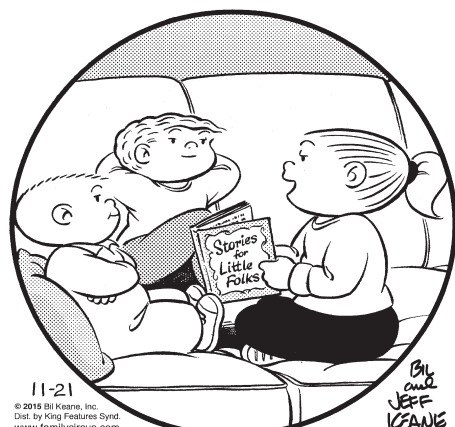


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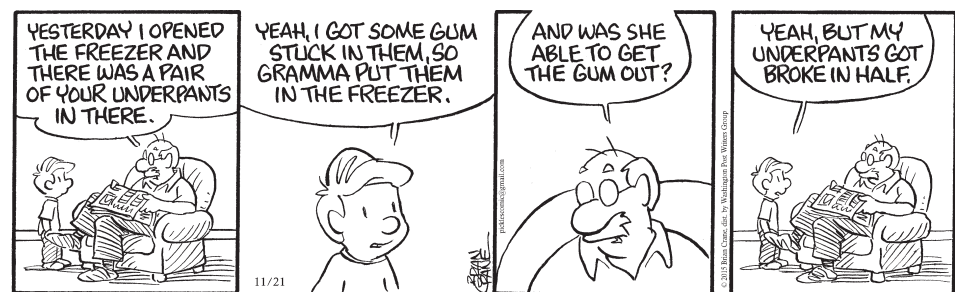
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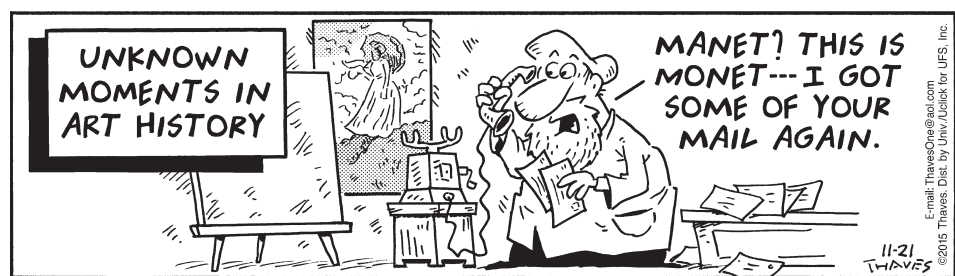
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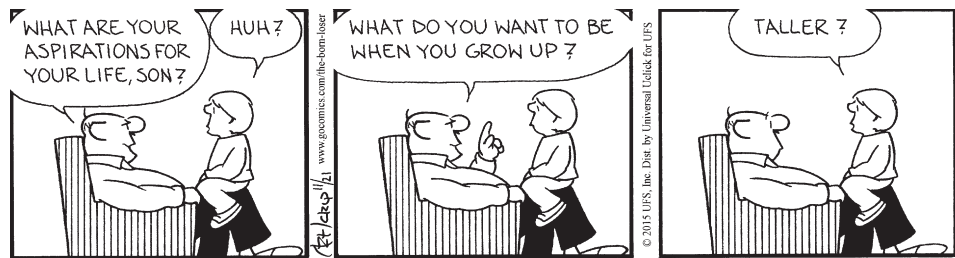
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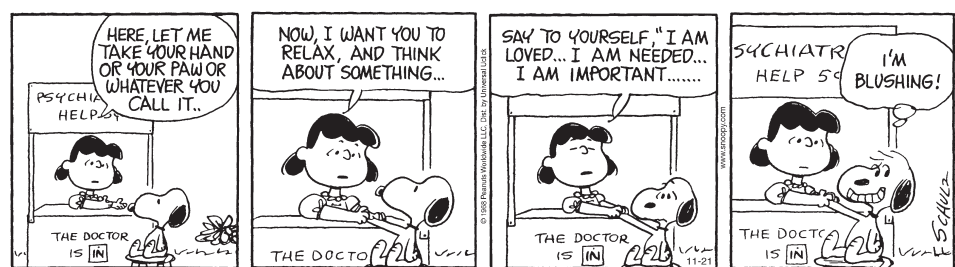
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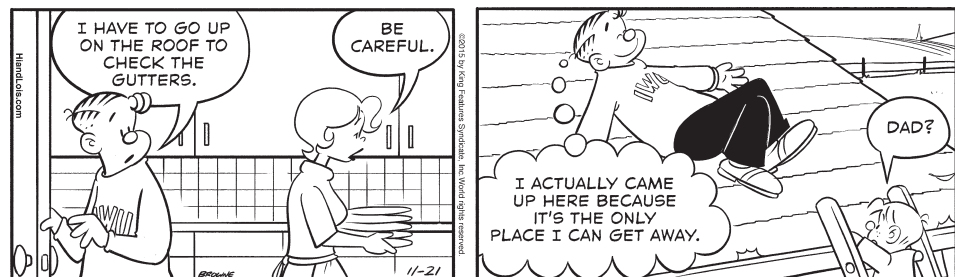
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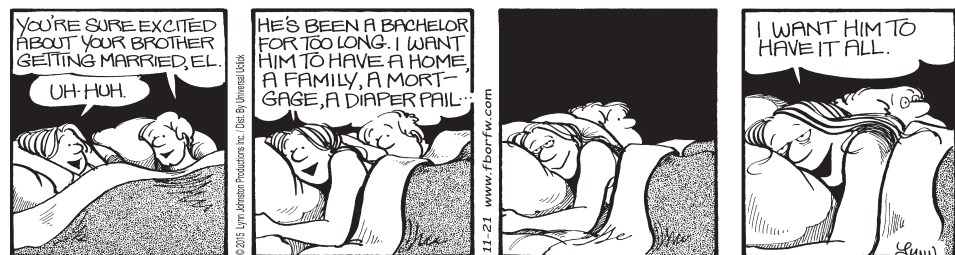
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# Daughter Fights To Free Mom From Her Culture Of Sacrifice

DEAR ABBY: I'm 22 and my mom is probably my best friend. She's from Lebanon and grew up during a time of war. Her culture taught her to sacrifice — to put the needs of others before her own. She has a good job and earns an excellent salary.

