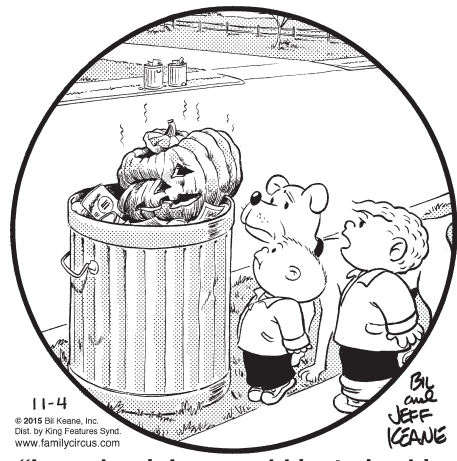


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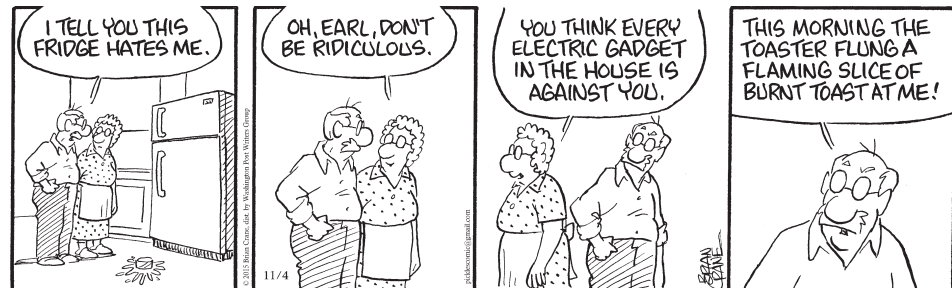
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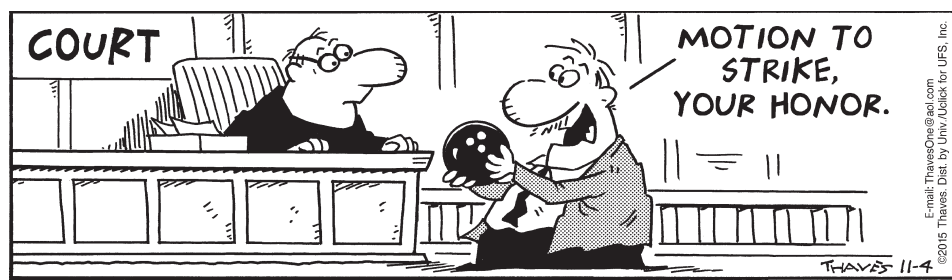
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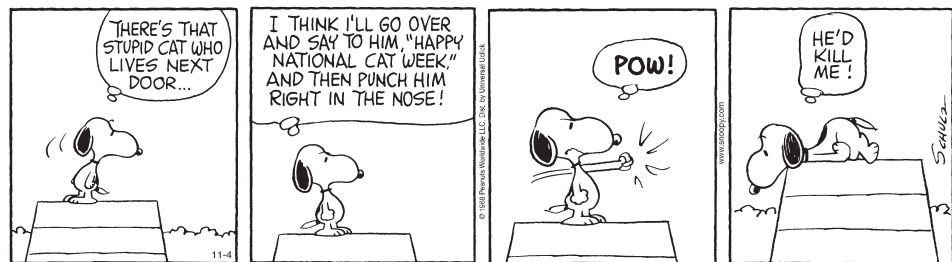
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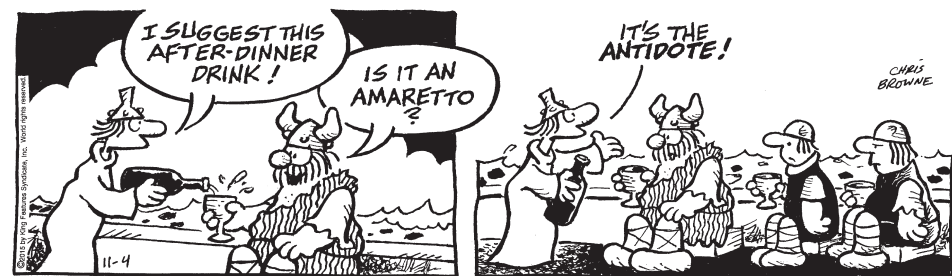
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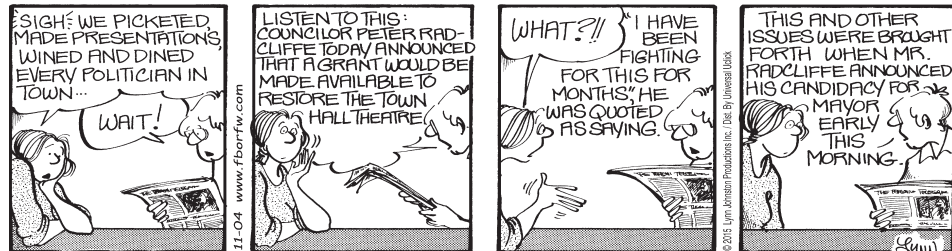
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Thank-You For A Gift Is Too Often Left Unsaid

DEAR ABBY: In my opinion, too many young people today are shortchanged when it comes to manners and etiquette. The knowledge of how wonderful it is to receive written acknowledgment of gifting is rapidly fading.

A quick note of appreciation for any kind of thoughtful gesture lifts the giver's spirit. Receiving recognition for a tangible gift, time spent lending a hand or a shared meal puts a smile on his or her face. These things are not entitlements; they are gifts from the heart.

I urge young parents to teach this courteous gesture to their children. Abby, I know your letters booklet has a section on thank-yous. Maybe it's time you mention it again. —SHERRIE IN CHEHALIS, WASH.

