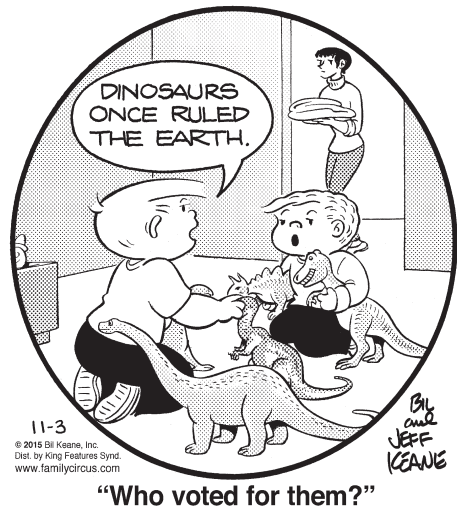
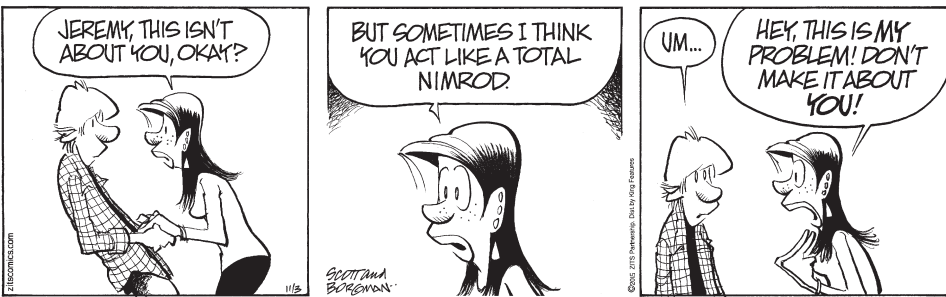


