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"How did you know my name was Jeffy when I was borned?"

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



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"I often hear voices in my head."  
"What do they say?"  
"There's one now. It's asking me what they say."

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



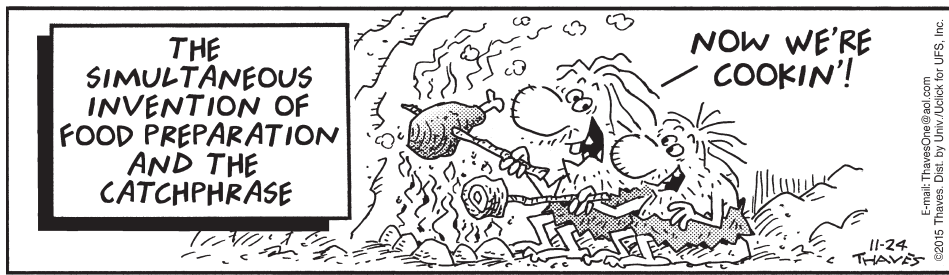
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"I THINK WE SHOULD VOLUNTEER AT THE SHELTER THIS THANKSGIVING."  
"REALLY???"  
"IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME THAT I GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY."  
"REALLY???"  
"THAT WAS WEIRD."  
"WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH OUR IMMATURE, SELF-CENTERED SON???"

PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE



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"SOMETIMES I WISH I WERE MORE LIKE YOU, OPAL. EVERYONE LIKES YOU AND WANTS TO BE YOUR FRIEND."  
"IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE PEOPLE. I LOVE PEOPLE!"  
"I JUST DON'T LIKE SHAKING HANDS OR BEING HUGGED BY THEM, OR HEARING ABOUT THEIR LIVES, OR BEING AROUND THEM A LOT."  
"WELL, THEN I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY YOU'RE NOT THE MOST POPULAR GUY IN TOWN."

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



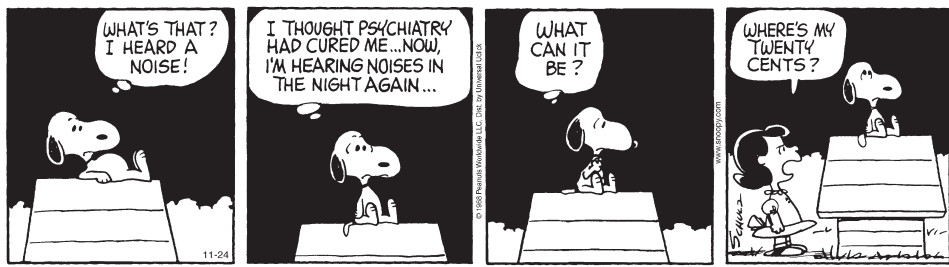
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"THE SIMULTANEOUS INVENTION OF FOOD PREPARATION AND THE CATCHPHRASE"  
"NOW WE'RE COOKIN'!"

BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON



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"WHY ARE YOU LOOKING SO DOWN IN THE DUMPS?"  
"I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT!"  
"OH... OKAY."  
"WAIT! DON'T YOU WANT TO HEAR WHY I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?"

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



11-24  
"WHAT'S THAT? I HEARD A NOISE!"  
"I THOUGHT PSYCHIATRY HAD CURED ME...NOW, I'M HEARING NOISES IN THE NIGHT AGAIN..."  
"WHAT CAN IT BE?"  
"WHERE'S MY TWENTY CENTS?"

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



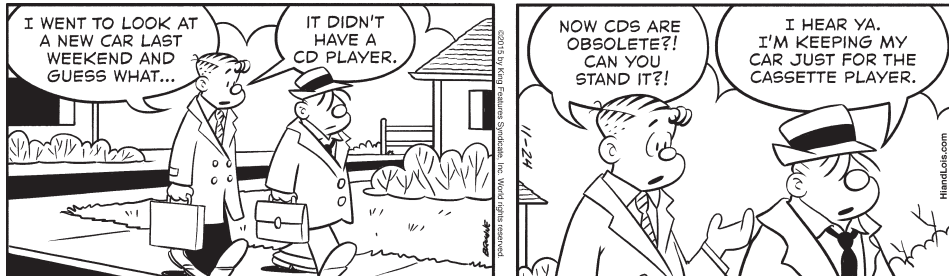
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"I NEED SOME ADVICE..."  
"WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN SOMEONE SAYS SOMETHING INSENSITIVE TO ME?"  
"IGNORE THEM! KEEP YOUR CHIN UP!"  
"OOOOPS! SORRY!"

BETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



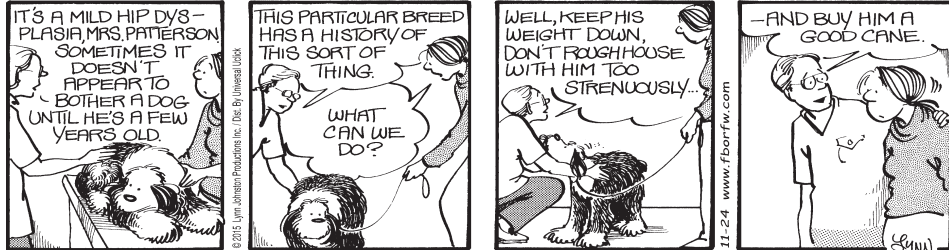
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"YOU CAN'T GO ON A HIKE LIKE THAT, BEETLE."  
"THANKS, COSMO. IT WORKED JUST LIKE YOU ADVERTISED!"  
"COSMO'S CORNER. GOOD STUFF CHEAP! CDS CANDY RENTALS LOANS"  
"NOW CDS ARE OBSOLETE?! CAN YOU STAND IT?!"  
"I HEAR YA. I'M KEEPING MY CAR JUST FOR THE CASSETTE PLAYER."

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



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"I WENT TO LOOK AT A NEW CAR LAST WEEKEND AND GUESS WHAT..."  
"IT DIDN'T HAVE A CD PLAYER."  
"NOW CDS ARE OBSOLETE?! CAN YOU STAND IT?!"  
"I HEAR YA. I'M KEEPING MY CAR JUST FOR THE CASSETTE PLAYER."

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



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"IT'S A MILD HIP DYS-PLASIA, MRS. PATTERSON. SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T APPEAR TO BOTHER A DOG UNTIL HE'S A FEW YEARS OLD."  
"THIS PARTICULAR BREED HAS A HISTORY OF THIS SORT OF THING."  
"WELL, KEEP HIS WEIGHT DOWN, DON'T RUSHHOUSE WITH HIM TOO STRENUOUSLY."  
"-AND BUY HIM A GOOD CANE."

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



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"I DEMAND RESPECT!"  
"HAVE A BURGER."  
"CLOSE ENOUGH"

# Jailed Addict Needs Release From His Low Self-Esteem

DEAR ABBY: I'm 23 years old and currently in the county jail. I'm gay and also an addict, having battled a heroin addiction for the past five years.

I managed to stay clean for almost two years. During that time I enrolled in college, got engaged, regained the respect of my family and started to have a normal life. Things were going very well for me, and then I relapsed. I threw everything away.

Abby, I need to know why, when things go well for me, I feel as if I don't deserve to be happy so I self-destruct. I have absolutely no self-confidence. I'm very unhappy. Even when I seem to get what I want, it turns out to be not exactly what I wanted in the end. How can I fix this? I really do want to be happy; I just don't know how. — UNHAPPY MAN IN INDIANA, PA.

DEAR UNHAPPY: Your arrest may have been a blessing in disguise. It has given you time to think clearly about why you are in this situation. Because you now recognize what your issues are, you have already started on a path to healing.

You say you dislike yourself and your self-esteem is very low. This may be the reason you sabotage yourself when things start going well for you. After your release, a licensed psychotherapist can help you find the answers you're looking for. Your nearest LGBT community center would be a good place to start.

Because you slipped up once doesn't mean you will do it again, so stop beating yourself up and try to think positive. I wish you luck and a successful future.

DEAR ABBY: I met "Gil" a year ago. He was one of the nicest men I'd ever met. At the time, I didn't realize he was a mama's boy. But after we started to talk, I noticed he would repeat everything to his mother. We discussed it and it stopped, but that's when his mom started treating me differently. I'm pretty sure he told her what I had said.

Gil loves my cooking and has told me I cook like she does. I don't know if that's so

good. I really like him, but I don't know if I can handle his being such a mama's boy. If he could cut the apron strings, we could have a great relationship. He treats me like a queen. He respects me, never says an unkind word and compliments me often. But if I plan a meal for him and then his mom decides she wants him at her house, he cancels on me because he doesn't want to hurt her feelings.

Gil is 51 and hasn't been in a serious relationship in several years. I'm falling in love with him and don't want to lose him. What do I do, and how do I handle this? — COMING IN SECOND IN MISSOURI

DEAR COMING IN SECOND: Your mistake is trying to compete with Gil's mother because you can't win. The woman who snags Gil will have to accept that they are a package deal. Not many women these

days are willing to accept that, which may be why Gil hasn't had a serious relationship in years.

However, if you are the exception, the way to handle this would be to cultivate (and ingratiate yourself with) his mother. Find out what her favorite flowers are and send them with a sweet note, invite her to join you and Gil for dinner and movies — and if she offers suggestions about your cooking, accept them gracefully. I wish you luck.

