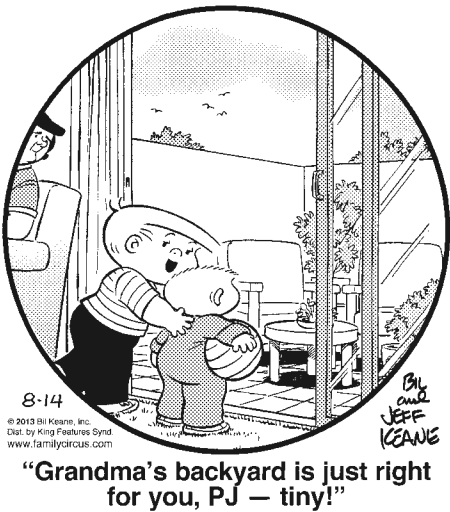


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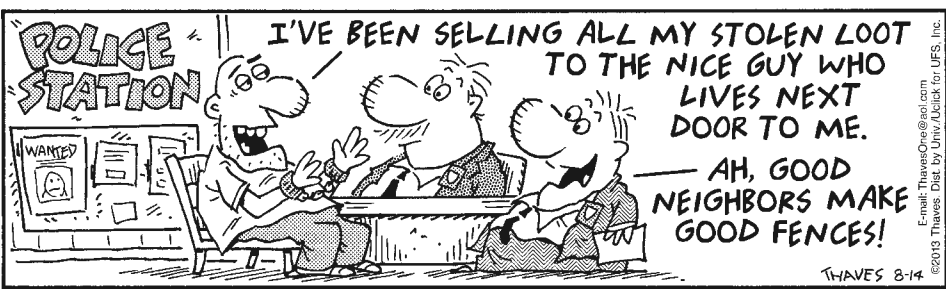
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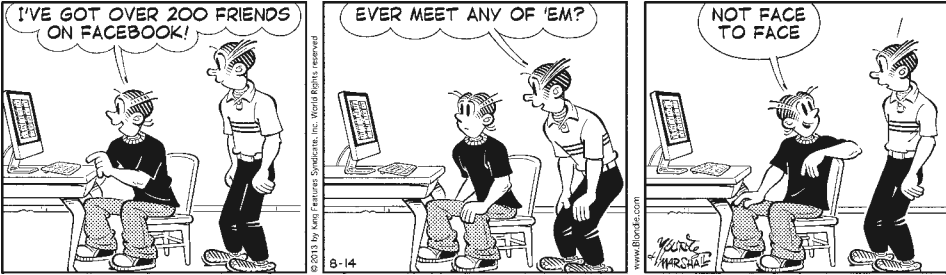
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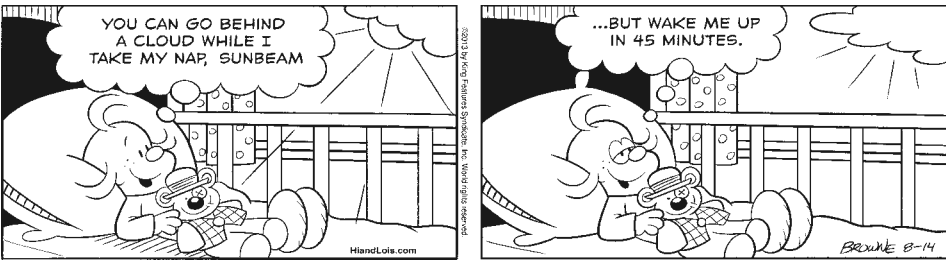
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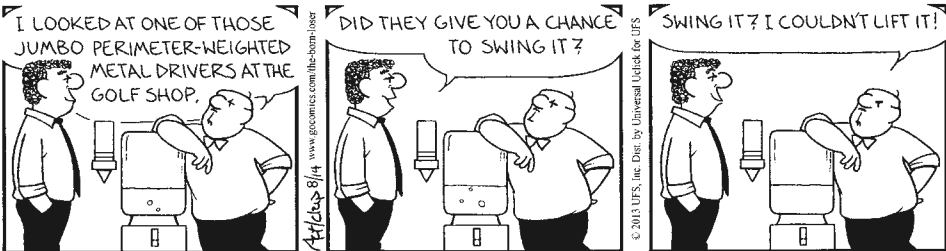
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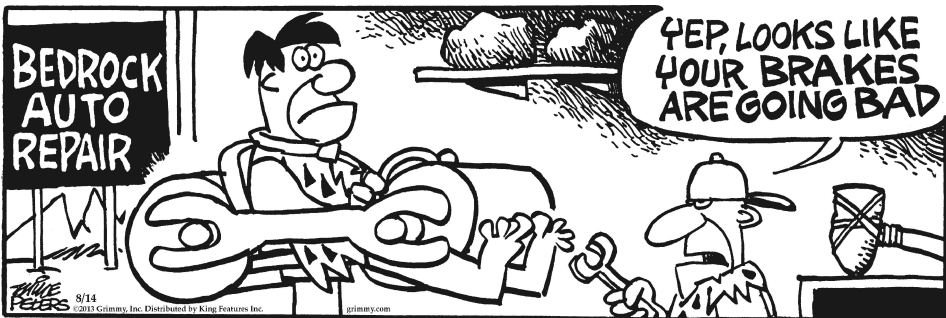
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Freeloading Baby Daddy Refuses To Hit The Road

DEAR ABBY: My 22-year-old daughter and her two young children live with me. She doesn't work, which is fine. I don't mind supporting her because I'd rather have the kids see their mom.

