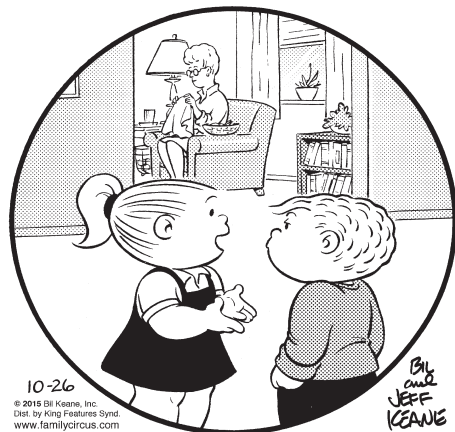


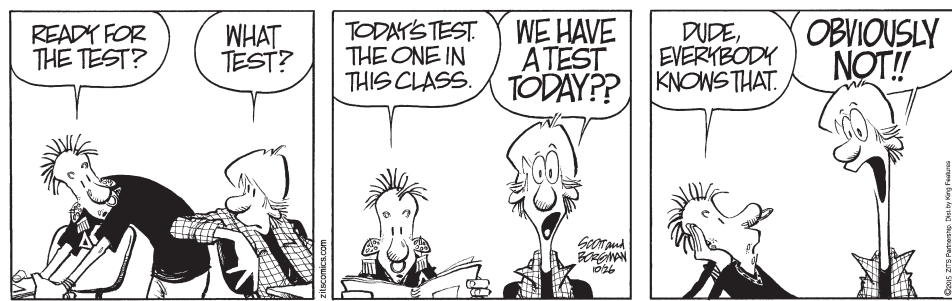
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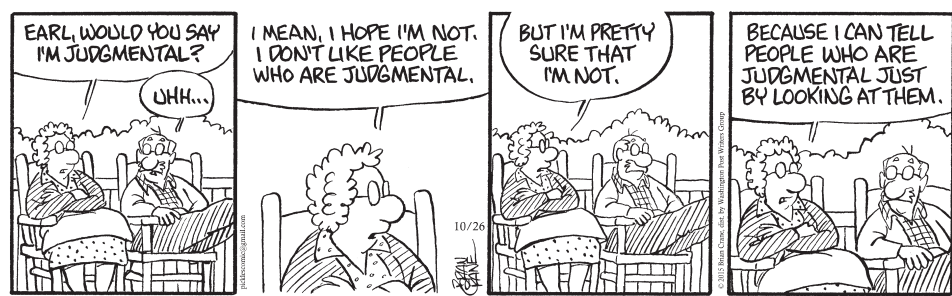
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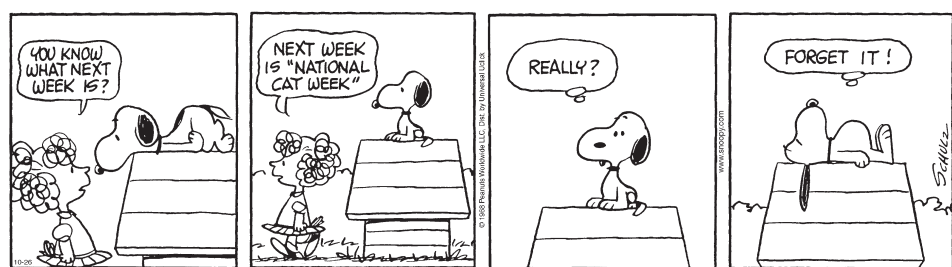
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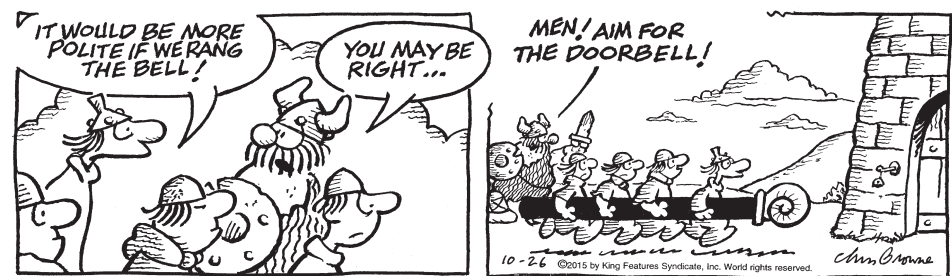
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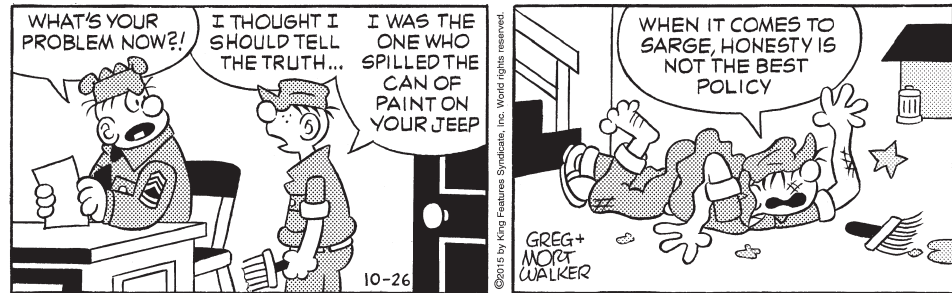
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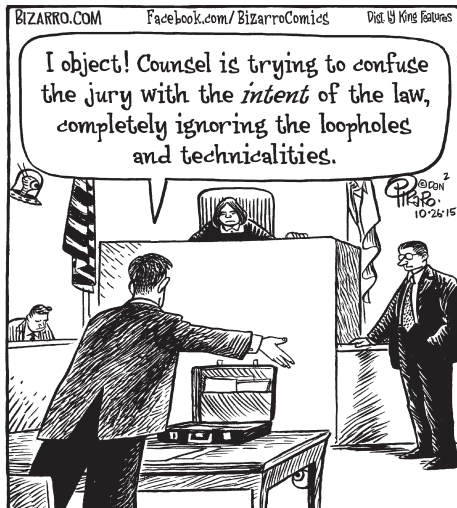
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Man Returns To His Ex And Kids While Married To Someone Else

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I have been back together for eight months. We were divorced for two years, during which time he remarried. We stayed in contact during his second marriage and he says he still loves me, so he left her.

