FAMILY CIRCUS | BILL KEANE



"Here, Mommy! I found you some more hangers in the hall closet!"

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN







PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE







ARE YOU SURE?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU
WERE ALLOWED TO
DO THAT ON THE
INTERNET.

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON







PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ









HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON









GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS







Birth Mom Is Not Out Of Options For Repaying Daughter's Loan

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Poor Birth Mother in Georgia" on June 12 – "Because the college loan agreement with your daughter was verbal and wasn't put in writing, you don't have a legal means to force her to assume the loan payments" – was wrong!

Verbal agreements are enforced if they can be proven to be true. Even if the daughter didn't promise to make the payments, she may be held liable for them because money provided for the benefit of another gives rise to an implied and enforceable obligation to repay it.

If the statute of limitations has not run out, I think she's got a pretty good case. Whether it's economically feasible is another issue, as is the wisdom of getting into litigation with one's daughter.

Check with your own attorney.
You made a mistake that you should correct. If you are a lawyer, you should have known better; if you're NOT a lawyer, you should avoid giving legal advice. – ATTORNEY IN PALM DESERT, CALIF.

DEAR PALM DESERT: You are not the only lawyer to say that. Attorneys nationwide wrote to point it out, and I apologize for that answer. Although I did consult an attorney who said my answer was correct, it appears we were both wrong. Read on:

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DEAR ABBY: Under Georgia law, ORAL
agreements are enforceable. That mother
could bring a lawsuit against her daughter
to repay the loan. A famous Georgia case
involved Ted Turner, who was sued for \$281
million based on an oral agreement. A Georgia court upheld the agreement, and Turner
had to pay the \$281 million. – SAN FRANCISCO ATTORNEY

DEAR ABBY: Although the agreement "Poor Birth Mother" had with her daughter was an oral one, there may be some documentation, albeit peripheral: email, notes, birthday cards, thank-you cards. Also, the college application and financial disclosure

form may say "loan from mother" as anticipated expense payment. The writer should talk to an attorney in Georgia. – MARIETTA,

GA., READER
DEAR ABBY: Just the THREAT of a lawsuit
may bring the daughter around. Lawsuits,

sad to say, have enormous blackmail value; the cost to defend them is so high

that people settle.
I'm a magna cum laude graduate and former officer of Harvard Law School, and for a few years of my misspent youth, a professor at the Northwestern University School of Law. If I were licensed in Georgia, I'd represent her, probably for free (lawyers do such things). – ATTORNEY IN IRVING, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

NEY IN IRVING, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: Tell the mother to consult her local bar association and ask if it has a pro bono (free) hotline or clinic to advise her. –

TEXAS LAWYER
DEAR ABBY: Have her contact Georgia's
Division of Aging and speak to Adult Protective Services. Among the things it deals with is elder abuse, which includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self-neglect and financial exploitation. – READER IN GEORGIA

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 2015:

This year you often find that you are frustrated or angry. Learning to express these feelings at an earlier stage will be important, when you might feel just hurt. Otherwise, these feelings could come out at inappropriate times. If you are single, get to know someone well before really expressing the depth of your feelings. A person you meet this year might be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from a lot of one-on-one time together. Schedule more dates to rekindle the flames that used to exist between you. AQUARIUS has a way of getting you to join him or her, no matter how busy you are.

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)

*** tleas seem to pop up left and right. Before you realize it, a work-related matter could arise that demands your attention. You might want to take on a stress-reducing hobby or activity as well; you will be better for it in the long run. Tonight:

Where your friends are. TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

** * Your skills allow you to manage what others can't. As a result, you'll have your hands full. Start a brainstorming session. You could hear some extremely assertive ideas. Diplomacy is a must, even if you want to shut down another person's conversation. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

*** * Keep reaching out to someone you care about. You have a lot to share. The unexpected might force you to look at the big picture. A friend could surprise you with his or her antics. Stay focused on what is important. Tonight: Where your

friends are is where you want to be. CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

*** You have a tendency to allow a partner or loved one make important decisions. You also tend to overthink a problem until you are confused. You might be too assertive in a conversation, and your temper could flare. Be careful when handling

machinery. Tonight: Say "yes" to living. **LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)**

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★★★★ Defer to others. You could feel put off

by different people and happenings. Notice that you could be suppressing your feelings without realizing it. Try not to do damage to yourself. Instead, decide to release your feelings sooner. Tonight: Go with someone else's choice.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

*** You might not know which way to turn. Don't take your frustration out on others, or you will have an unpredictable situation. Your fuse could be shorter than usual. Try to get more exercise; otherwise, you will be volatile. Tonight: You'll witness an emotional reversal.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

**** Allow more impulsiveness to emerge, especially when dealing with a new friend. Pressure could build around a domestic matter. Try not to distance yourself -- hang in there! Be aware of anger building as well. Go for a walk. Tonight: Time to plan for the weekend.

r the weekend. SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

*** Stay close to home. You probably will feel as if you need to pull away from some difficult situations. You will handle them on your time and with wisdom. A walk will help you relax. An older person admires the way you are dealing with a problem. Tonight: Make it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

**** You could be dealing with more than your fair share. Go along with a spontaneous idea that might open more doors than you had anticipated. Be careful with a boss who could be on the warpath. Don't worry. You know how to bypass a problem. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

*** You might be wondering what to do. A power play is likely to occur with someone who is very intellectual yet demanding. A personal issue could present a problem. News that comes in from a distance could anger or upset you. Tonight: Be careful with spending.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

*** You could be pushing too hard to have someone acknowledge you. Don't worry so much. You need to please yourself first. An unexpected happening will put a smile on your face. Enjoy the excitement. Be careful not to step on anyone's toes. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

** Take your time. You might feel as if someone is pushing you too hard. Be careful, because as you will discover in the next few weeks, many of your friends, close associates and loved ones seem to be much more irritable than usual. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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SHOWING UP

EITHER

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS

