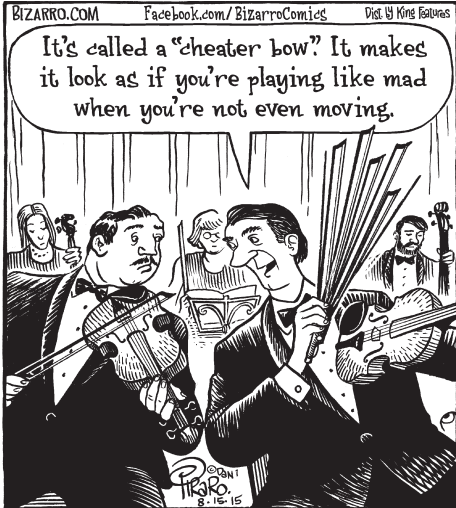


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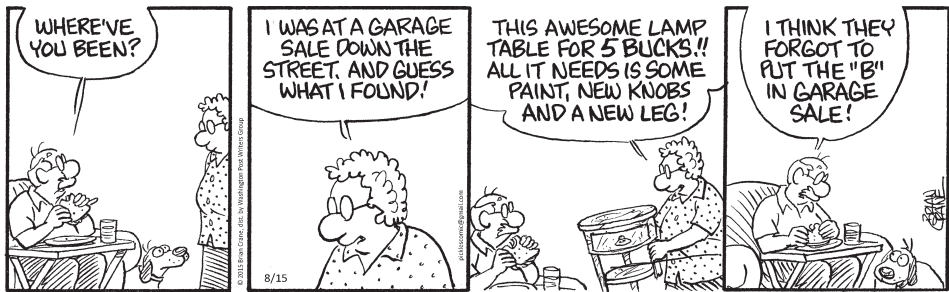
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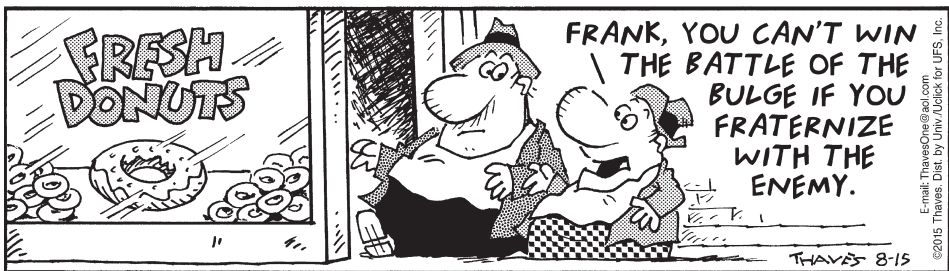
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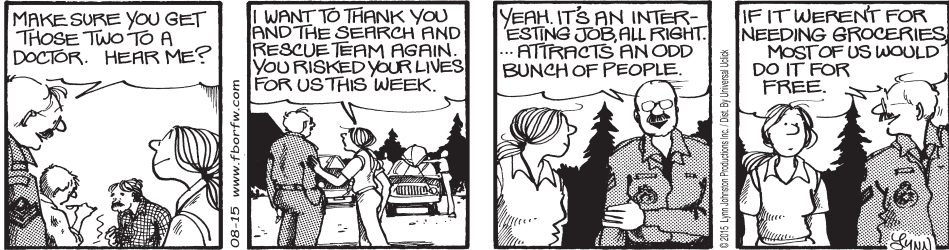
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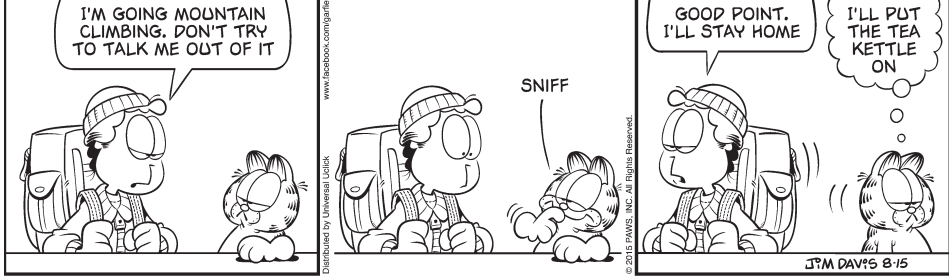
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## Friend Drafted As Photographer Gets Harsh Review From Bride

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my husband was asked to be the best man at his friend's wedding. The happy couple did not have the financial means to hire a photographer, so I was asked to take pictures of the ceremony and reception.

I'm not a professional photographer, and the bride knows that. I gladly photographed the nuptials on the couple's big day. Of course, I charged them nothing for doing it.

I am now on the receiving end of insulting comments regarding the photos I took. When the bride rudely voiced her displeasure, I was taken aback. I did nothing less than my very best to accommodate her, and I have received nothing but ingratitude and disrespect for my efforts.

