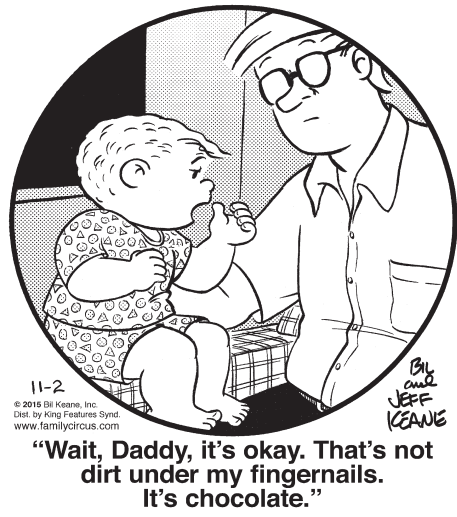


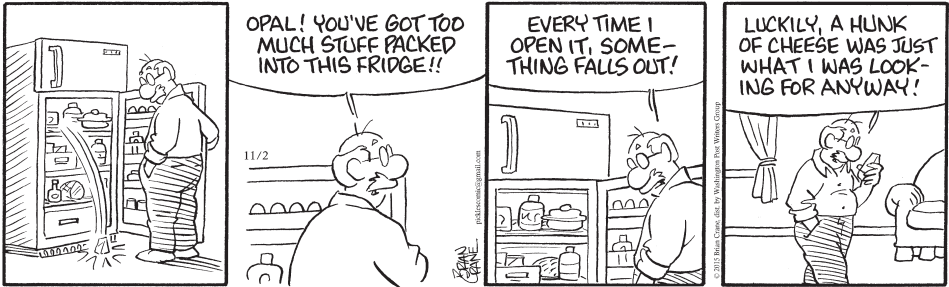
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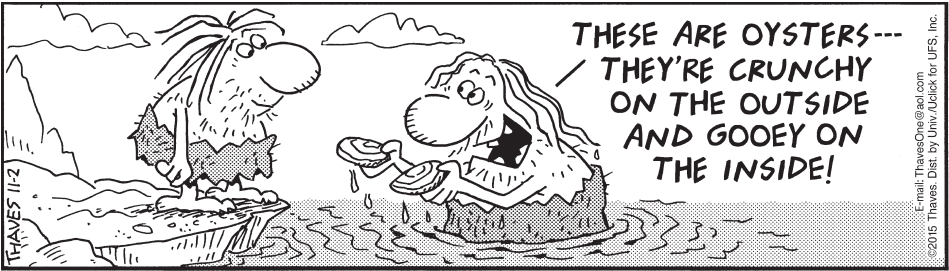
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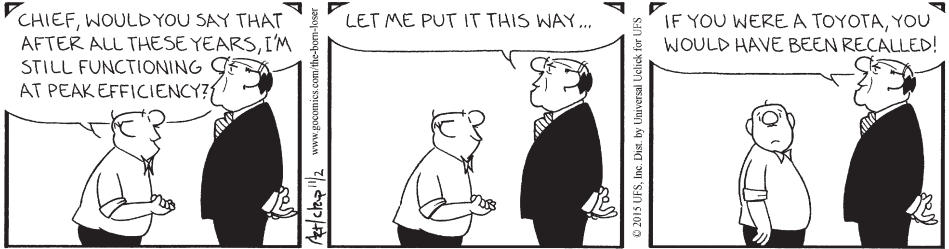
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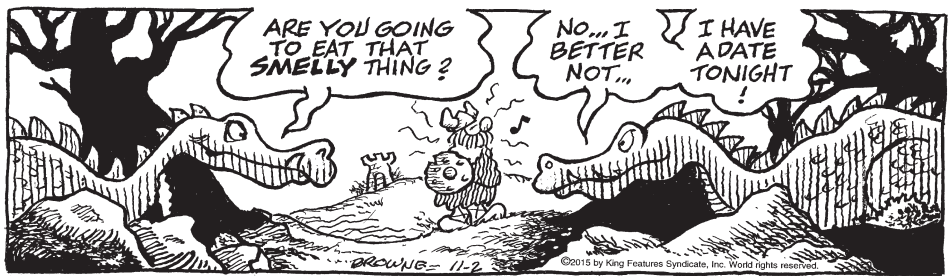
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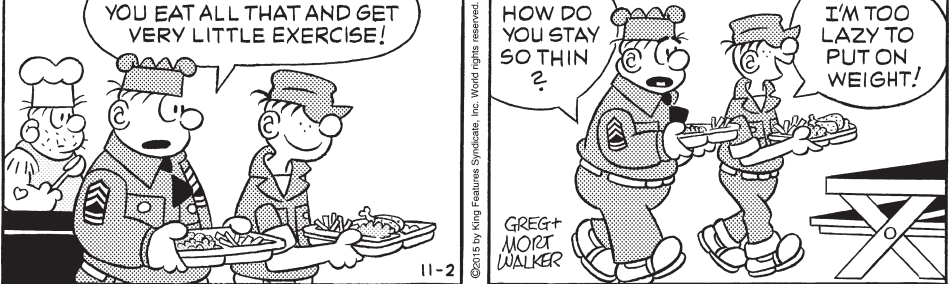
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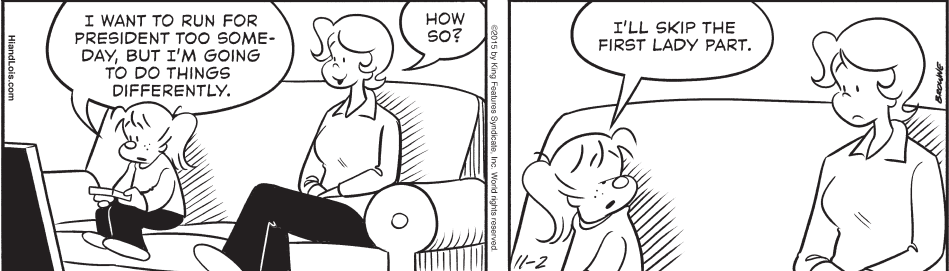
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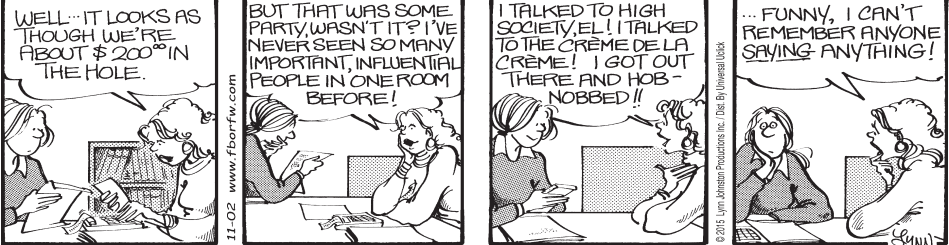
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# Man's Drunken Behavior Damages Valued Friendship

