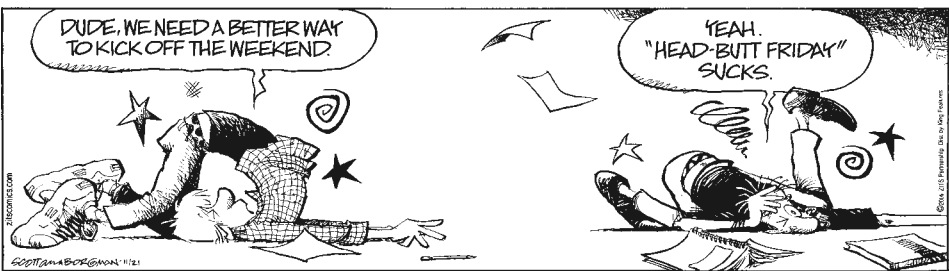


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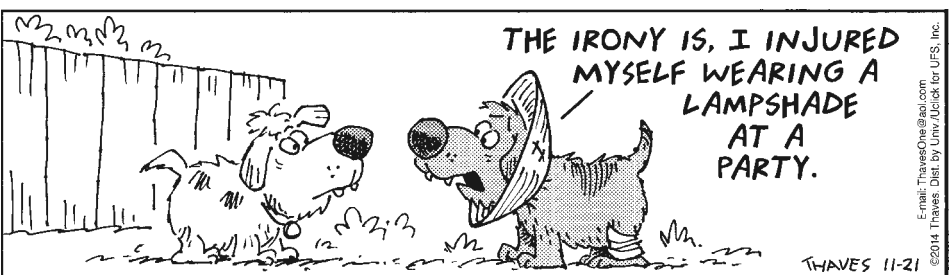
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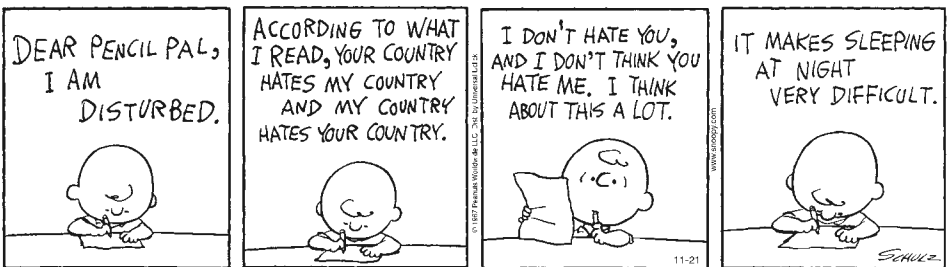
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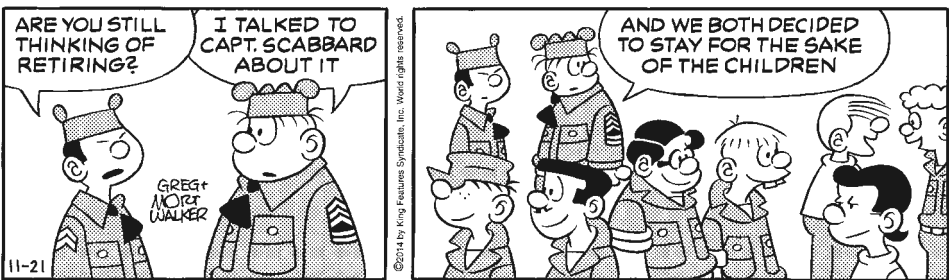
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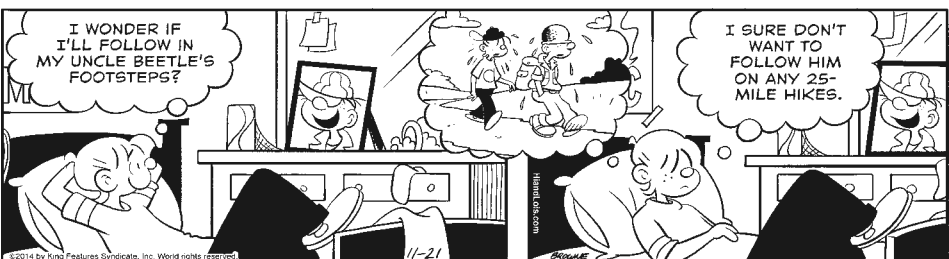
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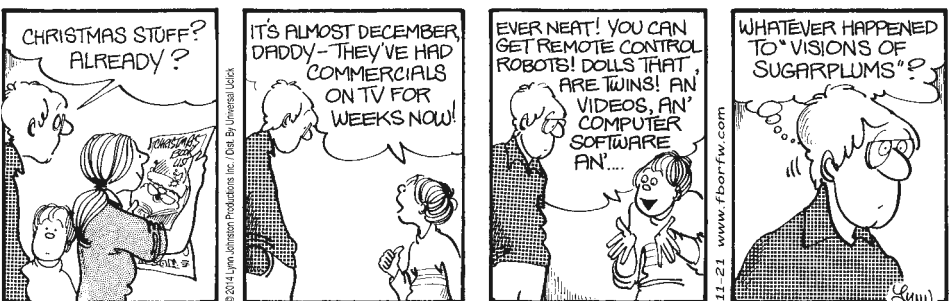
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Son's Sex Life Is Exposed By Unlucky Coincidence

DEAR ABBY: How much interest in an adult child's sex life is normal? My mother seems obsessed.

