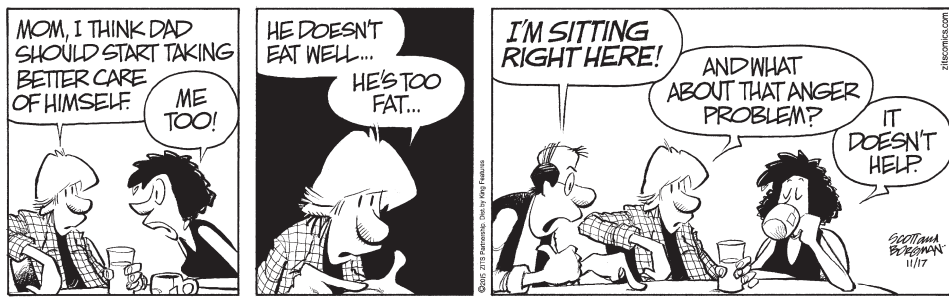


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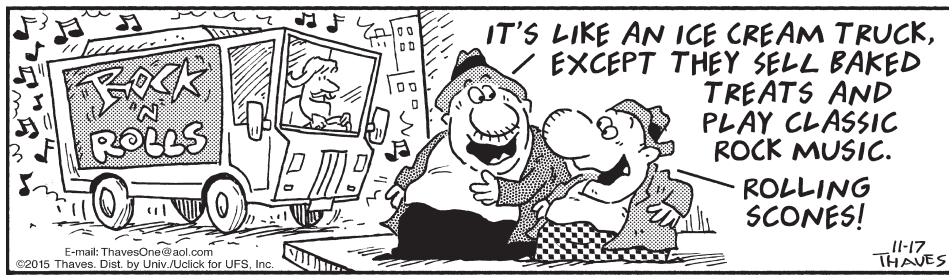
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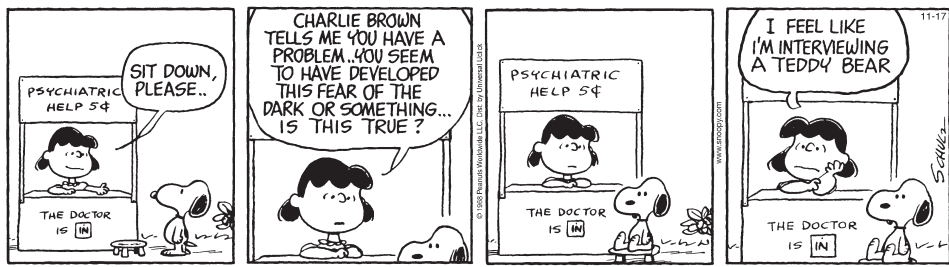
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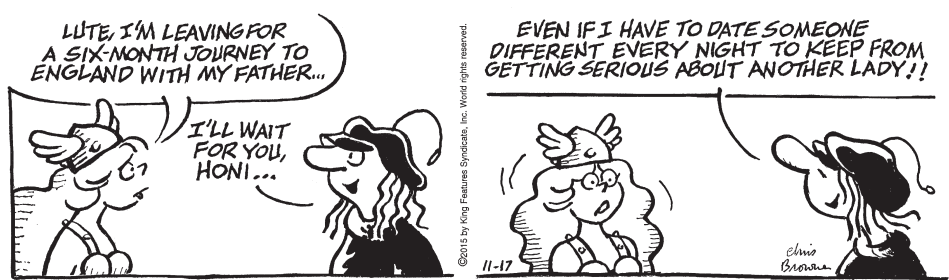
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# Moving To The Desert Makes Woman Thirst For Former Life

**DEAR ABBY:** Last year my boyfriend and I moved across the country to Arizona so he could be closer to his friends and family. My entire family lives on the East Coast.

Recently it seems like our plan to marry and start a family keeps getting pushed further and further into the future. I'm 35; he's 47. Neither of us has been married or has kids.

I'm beginning to regret having uprooted my life for someone who is unilaterally changing the timing of what I thought we both wanted. How long should I wait before cutting my losses and moving closer to the people I care for and who miss me? — ALONE IN THE DESERT

**DEAR ALONE:** If you haven't already, it's time to have a conversation with your boyfriend about what your expectations were when you made the move to Arizona. If you want to have children, you will be getting a late start as it is.

Ask him why he wants to postpone your wedding plans beyond what you had agreed upon. He may have cold feet, his friends or relatives may have said they don't care for you — anything is possible. But you deserve straight answers, and if they aren't satisfactory, I see no reason to devote more time to a relationship that isn't working out.

**DEAR ABBY:** Seven years ago my sister's 19-year-old son was killed in a car accident. After the wake she gave me a heart necklace with some of his ashes. We no longer speak and haven't for four years.

Well, did I get a shock today. I received an email from her asking for it back! She even had my stepmom repeat that message to me. I don't believe she has the right to ask for the necklace. Does she? — BLUE IN TENNESSEE

**DEAR BLUE:** Because you are no longer speaking, I can understand why your sister might want her son's ashes back. Be a lady; return the necklace to her via registered mail or have your stepmother give it to her. It's

regrettable that your relationship with your sister has sunk to this level. Because this was no ordinary gift, understand that if you refuse to return it, your relationship with your sister will be permanently fractured.

