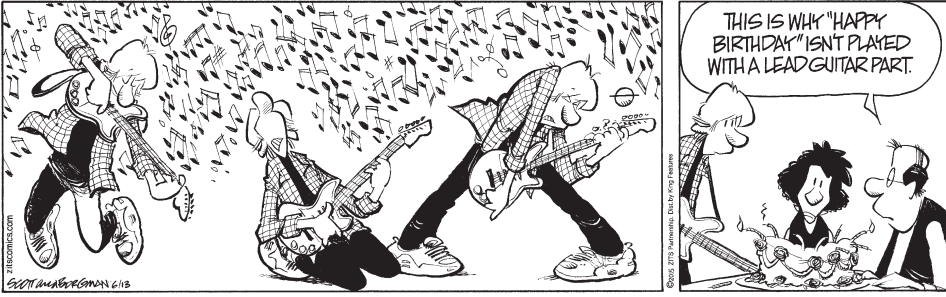


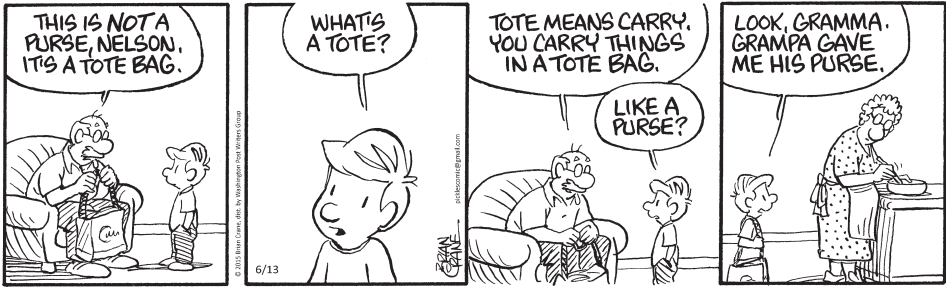
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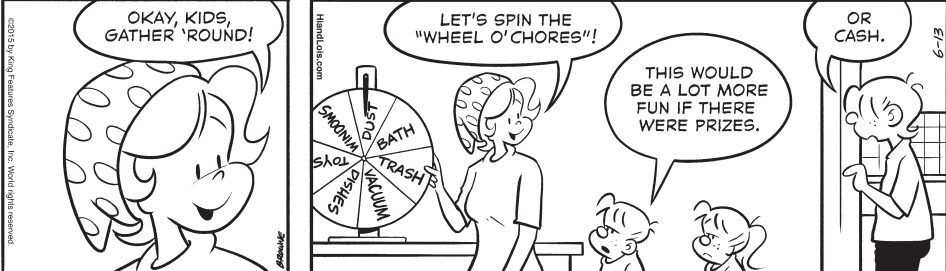
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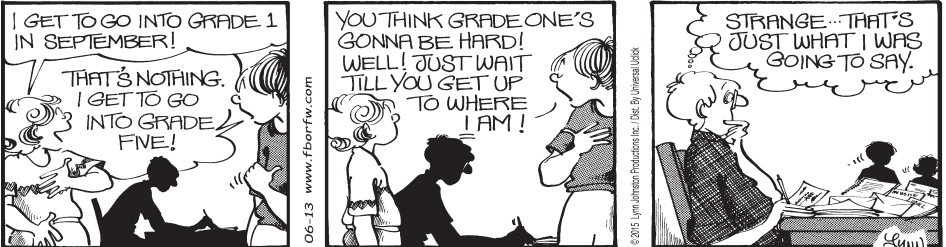
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## Teen Mom Shouldn't Count On Drug-Addicted Boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and a single mom of an almost 4-month-old girl. Her father is a drug addict. He manipulated me into having sex, which I had told him I didn't want to do until I was married. Also, I told him from the beginning of our relationship that if we ever got married and started a family, I never wanted drugs around my children.

The day I found out I was pregnant, he was there. However, later that night when I went out to the garage, I caught him snorting. Is it wrong of me to not involve him in her life? I've given him multiple chances to prove himself of being worthy. – TEEN MOM

DEAR TEEN MOM: You're not wrong. As long as your boyfriend is involved with drugs, they will come first, and you and your child won't be able to count on him – for anything. This is why it is crucial that you now make your education a priority and earn your high school diploma. You are going to need one – and possibly further education – in order to support the both of you. In the meantime, a counselor at your high school can guide you regarding financial aid if you need it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old Muslim woman who has fallen in love with an agnostic 35-year-old man, "William." The next step in our relationship is marriage, and my problem is our future kids.

