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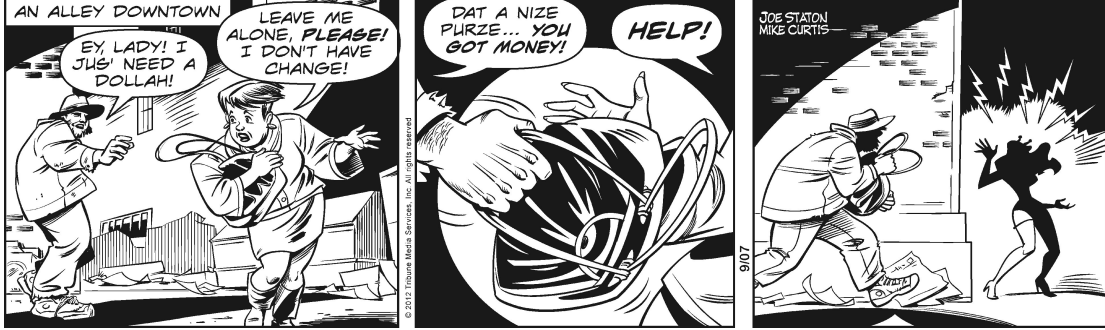
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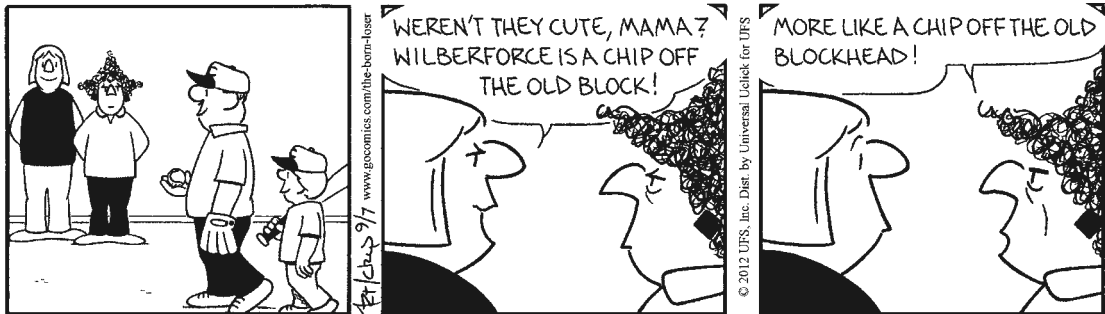
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Waiter's Use Of Makeup Serves Up Shock To Surprised Diner

DEAR ABBY: Last night at a restaurant, my husband and I were surprised to see a male server wearing a blond wig and full makeup. I was, to say the least, shocked and very glad we hadn't brought the children, ages 11 and 14, with us. How do you explain something like that to an 11-year-old? The 14-year-old would be able to "get it."

What kind of policies are in place for restaurants in cases like this? What if customers are offended? Could I request a different server or just leave? Your comments would be appreciated.

— TAKEN ABACK IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR TAKEN ABACK: In California, people have the legal right to dress in a style not typical of their gender without fear of discrimination or retaliation. That right is protected by state law. If customers find it offensive, they can either request a different server or take their business elsewhere. Presumably, the customer would pay for food that had already been prepared.

Because children today grow up quickly and are less sheltered than in past decades, I recommend you explain to your 11-year-old that not all people are alike, and the importance of treating others with respect. It's called REALITY.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Shane," and I have been together more than a year. My problem lies in child support issues.

I'm a college student and full-time employee at a major company. I make a pretty good living considering my age. Shane is an electrician, and half of every paycheck he earns is going to his child's mother. I understand the money is being given to support the child, but every time we see him, the kid says his mommy is broke.

Because my boyfriend's check is half gone by the time he brings it home, I must pick up the slack re-

garding the bills. Shane helps out any way he can, but it's never enough, so I have to step in.

I love him, he treats me like a queen and I have yet to have a major problem with him. But it's the money situation. I feel a little guilty for feeling this way. What do I do in this situation? Please help. — FEELING GUILTY IN COLORADO

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: Stop feeling guilty. Your feelings are natural considering that Shane isn't carrying his half of the load he shares with you financially. Talk to him about the way the inequity is making you feel because if you don't, your resentment will only grow. He may need to find a second job so you have to "step in" less often. The alternative is to accept that the present will also be your future.

DEAR ABBY: I have a pet peeve — people who make a big production out of yawning. It's not enough to just yawn quietly. Noooo, they have to open wide, not cover their mouth and moan loudly. It annoys the heck out of me and I'm not sure it's appropriate to say anything.