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been friends with “Janet” for eight years. We have been very close, talk often, and go to lunch three times a month. We are like two peas in a pod and have always been honest with each other. Our relationship is open and aboveboard.

On a recent holiday, I went to her house for a party, got drunk and made an inappropriate comment to one of her friends, who had also had too much to drink. Janet called me out in front of the others, demanded I apologize, told me that what I had said was disrespectful, and said she doesn't want to see me again.

Abby, she tossed out an eight-year friendship over one comment. I don't understand. Do you? – STUPID GUY OUT WEST

**DEAR GUY:** Not knowing what you said, I can only guess it was so far off the charts that you offended not only the person to whom the comment was directed, but also Janet and the other guests at the party. She may have reacted the way she did because you have done similar things in the past. You will have a clearer understanding if you talk to her about it when you call to apologize.

**DEAR ABBY:** What can I do about my boss? I have worked at a bus company for 23 years. My new boss started six months ago. He jokes and laughs with all the other ladies in the office, but when it comes to me, he's all business. He talks to me only about things that are work-related, and when I try to talk to him about anything else, he gives me a forced grin and walks away. Any suggestions? – FEELING LEFT OUT

**DEAR FEELING:** Your new boss may be intimidated because of your seniority and experience. It may also be because of your age. I am unsure of his reason for treating you differently, but your next move should be to have a talk with your boss to express your feelings about this.

**DEAR ABBY:** Would you like to know how my mom reduced the stress of Thanksgiving on our family? My siblings all live locally, so holidays became more and more complicated as they tried to plan around both sides of the family and start family traditions of their own with their kids.

Mom solved the problem by moving our Thanksgiving celebration to the Sunday before. That way we had Saturday to prepare, didn't have kids asking all morning when we were going to eat and didn't have to compete with a football game. Mom put the turkey in the oven on Sunday morning before we went to church, and an hour after we got home it was ready to eat.

