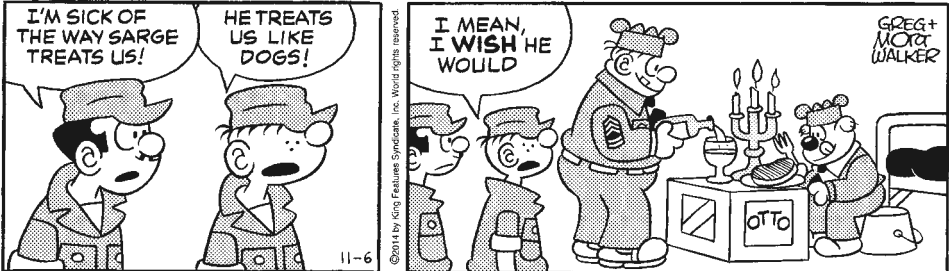
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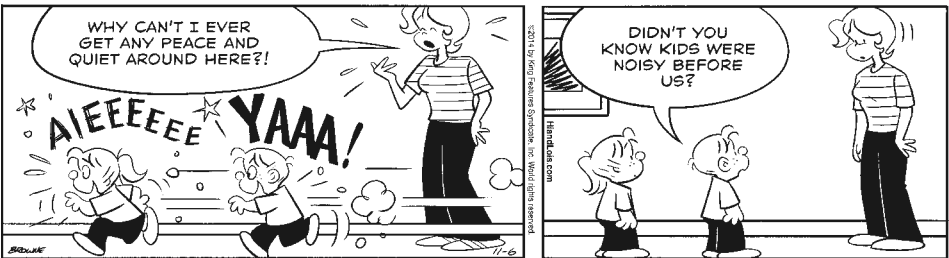
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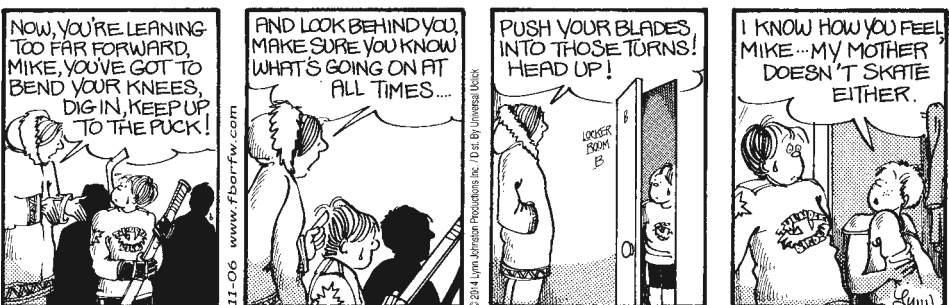
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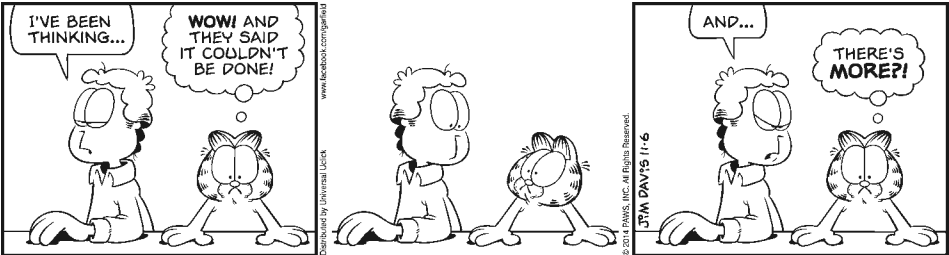
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Dinner-Table Bully May Be Victim Of Low Blood Sugar

DEAR ABBY: In reference to "It's All Good, Until ..." (Aug. 1), the woman whose otherwise easygoing husband turns hypercritical every evening at dinner, he may have hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) or be pre-diabetic as my husband is.

My story is the same as hers. My husband is even-tempered and a great partner — until his sugar gets low. Then he turns from Dr. Jekyll into Mr. Hyde.

My advice to her is to have a doctor check her husband for those issues. In the meantime, he might start having an afternoon protein snack so his sugar doesn't drop by dinner if that is, in fact, the problem. Peanut butter crackers are excellent. — SOMEONE WHO KNOWS IN KNOXVILLE, TENN.

DEAR SOMEONE: Thank you for the heads-up. Dozens of readers offered similar opinions about the husband's behavior, including a registered nurse who wrote: "What's happening may be that his blood sugar or glucose is getting too low at that time and causing personality changes. ... This time of day is crucial for people with either diabetes or other insulin problems. Please suggest her husband see a doctor to have this checked."

DEAR ABBY: "Ingrid" and I have been dating for a couple of months. We're in our early 50s and both of us have been married before. We get along fine and our relationship is proceeding slowly, but appropriately.

