

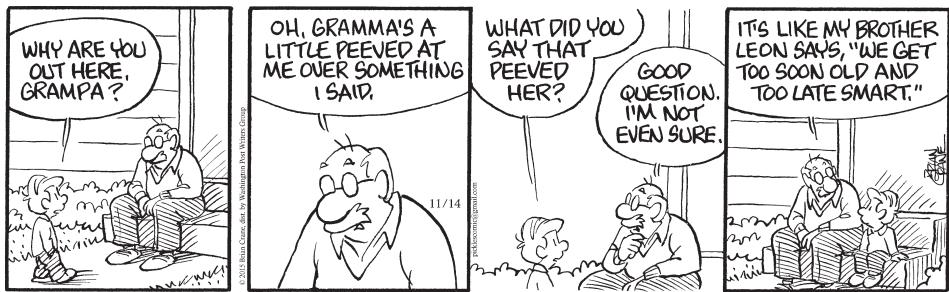
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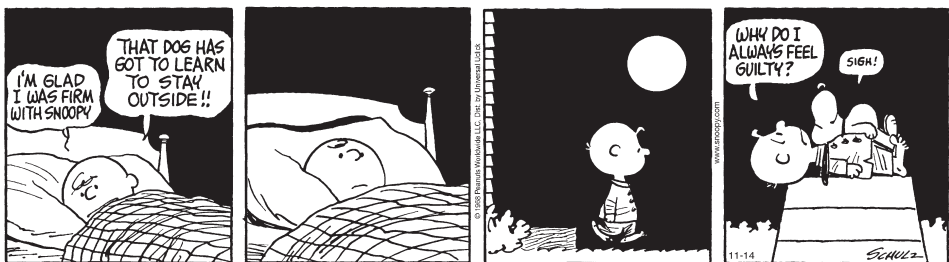
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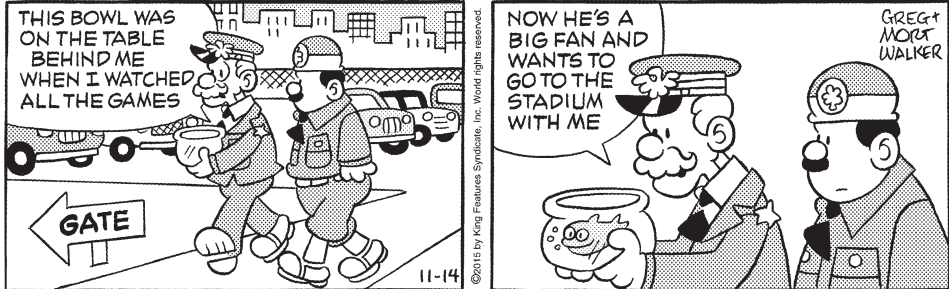
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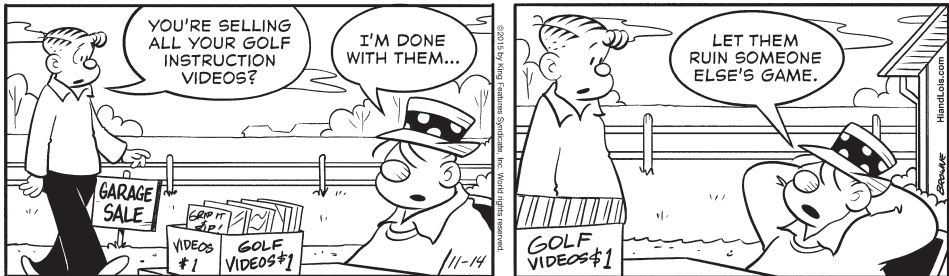
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Daughter Wants To Withdraw From Dad's Battle With Booze

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 and live with my parents. My dad is an alcoholic who has finally figured out that he has had a problem for years. When I was in sixth grade, he left me once in the middle of the night (Mom was out of town) to go out drinking. Ever since that night, I have felt so much pain. I feel like I'm not important – or why else would he leave me?

He thinks it's OK to talk to me about what he does and how much he regrets it. I love him, but I don't want to hear about how he got drunk the night before or anything like that! It has added a lot of stress to my life. I get all A's in school and I'm in accelerated classes, but recently it has become really hard to concentrate with all of this going on at home. What should I do? – STRESSED TEEN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR STRESSED TEEN: Tell your mother exactly what you have told me. Your father appears to be trying to use you as his therapist to assuage his guilt about his drinking. Not only is this unfair to you, it is also not a solution to his problem. He should be talking about those things in a substance abuse meeting, not to his teenager.

