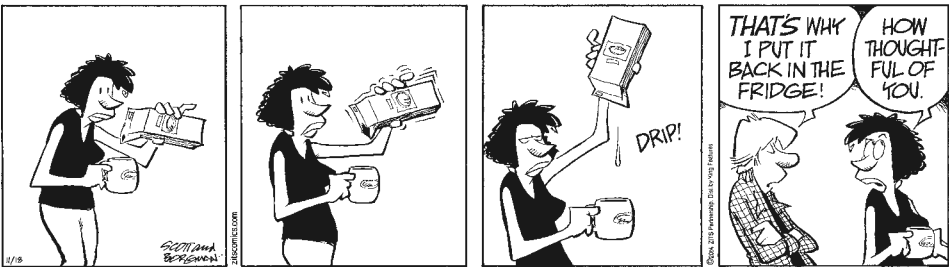


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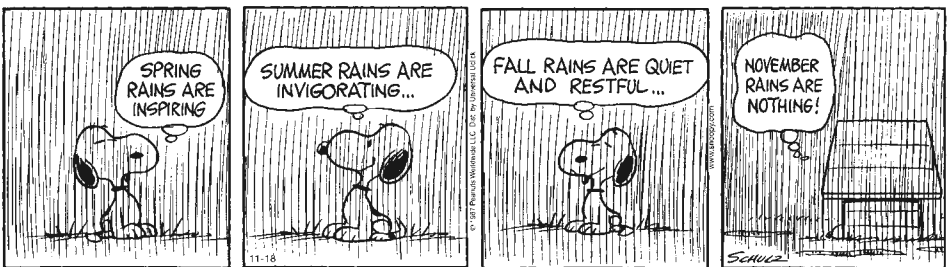
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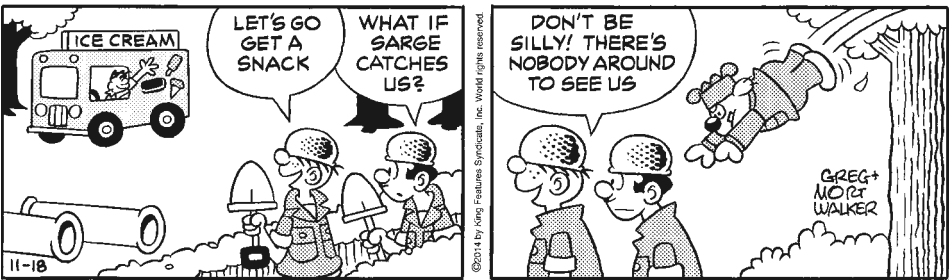
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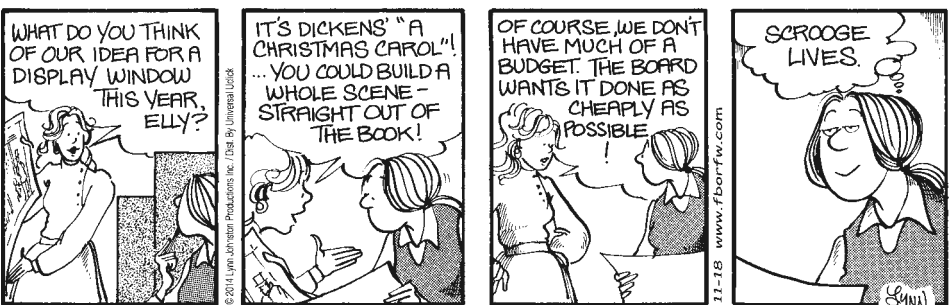
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## Widow With Younger Lover Is Uneasy About The Future

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who has fallen in love with a wonderful man who is almost 30 years my junior. He proclaims his love for me every day, and I know it's real. I have been warned by others to be aware of "devious males on the make for comfortably situated widows." After discussing it with the man, I have determined this is not his motive.

Right now, we're good friends who love each other's company. If marriage is in the future for us, I'm afraid of the age factor. He is not. Could you comment and give me some guidance? — CAUTIOUS IN KANSAS

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Everyone knows there are devious males — and females — out there, but not all men are predators. If your friend is financially independent, then it's unlikely he's looking for a sugar mama. While it is unusual, I know several couples in which the wife is considerably older than the husband, and they seem very happy together.

If and when you plan to marry, it makes sense to discuss this with your attorney and have a prenuptial agreement created. If your friend has no ulterior motives, he will understand it's for the protection of both of you and sign it. You have only one life to live — so live it without worrying about what others may think.

DEAR ABBY: I just opened my social media account and saw a friend had posted her daughter's report card — all A's. She then went on to say how proud she was of her because she is also co-captain of her school's volleyball team, and mentoring other students, etc. You get the picture.

My son is suffering from depression and social anxiety, and we are fighting to keep him from failing all his classes. He's going to therapy and is on medication.

