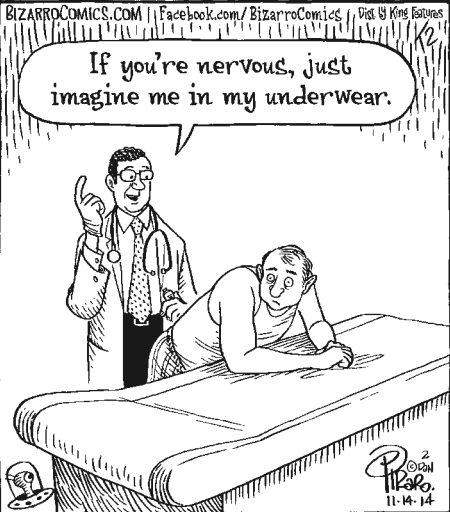


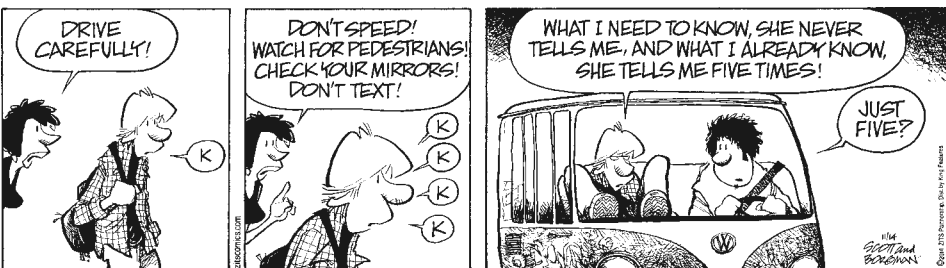
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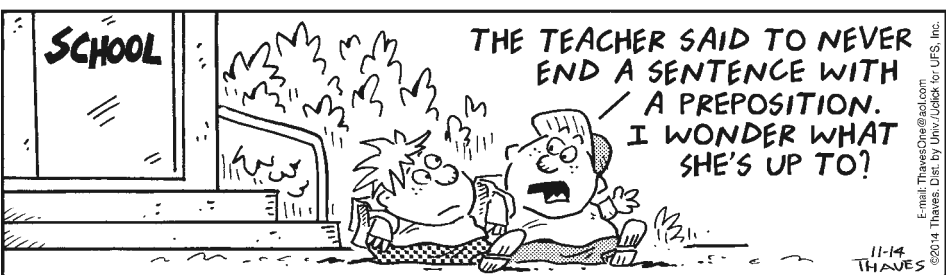
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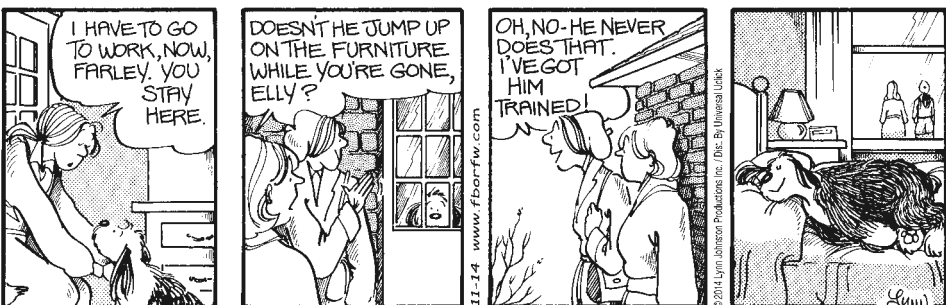
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Planning Ahead Is Best Advice For Thanksgiving Volunteers

DEAR ABBY: Thanksgiving is fast approaching and I would like to share some advice with your readers from someone who has volunteered in shelters for many years.

1. Please do NOT volunteer on Thanksgiving. It's the day most people volunteer, and there are always more volunteers than homeless people.
 2. If you want to make donations, please drop them off a few days before or a few days after. It will allow the shelter time to store all the donations and to take an inventory of what is still needed.
 3. Shelters need not only food, but also paper goods such as plates, napkins, toilet paper and plastic utensils.
 4. Because refrigerator space is limited, don't bring anything that must be refrigerated.
 5. Most shelters pay rent, water, electric and telephone bills and lease office equipment, etc. A check or cash donation is ideal. It's also tax deductible.
- If in doubt, call ahead (at least a week in advance) and ask what is needed. — YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER
- DEAR VOLUNTEER: Kudos to you for so generously giving your time to help others who are in need. I'm sure my readers will appreciate your insight. Planning ahead and knowing what is needed make perfect sense.

