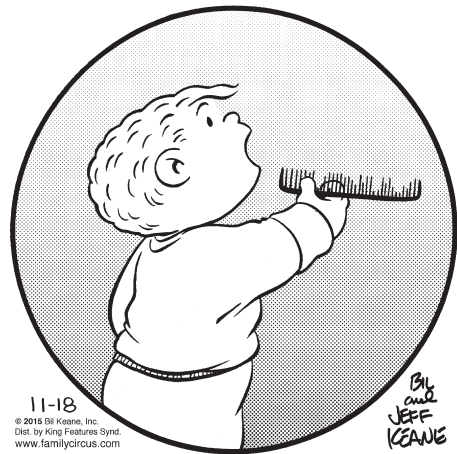
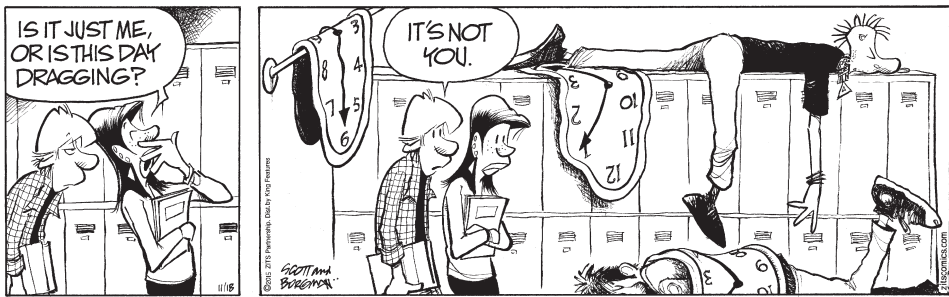


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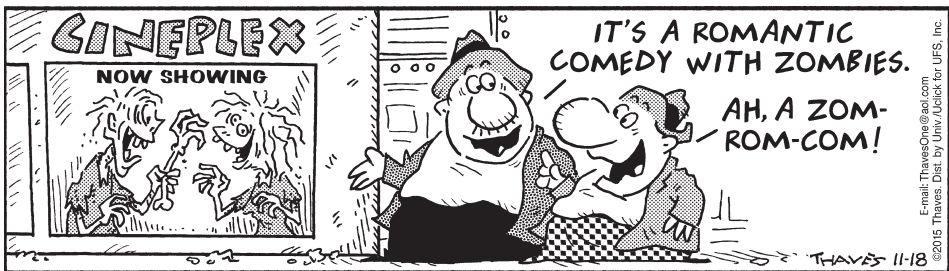
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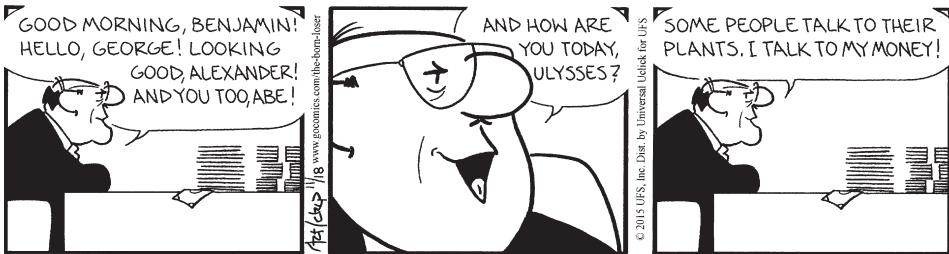
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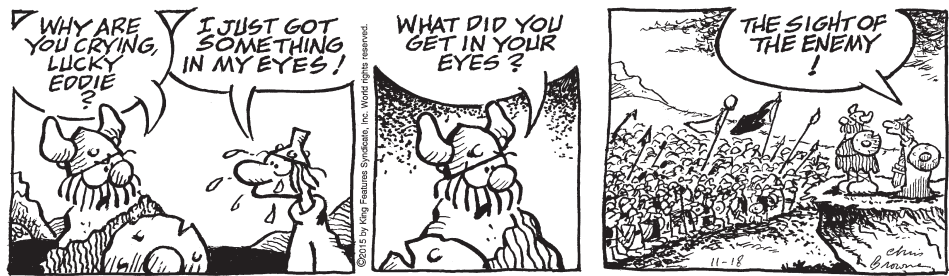
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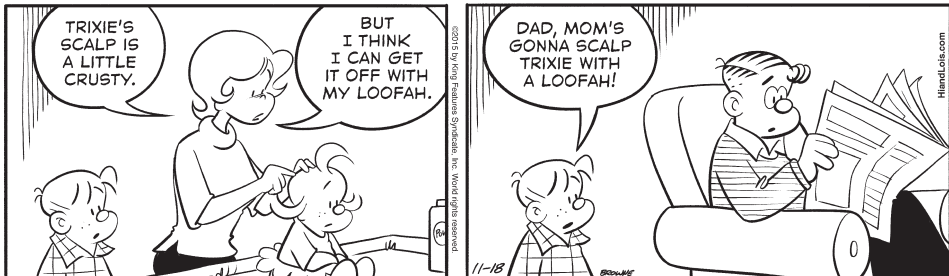
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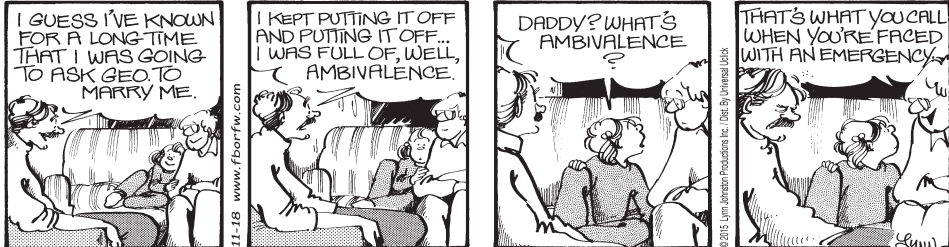
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Woman's Vow Of Celibacy Is Tested By Her Friends