He's now back with me after living on his own for a few months. I'm frustrated because he won't commit to me again. He says he has forgiven me for what broke up our marriage, but he will never consider remarrying me.

He says he has lost faith in all women. He says one marriage to me was enough and that he's confused. He told me it's fine with him if I put my rings back on. He introduces me as his wife when we're out together, but won't divorce his second wife.

I know I'm coming on too strong and pressuring him to be the man he used to be. I just don't think it's right that he should get all the benefits of having his wife and children back with none of the commitment. Should I back off and give him time to heal, or am I trapping myself in a hopeless relationship that's going to leave me a divorcee? - HOPELESS IN MISSOURI

DEAR HOPELESS: I think we both know the answer to that. Your ex has stated clearly that he will never consider remarrying you. Under these circumstances, your wedding rings should remain in the drawer. While he may introduce you as his wife, you are NOT his wife. His WIFE is his wife, which entitles her to all the rights and privileges of her status as a spouse according to the laws of Missouri.

Be prepared to give your ex plenty of time to "heal" WHILE LIVING ON HIS OWN. If he is confused, insist that he work his issues through with a therapist. Allowing him to stay with you while married to someone else was a mistake. You should have thought through how the arrangement might affect your children before you agreed to it.

DEAR ABBY: My mother comes from a large family. While most of the time everyone is kind and fairly respectful, there have been several occasions when gossiping family members have said hurtful things.

Most recently, a comment was made about my 29-year-old brother. He is unmarried and isn't dating anyone. He works two jobs and also participates in fishing tournaments. Someone commented that he "must be gay" because he "has guys sleep over at his house" and "doesn't have a girlfriend."

For the record, my brother is straight. His fishing teammates sleep over because they leave at 3 a.m. for their tournaments.

This really annoyed my mom and me. It's no one's business how he chooses to live his life, straight or gay. While we try to distance ourselves from their comments, staying quiet about them is becoming more and more difficult. What can we say without sinking to their level? - SEETHING IN OHIO

DEAR SEETHING: How about being direct: "My brother/son is not gay. Please stop spreading rumors about him that aren't true because it's really annoying."



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

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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 Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, OCT. 26, 2015:

This year you exhibit fiery, determined behavior. You will take action when need be. You won't hesitate to stand up to someone if you feel it is important. Friends, some new, will applaud your courage. Your immediate circle widens as well. If you are single, many people demonstrate interest in getting to know you better. You will meet someone whom you might think is perfect. Make a point of finding out! If you are attached, your sweetie learns to adjust to your strength and determination. ARIES can be even more volatile than 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)

**** No matter how much of an effort you put into a situation, it seems to make no difference. The lack of completion might make you feel somewhat useless. If you keep getting the same reaction, change your approach to get the response you desire. Tonight: Blow off some steam.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

*** You are likely to have a strong reaction to a new friend. Your concern stems from your fear of possibly being hurt. You also might experience some discomfort juggling the situation and your feelings. You have a tremendous need for control. Tonight: Do a vanishing act.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

**** Your friends might be demanding a lot from you. For others, a meeting could take up a good part of the day. You'll need to spend some time dealing with a domestic matter. Know that you might experience some discomfort. Tonight: Where you are, others want to be.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

**** Don't push yourself too hard, especially when dealing with authority figures. You have things you want to accomplish, and you might feel encumbered by others. You likely will need to do a juggling act. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

***** You have a tendency to make good decisions because of your ability to detach. Funds might be involved in a decision. Get some feedback from someone in the know. You might sense that

the facts have not been completely presented. Tonight: Be reasonable.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

**** A one-on-one discussion could make you feel very uncomfortable. The other party involved won't hesitate to start a crusade over any issue. Your awareness of this unpredictable behavior worries you. Tonight: Visit with a person of your choice over dinner.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

**** Defer to others, as they seem to need control. You might hear things you'll wish you'd never heard, but ultimately you know that the people involved will work it out. Keep your suggestions to a minimum. Tonight: Go along with someone else's entertainment ideas.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

**** Meetings could become a hotbed of ideas. People will be willing to throw even their off-the-wall ideas into what turns out to be a brainstorming session. Though you might not receive immediate agreement, you will in time. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

**** Emphasize your creative process. You tend to come up with great ideas, which is why an authority figure asks you for feedback. Know that this person might keep pushing for more. Be honest but polite. Know when to give in to this person. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

**** Stay centered, and know full well that ideas will be forthcoming if you remain open. Your mind will be drifting to a personal investment, but others will demand your attention. You might feel like saltwater taffy being pulled in two different directions. Tonight: Stay close to home.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

**** Listen to news that is forthcoming. You might want to spread the news or gossip to a dear loved one. Expect a strong reaction. One-on-one relating will prove to be satisfactory despite a volatile note that persists throughout the day. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

**** You could be hearing a lot about recent expenditures. Another party seems to feel strongly about what needs to be done. Don't try to argue with this person. You might be surprised by what he or she thinks and presents. Use care with your funds. Tonight: With a favorite person.

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