I hooked up with a girl a couple of months ago on a Friday. She spent most of the weekend with me. We both knew it wouldn't go further than that.

It turns out she works with my mom, who by chance found out about the weekend. Mom has been interrogating her for every detail every chance she gets, and she likes to drop details into my daily life to embarrass me.

How much interest is a parent supposed to show? Mine knows my favorite position and intimate interests. — EXPOSED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR EXPOSED: It seems your mother is not only nosy, but also has a sadistic sense of humor. She's getting a kick out of embarrassing you.

Tell her to lay off because what she's doing is inappropriate, and it's making you uncomfortable. If she can't respect your wishes, then realize it's time you put some distance between you and Mama. And to prevent this from happening in the future, find out more about the chicks you hook up with because this last one sings like a bird.

DEAR ABBY: The holidays will soon be here, and so will something that may seem petty, but really irks me. My friends have a large home with plenty of room, so they usually host the holiday dinners. We — the guests — supply a few side dishes to accompany the meal. I usually bring several "sides" because I like to cook and I enjoy variety.

My problem is presentation. I bring my sides in nice casserole dishes and do my best to make them look appealing. Because I'm not particularly artistic, it takes some effort. When I arrive with the food, my hosts unceremoniously dump it into disposable aluminum containers, wash my dishes and put them aside.

I hope I don't sound picky, but even when I have asked that the items be served in the dishes I brought, the hosts say, "Oh, this is

easier." I have said I don't mind bringing home dirty dishes, but my wishes are ignored. Am I being petty? — FRUSTRATED GUEST IN NEW YORK

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I don't think your feelings are petty. Having put as much effort as you have into making the food you're preparing look as appetizing as possible, it's understandable. However, because this is a recurring annoyance, consider preparing this year's contributions in disposable aluminum pans. That way, your creations won't be "dumped."

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife is a neatnik who always finds extra or unexpected things to do before meeting me at the car, in the TV room, etc. It means I always must wait for her before going anywhere.

I have asked her a thousand times to avoid doing "one last thing" before coming to meet me. How can I appeal to her better nature to avoid tending to every tiny detail before joining me? Or am I being too impatient? — WAITING FOR YOUR ANSWER

DEAR WAITING: I'm sorry, but I can't give you an unbiased answer because I am guilty of the same thing, and it makes my husband crazy, too. (I suspect your wife and I are not the only women who do this.)

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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 and Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 21, 2014:

This year you express your seemingly endless creativity. You also might decide to express some of this energy through a talent or hobby of yours. You could be a budding artist before you know it! Professional advancement seems likely. If you are single, you meet people easily because you ooze desirability and magnetism. The issue will be choosing who will work best for you. If you are attached, avoid squabbling with your sweetie. You both will be happier with more understanding and openness. SCORPIO can be suspiciously quiet.

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 discover that a loved one seems to have blinders on, which prevents him or her from seeing others' perspectives. Push a project to the finish line; you'll want to free yourself up to enjoy the next few days. Tonight: Now the weekend begins. Christen it well.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Others will be seeking you out to share their thoughts. Play devil's advocate, and go along as much as you can. You might be unusually busy or too focused on something else. A friend or loved one could become demanding; avoid this person for now. Tonight: Enjoy the evening.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ The best intentions could disappear as you become engrossed in what you consider to be a significant task. Know that, even with your superb gift of gab, you might not be able to convince anyone that your way is the right way. Tonight: Step on the brakes. Slow down!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be obsessing about a new flame or perhaps a new job. With all the thoughts that keep entering your head, you might not be getting as much perspective on a situation as you would like. Find a friend who will be honest with you. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might want to reconsider a personal matter with someone who has a long-term vision. You could bat around several ideas until you

feel comfortable enough to act on one. Your positive attitude will help, no matter what you are up to. Tonight: Happiest at home.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You could be unusually quick to give someone a response. You might want to defer to others for now, especially if you are unsure about whether your reaction is likely to make any difference at all. A child or loved one could be easily irritated. Tonight: Playtime!

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Curb any possessiveness. You could be pushing others — or one person in particular — away. Try to break this pattern, but at the same time, do whatever is needed to build yourself up. As a result, you could start rethinking your reactions more carefully. Tonight: Treat a friend.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Your ear-to-ear smile could be the result of clearing the air. You have an excellent presence, and others will let you know they are impressed. You will receive your just rewards, which could include a pay raise or promotion. Tonight: Go for what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Read between the lines with a loved one. Your instincts are likely to serve you well with a domestic issue. Avoid making excuses for spending more on a special item. Ask yourself whether your budget really can handle this purchase. Tonight: Be a little mysterious.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Others will deliver what you want. As of now, you are clear about who your supporters are. Be aware of your observations when dealing with those in authority. A loved one will support you in a loving manner. Tonight: Just ask, and you shall receive.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Others often follow your lead, and today is no exception. Use care when loaning money or signing any financial agreements, as there could be a catch. Know that if someone hides important information from you, your anger is likely to emerge. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might want to reach out to someone at a distance. Your motivation probably involves a need to clear the air with this person. What do you have to lose? Timing will be important. Look to later in the day, when you are more relaxed. Tonight: Let your imagination speak.

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