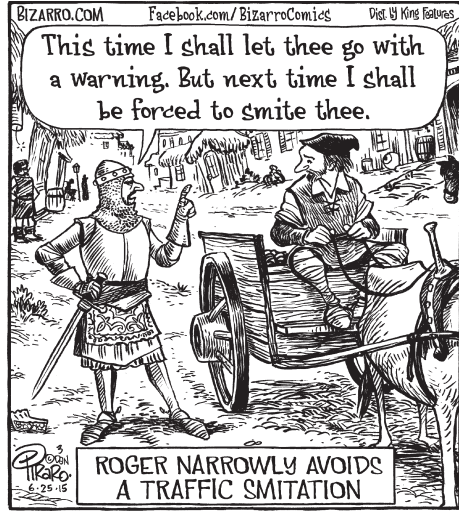


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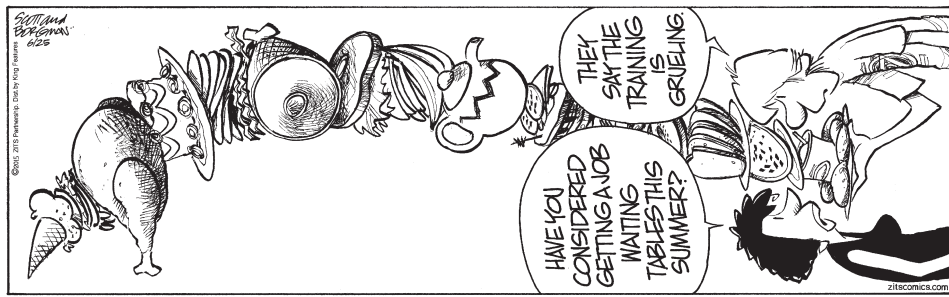
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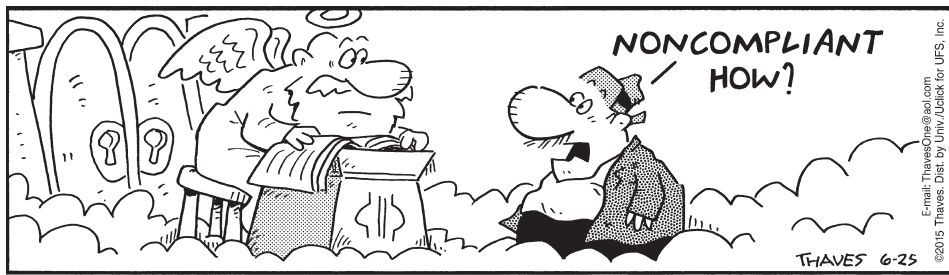
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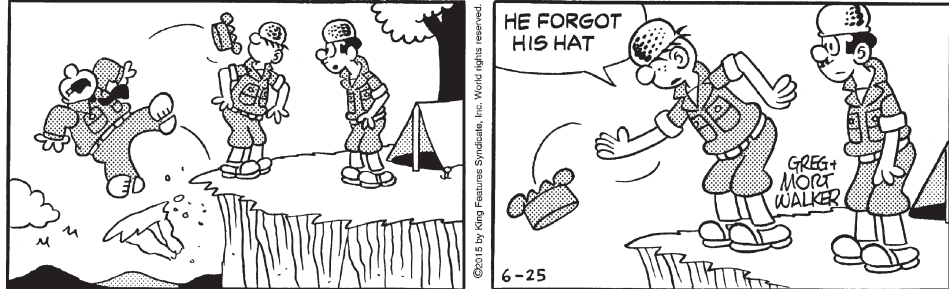
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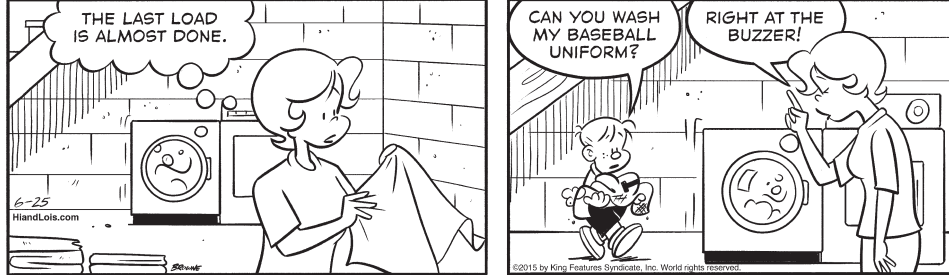
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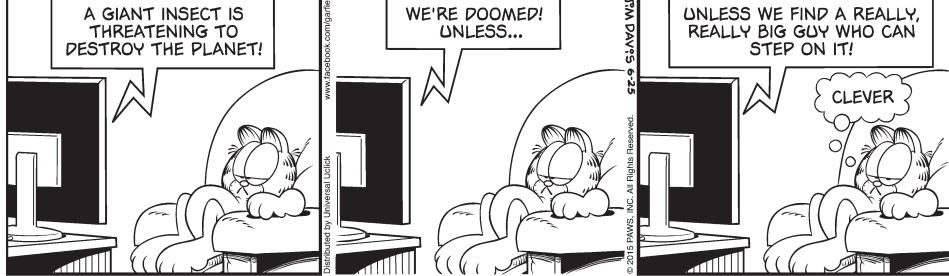
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Burden Of Supporting Family Keeps Teen Under Mom's Roof

DEAR ABBY: I'm almost 20. I have a well-paying job and live with my mother in a small town. My issue is I don't know how to break away from her.