DEAR ABBY: Our son and daughter-in-law were married last year at a courthouse. They are now planning a "real" wedding. Our daughter-in-law thinks we should pay for the rehearsal dinner, and my husband thinks he isn't required to. Please help with this dilemma. Are we expected to pay for a rehearsal dinner since they have been married a year already? — NEW MOTHER-IN-LAW IN OHIO

DEAR MOTHER-IN-LAW: Celebrations of this kind are GIFTS. Regardless of what your daughter-in-law is saying, they are not

mandatory. While she may expect you to pay for the dinner, no rule of etiquette requires you to do it. Please tell your husband I said to hang onto his wallet.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing you on behalf of a friend. No matter where her husband is — at home, at a friend's, walking into a store or walking around town — he's always dropping his pants to tuck in his shirt. One of these days someone is going to think he's flashing and have him arrested. His wife is afraid it will happen.

My friend has made comments to him about it, but he still continues. Please give me some advice because someone else may have the same problem, and it may save another family from this embarrassment. — A FRIEND IN ST. PAUL

DEAR FRIEND: Your friend's concerns are legitimate. A man dropping his pants in a public place is, to say the least, attention-getting. If his concern is really that his shirts creep up, suggest that your friend talk to a tailor — many cleaners have them in their shops — about how to prevent the problem from happening. During a Minnesota winter, she could save him from catching pneumonia from the bottom up.

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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 Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 14, 2014:

This year you will be encouraged to be calmer, especially when handling a lot of responsibilities. You will gain in stature, and others will become more respectful. Your ability to transform difficult situations into workable ones marks your attitude. If you are single, you will seek the right mate. Enjoy dating, but avoid making any commitments until you are absolutely sure you want to be with the person in question. If you are attached, the two of you could become involved in a public commitment; this activity easily will bond you much closer together. LEO adds to the fun of the moment.

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 know you could handle a difficult encounter, but you might prefer to avoid it. If you can, leave work early in order to maximize the moment. Your fun and lively personality is likely to make others look forward to greeting the weekend. Tonight: Play the night away.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Recognize how much you need to do and how much you are willing to do. Your awareness of a loved one's desire for your help might encourage you to be more available. Someone you deal with regularly could be difficult. Help this person figure out a solution. Tonight: Head home.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your words this morning will make others smile. Do not start a deep conversation with someone who seems relatively depressed. You could find it difficult, but know that it's necessary to let this person work through his or her problem without your help. Tonight: TGIF!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You have much more going for you than you might realize. Listen to someone's ideas about your finances. You might want to take a gamble, but you also could be concerned with the risk. Remain direct in your dealings. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You'll get what you want, but part of what you receive could be disappointing. Perhaps

your expectations have been too high. Regardless, you quickly will see the right path, so you aren't likely to experience a letdown. Tonight: Your charm and magnetism attract many people.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Continue to maintain a low profile if you want to keep the peace while gaining information. Someone who says little might make you and others feel uneasy. Be direct in what you say, but try to avoid any conflicts at this point. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You will want to brainstorm with a creative friend who tends to think outside the box. This person might not come up with a conclusive statement or idea immediately, but just give him or her some time. You'll be pleased with the outcome. Tonight: Find a reason to celebrate.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Your determination helps you plow a path to success. Others could find you to be somewhat distant at the moment. Don't be surprised if you get some odd responses from friends. Hold up the mirror to understand their reactions. Tonight: Someone is delighted to see you!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Make a point of finding an expert. You might benefit from speaking with a source who often is filled with suggestions. However, you also could be overwhelmed by the seemingly endless chatter. Be grateful for the ideas. Tonight: Consider taking off for the weekend.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Those close to you might be overwhelming in how they want to run the show. Free yourself up for a less demanding pace. One key person will let you know that you are indispensable by the end of the day! Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You'll accept a lot of responsibilities, but the pressure might be very difficult to handle. Friends will want to help, but they are likely to need some direction from you. Rarely are others so available to be at your beck and call. Enjoy the moment! Tonight: Clear your desk first.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

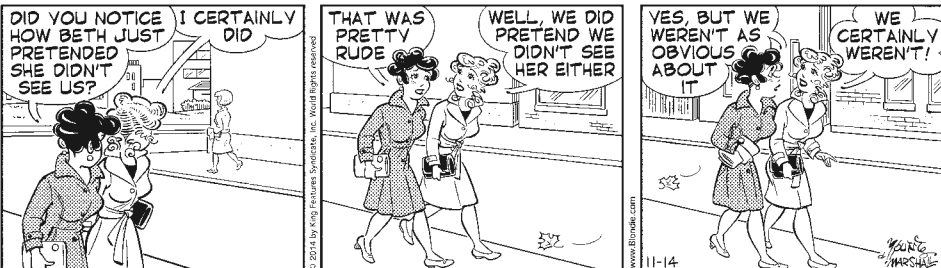
★★★ You could be blocked when reaching out to someone. Watch a tendency to take this person's unavailability personally, as it could be a communication problem. Remain confident and direct. Tonight: Off to the gym, then decide.

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