My problem is, when we talk on the phone we don't really have a conversation. Ingrid will talk without interruption, sometimes for five minutes at a time. I can't get a word in. I can put the phone down and come back and she'll still be talking. It's not quite that bad in person, although she's still quite a talker.

Often, she'll ask me a question, then interrupt me when I try to answer. It really bugs me.

It has reached a point that I don't want to talk to her on the phone. The calls can last 30 minutes or more, and I get bored and irritated. How do I address this with her without hurting her feelings or affecting our relationship? She's starting to feel my reluctance to call her back. — GETTING AN EARFUL IN ARIZONA

DEAR GETTING AN EARFUL: If Ingrid is starting to feel your reluctance to return her calls, I'm guessing she has found a way to let you know. This is your opening for a truth session with your lady friend in which you explain how those phone monologues — notice I didn't say "conversations" — make you feel. What she's doing is rude. The cause may be nervousness, thoughtlessness, or that she's a compulsive talker. If she cares about you, she will want to know if she's doing something that's making you back away. Being honest with her is the only way to get this fixed, if the problem IS fixable. At your ages, lifelong habits may not be easy to break.

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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 Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 6, 2014:

This year you will have so much energy that sometimes others can't imagine joining you, even if it's just to go shopping. Try to center yourself more often. You will make good decisions as a result. If you are single, you will meet people with ease. The issue could be how close you are willing to let someone get. Hopefully you will meet someone with similar needs. If you are attached, it could be quite an effort for your sweetie to keep up with your pace. Make it a point to slow down for this person. TAURUS has similar needs to yours, but he or she is more open.

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 might want to be more creative in how you approach a money venture. Taking a risk might be tempting, but it also could be problematic. Do some research to better understand your choices. Curb a tendency to overindulge or go to extremes. Tonight: Your turn to treat.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Energy seems to surround you right now, which might be necessary to get a project launched. You seem willing to break precedent and let go of some of your basic points of view. Tonight: The Full Moon throws you into the position of lead actor.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Read between the lines and understand what it takes to make someone happy. Once you make that realization, you might not want to relate on the same level that you did in the past. You are best off withdrawing until you know what you want. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and remain sure of yourself. A loved one might be stuck in the past. Don't worry -- he or she will catch up, just maybe not as fast as you would like. Observe a tendency to take risks or cause yourself an unneeded problem. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You'll want to forge ahead with a project. Know that others will be observant and receptive.

You are likely to succeed beyond your wildest dreams. Be easygoing as you look toward making a change. You could opt to add a new passion to your life. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Your perspective could change radically after a volatile discussion. You can merge both interests and make peace, but it might seem as if all parties involved are not on the same page. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You'll want to handle a money issue or change the way you handle your funds. You might not be as aware as you need to be with your spending choices. Look to others who seem to naturally stay well within their budget. Tonight: A loved one pushes you to the max.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might try to reach beyond your limits in order to get what you want. Perhaps you are not as aware as you need to be about the outcome of playing hardball with a friend or loved one. If you are not careful, this situation could backfire. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Your creativity can make nearly anything shine. You often put more hard work and thinking into what you do than you let on. You might have to push harder than you would like in order to make a point. Be willing to let others pitch in. Tonight: Try not to be reactive.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Your ingenuity is likely to come out without you even realizing it. Sometimes you push a bit too hard to have a situation play out as you think it should. Others might feel left out of the decision-making process and act out. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You will feel the pressure of the Full Moon. It might feel as if you have demands being dropped on you left and right, and you don't know which way to turn. Delegate some work to others. Do not toss yourself into an emotional frenzy. Tonight: Head home fast.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

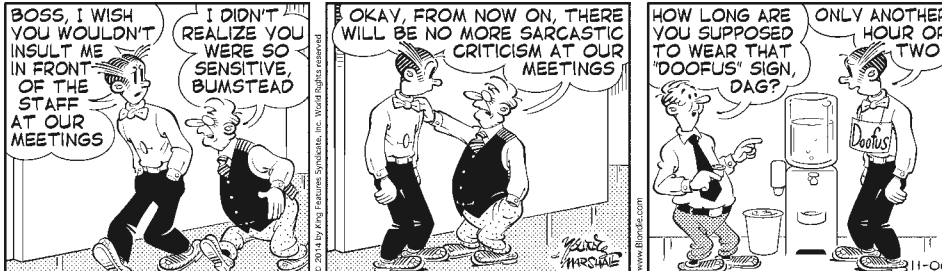
★★★★ You could be hearing a lot of news all at once. You might decide to get some more information in order to clarify what you've heard. Do yourself a favor: listen carefully and be open. Tomorrow, you can sort everything out. Tonight: Meet up with some friends.

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