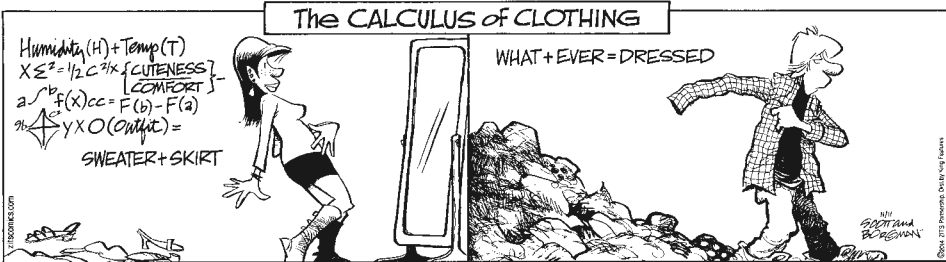


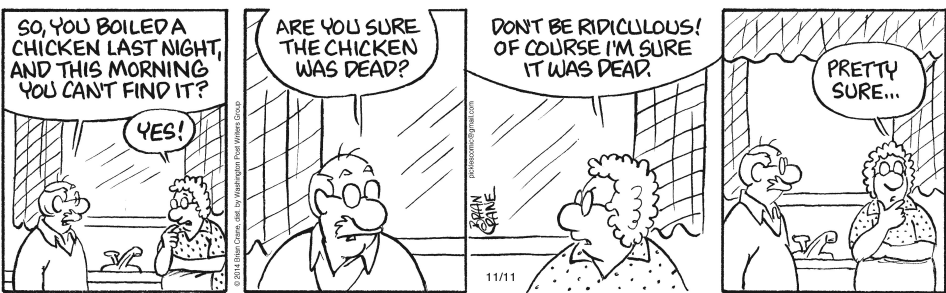
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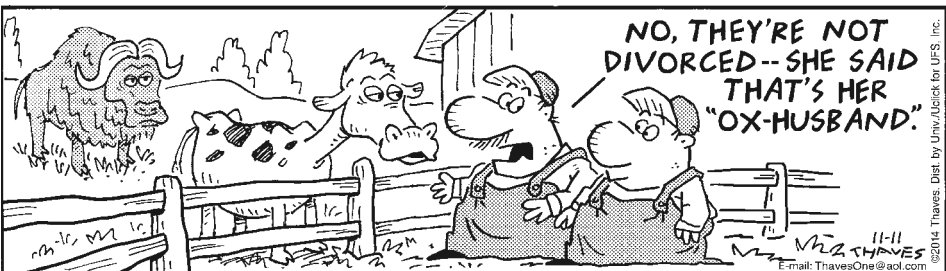
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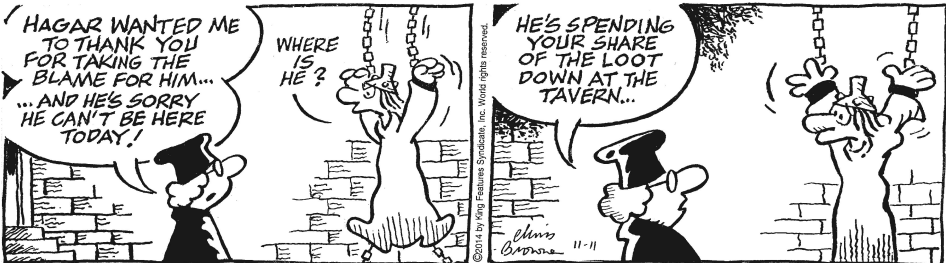
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Woman Carrying Less Weight Should Avoid More Candor

DEAR ABBY: I had weight-loss surgery three years ago. I am down 100 pounds and feel great. I'm new in the dating game and wonder if I'm supposed to disclose that I was previously 100 pounds overweight. Is it any of their business, or do I not address the topic? — LESS OF ME IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LESS: I don't think your health history needs to be announced right from the "git-go." As people date, get to know each other, become comfortable and eventually intimate, more and more information is revealed. When it's appropriate to discuss it, you will know.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a widower and am dating a divorcee. We have been together for about 18 months. She says she loves me and wants to get married. I like her and enjoy her company, but that is it. I also have no desire to marry, or live with anyone, again.