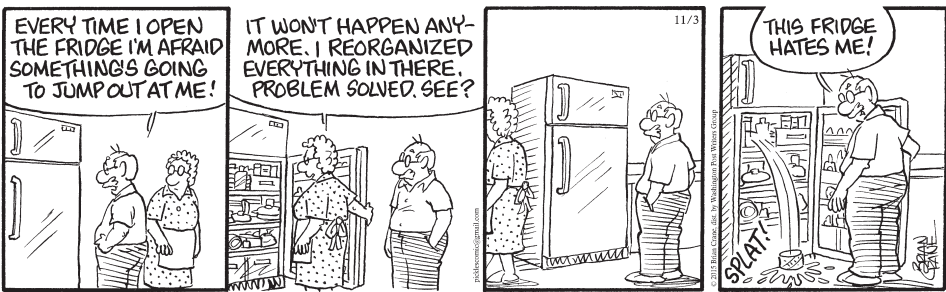
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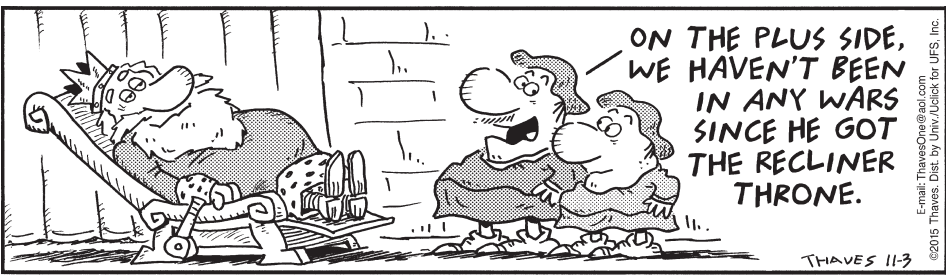
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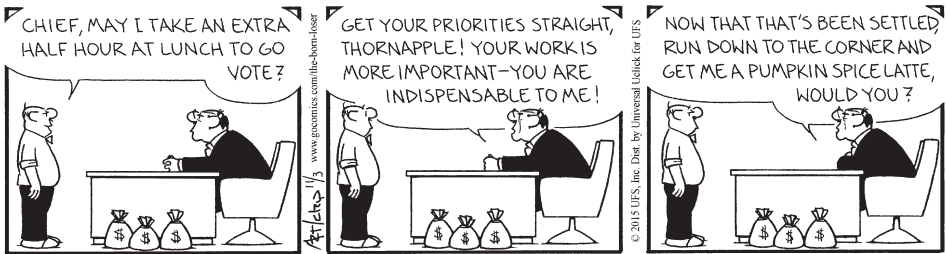
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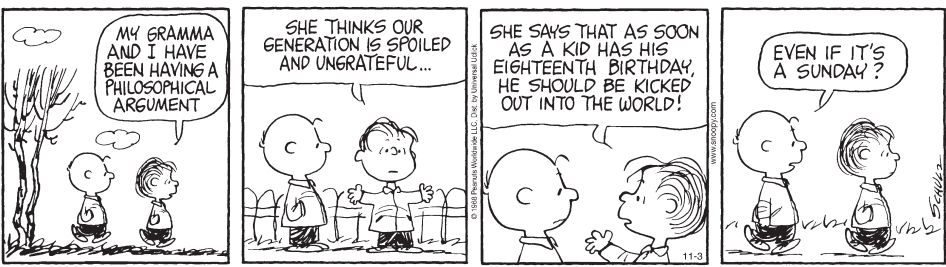
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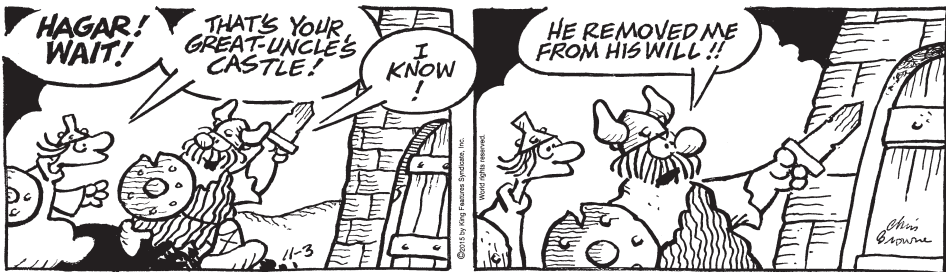
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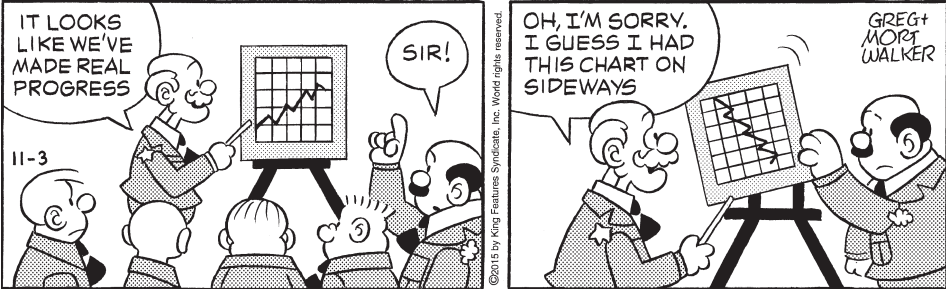
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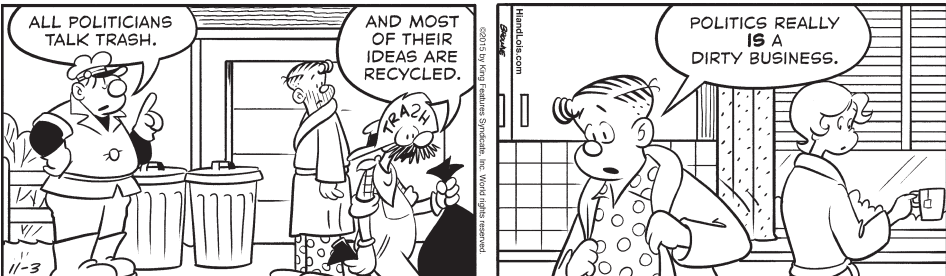
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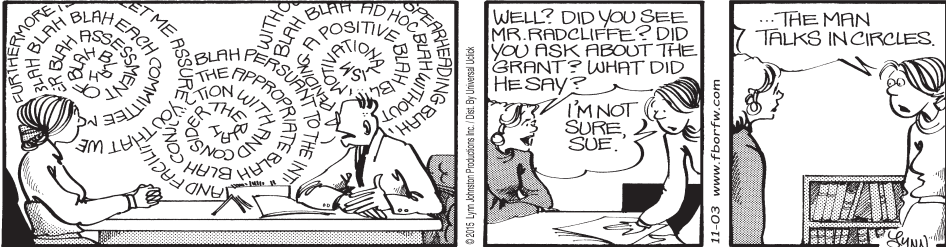
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## Turning Over New Leaf Means Turning Away Bigoted Friends

**DEAR ABBY:** My friendships have always included people of different races, religions, nationalities, sexual orientations, professions, etc. A few years ago, I had an experience that was both devastating and humbling on several different levels. It caused me to do a lot of introspection and self-improvement, which led to my becoming a more empathetic person.