Abby, isn't it in poor taste to publicly show your child's report card? My son used to get straight A's before his depression, and I would have never posted his grades. Now I am becoming resentful of friends whose kids are doing

well. What advice can you give me besides not opening up my social media account again? — BAD FEELINGS

DEAR BAD FEELINGS: I hope you realize that what this friend is doing is the same as parents who plaster bumper stickers on their vehicles that read "MY CHILD IS AN HONOR STUDENT." If this woman's posts upset you because of the challenges your son is dealing with, customize your social media feed to omit posts from her. That way you won't have to cut yourself off from social media entirely.

DEAR ABBY: Have you ever — out of the blue — thought of someone you hadn't seen, heard from or thought of in a long time, and later discovered they died around that time? This has happened to me more times than I can count. No one I have spoken with — friends or family — has experienced this. Have you ever heard of this phenomenon, and is there a name for it? — MISS J. IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR MISS J.: I have never had that experience, but I have heard of the phenomenon. It's called either ESP or coincidence, depending upon which psychic plane you dwell. However, I HAVE had friends "pop into my head" and thought I should give them a call, only to hear from them a few days later.

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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 Libra.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 2014:

When you make a commitment this year, it is as good as done. Be careful, as you could become overburdened as a result. You might want to look at your daily life and ask yourself whether it is reasonable to have so much going on each day. If you are single, you'll want to make time for some romance. It might take a conscious effort on your part to free up some time to enjoy your life more. After mid-August, you will start to see the results in your social life. If you are attached, your significant other will be thrilled to have more one-on-one time with you. LIBRA sees right through 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)

★★★★ Today you'll demonstrate a propensity to walk right into controversial discussions. If you don't want to get caught up in this type of uproar, it would be wise to hightail it out of the situation. Tonight: Go along with someone else's choice.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might want to run away from several people in your life who are adding only chaos to various situations. A meeting could highlight a general awkwardness between you and others. Know that you are coming from a different premise. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You could be tired of pushing so hard to get to the bottom of a problem. A friend is likely to add his or her two cents, which could point you toward the correct path to a solution. It also might open several new doors for you. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your emotional nature will permit you to launch into action and handle a domestic problem. Stay detached from other personal issues. A partner could be difficult. Keep an eye on the big picture, and you'll gain an understanding of what ails this person. Tonight: At home.

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

★★★★ You could be taken aback by a situation that forces you to deal with a unique issue. Ask

questions, and you'll help center the people involved. Someone you deal with on a daily basis could be argumentative. Try not to get involved. Tonight: Out and about.

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

★★★★ Buy a little token of affection for someone in your daily life. This person probably needs to feel valued. Unexpected developments are likely when dealing with money. Count your change twice. Be sure that you are on the same page as others. Tonight: Keep it intimate.

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

★★★★ You might want to rush through a situation that makes you uncomfortable. You could get an unexpected reaction from someone who could stop you dead in your tracks. You might feel as if this person is taking advantage of your good nature. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

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

★★★ You easily could feel out of sorts, which could color what otherwise would be a wonderful, exciting day. Take a walk, schedule a massage or go to the gym -- do whatever you can to change your mood. A talk with a friend might help, too. Tonight: Not to be found.

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

★★★★★ Expect to be busy, and you won't be disappointed. Whether you're eating lunch or doing research, it will seem as if friends want to find you to get some feedback. Make it your pleasure, as long as you have time. Tonight: Out on the town with friends.

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

★★★ Your ability to take a stand and command a situation with ease marks your personality. You might want to recognize how much friction this could cause on the homefront. Recognize that your priorities will define your limitations; follow them. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ Assess the cost of a plan you are in the process of hatching. You could be taken aback by the financial implications, and you might want to back off. Be aware that you are sensitive to someone's mood, but he or she might not be tuned in to yours. Tonight: Around good music.

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

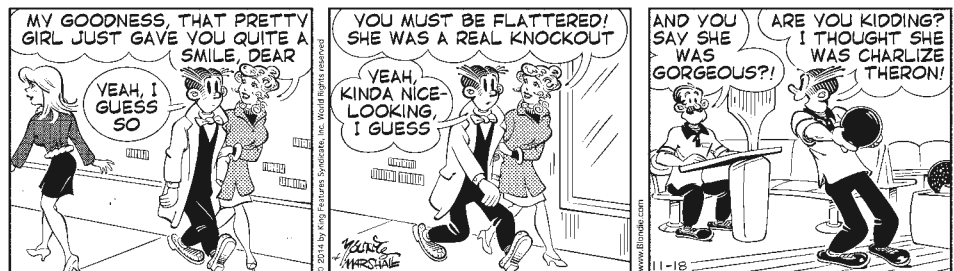
★★★★ A partner will push you beyond your limits. You might need to take a stand to let this person know that you have reached your boiling point. On the other hand, if you ignore him or her, ultimately the game will end -- just not

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