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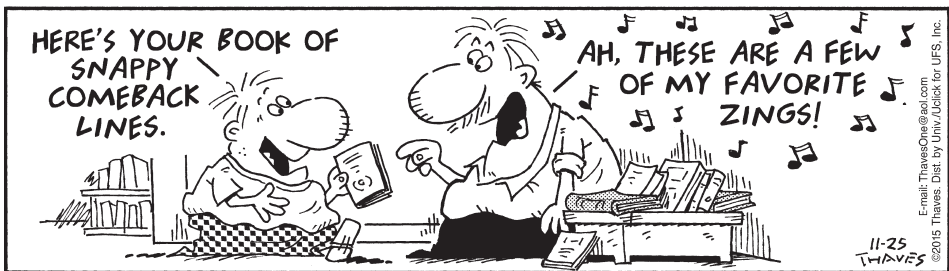
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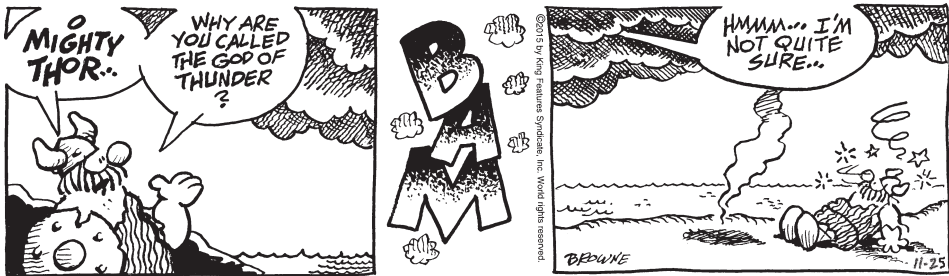
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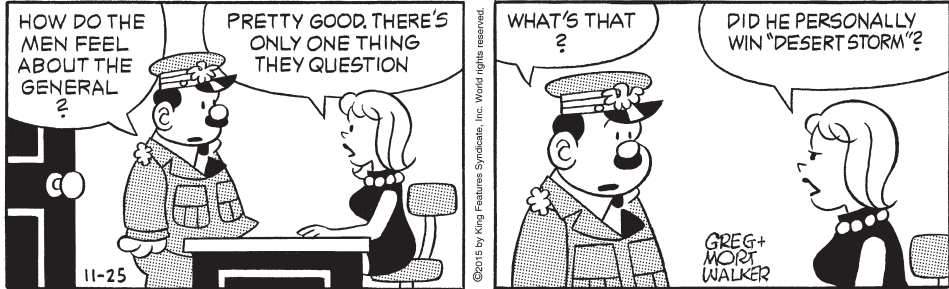
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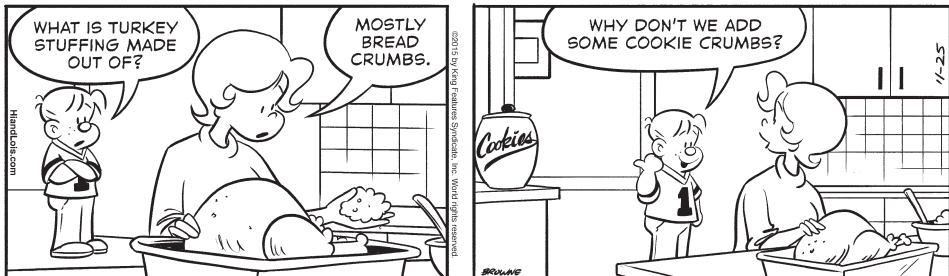
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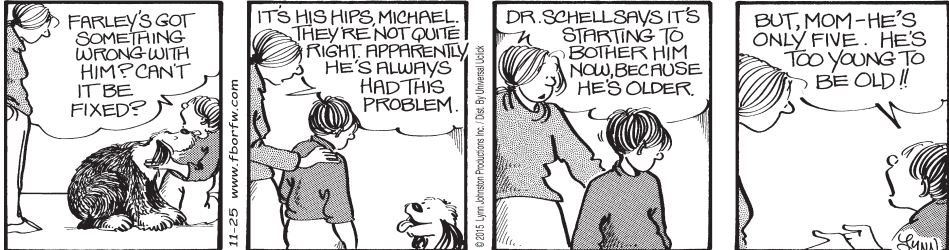
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## Wife Who Yearns For Husband's Support Must Rely On Her Own

**DEAR ABBY:** While I was nine months pregnant with my first child, I asked my husband what he would say if I had any problem during my delivery and he was asked to choose between me or the baby. His answer was, "Of course I'd pick the baby because you can never replace the baby." His answer broke my heart. Four days later, my water broke at 36 weeks, and I thank God for giving me a healthy little boy.