I believe in keeping commitments I have made. I intend to complete the edits of the original photos and create a wedding album as I promised. However, how do I tactfully address the situation with the bride if she "reminds" me again of my lack of professional photography skills? – SAD NEWBIE PHOTOGRAPHER

DEAR PHOTOGRAPHER: Alas, it seems that no good deed goes unpunished. The next time the bride "reminds" you, all you have to do is "suggest" that for the next happy occasion she spend some money and hire a professional instead of hitting up a friend for a freebie and then complaining about the result.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Riley," who is the sweetest woman I know. She's in her mid-20s and has a stable job, but I'm afraid she is setting herself up. She rescues animals that are terminal or nearly so. She's great with them and should become a veterinarian. A few she has brought back to health, but others just can't be saved.

My concern is that when Riley loses one, she breaks down. She cries for hours on end, but the minute she gets a call, she willingly takes in another one.

### 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 and Moon in Leo if born before 3:46 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 15, 2015:

This year you add to your financial stability. You will be concerned with increasing your status, especially at work or within your community. Others express a new sense of respect for your abilities. If you are single, you attract many wannabe suitors. Wait until you find Mr. or Ms. Right before making a commitment. If you are attached, the two of you work great together as a couple. You might want to make a major investment, but make sure you both are comfortable with it. VIRGO is lucky with money, so you would do well to listen to his or her advice more often.

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 find yourself in a situation where you have the ability to end a problem and move forward. How you deal with a personal problem could be more important than you realize. Stay upbeat in your dealings. Tonight: Time for some good old-fashioned fun.

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

★★★★ You might want to hear more from a loved one whom you care about. Make plans to spend plenty of quality time with this person. You might be surprised by what comes up for you if you just relax and hang out together. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

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

★★★★ You could be at the end of a problematic situation if you are willing to discuss it completely. You'll see a personal matter open up as a result. You might feel uncomfortable at first, but the results will justify the discomfort. Ease up. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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

★★★★ Join in on a project involving a neighbor or a close relative. You are likely to get an earful, some of which might be important to hear. Otherwise, stay centered and enjoy the camaraderie of the moment. Confusion surrounds a conversation. Tonight: Visit with friends.

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

★★★★ You might want to understand what

She's like a sister to me, and I respect and admire her determination to care for these creatures and give them love when no one else will. How can I nicely say to her that I think she shouldn't accept any more rescues because she will only continue to get more depressed? – CONCERNED FRIEND IN GEORGIA

DEAR CONCERNED: There is no nice way to say that to your friend. What you CAN say is that you are concerned about her because of the depression she experiences when she can't save one of her animals. For an animal lover, the loss of a pet is painful and personal, and her reaction isn't unusual.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am hoping you can clear this up. A few weeks ago, my boyfriend and I had some of his family members over for a visit. It was very casual, as usual, more like a Sunday afternoon drop-in. I came out of our room barefoot, because I usually walk around that way in the house. I was scolded by his grandmother and told I was rude to walk around barefoot when there is company. Was she right? – BAREFOOT CONTESSA

DEAR BAREFOOT: No. She was out of line to criticize you. If people choose to go shoeless in their own home, it's really nobody else's business.

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it takes to continue on the present path. How you handle a personal matter could change after you see what someone else wants and expects. You have the right to say "no" if need be. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a night out on the town.

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

★★★★ You will be on top of a problem. Honor a fast change of pace, and know what you want. Others respond to you and your ideas. Understand that a loved one could distort your words. Clarify, if you see this possibility occurring. Tonight: Understand what needs to happen.

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

★★★ Listen to news and remain censored. Don't assume that you have all the answers. Understand what can occur if you choose not to interfere. Realize what needs to happen, but move to that goal slowly. You don't need to jump immediately in a new direction. Tonight: Calm down.

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

★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is important. Your sense of direction comes out when dealing with friends. You know how to make others feel special. Draw out the best in those around you by encouraging them to help you with a somewhat silly project. Tonight: Where the gang is.

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

★★★★ Deal with an older relative directly. Understand what this person wants, and then open up a discussion. Whether you can follow through won't be important in the long run. This person often makes unreasonable demands. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

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

★★★★ Decide to hop in the car and take off for a favorite place. You seem to need a change of scenery. Others who are with you will benefit as well. You will be able to detach from an issue and approach it later with a promising solution. Tonight: Reach for the stars.

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

★★★★ Defer to others. A suggestion from a loved one will delight you. You can't seem to imagine what could be better. Your ability to understand what is going in between you and someone else will encourage you to say little. Time heals. Tonight: A cozy dinner.

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

★★★★ Visualize more of what is going on with others. Demonstrate your sensitivity and ability to understand. You'll see a matter in a new light, which will take you to a new level of understanding. Stay open to changes and new possibilities. Tonight: All smiles.

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