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"Not if I have anything to say about it."

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



I don't mind this as much as when he looks at lingerie catalogs through mini-blinds.

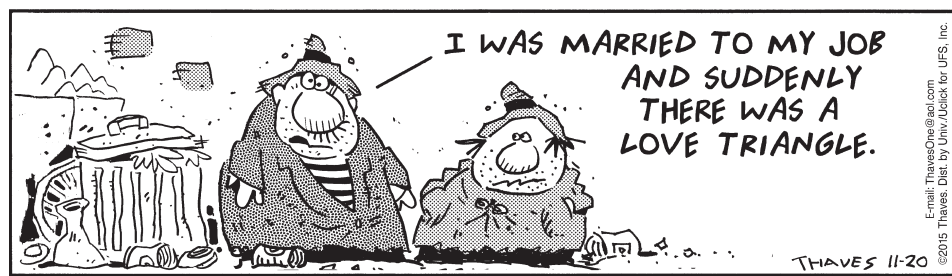
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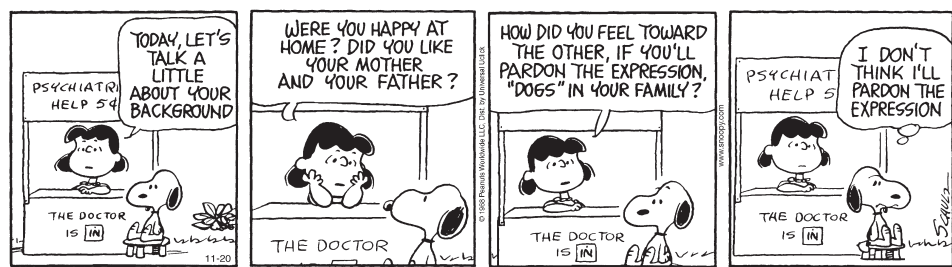
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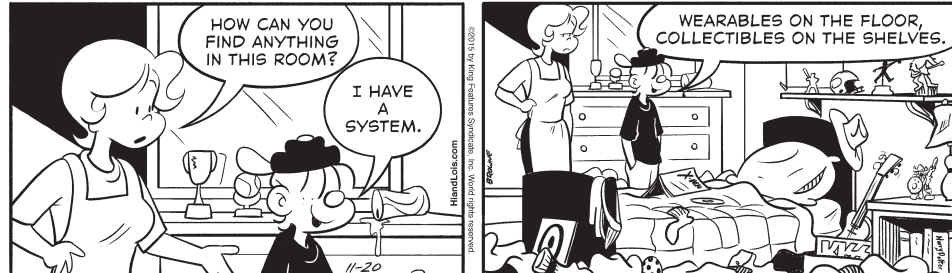
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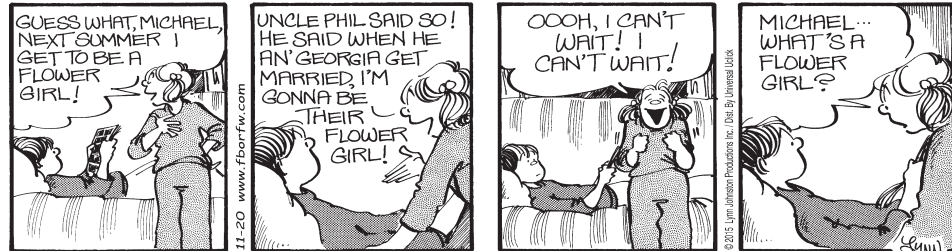
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Aunt Weighs Responsibility For Her Late-In-Life Nephew

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Adele" chose to adopt a baby boy when she was in her late 50s. She isn't married. Before the adoption, she asked me if something happened to her, would I take care of the child. I had already raised my children and was going through a divorce, so I said, "No. I'm too old and I want to enjoy my future retirement." She got mad.

Adele is now approaching 70 with a high-maintenance 12-year-old son she has signed up for every extracurricular activity under the sun. I have seen him twice since the adoption. If and when the question comes up again, how do I handle it? — AUNT IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR AUNT: After you refused her request, your sister probably asked someone else — someone more involved in her and her son's daily lives — to step in. However, if she didn't, then in the event of her death or a serious illness that renders her unable to parent her son, you may have to decide what you are prepared to do.

Cross your fingers and hope she remains healthy until her boy reaches adulthood. Then consider this: Your nephew is no longer a little boy. In six years he will be 18. It's not as if you would be changing diapers and arranging for day care. It shouldn't ruin your retirement to take him in if he has no one else. Remember the Golden Rule.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old who has been dating a great guy for a year. The relationship is everything I have dreamed of — and more. My only concern is that my friends don't seem to care much for him. That doesn't bother me, but what does bother me is they are distancing themselves from me now.

I'm no longer invited to gatherings. My "best friend" doesn't keep in touch anymore,

and I have given up on trying to reach out every time. If I do manage to talk to her, she makes an excuse to get off the phone as quickly as possible.