My family expects me to marry a Muslim man and have Muslim children. William says that the kids may grow up not wanting to be Muslim, as I would like to raise them, and says he would support whatever they want to be.

I want my children to be Muslim, but I really love this man. My family and religion would not approve such a marriage. Do I walk away knowing I may never love a Muslim man the same way I love William, or marry William, risk the possibility of losing my family, and accept whatever else comes along on this difficult road? – TORN ON THE WEST COAST

DEAR TORN: You appear to be a traditional, family-oriented young woman. I assume you are also involved in the Muslim community. If you marry William, the chances of losing all of that are great, and your likelihood of raising devout Muslim children in a household where both parents don't practice the religion will be less.

While you may not love someone else the way you love William, the chances that you will find someone else to love again are good. Because you had to ask me this question, I'm advising you to let William go. If you plan to go ahead with this, you need to have your eyes wide open about what the price will be – because it will be high.

DEAR ABBY: My next-door neighbor keeps asking to use my lawn mower. When he uses it, he runs over stumps and garbage in his yard. I feel he's abusing my generosity. I have hinted that he should pick up things in the yard before he mows, but he never listens. How should I handle this? – DULL BLADES IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR DULL BLADES: Stop beating around the bush instead of being direct. When your neighbor asks to borrow the mower again, tell him that in the past when he has returned it to you, the blades were dull and it created problems for you. Then say no.

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### JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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appreciate your leadership skills, as you tend to smooth the path. Your ability to adapt to plans and deal with unexpected changes remains your strong suit. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. As much as you might want to be empathetic, you'll need to detach in order to be helpful. A new friend could become very controlling. Understand that you don't need to play into this situation. Tonight: Be entertained. Take in a movie.

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

★★★★ You might want to put off having an important conversation, yet you won't be able to avoid the other party. Why not just talk? You will feel much better afterward. One-on-one relating proves to be the path to understanding. Tonight: Make it a special dinner for two.

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

★★★★ Let others run the show, so you can go off and have a good time. Stop the hectic pace and choose to do an activity that you enjoy. A love interest might want your attention. Watch what this person will go through just to catch your eye. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

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

★★★★ Keep a relaxing and easy pace. You might wonder what would be best to do with a difficult and changeable money situation. Detachment allows you to see many more options. Make a call to a friend at a distance. Be ready to celebrate. Tonight: Make sure the party is not at your house.

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

★★★★ Once you relax, others will find you to be extremely loveable, which is not your typical style. Know that a close friend or loved one always sees you like that. One-on-one relating is likely to draw positive results. Tonight: You are luckier than usual. Go to the casino!

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

★★★★ You'll find someone to be so alluring that you simply can't say "no" to him or her. Your ability to get past a problem will be enhanced by this person's knowledge. A family member might want some attention. Bone up on your juggling skills. Tonight: Make it special.

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

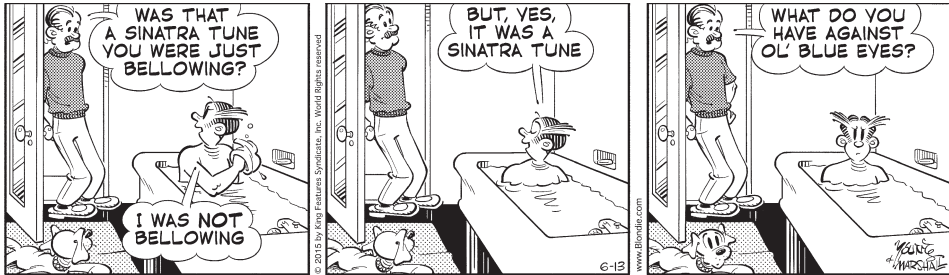
★★★★ Say what is on your mind, and don't feel intimidated by someone else. As a result, you will find that your words are well-received. Relax with a dear friend. You will be a lot happier if you do not push or try to impress someone. Do not break out of your routine. Tonight: Hang out.

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