My father is retired. Their marriage is not a good one, and Mom is in sort of a rut. She dresses sloppy and buys only "bargains." Her hair is always a mess. Every time we go shopping, it's a fight because I want her to buy the nice clothes she can afford. I want her to be presentable. But she's stubborn and always makes an excuse for why she "doesn't need them" or "can't get them." How should I handle this situation? — CARING DAUGHTER IN ENCINO, CALIF.

DEAR CARING DAUGHTER: Where is the money your mother earns going? Is she saving or investing it? Does she give it to your father? She may present herself the way she does because she's depressed about her marriage or something else. Before trying again to give your mother an image reboot, talk with her. Tell her you love her, are concerned about her, and ask why she doesn't take better care of herself. Then listen. Your mother may come from another culture, but she has much to teach you.

DEAR ABBY: Up to this point in my academic career, I have always been known for being a smart, diligent student. I graduated from high school with academic accolades and one of the highest GPAs in the graduating class.

However, since starting college this semester, I have become apathetic toward school, as if to say, "I have worked this hard already; why bother working anymore?"

Because of this, I'm failing most of my classes — as only a freshman, mind you. Although I recognize my attitude is terrible, I haven't been able to get rid of it and get to work again.

I'm confused about where this apathy came from, and I don't want it to get any worse. Would you have any ideas as to why I might feel this way, and possible suggestions about how to get myself back on track? — UNMOTIVATED IN MARYLAND

DEAR UNMOTIVATED: Not knowing you and your circumstances, I can't be sure why you're feeling the way you do. That's why I'm advising you to head for the student counseling center RIGHT AWAY, and talk to someone about these feelings of "apathy." You may be depressed, or need a break from your studies before you can go full speed ahead. The college environment can be overwhelming because it is so different from what you have been used to. But you won't know what is causing this unless you ask.



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 SATURDAY, NOV. 21, 2015:

This year you often find that you are overtired and perhaps too focused on work. Make a point of letting go more often. You will benefit from having a less stressful schedule. If you are single, someone who enters your life could be very important to your life's history. You will find yourself relating to someone who makes you very happy. If you are attached, the two of you have a great time together, but you often need to get away together in order to fully appreciate the bond. Don't let the grind of daily life interfere with your relationship! ARIES can be challenging.

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 a bit off as you change gears to weekend mode. In the early morning, someone could describe you as irritable. Don't worry so much -- you are full of ideas, and you will be able to enjoy yourself far more than you thought possible. Tonight: Carry on.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

\*\*\* You could be surprised by everything you hear. When someone says that a matter is confidential, stay mum, even if you don't agree that the secret is worth keeping. Take time to complete a particular project. Tonight: Keep your whereabouts hush-hush.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

\*\*\*\*\* You might feel as if your actions won't make much of a difference. A loved one will communicate what he or she would like to do, but only after you already have made plans. Curb your frustration, and use your creativity to find a solution. Tonight: Where the action is.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Reach out to someone at a distance. You tend to accept a lot of responsibility that others won't. A family member or loved one is hot under the collar and is likely to be difficult. You can do only so much. Focus on where you can make a difference. Tonight: Out and being noticed.

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

\*\*\*\* Speak to people who can help you get

past an immediate problem. This type of contact is important. Your perspective could radically change as a result. Brainstorm with people whose minds you respect, but who come up with very different ideas. Tonight: Be near live music.

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

\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating allows you to connect with certain people on a much more intimate level than usual. People reveal more when they feel that they are important and that their feelings are valued. Family remains a high priority. Tonight: Out with a special person.

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

\*\*\*\* Others could be unusually challenging, which might trigger some anger on your part. You tend to be diplomatic, and as a result, you don't openly share your feelings. Change what you are doing, and let go of disappointment for now. Tonight: Let someone else run the show.

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

\*\*\* You have a project on the back burner that you need to work on. You might find that you are sitting on a lot of anger, which seems to emerge at the drop of a hat. Find out why you are feeling this way. Perhaps you aren't in sync with what is going on. Tonight: Rent a movie.

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

\*\*\*\* Your adventurous style encourages you to take strange risks. You might want to say "no" to more wild decisions for now; otherwise, you could hit a snafu eventually. A close friend or loved one will express his or her support. Tonight: Add more spirit to the moment.

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

\*\*\*\* Stay close to home, knowing that you would like to cocoon for a little while. You might enjoy taking a nap, turning off your cellphone and letting the outside world exist without you. Everyone will be able to manage. Tonight: Try a new neighborhood hot spot.

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

\*\*\*\* You'll speak your mind and get plenty of feedback from a friend. Reach out to a loved one who tends to be somewhat difficult. You might not like what you hear, but you'll know to take what this person says with a grain of salt. Tonight: Hang out at home.

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

\*\*\*\* Before you splurge on a big expense, make sure you really want this item. You could discover that you are simply riding an impulsive wave and will change your mind later. Do some comparison shopping before deciding to move forward. Tonight: Make it your treat.

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