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old woman who has decided, after 11 years and 50-plus partners, to become celibate. A couple of friends have attempted to get me to break my vow. These men know how they make me feel, and I am finding it difficult to stay away from them. Although I have stopped spending time with them, I still feel the urge to be with them.

So, do you have any advice on how to stay strong? It's been one month, and I plan on staying this way until I get married. – TRYING TO STAY CELIBATE

DEAR TRYING: Old habits are hard to break, but as you already know, it can be done. An effective way to do that is to replace the habit you're trying to change with some other activity. Right now, it's important for you stay busy.

Consider increasing the amount of exercise you do each day, doing projects around your home, filling your time by volunteering, etc. If you do, you'll have less time to dwell on what you're "missing." This is not to say that your sex drive will go away, but it will help you to better control it.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend's son, "Matt," just turned 21, but he looks 16. He has just announced that he's moving in with a 50-year-old woman – the mother of a friend of his.

I feel very uncomfortable about the idea of welcoming her into my home and making conversation as if they are a normal couple. His father and I are the woman's age. I don't believe Matt has told his mom or his siblings yet. He's quickly losing friends over this awkward situation.

I'm usually of the mindset to "live and let live," but here I am tested. It feels creepy. What is the proper way to handle this? – UNEASY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNEASY: Handle this by withholding judgment and waiting to see how the

romance plays out. Matt may look 16, but at 21 he's an adult and capable of making his own decisions about his love life without "help" from his father's girlfriend. Matt's lady friend may be a very young 50 and Matt may be a mature 21. Having met neither of them, I can't judge. And neither should you, so stay out of the line of fire, or the romance that suffers may be your own.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Last week a girl I knew in high school 10 years ago had a surprise baby. She went to the ER with stomach cramps and found out she was in labor. Mom and baby are doing fine, but now they are throwing an "emergency baby shower."