I would like to end it and let her continue in her search for a husband, but every time I try to do it she cries. How can I tell her I am not the one? — NOT THE ONE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR NOT THE ONE: You and this lady have very different objectives. I assume that if she has burst into tears she has already gotten your message. My advice is instead of repeating it, to stop calling her. However, if you feel that to achieve closure there must be a face-to-face conversation, approach it with a large box of tissues in your hand and repeat what you have written to me.

DEAR ABBY: For the first time, I am hosting my nephew and his family for Thanksgiving. I abhor texting and any electronic amusements that deter face-to-face family

communication. I need to know the best way to explain — before they arrive — that it is not allowed in my home. — HOSTESS WITH RULES IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR HOSTESS WITH RULES: Transmit your message the old-fashioned way. Call and tell them your wishes so they'll have plenty of time to make other plans if they feel unable to comply with your "house rules." It will also give you enough time to invite other guests in the event that your nephew and his family are so addicted to their electronics that they can't comfortably abide by your wishes.

DEAR VETERANS: I salute each and every one of you for your service to this country. My thanks as well to the brave and dedicated men and women who are still on active duty. You are the personification of patriotism and self-sacrifice for your dedication to our country. — ABBY

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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 Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 11, 2014:

This year you learn to adapt to the unexpected. This skill will be instrumental to your success. Stop frequently to center yourself and touch base with your intuitive ability. You often sense events before they occur. If you are single, you could meet someone while traveling. This person seems to lift the veil on your perceptions. As a result, your judgments and decisions change. If you are attached, plan a special trip that the two of you have talked about. You develop a more spiritual bond as well. CANCER has the ability to open your mind to new ideas.

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)

★★★ Pressure comes from your judgments about what you "should" do. You could decide to depower this intellectual and emotional spin by realizing that you are the force that has been raising tension to a higher level. Tonight: Relax by getting into a favorite pastime.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You are likely to say what you mean, which could cause some anger in others. You generally are very diplomatic, but right now you see a situation differently. A trip or the possibility of a workshop could open even more doors. Tonight: Listen to news more openly.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You could feel as if you have very little control over a financial matter. It appears as though a partner does not have the same priorities or values as you. A new friend suddenly might breeze right into your life. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You'll feel invigorated, and you might believe that anything is possible. In this frame of mind, try to reconnect with a fiery person who often causes a problem. Accept this individual rather than criticize him or her. Use your energy well. Tonight: Add a touch of naughtiness.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Step back and let others assume more control. You might be overtired and need some

time to rethink recent insights. Be very careful with someone you meet today, as this person might not be who he or she projects. Take it slow. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Friends seem to be whispering in your ear. As a result, you'll hear many different ideas that seem unrelated to the situation at hand. You could become a little testy as you question others in order to see how their ideas play out. Tonight: Tap into your endless creativity.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Wherever you look, it seems as if others' egos dominate. A boss might toot his or her own horn while a loved one attempts to seize the moment. You'll wonder whether you can get others to become more aware of an immediate issue. Tonight: Head out early.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Reach out to an expert or someone at a distance about a particular topic that you feel you need more knowledge on. You aren't likely to be the same after this conversation. Maintain your sense of humor. An unexpected element runs through your plans. Tonight: Relax to great music.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ An associate or loved one could be most challenging, especially when dealing with a basic issue. The situation could have many ramifications tied to it. Be willing to discuss the matter openly. Others might not be as accepting as you seem to be. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You tend to come off much harsher than you realize. In fact, some people in your immediate circle could find you to be demanding. As strong as you are, you still get shaken up by the unexpected. Simplify things rather than complicate them. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You seem to be stressed out more than usual. Processing a difficult situation might take more time than you have right now. You could experience a need to withdraw, but responsibilities call. Clear out as much as you can. Tonight: Get some much-needed R and R.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Step back from a potentially volatile situation. Only then will this matter look different from what you first perceived. You'll be in a position of power as you gain insight. The question remains: What do you want to do? Tonight: Let go of worries. Indulge in a favorite pastime.

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