My folks and single siblings let people know they were available on Thanksgiving Day and were invited to the homes of other family or friends. As Mom grew older, the gathering became a potluck and other relatives were invited, including the in-laws who were not available on Thursday. – CARRYING ON THE TRADITION

**DEAR CARRYING ON:** You mention your mother in the past tense, so I assume that she is no longer with us. If she were, I would ask you to please tell her for me that her solution was brilliant.

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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 if born before 10:48 a.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Leo.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, NOV. 2, 2015:

This year you might be concerned about your finances. No matter how much money you have, you will always want more. Your circle of friends and acquaintances expands to allow greater possibilities in your life. If you are single, you will meet someone or several people through your inner circle whom you might want to date. Don't push a relationship to move too fast. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy going out together. You also treasure your time alone as a couple. LEO knows how to trigger 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)

★★★★ A conversation points you in a new direction, which allows for more creativity and freedom. Tension builds only because you are set on achieving a certain result. Listen to constructive feedback, and allow your imagination to soar. Tonight: Don't act like it is Monday night.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Others won't hesitate to give you feedback. Pay attention to which areas of your life are being discussed. Do you think that perhaps you need to make an adjustment to one or more of them? Emphasize security and long-term concerns. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to others, especially if you need some help or advice about an important decision. A different perspective will be useful. Listen carefully to the goings-on of others' lives in the process. Don't allow too much chaos to run through your day. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You have very different creative ideas from those of others. You also might note that your audience becomes more critical and smaller as the day goes on. Be expressive and authentic in a conversation with a younger person. Tonight: Do some early holiday shopping.

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

★★★★ You might resent someone close to

you, who could be tripping you up. You seem to be able to accomplish what you want, and you'll add your special finesse to whatever you do. Don't be too invasive when trying to find out what's wrong with a loved one. Tonight: All smiles.

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

★★★★ You'll make a great effort to get past an issue that you might choose not to share. Perhaps you just are tired or feeling down. A partner is likely to trigger your imagination in order to help you see a situation more realistically. Tonight: Take some much-needed private time.

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

★★★★ The emphasis is on success, but you're only successful because you have taken the lead. A meeting could prove to be a hotbed of ideas that are great but costly. Play devil's advocate. You might discover some intriguing ideas for how to gather more funds. Tonight: All smiles.

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

★★★ You have done enough research to be able to take the lead in a project. Use caution in an important decision that could be costly or might not come to fruition quickly. A meeting is likely to point you in a new direction. Tonight: Count on hanging out till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ Reach out to someone who is an expert in his or her chosen field. You'll want to hear a different point of view and detach. You could be overthinking an issue or a conversation by replaying it over and over again in your mind. Tonight: Surf the Web.

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

★★★★★ You could be amazed by how strong someone else's argument is. You are likely to agree with this person once you understand his or her vision. Nevertheless, you still might want to test out his or her ideas on others. Trust yourself. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's plans.

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

★★★★★ You are able to gain a new perspective when speaking with others. Your immediate knee-jerk response could be off. A partner will invest a considerable amount of time trying to help you find the right path. Express your appreciation. Tonight: Check in on a friend.

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

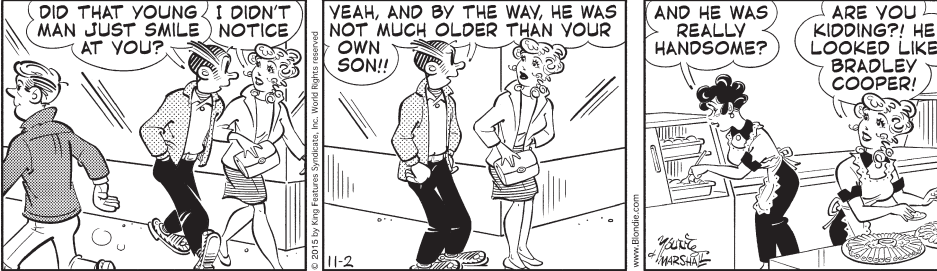
★★★ Others flood the airwaves with their caring ideas and suggestions. Focus on completing what you must, and don't get distracted before you are done. Set aside time for meaningful conversations that are likely to touch you. Tonight: Exercise away your stress.

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