While in labor, I was terrified because I had some complications with my health at the beginning of my pregnancy. I can't get it out of my head now, because I feel like my husband doesn't love me. I have tried to talk to him about how it hurt me, but his answer is that this is his belief and I can't change that. Was I wrong for asking him? – MOTHER IN AMARILLO, TEXAS

**DEAR MOTHER:** I don't think so. You were asking for his reassurance, and I'm sorry you didn't get it. If a child is delivered in a Catholic hospital, the policy is to save the child if a choice must be made. It appears this is also your husband's belief.

My advice is, dry your tears and remember that what he implied about wives being replaceable can also be said about husbands. Perhaps it's time to give serious thought to drawing up a health care directive so that, in the event you should become unable to make decisions for yourself in the future, your wishes are clearly known.

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was in my 20s and out on my own, my father left my mother for his secretary, "Doris." They married soon after. She is a nice enough person, but she can be a little pushy. I have had to work on setting boundaries with her.

Every time we talk or visit – maybe once a month – Doris makes a point of telling me she loves me, and it's clear she's hoping I will reciprocate. I'm happy we are on good terms. I'm glad she's married to my dad because he seems happy with her. I'm comfortable with my daughter calling her Grandma. But I can't bring myself to tell her I love her because I

don't feel that way about her.

I hoped Doris would get it when I responded with things like, "It's great to see you, too," but it hasn't happened. She's estranged from her own daughter, and I think she wants to feel like she's my mom, which I'm not comfortable with.

Dad refuses to talk about anything related to his wife, so he is of no help. How can I get my stepmother to back off without hurting her feelings? I want to remain on good terms. – ON GOOD TERMS IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR ON GOOD TERMS:** Try saying this: "You're loved, too, Doris." It's not a lie because your dad does love her, and it may satisfy her if she doesn't see this column.

**DEAR READERS:** Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and no Thanksgiving would be complete without my sharing the traditional prayer penned by my dear mother:

Oh, Heavenly Father,  
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service,

That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.

Amen.

Have a safe and happy celebration, everyone! – Love, 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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Taurus if born before 12:15 p.m. (EST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25, 2015:

This year you are able to make a difference in many different areas of your life. You will be able to see certain aspects, with which you have experienced confusion in the past, much more clearly. You often weigh the pros and cons of various statements, decisions and/or actions. If you are single, you could find someone to be irresistible. This person might be very different from you, but seems to have similar issues. Respect your differences. If you are attached, the two of you juggle opposing ideas. Your sense of humor delights your significant other and makes him or her laugh. GEMINI is full of ideas. 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 feel the pace picking up, possibly because of the Full Moon. In any case, be careful when moving quickly or using mechanical equipment. When you verbalize what is on your mind, do so without expecting a certain response. Tonight: Make time to catch up on news.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Be OK with making some last-minute adjustments. You might decide to hold back on finalizing an idea, especially if finances are involved. You'll need to do your own research rather than taking one person's word. Tonight: Do some early holiday shopping.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ As the day goes on, you'll find that you become even more excited about tomorrow. The energy might not be about the turkey, but instead about friends popping in that you have not visited with in a while. Reach out to a loved one who might be depressed. Tonight: All smiles.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Use the morning to the max, when you can accomplish what you want. In the afternoon, you might need some space to complete a project. Listen to a child and understand where he or she is coming from. Remember when you were that age. Tonight: In the thick of things.

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

★★★★ Be willing to pick up where someone

else left off. You might feel as if you have so much ground to cover that you can't possibly do it all. Meet up with some friends or colleagues in the afternoon for some eggnog and maybe some pre-holiday fun. Tonight: Be a little wild.

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

★★★★ You'll get a glimpse of how much you must do this morning. Know that there is an element of distraction that surrounds Thanksgiving plans. You might feel like a fish swimming upstream in the afternoon. Make it easy on yourself. Tonight: Others love having you around.

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

★★★★ A partner pulls in quite close and shares much of what is on his or her mind. You can't help but smile as you hear this person's news. Pitch in with some holiday preparations, especially if you want some downtime later. Tonight: Go out and join some friends.

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

★★★★ You might be upset about a personal matter in the morning. By the afternoon, your mood will brighten, as you will get to spend quality time with a friend or several friends. A financial problem won't disappear, but your outlook can make it better. Tonight: As you would like it.

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

★★★★ Complete what you must, and worry less about other matters. You will have time to handle them soon enough. A friend has news for you, which you might like hearing. You might decide to mix all your friends and loved ones together. Tonight: Defer to others.

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

★★★★ You might wish for more than what you are receiving from a loved one. This person might be very busy at the moment. Chip in and help eliminate any excess work. Your responsiveness and ability to be a good follower will define the day. Tonight: Know when to head to bed.

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

★★★★ Handle a domestic issue quickly, that is, if you want to enjoy your next few days. You could feel exhausted until you see your friends or get together with family. Expect to suddenly discover how vibrant you really are. Tonight: Add a touch of mischief.

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

★★★★ You might be confused until you have a talk with a loved one. Touch base with someone you think might be alone this holiday season. Be more forthright in your dealings. A family member seems to challenge every decision you make. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

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