I rarely speak to this girl. Why should I be expected to get a baby shower gift for her? – MYSTIFIED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MYSTIFIED: The baby shower is being given because your old high school chum needs things for the child she wasn't expecting but who arrived anyway. Should you be "expected" to provide a gift? No. But if you did, it would be both generous and kind of you, and I can guarantee that it would be sincerely appreciated.

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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 Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 2015:

This year you often feel that the demands in your life are confusing and not workable. You also might feel pressured by a judgment you have made about a difficult situation. Rethink your commitments and how you act on them. If you are single, you meet people with ease, as your likable personality draws others toward you. Slow down and get to know someone before committing. If you are attached, you could be projecting part of your personality on to your sweetie and not realize what you are doing. Listen to him or her, and make the necessary adjustments. AQUARIUS adores your home and being there with you.

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'll have a discussion with a friend and gain insight into a controversial matter. Friendships play a big role in your plans, though you might feel awkward making changes. Honor your commitments. Tonight: Discuss your values with a loved one.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You come from an anchored position, whereas others seem to be rather flighty. A friend finally will express his or her feelings. You will understand why he or she has been acting so strangely lately. Don't lose sight of your long-term objectives. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Let your mind wander, especially when looking for a solution. The more detached you become, the better the results will be. A family member or a domestic issue seems to require your attention. Make it OK to step back to take an overview. Tonight: Follow the music.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating will result in a rewarding experience. Your creativity surges all day long, especially when it comes to a trip or a potential new friend. Your words have impact way beyond what would be considered normal. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Others surprise you with their under-

standing, depth and insights. You rarely open up to conversations of this nature, but you will at times. Use care with your finances. Don't forget to check up on an older friend or relative. Tonight: Buy a favorite dessert on the way home.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your efforts to accomplish what you want could cause a problem. A loved one will share much more than he or she has in a long time. As a result, you might finally be able to resolve an issue. Clear out errands, and do as much as you can. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Your playfulness might not be appreciated as much as you would like. Be careful, as others could be much more serious than you are. Tap into your instincts, and you will be able to avoid a problem. A flirtation marks your day. Tonight: Time for some spontaneity.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Tension continues to build, no matter what you do. You'll want to do your thing, but something or someone could be holding you back. On some level, you might feel cornered by the circumstances. Know that you can walk away. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Be willing to state your case and get feedback. You will see how creative others become when interacting with you. A neighbor or sibling could be seeking you out. Don't fight an inevitable conversation. You might not want to react to what you hear. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Watch what goes on with your finances. Be careful with an unusual offer that feels too good to be true, because it probably is. Try to detach when hearing new information. Focus on your goals and on the productivity of a relationship. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Your ideas strike people as being unusual, but they often prove to be more workable than others' suggestions. A friendship continues to rank high in importance; however, you might want this person to change in some way. Accept him or her as he or she is. Tonight: Out late.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

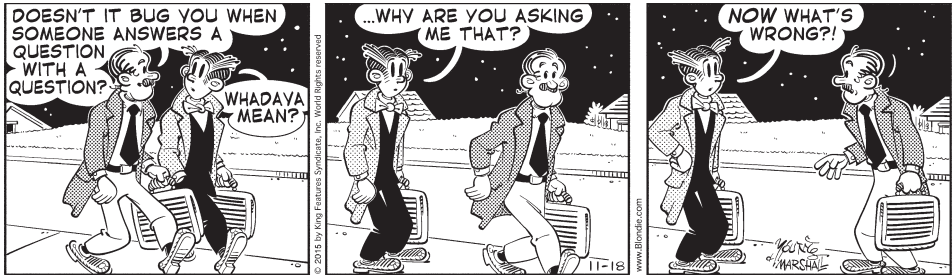
★★★★ You might not want to share what's really going on in your mind. Others will recognize that something is going on with you, and could pressure you. A boss also is likely to be extremely demanding. Try to understand where everyone is coming from. Tonight: A must appearance.

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