

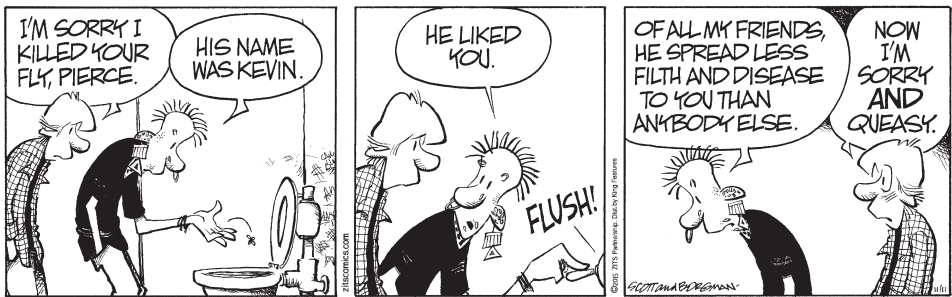
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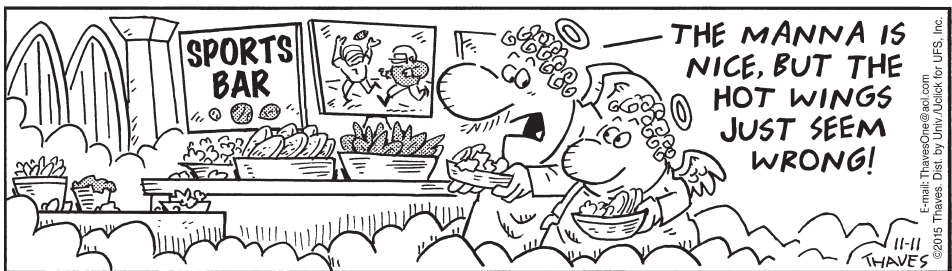
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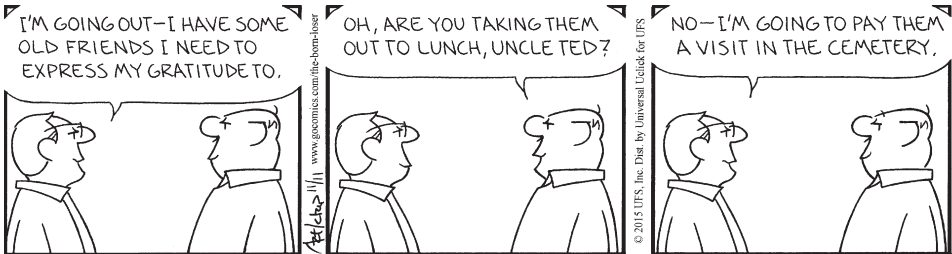
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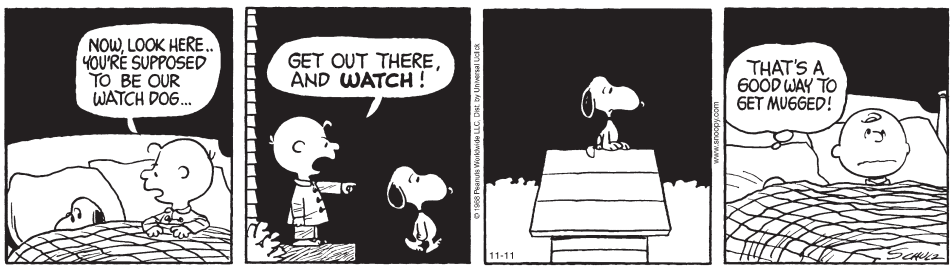
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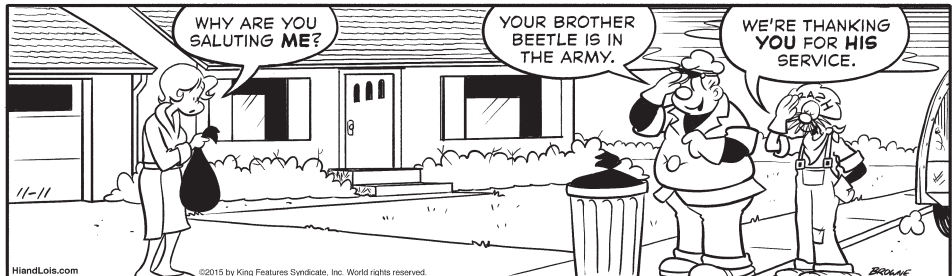
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Husband Upset By Wife Who Wears Heart On Her Sleeve

DEAR ABBY: I'm a mostly happily married wife and mother. I love tattoos. When I was younger, I was engaged to my soul mate. His name is tattooed on my wrists in honor of the love we shared. Unfortunately, he was killed in a car accident.

Several years later, I met and married my husband, "Brett." When we fight he brings up the tattoos. He says they're "disrespectful" of him and I should get rid of them. It upsets me because I got the tattoos before I ever met Brett, so how can they be disrespectful? Am I being unreasonable, or should my husband back off? — ILLUSTRATED WOMAN IN COLORADO

DEAR ILLUSTRATED WOMAN: The tattoos are in no way disrespectful to your husband. They are the same body art you had when he married you, and if he didn't complain back then, he shouldn't now. When you're fighting and Brett tells you to get rid of them, he's doing it to hurt you because he knows they are meaningful and he's trying to get under your skin. Insist on dealing with the subject at hand and don't take the bait.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to know if there's any way to stop my mother-in-law from inviting herself to every birthday party and graduation our children have. They are pre-teen and teenagers now. She has done this for years, and it often doesn't end well. Because they are older, they prefer to hang out with their friends, do sleepovers, etc.