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DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

## 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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Taurus.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, NOV. 24, 2015:

This year you might be more methodical than you have been in a long time. You are able to organize, create and complete projects without a hitch. This determination is evident in nearly everything you do. If you are single, you will meet potential suitors in your daily travels. Question what you want from a dating situation before getting involved; you will make better choices that way. If you are attached, the two of you tend to work well together when involved in a mutual hobby. You enjoy taking your significant other out on the town. TAURUS can hold you back, but usually he or she has a rational reason for this behavior.

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)

Someone might be critical of your actions, but if you take his or her words with humor and understanding, you won't be offended. Use your instincts with your finances. Lady Luck will show up when dealing with a routine matter, and you'll be all smiles. Tonight: Indulge a little.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You could feel pressured by someone at a distance. As a result, you might become unresponsive for a while. Try not to be so serious with this person right now. Reach out to others who are feeling the same pressure — you'll be glad you did. Tonight: Do your own thing!

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You might need to heed your own counsel and play it low-key, despite a need to act on a creative idea. You can take action, but you don't need to make a public announcement. Avoid having a heavy discussion. Think through a decision. Tonight: Follow your sixth sense.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Zero in on what you want from a loved one. You might be witnessing this person's transformation, and want to let him or her know how you feel. Remain upbeat, no matter what occurs. Your words could change a situation for the better. Tonight: Hang with your pals.

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

Assume the role of leader. You might

want to approach a work-related situation quite differently from how many others have. This originality makes you highly desirable in projects, as it tends to add to your success. Tonight: Tap into someone else's imaginative ideas.

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

Look at the big picture before making any decisions. You might change your opinion as a result of having more insight. It wouldn't hurt to confirm what you think you are seeing with a friend in order to get some feedback. Tonight: A serious one-on-one talk pays off.

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

You could be in a position where you want to change course in a financial matter. Give this idea some hard thought. Recognize that what originally was a good idea might not work for you now. Be graceful in a discussion. Tonight: Connecting with others might be difficult.

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

You'll want to make a close friend or associate feel valued. Understand that this person might be surprised by your actions and could have difficulty responding gracefully. Try not to take his or her response personally. Tonight: Accept an offer without making any comments.

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

You might be saturated with options that you are not comfortable with. A boss is likely to congratulate you on pursuing your present course. You could be in line for a pay raise or promotion. You seem to have difficulty relaxing. Tonight: Listen to your intuition.

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

Relate to an authority figure directly. You might want to express an idea that you believe is helpful, even if you feel less than confident about it. A child or loved one appears to be somewhat difficult and touchy. Tonight: Let go of stress. Be more childlike.

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

You could be in a position where you have to stay close to home or deal with a family member directly. Plans might need to be adjusted accordingly. Reach out to a trusted friend or loved one. You will gain a better perspective as a result. Tonight: Avoid complications.

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

Don't hesitate to speak your mind. How you deal with others defines who you are. Be ready to head in a new direction, even if you don't want to. Ultimately, you will see the wisdom of letting go of what doesn't work. Tonight: At a favorite place with favorite people.

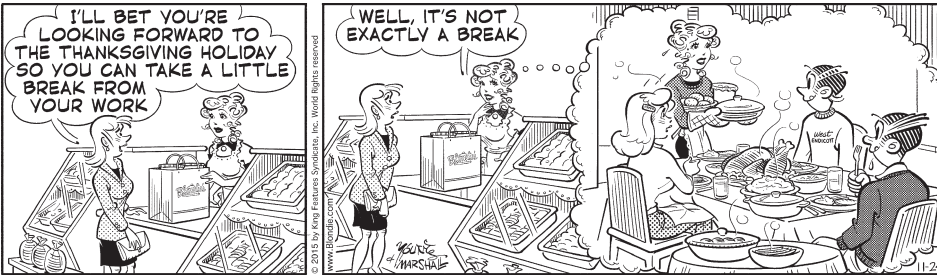
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## BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



11-24  
"I CAN'T DO IT AGAIN, DAZZLE!"  
"YES YOU CAN! YOU HAVE TO!"  
"BUT IT'S SO MUCH WORK!"  
"I'LL HELP!"  
"COULDN'T WE JUST ORDER PIZZA FOR THANKSGIVING?"  
"WANDA, IF WE GIVE UP THE TURKEY'S WIN!"

## BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



11-24  
"I'LL BET YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SO YOU CAN TAKE A LITTLE BREAK FROM YOUR WORK."  
"WELL, IT'S NOT EXACTLY A BREAK."  
"THEY STOPPED SHOWING LEGS, NECKS AND THIGHS."  
"YOU MEAN THEY QUIT... COLD TURKEY?"

## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



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"HAVE YOU SEEN PLAYFOWL MAGAZINE THIS MONTH?"  
"NO, WHY?"  
"THEY STOPPED SHOWING LEGS, NECKS AND THIGHS."  
"YOU MEAN THEY QUIT... COLD TURKEY?"