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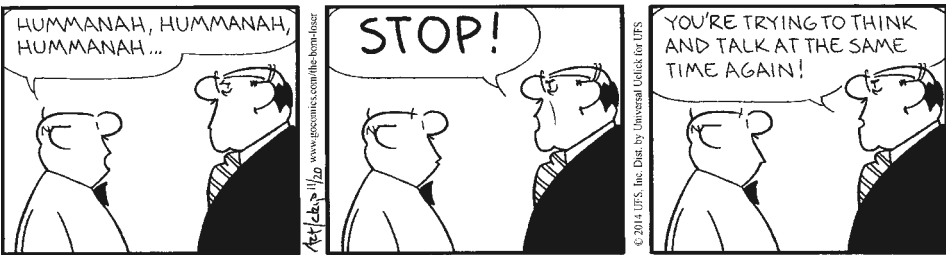
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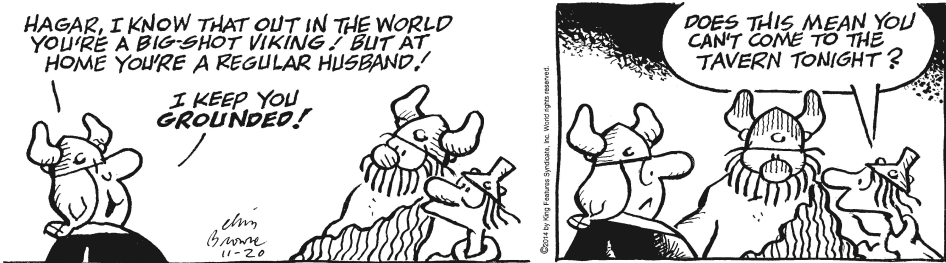
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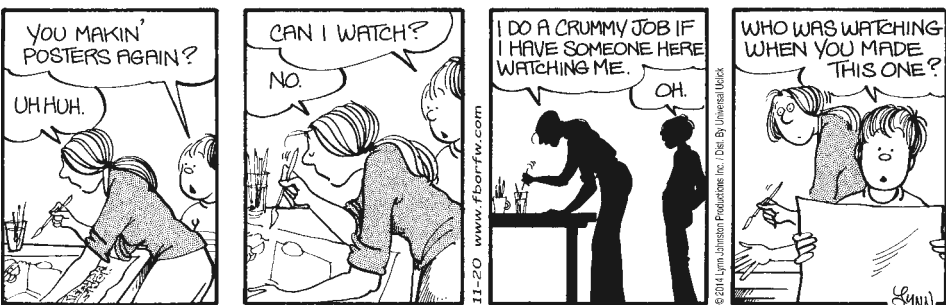
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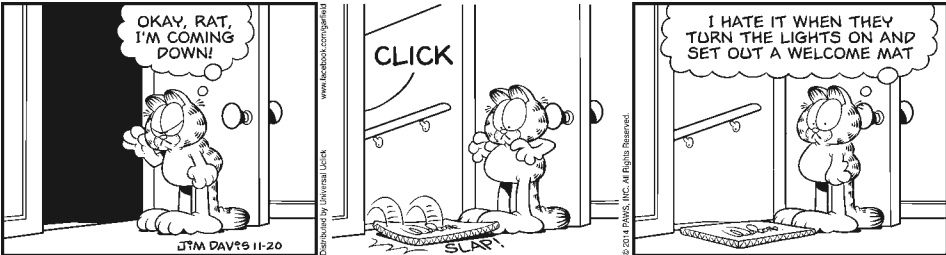
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New Girlfriend Is Eager To Rid Garage Of Ex-Girlfriend's Stuff

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ron," and I have been together for more than a year, and we now live together. His garage is full of overflowing with his ex-girlfriend's belongings. She apparently left him and all her stuff — including her four cats — to marry some guy she met online. She no longer lives in this country.

I'm fine with taking care of the cats; they are innocent and I love them. However, I want her stuff out of the garage. Ron thinks it's "the right thing to do" to keep it until she can arrange for it to be moved to her new place.

Abby, it has been a year and a half! She's not going to move this stuff. I want to donate it or trash it as appropriate, and I don't think legally we have any responsibility to tell her or ask her before we do. What do you think? — WANTS IT GONE IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR WANTS IT GONE: It would be neither appropriate nor kind to do anything to Ron's ex-girlfriend's belongings without warning. Ron should contact her, inform her that he wants to use his garage for the purpose it is intended, and ask if she wants the items she left to be disposed of or put into storage at her expense. He should allow a reasonable time for her to respond before doing anything, and you should distance yourself from the process.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend with one annoying habit. Whenever we have a party, she'll invite friends without asking first, or by saying, "I told them it was OK to come." It creates a problem because we plan our parties for a certain number of guests, and now there are two, three, sometimes even four more — often on short notice.

I like her friends, but they are not close friends of mine. Sometimes I just would like to have an intimate gathering with four to six people.