Because she insists on staying the night, it's hard to have room for sleepovers. She complains if she has to sleep on the couch, and she also has a fit if she's not getting enough attention from the kids because they'd rather be with their friends and not her the whole time.

I have tried explaining that she should come the weekend before or after, but she shows up on the birthday anyway. Her complaints ruin their birthdays, to the point that I no longer look forward to them. Any advice, since another birthday is right around

the corner? (Maybe she'll read this and have a change of heart.) — MISERABLE MOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MISERABLE MOM: Your mother-in-law sounds like a handful. However, I do believe that grandparents should be invited to milestones like graduations, where family is important.

It's hard to imagine Grandma would simply show up at the kids' party after being asked to stay away, but you can't slam the door in her face. When she barges in, for your own sake tune her complaining out. Walk away if you must. As to altering the sleeping arrangements to suit an uninvited guest — don't do it.

Where is your husband in all of this? She's his mother; if you can't make her see reason, then he should. It's normal for teens to want to celebrate with their contemporaries — and Grandma had better get used to it before they turn tail and run whenever they see her coming.

DEAR VETERANS: I salute each and every one of you for your service to this country. My heartfelt thanks as well to the brave and dedicated men and women who are still on active duty. You are the personification of patriotism and self-sacrifice for your dedication to our country. — Love, ABBY

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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 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, 2015:

This year the Force is with you. You can wish upon a star and manifest that which you desire. Friends play a big role in making a long-term goal a reality. If you are single, you could meet someone significant to your life's history. However, don't commit until you 100 percent sure that this is it. You will have many potential suitors. If you are attached, be aware of a tendency to become too me-oriented this year. Remember that a bond consists of two people. Nevertheless, your sweetie can't say "no" to you. Other SCORPIOS often present control issues.

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 close relationship with a co-worker or partner will help you make the right decision at the right time. You will have to acknowledge the power of saying what is on your mind. Your sixth sense guides you. The success you experience will be the result of teamwork. Tonight: Be a duo.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might not want to defer to someone else, but it would be wise to let this person have the control he or she desires. On some level, you could feel challenged by others. Refusing to get involved is probably the best solution. Tonight: Listen to others' feedback.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Pace yourself, and don't lose your sense of direction. You could be very keen on completing a project, but you might not be able to clear your schedule. Stay on top of your responsibilities, and you will find some time. Tonight: Rethink a health idea.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your creativity knows the path to get you where you want to be, even if you don't know the step-by-step plan. Much of what you do will be spontaneous. You could experience a new beginning with a child or loved one. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a party.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Stay close to home. You'll find that a lot is going on around your home life. You are likely

to hear news that could force you to rethink your position. Your creativity might surge unexpectedly. Tonight: Don't allow someone's attempt at a guilt trip get to you.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind, but listen carefully to feedback. You could find a key person to be very sensitive and caring in his or her response. You might be taken aback by the possibilities that others present. Discussions will allow a new beginning. Tonight: Get a second opinion.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You seem so lighthearted that it is difficult to imagine you any other way. However, you can become quite intense about a money matter. Others might be stunned by your atypical behavior. A new beginning will become possible. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Today's New Moon in your sign promises a new beginning, and you are likely to embrace it. You'll have a rare opportunity, and others will support you in your choices. Your charisma soars. Don't hesitate to ask for what you want. Tonight: The call is yours.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Know when to step back and not get involved. Today's New Moon marks a new beginning for you, but just in your private world. Some of you might decide to do some volunteer work, while others sign up for a yoga class. Tonight: Get some much-needed personal time.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ A meeting will open up your mind, as you look at the different possibilities. A friend could make an offer that you can't seem to refuse, but weigh the pros and cons first. Understand your options more clearly. Don't sell yourself short. Tonight: Go for what you want.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Take charge of the moment. Others might be too unsure of themselves to take on a leadership role. You intuitively know what to do, and will follow that path. Use caution around money; it seems to slip through your hands like water. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

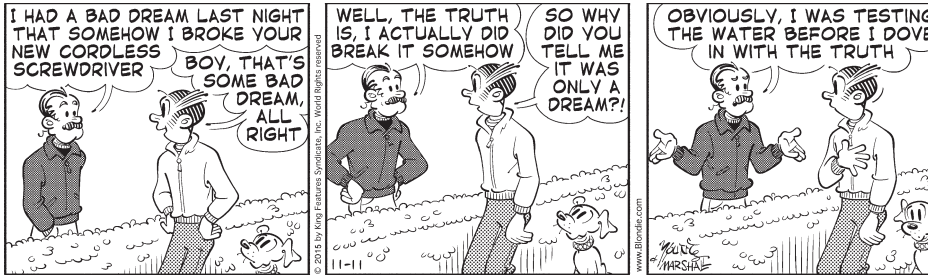
★★★★ Evaluate an idea that seems exciting and unique. You could opt to test it out on others first, but don't take too long. A decision made at this moment can produce long-term positive results. Be willing to break a pattern and see a situation differently. Tonight: Watch some TV.

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