Over the last few years, I have distanced myself from old friends and acquaintances who were racist, sexist, homophobic, etc. I have replaced them with new relationships with people who embrace diversity. Some of the people I no longer see ask me why we don't talk or get together anymore. I don't want to give them excuses like, "I've been too busy." How do I explain to them that I don't enjoy associating with people who hold bigoted views? — OPEN-MINDED IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR OPEN-MINDED:** Because you no longer wish to associate with them, why not just respond with the truth? Say: "As you may know, I had an experience a few years ago that was life-changing. It made me re-evaluate my life and my relationships, so I decided to 'edit' them down and spend more time with people who think the way I do about life."

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a middle-aged man who lost my wife to cancer 2 1/2 years ago. We had no children.

I'm now feeling very alone. I don't seem to fit in anywhere. My old "guy" friends avoid me, and our married "couple" friends leave me out because I am not a couple anymore. I understand that, because they all do "couple" things. But even my family seems to have set me aside. When my wife was alive, we would be invited to my siblings' homes

for dinners during the holidays and other times. Now I often don't even get a phone call.

There are times I feel like I have been cast off by everyone. Please help, Abby. — LONELY KANSAN

**DEAR LONELY KANSAN:** I'll try. With most married couples, the wives are the ones who make the social plans. This may be why you aren't hearing from your "couple" friends. Why your family would choose to exclude you at a time when you need them is something I can't explain. But they may tell you if you pick up the phone and talk to them about it. Because you find you have time on your hands and no prospects, it's time to establish yourself as an eligible single male. Research singles groups in your area. Go online and put your profile on some of the singles sites. Get involved in volunteer activities. Join a dance class, a yoga class, a gym. There are plenty of women out there waiting to be found, but you won't find any of them sitting home waiting for the phone to ring.

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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 TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 2015:

This year you tend to be quite dramatic, and as a result, you attract the attention of others. Your presentation exudes sensuality and mystery, which might explain people's interest. Your creativity soars as it rarely has before. If you are single, others find you to be original. Understand what you want from a bond, and then you will know which person to choose. If you are attached, your sweetie is just as desirable as you are. This person often serves as a muse for you. You love LEO and his or her strength. 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)

★★★★ Your instincts might conflict with a creative project. You'll want to slow down until you figure out which voice to listen to. You could get feedback from someone you would prefer not to hear from. Listen before you respond. Tonight: Handle what you must, then let the fun begin.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You could feel as if someone's demands are out of whack. Rather than react, try to detach and work on seeing the big picture. You might not be hopeful about achieving a heartfelt desire, but you'll try anyway. Tonight: Reveal more of what you feel without getting angry.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your hectic pace might not please someone who doesn't see you clearly. Emotional extremes could come out when dealing with this person. Take your time with a project, as you'll want it to be as good as you can make it. Tonight: Speak your mind.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Be aware of the costs of continuing as you have been. Fatigue could make you more reactive than normal. Verbalize what is going on with you, and accept your limits. Someone at a distance will do whatever he or she can to inspire you. Tonight: Pay bills first.

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

★★★★ You might be greeting the day with a big smile. A family member might try a power play to get what he or she wants. An associate could de-

cide to do something the way he or she wants it to be done. Be ready to take evasive action. Tonight: Surprising news makes its way to you.

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

★★★ You have a lot going for you. You have been feeling more fortunate in the past few days. The smart move at this point is to allow others to take the lead. You need to be more observant. A friend's feelings seem intense and nearly overwhelming. Tonight: Make it personal.

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

★★★★ You know exactly what to do, even if a haze of confusion seems to sift through the air. Reconsider a decision. You might pull a dear friend a lot closer to you. This person has an unpredictable quality to his or her behavior; make it OK to enjoy this. Tonight: Out late.

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

★★★ You'll need to test out an assumption before you work with it. Reach out to an associate with whom you can brainstorm. This person could be particularly challenging when you share what is on your mind. You might be more emotional than you realize. Tonight: Take a walk.

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

★★★★ Take a risk that you have been considering. You won't know the results of this choice until you throw yourself into it. Make sure you can handle the outcome if your plan falls apart. A friend will be emotional yet supportive. Tonight: Be aware of an authority figure's observations.

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

★★★★ One-on-one relating might not evoke the immediate results you desire. You could decide to approach a situation differently, as what you have been doing isn't working. Being innovative will keep others on edge, and it also will provide different answers. Tonight: Just be yourself.

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

★★★ Others will make it close to impossible to complete an important project. You simply might need to ignore the phone or cut a conversation short. However, if a distraction comes along, you could feel as if you have little choice but to say "yes." Tonight: At a favorite place.

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

★★★★ You have a dreamy, emotional tone to your interactions right now. You might be having a difficult time staying present in the moment or believing that anything is really important. Let go of whatever is occupying your mind for now. Tonight: Try for an early bedtime.

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