Alateen is a support group for children of alcoholics. It would be helpful for you to go online and find the location of the nearest one. The website is www.al-anon.alateen.org, or you can call 1-888-425-2666. The group was formed for young people just like you, and you will find it not only informative, but also very helpful.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a partner in a small law firm. One of the secretaries has gotten into the habit of texting him somewhat inappropriate pictures. One of them was of a "willy warmer" for a penis. I know she thinks it's funny and harmless, but it bothered me. I think it was unprofessional and went beyond the boundaries of an employee relationship. If I mention it to my husband, he will know I looked at his phone messages, and I don't want him to think I don't trust him. Am I

making too much of this? – THE MRS., SOMEWHERE IN THE USA

DEAR MRS.: I don't think so. I agree that what the secretary did was unprofessional and inappropriate. As an attorney, your husband already knows that kind of communication could leave the company vulnerable in the future. You wouldn't have felt the need to check his cellphone if your woman's intuition wasn't telling you that you needed to, so get to the bottom of it now, before it escalates.

DEAR ABBY: I secretly married a man 14 years ago. No one knew about it. We lost contact for several years, but now we are talking again. I'd like to spend the rest of my life with him.

He's happy living where he is right now, but if we did get back together, people would assume I just let a man move in with me. I don't usually care what people say about me, but this is a small town!

If Mr. Wonderful gives me another chance, how should I handle this? And how should I introduce him to people? – KIND OF MARRIED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR KIND OF MARRIED: There is nothing to be embarrassed about. If you never divorced, introduce him as your husband, of course. It's the truth. If you are questioned, all you need to say is, "We were married, became estranged, and now we're back together."

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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 Sagittarius if born before 7:21 p.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, NOV. 14, 2015:

This year you often stumble into fun scenarios that you don't want say "no" to. Most likely, you will join right in. You know when enough is enough, and you will step back at the appropriate times. You might get uptight about your spending, but you could have difficulty reining it in. If you are single, meeting people is a snap. Choosing the right person is another issue. If you are attached, the two of you love to have a good time. The problem is that you tend to get caught up in frivolous spending. Be careful! CAPRICORN can be too serious at times.

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 can't seem to get into anything that doesn't involve some fun. Your inclination to party can no longer be suppressed. Wherever you are, you will enjoy an excursion that is a little different. Be a pioneer and bring friends along to join in. Tonight: Take a stand, if need be.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Deal with others directly. Understand what is going on with a loved one. Encourage this person to let down his or her hair and join you. You can't help but have a good time with this individual. Friends will knock on your door and want to join you, too. Tonight: Try a new spot.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Friends will seek you out for feedback. You'll move right in and offer solutions. Don't have expectations – just enjoy where everyone is coming from. Your ability to make friends emerges. Others become very comfortable around you. Tonight: Time with a special person.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You might feel as if you have a lot to do. However, your self-discipline could float right out the window if you decide to kick back. Make the most of the moment, as you'll run into like-minded individuals. Don't fight the inevitable. Tonight: Reach out to someone at a distance.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You could have a sense of direction

that surprises you as well as others. Be aware of how much is going on around you, and encourage others to let their hair down. A sense of inspiration comes from a friend who cares a lot about you. Tonight: You could go till the wee hours.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Tension remains high, but you'll find the perfect outlet. Enjoying those around you seems to eliminate present stress. Don't be surprised if you find yourself involved in a group discussion about what is ailing each person. Tonight: Tease a loved one, and help him or her relax.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Keep talks flowing. You might not know which way to go, but don't feel as though you must make a decision right now. Just hang out in your present position. Your ability to let go will kick in, especially after swapping some jokes. Tonight: Move the action to your place.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might feel uptight about your budget. Suddenly, you could realize that you are in a special place where you don't have to worry about these matters. Choose to enjoy those around you. Later in the day, communication will flourish. Tonight: Hang out at home.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You'll delight in the moment. Though you don't often let go and party these days, today will be different. Somehow, a serious demeanor just isn't there. Others might be delighted by what they see. The old you has returned for a little while. Tonight: Make it your treat.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You have a lot going on behind the scenes. You might not want to share with everyone how naughty you can be. By evening, your smile will give others an indication as to why you were not available. Let their imaginations run wild. Tonight: You are the center of attention.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Friends seem to surround you and encourage the loss of self-discipline. You were already in party mode when you saw everyone else kicking back. Acknowledge and embrace this wild side of your personality. Be more spontaneous! Tonight: Not to be found.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

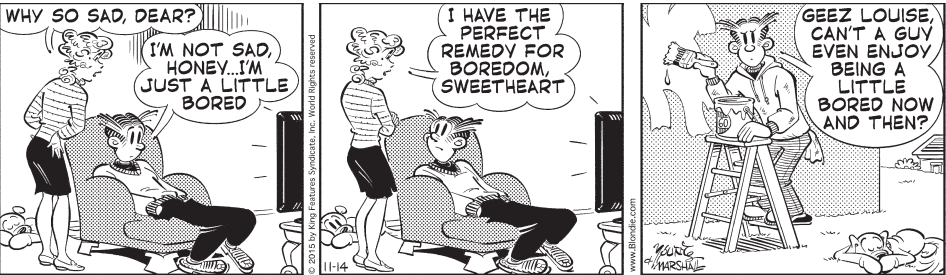
★★★★ All eyes turn to you, as others are looking for suggestions and ideas for what they should do. Once they run into you or speak to you, there will be no more questions. You know when to let your hair down and have a good time. Tonight: At a favorite place with favorite people.

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