

# Can guests pay for wedding? Tomorrow's horoscope

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

Dear Annie: My brother is 42 and getting married for the first time. His bride-to-be has been married before.

My mom and I would like to give her a bridal shower, but it seems they have most of what they need. However, they don't own their own home. How do we send out invites and ask guests to give money toward either the cost of the wedding or larger purchases like new furniture or a down payment on a home without being rude? Is there a proper way, or is it not OK to ask for this? — *Stumped in Wisconsin*

Dear Stumped: It is not OK to expect guests to pay for the wedding. The bridal couple should have the wedding they can afford. Showers, however, are about gifts, so there is some leeway when it comes to registries. There are now registries for honeymoons, vacations and, yes, houses, including furniture and appliances. If the couple has such registries, the websites can be listed on a separate sheet of paper with the shower invitation. You also can pass along such preferences by word of mouth.

## Annie's Mailbox

Creators Syndicate Inc.  
Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar



But part of a shower is unwrapping gifts so everyone can "ooh" and "aaah." It might be wise for the bride to register at more traditional places where unwanted gifts can be returned or exchanged for something more to her liking (after she writes her thank-you notes, of course).

Dear Annie: With your ability to reach many people, how about a plea to have hooks put in all public restrooms? I'm sure other women also hate to put their purses on the bathroom floor in these public places. — *Germis, Yuck*

Dear Germis: We suspect most women would rather put their purse on their head than drop it on the floor of a public restroom. If there is no hook, try resting the purse strap over

the door latch. If that doesn't work, there may be space on the toilet paper dispenser. You also could place your purse on your lap (awkward, but doable), or get a purse with a shoulder strap and don't take it off at all. And you might look into purchasing a little plastic hook that will slip over a door and hold a purse, often available at drugstores or hardware stores. (But do be careful if you hang this over the door, as someone can lift it from the outside.) As always, if there is a manager with whom to register a complaint, do so.

Dear Annie: I'd like to help those who feel the same as "Also Lonely in Chesapeake, Va." the 29-year-old virgin who hasn't found Mr. Right. I know it may sound strange in this day and age, but 15 years ago, my husband was a virgin. Due to low self-esteem and a lack of self-confidence, he was afraid to ask a woman out.

We were 43 when we met, and I am so glad. We've had 15 very happy years, and I hope there are many more to come. — *Donna*

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You won't understand everyone's perspective. It's natural to gravitate toward the ones you do understand, but you'll only improve and broaden yourself by pursuing insight from the ones you don't understand.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're feeling inquisitive, and you're in the mood to collect things like facts, words, books and the tangible items that intrigue you. Follow your muse without worry of the practicalities. You can work them out later!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You are an artist. The proof of this won't be in your work so much as in your ability to find the beauty and sense the deep significance of inconspicuous and overlooked details.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** A relationship gets interesting when you get beyond the standard exchanges and dip your toe into the murky depths. This is best accomplished with a casual air, a light heart and a lack of agenda.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You may have trouble explaining things in a rational way today, but that's only because you're leading with your emotional IQ. You have a talent for picking up on subtleties of mood, vagueness and the logic of the heart.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Technicalities might hang you up, and there's an opportunity in this. Don't wish for fewer problems; get more skills. Getting better at solving one issue will help you with many more.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** People suspect the one who never has a negative word to say. Complaining can be fun. Sharing gripes is one way many people connect. Alas, the guilty pleasure of com-

plaint is also immature. Mature people do something about it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You're not genuinely interested in all subjects, but you still enjoy carrying on conversations about whatever comes up, because you're genuinely interested in all people.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your changing priorities and resources will have you looking at certain goals differently. Some goals are not meant to be achieved. Let your goals evolve with your life circumstances.

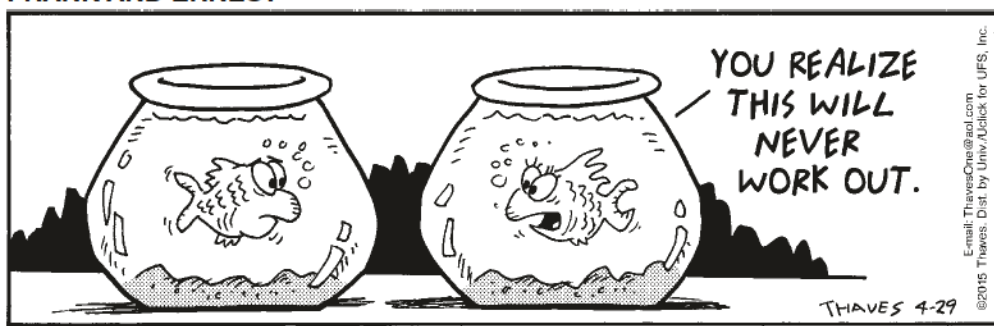
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Once upon a time, you made an agreement you didn't properly understand. If you had known, you wouldn't have agreed, and yet today things are working out just fine. Next time around, though, seek total comprehension.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Seize the opportunity to get in front of people to talk about what you're selling. Whether it's a product, an idea or a relationship, you will be extraordinarily persuasive in your own laid-back way.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** People who show up to help you will need your leadership. Don't assume that the others know what they are doing. You can be an attentive guide without micromanaging.

**THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 30).** Your high standards and determination are why this turns out to be one of your most productive years to date. In your work, you'll be uncompromising, but in your personal relationships, you'll be flexible and sensitive, ready to make the other person happy. Adventures in August lead to commitments. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 15, 26, 12 and 32.

## FRANK AND ERNEST



## THATABABY



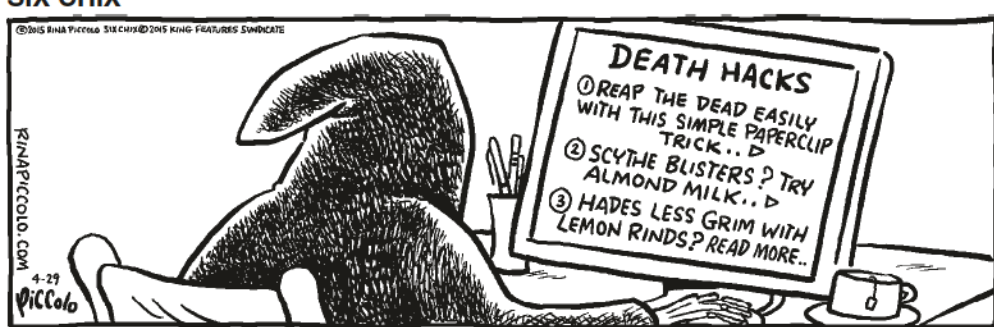
## STONE SOUP



## LOLA



## SIX CHIX



## MUTTS



## BABY BLUES



## ZITS



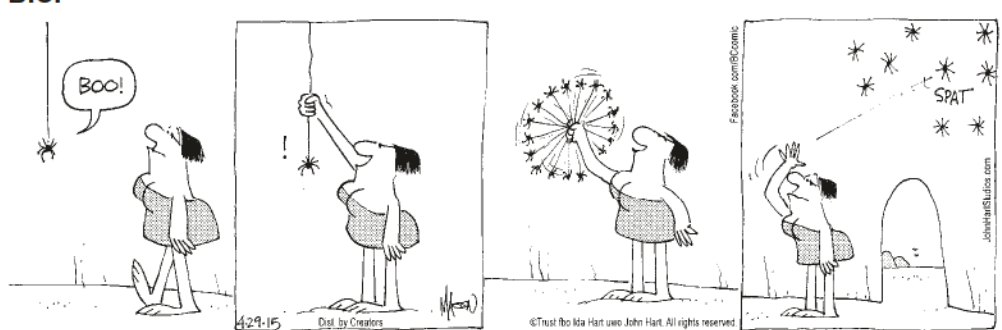
## BLONDIE



## SALLY FORTH



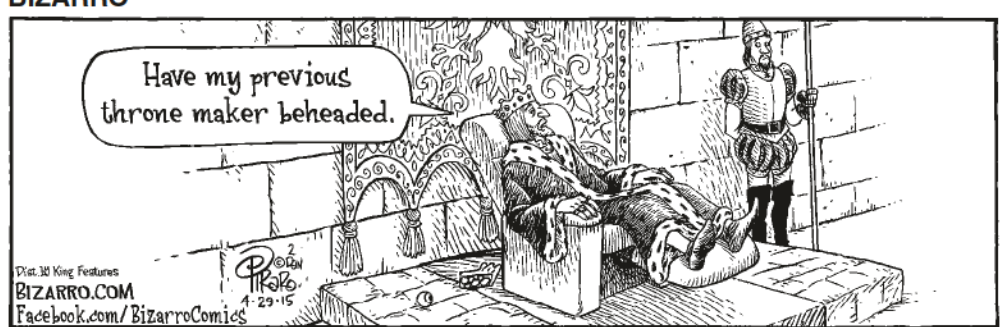
## B.C.



## DILBERT



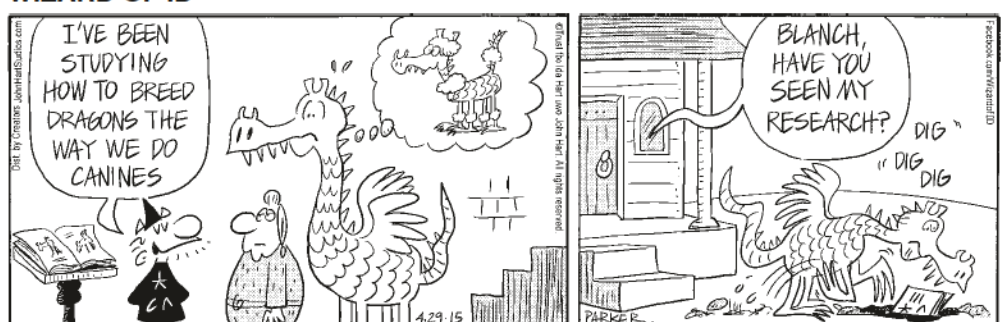
## BIZARRO



## NON SEQUITUR



## WIZARD OF ID



## ROSE IS ROSE