**DEAR ABBY:** So many of your letters involve people having difficulty communicating with others. Here's a safe, honest, straightforward technique for targeting the behavior, sharing feelings and explaining the reasons for those feelings. It is called an "I-Statement" and has three parts: (1) "When you ..." (2) "I feel/felt ..." (3) "Because ..."

I-Statements can be used for the sharing of any and all feelings by kids, teens and adults. Feelings are valid because they are our honest emotions. In addition to giving positive strokes to one another, people

can learn to better understand each other and have whole, complete and satisfying resolutions to problems. Try it! — SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST (RETIRED) IN OHIO

**DEAR PSYCHOLOGIST:** I will! When I received your suggestion about improving communication, I felt grateful that you took the time to share it because it was not only generous of you but also may be helpful to many of my readers. Thank you for sending it.

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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 Capricorn if born before 2:24 a.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 17, 2015:

This year you often feel conflicted between your need to be possessive and your need to be free. Try to avoid knee-jerk responses, and juggle your emotions until you have a better sense of what would work. If you are single, you could meet someone through a family member or a neighbor. Be careful about pulling this person in too close before you get to know him or her well. If you are attached, you will want to spend more time at home with your significant other. Every so often, you will want some space, but in general you will be happiest as a duo. **AQUARIUS** makes a great friend, but can be intimidated by your high emotional intensity. 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 partner will put his or her energy into planning a get-together. Be happy, as it could be an event in your honor! A conversation with this person will be quite poignant and meaningful. You might see a dimension of him or her that often is hidden. Tonight: Where your friends are.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You could put someone off with your attitude. Don't be surprised if you get attitude back. A reaction like this is likely, considering where you are coming from. A discussion might be much better and more helpful in resolving the issue at hand. Tonight: A must appearance.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You often see what others don't. You also have the ability to read between the lines in conversations. Though you might be challenged on what you observe, the information you gather will prove to be very helpful. Keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Try something new.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be in the position of juggling a key relationship too much for your own comfort. If this is the case, stop. Have a discussion with the other party in order to keep the lines of communication open. You'll be happier as a result. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

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

★★★ Others might have a lot of energy

invested in having a particular conversation on their terms. You have nothing to lose by letting this talk happen. These people offer you a lot, especially their friendship. Express yourself as clearly as possible. Tonight: Do some exploring.

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

★★★ Plug your efficiency and your imagination into your work. You will benefit enormously from adding a new dimension to your days. Giving 110 percent can only add to the quality of your life. Right now, you are unusually lucky; use it well. Tonight: Do your own thing.

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

★★★★ Be aware of the cost of living with such high intensity. You will feel so much better if you relax more and become a bit more aware of your actions and their ramifications. Reach out to others, because they clearly enjoy your company. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

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

★★★★ Your strong will can override almost any problems you are likely to encounter. However, when uproar starts on the homefront, you'll need to resolve it quickly, for your sake. You can't handle too much tension in this area of your life. Try to relax. Tonight: Head home.

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

★★★★ You might be a little more rigid than usual, but a conversation with a friend will help loosen you up. You have a tendency to internalize any tension or stress. Try to break that pattern through exercise or any other stressbuster you might be interested in. Tonight: Hang out.

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

★★★ You often walk a conservative path where your finances are concerned; however, a situation could develop that forces you to loosen the purse strings. You might be uncomfortable with what is happening, so be more careful in the future. Tonight: Someone treats you to dinner.

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

★★★★ How you deal with others will be important, especially with someone at a distance who could be argumentative and difficult. Opportunities become available through a dear loved one. Let this person know how much he or she is appreciated. Tonight: As you like it.

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

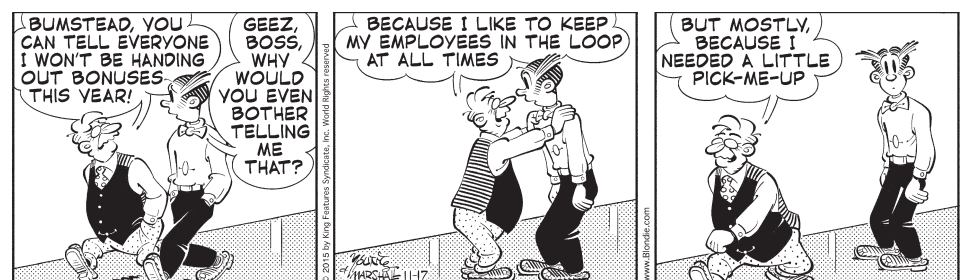
★★★ Take your time when making a decision. You might not be ready to discuss any aspects of the matter just yet. A partner could demonstrate his or her devotion in a big way, as he or she enjoys giving more of him- or herself. One-on-one relating will be effective. Tonight: Be direct.

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