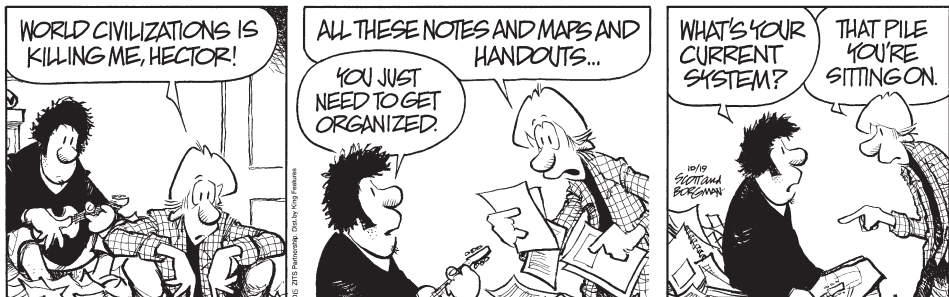


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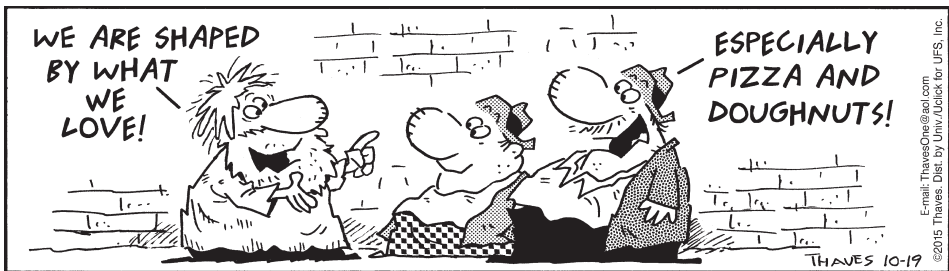
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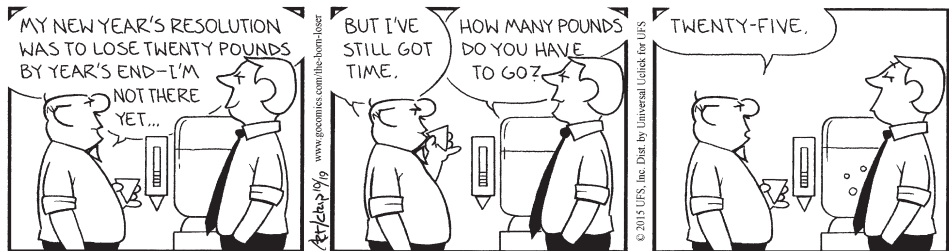
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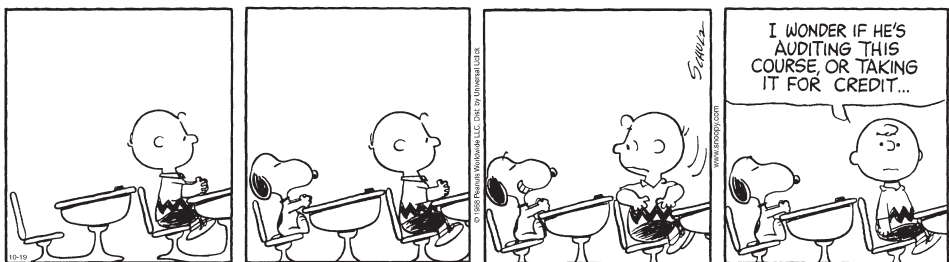
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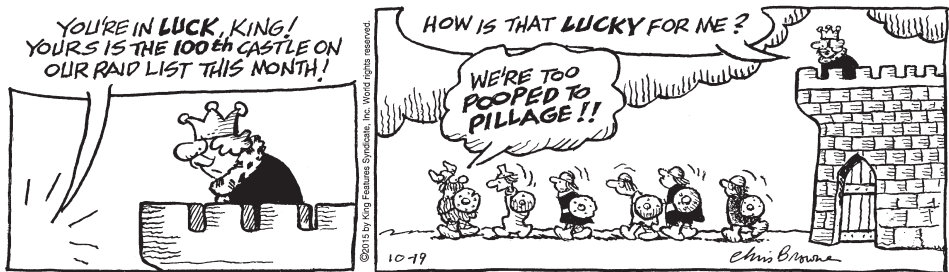
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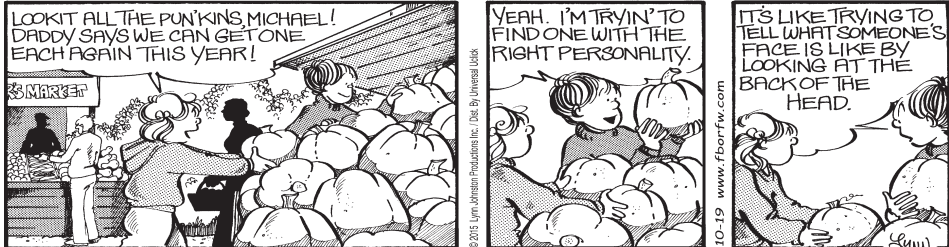
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Education Is The First Step To Leaving A Life Of Crime

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and come from a family of crime involving drugs and violence. I was taken by the state as a child in need of care at 14. I've been in and out of juvie and did 18 months in juvenile prison. I'm now sitting in adult county jail. I'm going to get one more chance, according to the judge.