People who do this seem to have several yawns in succession and want to make sure everyone notices. Any suggestions other than to grin and bear it? — SEEKING QUIET IN GEORGIA

DEAR SEEKING QUIET: Yes. If it's happening socially say, "I can see you're getting tired, so maybe it's time to end this visit." If it's happening at work, suggest the person take a break and go outside for some fresh air.

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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 Virgo and a Moon in Gemini all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 7, 2012:

This year you tend to overthink. You could let that habit run rampant in your life, but know that talking and thinking will prevent you from feeling. Opportunities come to you when you're out and about, whether you are involved in a community cause or working at your job. You get lucky in these situations. If you are single, you could meet someone who also overthinks. This trait reveals that there is a deep bond between you. You know how to build each other up. If you are attached, you relate far better, as you both commit to a mutual interest. You start enjoying being out and about more as a couple. GEMINI could use logic against you, even if you are extremely sensible.

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 have a lot to say, and others seem to listen carefully. A gesture is well-intended, but unfortunately it results in confusion and uproar. You might scratch your head and wonder how this situation could have happened. Tonight: Catching up on a friend's news.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

*** You could be unusually possessive. You also might wonder what you need to do in order to secure a relationship or situation. The issue is not how to handle the discomfort in your favor, but how to root out your insecurity. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

***** You are capable of beaming in exactly what you want. Do not let someone add confusion and throw you off your mission. Others respond to your efforts, especially a roommate or family member. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

*** You might feel out of kilter. You cannot change how you feel, but you could decide to spend less time around people who could be quite dominating. You will need some time to revitalize and think. Tonight: Vanish ... hopefully for a good reason.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

***** Listen to friends and/or associates. You will get many different perspectives. Your sense of direction

will help you create a greater sense of well-being. You could lock on to someone's ideas. Trust your judgment that you are making the correct choice. Tonight: Time for fun.

VRIGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

***** Take charge and clear out errands. A partner or associate seems to be in another world; therefore, you must run with the ball on your own. Someone you look up makes a difference in your life. You could like what happens in the long run. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

***** Keep reaching out for others who you care about enormously. Your creativity emerges with someone who often touches your daily life. You might want to reorganize your day and go with impulsiveness. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

***** You work best on a one-on-one level with others right now. When in groups, you might not be able to express what you are thinking. An unusual financial opportunity could come out of left field. Be prepared to jump on it. Tonight: Talk over munchies.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

***** You might want to rethink plans, especially as the apple of your eye makes a significant gesture toward you. You might decide to take off for a special weekend out of the blue. Good will seems to surround you. Tonight: Do the unexpected.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

***** Your focus remains on finishing tasks, despite distractions. You will enjoy the weekend far more and have a better time. Someone close to you in your daily life reveals the depth of his or her feelings. You could feel quite touched. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

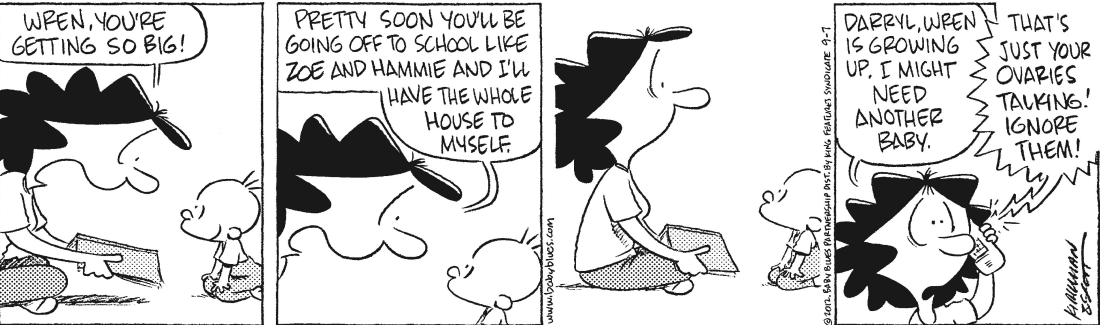
***** Try as you might, you could have difficulty staying on task, especially if it has to do with anything except the upcoming weekend. You need time off from your routine to continue being creative and vibrant. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

***** If you can stay close to home and do what you enjoy, most certainly make those plans. An offer comes to you as a result of your own positive attitude. Do not give credit to anyone else. You could see life far differently, even if you go with the flow. Tonight: Order in. Get cozy.

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