At my last gathering she invited not only her friends but also their children. It went from an intimate brunch for six to a party of 12. We even had to set up a second table.

How can I get her to stop, short of not invit-

ing her to any more of our parties? I feel stuck in a situation that no matter what I do, I'm going to P.O. somebody. Any suggestions? — PARTY PLANNER IN GEORGIA

DEAR PARTY PLANNER: Your "friend" has a lot of nerve and no manners. She appears to be using you to entertain her other friends, which is not only rude, but also extremely presumptuous. She will continue treating you this way until you call a halt by telling her to cut it out because you don't like it. If she can't respect your wishes after that, see her only on a one-on-one basis.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I know someone who receives Social Security for her disabled children. She uses that money to feed a slot machine. Those children could have so many opportunities if their money was used appropriately and it's going down the drain. What can I do about it? It saddens me. — THINKING ABOUT THE KIDS

DEAR THINKING ABOUT THE KIDS: It appears the woman is addicted to gambling. What she's doing may "sadden" you, but as a tax-paying American it infuriates me because her children aren't getting the assistance that money is meant to provide. So please, pick up the phone, call the Department of Children's Services and clue them in to what's happening. I'm betting they'll be interested.

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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 if born before 12:31 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 20, 2014:

This year your resilience and creativity emerge, allowing you to make some life changes you have desired to implement for a while. You seem to lighten up considerably come the new year. The cynic within you seems to retreat, while the optimist emerges. If you are single, you finally could meet the right person to settle down with. Fall 2014 could be significant in finding Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you interact in a more positive way. Together, you will make it a point to keep life exciting! Remember that SCORPIO has a vindictive side when dealing with other members of your sign.

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)

★★★ Reach out to someone who has a better understanding of your finances than you do. The discussion could range from "what if" possibilities to more realistic obligations. Others tend to see you as unpredictable. Tonight: Recognize that you have several options.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Defer to others. Pushing or demanding has not worked up to now. Brainstorm with a friend or loved one to come up with a more effective approach. You might surprise yourself as to how many options exist. Tonight: Say "yes" to a suggestion or invitation.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ If you are honest with yourself, you'll see that you need to settle down and do some work. You have been busy as of late, yet you seem to have neglected certain key areas. A loved one will see your efforts and change his or her tune. Tonight: Don't allow a friend to distract you.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ What others can't do, you seem to be able to handle with creativity and endurance. You also have a vision for the future that could play into designing a plan to move forward with a project. Your imagination knows no limits! Tonight: You get results.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ A friend will contribute to your search for

a solution to a domestic problem. You will be more than willing to put in long hours on a project, especially if you are able to work from home. An unusual realization could open a new door. Tonight: Paint the town red.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ If you find yourself having difficulty expressing some of your ideas, look into taking a communication workshop. You will allow your mind to find new ways of expressing what you seem to have been holding back. Tonight: Visit with a loved one who understands you.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Check out different solutions and the costs involved in an investment involving your home or business. Your imagination might not be in sync with your checkbook. Do yourself a favor and respect your limits. Tonight: Keep to your budget, pay the bills, etc.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Combine a surge of energy with your active imagination. Revisit several unresolved issues in order to see if you have missed any important details. A loved one might feel very similarly to how you feel. Tonight: Lighten up, and you'll enjoy yourself more.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ To reveal less would be an excellent choice right now. You might be misrepresenting what is being said without even realizing it. Keep your opinions to yourself -- in fact, see if you can let go of them for now. More information will be forthcoming. Tonight: Do your thing.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. How you see a situation develop could be confusing. You might feel as if you're missing an important piece of information. A meeting could prove enlightening, so listen carefully. Tonight: Join friends who are in the mood for an early weekend.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Stay on top of a personal matter while you handle other commitments. You could view a situation differently once you get more facts. Your finances and well-being could be involved. Your intuition will work well with a key loved one. Test it out! Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

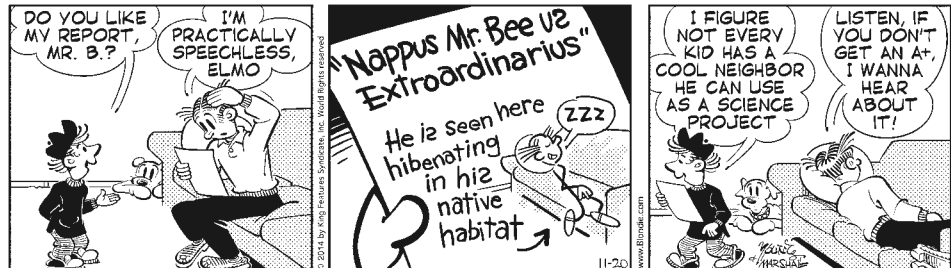
★★★★ You might appreciate staying behind the scenes right now as you view an emotional stress heading your way. Be careful of a tendency to make more out of a gesture than what actually exists. Gather the facts you need before speaking. Tonight: Consider a weekend getaway.

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