I spent most of my life as a single mom, working long hours and not seeing my kids. My work has finally paid off, and I'm at a point where, while not rich, I can support my daughter and grandbabies.

The problem is the baby daddy. He has a history of drug abuse, theft and jail time. He works only part-time jobs, which he loses monthly. He gives my daughter nothing and treats her as if she owes him.

I don't want to support him, but he has moved in and won't leave my house. I have told him to go, that he's welcome to visit the kids, but he ignores me. It's like talking to a wall. He won't even acknowledge that I told him to leave. He acts like he's king of the castle when it's my home! I can't take it anymore. I pay all the bills.

I told my daughter, and she ignores me as well. My oldest son has offered to talk to them for me. I don't want to lose my grandbabies. They are my purpose in life. Please help. — FURIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FURIOUS: Part of your problem may be the degree to which you enable your daughter. You won't be around forever. She needs to learn to be independent so she can support herself and those children. Clearly, Baby Daddy isn't man enough to be of any assistance.

If he has lived with you for a while, you may need a lawyer to get him out. According to Los Angeles attorney Lee Dresie: "You can get rid of the freeloader by giving him a 30-day 'notice to leave' in writing. It should say, 'You have 30 days to leave my home. If you don't, I will bring an action to evict you.' If he still refuses to go, consult an attorney who specializes in eviction law."

This is Abby again: Be sure you have a witness present when the notice is given so Baby

Daddy can't deny receiving it. Your son could be that witness, and yes, he should be asked to lead the discussion on how to resolve this situation.

It is also troubling that the daughter for whom you provide food and shelter is ignoring you. You're treated this way because you don't assert yourself. Please do it before Baby Daddy impregnates her again and you have four people to support.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 27 and have an issue that has bothered me for most of my life. I have overly hot/sweaty hands and feet. When I was dating women, they wouldn't want to hold my hand, which bothered me a lot. Also, my friends sometimes make fun of me for it.

I am entering a profession that will require lots of handshaking with potential clients. This will be an issue for me because I don't want to make a bad impression. Do you have any suggestions? — SWEATY IN NORTH DAKOTA

DEAR SWEATY: Yes! There is help for your problem, and the way to get it is to talk with a dermatologist. There is a product that can curb the excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis), but a doctor must prescribe it for you. Botox injections could also help, but they should be administered by a physician. There is also a machine used to treat this condition. The dermatologist can help you decide which solution would be the best for you.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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 the Sun in Leo and the Moon in Scorpio until 6:04 p.m., when the Moon enters Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14, 2013:

You often waver between deep reflection and spontaneous action. What encourages one behavior over the other might be an issue this year. You will learn to integrate these two elements or characteristics. Honor tradition but be open to vital changes. If you are single, you will make choices reflective of the state you are in. Later you might find out the suitor you chose is no longer appropriate. Date and relate, but make no commitments this year. If you are attached, your moodiness could toss a partner into confusion. Take the time to explain what you are experiencing. Unexpected developments often mark your year. SAGITTARIUS encourages your playfulness.

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)

★★★★★ Build on a key relationship and/or partnership. A family member or domestic matter comes up and needs to be managed efficiently. You express his or her ability to mobilize energy to resolve a matter with a positive response. Unexpected words enlighten you about someone's motivation. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Others certainly present quite the options. You might not be sure of yourself vis-a-vis a child or loved one. Through understanding your different options and how to relate to the person in question, you gain new insight. Tonight: Deal directly with a loved one.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Opportunities come forward, allowing you to touch base with friends and associates. You normally don't have enough time to chat, yet a situation comes up that allows time to catch up on news. A decision comes forward; this decision will give you more freedom of action. Tonight: Go with a great suggestion.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Permit your creativity to flourish and help integrate a change. Listen to your instincts and follow through on examining what could be a risk financially. Check out all liabilities and options. Listen to feedback from someone you respect. Tonight: Get into a home-related project.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might want to get past a restric-

tion that easily could be self-imposed. You are eyeing a situation involving real estate or a personal matter. Don't suppress your anger, but avoid a moment of rage. Express yourself in a way that can be heard. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ A discussion is inevitable. Communication flows if you don't respond to an angry comment. A friend means well; try to absorb the comment in the way it was meant as opposed to how it sounded. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Don't make it heavy. Keep it light.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Tension builds, especially if you are reactive to a superior or boss. You also find a partner or several close associates reacting in an odd way. Your caring evolves to a new level as a loved one shares his or her support and caring. Have a discussion late in the day. Tonight: Talks and food.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You are in the right mood to handle a personal matter. You see the whole picture, and you are willing to do the gyrations needed to settle others in for a talk. A meeting with an associate or a friend helps you detach from an immediate hassle. Afterward, you successfully approach the transient problem. Tonight: Let go of your day.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You might opt to say very little at the present moment. A partner pushes you hard in order to get the results he or she wants. The issue remains, what do you want? A respected authority figure or expert gives you his or her vote of confidence. Tonight: Finally, you choose.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might want to follow in the direction others seem to be pointing to. On the other hand, you know what feels right. If you are in limbo, there is a limited amount of choices. Know which one suits you. Tonight: Do some serious deliberating.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You handle responsibilities with decorum and honesty. Recognize what is possible within a certain situation as well as where your power lies. A partner cheers you on but might have a little too much confidence in your abilities. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Go for what you want.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Allow more feedback and speak less. Ask questions when you don't understand what is being said. Realize there are many ways and answers. Follow-through does count but doesn't have to happen immediately. Tonight: A must appearance.

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