My older siblings still live here, too. They don't help pay rent, utilities, groceries or anything. Mom and I pay for everything in a house of six people. My boyfriend and I have discussed living together, but I don't know how I will ever be able to leave. No one else helps Mom, and I don't want her to lose the house.

I know the solution is "everyone will have to pay their way." But they don't, and Mom won't enforce it. I want to help her because she's my mother, but I have my own life and I can't stay here forever.

How should I approach this with her? I don't want there to be bad feelings. I don't know if I'm selfish wanting to move in with my boyfriend, but I want a life of my own. — STUCK IN THE WEST

DEAR STUCK: If your mother can't keep her house on her own, there are serious problems ahead for her. If she doesn't have the income to afford it, she may have to find a job or sell it.

It should not be your responsibility to support the family. Your siblings aren't contributing to the household because your mother has been enabling them to avoid it. Have a private conversation with her. Tell her you plan to move out, so you are giving her plenty of notice and a departure date.

I caution you, however, against moving in with your boyfriend if it's because of a desire to escape this unfair situation. It would be better for you to be economically independent and have experienced living on your own before moving in with anyone. That way, you will be less vulnerable should the romance not work out as envisioned, because not all of them do.

DEAR ABBY: One of my friends who I work with is getting married this summer.

She recently asked me for my address and, since we also went to school together, asked me to give her a few other friends' addresses as well. So imagine my surprise when my friends all received invitations to her wedding in the mail and I did not.

I think it's possible that my invitation legitimately was lost in the mail or it may have been an honest oversight. However, I realize it's also possible that she wants to keep her wedding small and decided against inviting me.

How do I politely ask if I'm invited to her wedding? I've tried bringing up the subject in conversation at work, but I'm afraid it would be rude to directly ask if I'm still invited. I consider her a good friend and get along great with her fiancé, so I'm thinking it was an honest mistake. — TIRED OF BEING "MINNESOTA NICE"

DEAR TIRED: I don't think that being direct would be rude. Because you consider her a good friend, ask whether your wedding invitation could have been lost in the mail because it's possible it may have been. If she responds that you are not invited, you'll not only know where you stand, but also that SHE is NOT "Minnesota Nice."

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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 Cancer and a Moon in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015:

This year you often might feel as if you are on an emotional roller coaster ride. As soon as you start to feel comfortable, a surprising event could throw you off. Many of you will feel the need to control these cycles, but understand that this is not a possibility. You can control only your responses. If you are single, your love life could contribute to the high excitement of this year. You'll have plenty of potential suitors to choose from. If you are attached, the two of you will see your relationship evolve to an even stronger level. Respect the differences between you. LEO is lucky, but don't let him or her get near your wallet.

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)

★★★★ Tension is high. You have the ability to embrace a change, or you might choose to stage a major power play. Others find you to be full of surprises. The smart move is to allow them to express their views while saying nothing. Tonight: Start the weekend early!

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Today's emphasis is on your day-to-day life and on indulging in more rewarding moments. Even if you are working, make time for more interpersonal experiences. Ask for what you desire when the moment is appropriate. Don't miss out on an opportunity. Tonight: Stay present.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Be a wild thing, and tamper with your schedule. How you handle a personal matter could take an interesting turn. Be more forthright and direct; others will respond in kind. Allow your sense of humor to come out quickly, as it will help you relax. Tonight: In the game of life.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might feel as if you must balance different forces that seem contradictory. Attempt to change your mindset; instead of looking at the differences, look at what they have in common. Ask more questions, and be more aware. Tonight: You don't need to go too far.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might need to get in sync with others. A situation could be challenging at first, but

you will meet the demand with ease. Unexpected developments around legal matters are likely to have unexpected results. Loosen up, and get on top of a personal matter. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down an interesting path, where you are likely to interact with unpredictable associates. Someone you meet today might not be who he or she claims to be. Get to know this person more completely before making any commitments. Tonight: Be nice.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Your understanding of what someone wants from you could be different from what you originally had anticipated. Honor what is occurring, and be authentic about your thoughts and feelings. A meeting provokes interesting conversations. Tonight: Be impulsive.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Honor a need for fast changes between a close friend and someone whom you have put on a pedestal. Juggling these different perspectives could be problematic. Make sure that you express your caring in a way that can be heard. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Be more direct and caring in the words you choose and the actions you take. You could see a situation develop where someone, maybe even you, will opt to use money for control and power. Think twice before you jump into such shenanigans. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You are on top of your game and unlikely to allow any interference at the present moment. The problem is that others might start challenging you now more than ever. Perhaps another choice is possible. Reach out to a friend for feedback. Tonight: Take a stand once and for all.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter and gain greater understanding. By distancing yourself and empathizing with those involved, you will get a sense of the true dynamics involved. Once you do this, you are likely to find a solution. Tonight: Listen to favorite music.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ To make your point and have the greatest impact, you would be well-advised to relate on a one-on-one level with others. Honor a change of pace. Observe what is happening between you and a loved one. Make plenty of time for this person. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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