DEAR SHERRIE: If there is one topic that shows up repeatedly in my mail, it's thank-you notes — or, rather, the lack of them. It's such a common aggravation that I receive dozens of complaints in every batch of emails or letters I receive. While letter-writing may always be a chore to some people, there are occasions when the written message is the only proper means of communication.

My Dear Abby Letters Booklet was written to serve as a guide to those who put off writing because they don't know what to say or how to say it. It contains sample letters for readers to use to show appreciation for a birthday, Christmas, shower or wedding gift.

There are also examples of letters that are difficult to write, such as expressing condolences to someone who has lost a parent, a child, or for an untimely death such as a suicide or an overdose. My letters booklet can be ordered by sending your name, mailing address, plus a check or money order for

\$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.) And remember Rule No. 1: The important thing about letter-writing is to say what you want to say, say it so you can be easily understood, and say it so that it sounds like you.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My parents are refusing to pay for me to attend my dream school after learning that I am sexually active with my boyfriend of two years. (They liked him very much prior to learning this.) He's in school in France.

They say it would be a "sin" to pay for me to attend school in the same city he's in, and they expect me to stay home and go to a local community college. Would it be wrong to disobey their wishes and take out my own student loans? —PARENTS VS. BOYFRIEND IN FRANCE

DEAR P VS. B: I not only think it would be wrong, I'm afraid it could be a disaster for you. What if the relationship doesn't work out? When you take out those loans, you will be responsible for repaying that debt for many years.

Before you make that decision, I urge you to carefully consider the kind of jobs that will be available in the field you're interested in pursuing. If what you're really interested in pursuing is your boyfriend, you might be better off staying home.

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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 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4, 2015:

This year you enjoy your immediate circle, and you gain more associates through networking. As a result, you experience many more opportunities in both your community and personal lives. If you are single, you will have the job of sorting through your many potential sweeties. The person you choose could be significant to your life. If you are attached, the two of you will focus on some long-term goals involving your relationship. You will have a reason for celebration. LEO might be a little wary of you, as you are of him or her!

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)

***** Enjoy a child or loved one today. Make extra time for this person, or take him or her out for lunch. Your invitation will be appreciated; consider repeating the gesture in the near future if all goes well. Allow your creative side to express itself. Tonight: Have a ball.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

*** You put more pressure on yourself than is necessary. You might not like what is happening around you, but understand that you can't successfully make any long-term changes right now. You can control only yourself and no one else. Tonight: Order your favorite pizza.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

***** By catching up with neighbors, you'll learn a lot about what is going on in your community. You will feel knowledgeable when you wrap up these conversations. Make an effort to return calls and reach out to friends who have been MIA. Tonight: At a favorite local spot.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

*** Curb a tendency to be possessive. Some of you will go off on a spending spree if you aren't careful. You might promise yourself not to do this again, yet there appears to be another shopping trip on the horizon. At least keep the tags and receipts. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

***** Your magnetism could cause you a lot of trouble. Be careful when handling others'

feelings. You might not intend to hurt someone, but with everything that is heading your way, it is likely to happen. You can apologize only so much. Tonight: Watch what goes on around you!

VRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

*** Maintain a low profile. Know that any decisions made or conversations had might need to happen again in the near future. It is as if everyone is elsewhere in their heads, even though they appear to be present. Do something just for you. Tonight: What would make you happy?

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

***** Deferring to friends might feel OK right now, but the fact is that you won't make the impression you would like to make. Others could forget about your gesture quickly, and you will have to repeat it in some way. Still, make the effort. Tonight: Where your pals are.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

*** You might think that you are doing an excellent job assuming the role of leader, and you really could be. However, those you lead might not get your message and head out in different directions. Adjust your style, if need be. Tonight: Catch up on a back-burner project.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

***** Your mind seems to drift to different realms and other people. You inadvertently could cause yourself a problem, which is the last thing you intend to do. Try to gain a better understanding of a situation when you have some alone time. Tonight: Where there is music.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

***** You could be wondering about a decision you are about to make. More information could be forthcoming in the next 48 hours. Don't push yourself until you are 100 percent sure. Get feedback from someone first. Tonight: Take a loved one to a favorite place.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

*** Allow someone else to take the lead. You might complain a little at first, but if you are honest with yourself, you know you don't have the same drive to carry out this matter that he or she does. With so much going on around you, you will feel popular. Tonight: Take a back seat!

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

*** Your best bet is to isolate yourself from others, especially if you want to do a little of this and a little of that. Others might not understand, and could become critical without realizing it. Thank them for feedback, and hold your tongue. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

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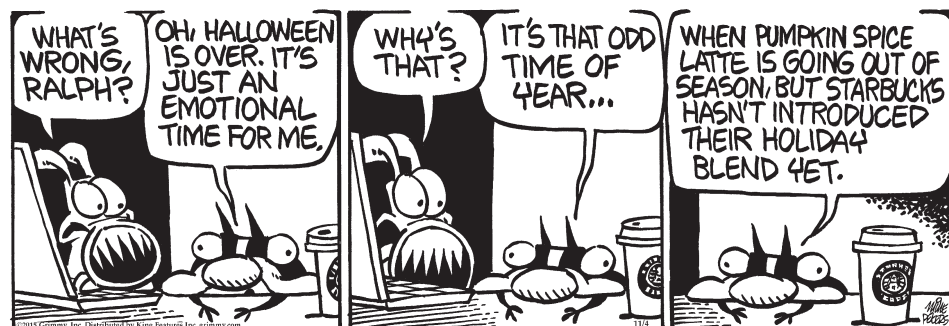
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