I have never done this to any of my friends, regardless of whom they were dating or what life threw at them. Is this a normal part of life? Should I reconsider my friendships? — BOTHERED IN BOSTON

DEAR BOTHERED: Relationships sometimes ebb and flow. Before "reconsidering" these friendships, have a frank and honest chat with these women about why they don't like your boyfriend. That your BFF would treat you the way she has is puzzling, unless she's jealous because you spend so much time with your boyfriend or he has offended her in some way.

On a different note, does this man have friends of his own? Do the two of you socialize with other couples? Having been together for a year, are you making new friends together? If the answer to these questions is yes, then it may, indeed, be time to move on from this tribe of girlfriends.

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DEAR 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 in Scorpio and a Moon in Pisces if born before 10:12 a.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 2015:

This year you make waves when others least expect it. Aim for getting more of what you want. Be willing to discuss your goals, and you will take the first step toward making them a reality. You have what it takes. If you are single, you easily will meet someone who piques your interest. It is worth being patient and waiting for the right person. If you are attached, the two of you open up to new possibilities. You and your sweetie sometimes disagree about a long-term desire, but ultimately you will find a meeting point. PISCES can be very confrontational.

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 might feel strange when a person compliments you. Perhaps the comment seems unauthentic or inappropriate in some way. Let it go. Take some downtime, even if it is just an hour or two. You need an outlet for your many ideas. Tonight: Time to do your thing.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

***** Friends will bound in and out of your door. You could find the pace to be rather hectic and chaotic. Your fatigue might become quite evident. A new beginning becomes possible because of the people around you. Tonight: Approach a work-related matter carefully.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

**** Take a stand. A take-charge attitude could backfire if you are not careful. A partner might need to speak with you in private. Don't worry so much; everything will work out fine. An associate is likely to give you an earful. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

**** Don't make demands at the present moment. Defer to a loved one. As a result, a new beginning becomes possible. You'll accomplish a lot if you choose to concentrate on one item at a time. Schedule some time with a family member. Tonight: Consider a visit in the near future.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

**** A loved one might decide to pull the

wool over your eyes. Be aware of being naive or too trusting, as it will make you an easy target. Brainstorm with a friend or family member to come up with great weekend plans. Tonight: You might not have a choice.

VRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

**** Others seek you out. Though you'll be flattered, you might feel overwhelmed by everything that is happening around you. A friend could be demanding, but choose not to worry so much. Stay centered, and don't let this get to you. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

**** You could be overwhelmed by everything you think you have to do. Communication flourishes, even if you aren't in the mood to talk. You have a lot to complete and would prefer not to be distracted. Listen to your sixth sense for guidance. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

***** You might choose not to share all your ideas at the present moment. Try to isolate yourself from others, and don't scatter yourself in every which direction. Use care you're spending, as easily could go overboard. Tonight: Time to let your inner child run the show.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

**** Stay close to home, even though this might not feel natural for you, as it will feel better than being out and about. Curb your spending as much as possible, and you will be a lot happier. When you are relaxed, you tend to be a great source of ideas. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

**** Clear communication will settle any potential differences of opinion. You might want to find out what is going on. You'll discover that someone else has even more ideas than you do. Your responses will be intuitive in a discussion. Tonight: Meet a friend at a new spot.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

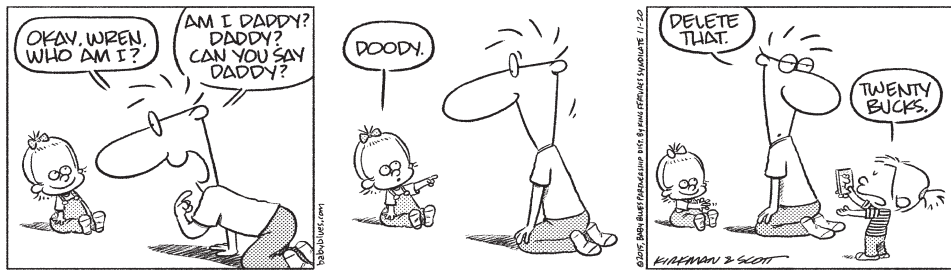
**** Friendship is always important to you, but be aware of a change of pace. A friend is likely to share a lot more than he or she has in a long time. A partner will help you see the big picture. Express your appreciation for his or her support. Tonight: Make it your treat.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

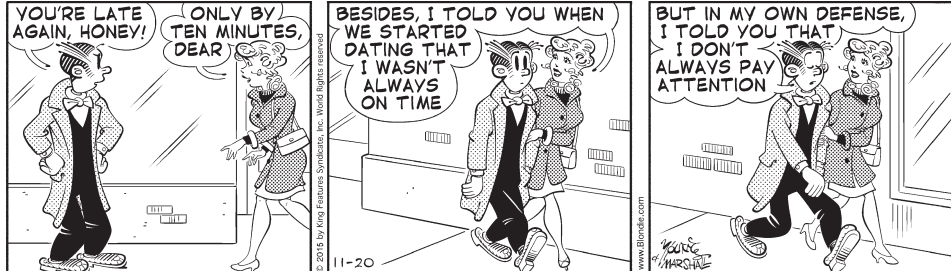
***** You might feel as if nearly any choice you make is the right one. When looking at all your different options, you'll see validity in each one, which could make it more difficult to decide. Know that this confusion isn't likely to last long. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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