Where can I get help if I want to live a rightful life and fix mine? With very little income, I only know how to make money illegally, which is more than many people make in two or three years. I want to do right this time. What's your advice? – STUCK IN CRIME IN KANSAS

DEAR STUCK: My advice is to finish your education. At the very minimum, get your GED. Fight the temptation to go for "easy money" and find a mentor who can steer you toward constructive activities and opportunities. A place to look would be one of the prison ministries.

You are still young and have your whole life ahead of you. It will be far smoother and more successful if you don't add to your criminal record.

DEAR ABBY: My 10-year-old daughter and I enjoy hosting sleepovers for her friends from school. Over the last few years, her circle of friends has increased, as have the dietary needs of said friends. It went from simple meals like macaroni and cheese, pizza or hamburgers to parents requesting gluten-free cookies, soy milk, almond milk, and other demands that drive me crazy.

I'm willing to accommodate to a point, providing vegetarian options and no nuts, but for parents to demand that I spend (what seems like) hundreds of dollars on food my family and I never eat is insane.

The last time this happened, I asked the parent – nicely – to provide a small container that I could store in my fridge for the girl to

use for her soy milk. The woman became irate, called me thoughtless and wouldn't let her daughter come! I don't know what I did wrong, but apparently I made some faux pas because the same thing happened with a different girl who wanted gluten-free everything.

Abby, what should I do or say in these situations? I usually provide snacks and such that fit most diets, but a lot of times the main course contains gluten, dairy, etc., and I don't want to go broke buying select types of food for one kid. – SALLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR SALLY: You did nothing wrong. Asking the mother to have her daughter bring a quart of soy milk with her was not rude, and the same is true for the mother of the girl who has an intolerance for gluten. The parents of children with

food allergies should be used to the routine of providing allowable foods for them to bring when they will be eating away from home, and for you to have received the reaction you did was over the top.

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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 Libra and a Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, OCT. 19, 2015:

This year you need to stay focused, as there are many distractions around you, especially at home or with family. Meditate to clear your mind; exercise to eliminate stress. Your ability to let go of issues enhances your life. If you are single, check out each potential sweetie with care. You are more likely to meet a person who is emotionally unavailable this year. If you are attached, the two of you love to go on frequent getaways. You'll love being out and about together. CAPRICORN can be so intense that you frequently need to back away. 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 will be unstoppable, no matter which way you turn. You'll hold your own in a disagreement while still being kind to the other party. Take charge, but understand that many extra responsibilities could descend on you as a result. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Be imaginative and spontaneous. A child or new friend could be a source of good feelings. Don't allow a misunderstanding to get bigger. As you gain a more complete perspective, you'll recognize how easily mistakes can happen. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You'll feel more relaxed at this time with one person rather than several. Schedule your day accordingly, especially if you notice a tendency to encounter misunderstandings. Feelings might be intensifying with a loved one. Tonight: A friend could surprise you.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might have a lot of anxiety about a personal matter. Don't worry; you will discover other ways of resolving or lessening your discomfort. A boss or relative could be cantankerous. Listen carefully, but don't internalize this person's message. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might want to consider your alternatives. You have so much to do, yet you still

will want to clear up a conversation. You know this talk could take a lot of time. You have the ability to squeeze in what you need to do as well. Trust yourself. Tonight: An unexpected development.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You'll structure your day with care. You also understand that others won't always be in sync with your needs. Expect some uproar from a close friend. When confronted with an obstacle, you tend to clear it up quickly. Tonight: Let someone else make the first move.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You might be more focused on a personal matter than you realize. Attempt to clear up the issue as quickly as possible. Some of you will opt to stay close to home; some of you might be considering a home-based business as well. Tonight: Expect a little disruption.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Your intensity speaks for itself. Someone's words could sting and upset you. Rather than have a knee-jerk reaction, hold off for a little while -- you might have misunderstood. A meeting or get-together with a friend becomes very important. Tonight: Get some exercise first.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Stay focused on the big picture, which could involve work as well as friends. The people in your life might be unusually difficult. Remember the importance of what you're doing, and stay on track. Don't allow all the fussing to become dominant. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You unintentionally might challenge others. A boss or parent could feel intimidated. You know what you are going to do. Discuss it less, and just act. You are likely to get a lot of feedback that you'd prefer not to hear. Tonight: Avoid someone who creates hassles for you.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Don't be surprised if you decide to be reclusive. You might be replaying the same scenario over and over in your head. You also could be exhausted. Surprising news forces you to regroup. Know what is happening, as it allows you to make better choices. Tonight: Get some R and R.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want, despite the fact that someone is giving you a lot of flak. You might wonder what would be best to do under the present circumstances. Don't overthink this issue. You still are going to do whatever you want. Tonight: Use caution when handling funds.

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