

Don't feel rushed to marry

Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: I recently broke up with my boyfriend of two years. I had been having doubts for a few months and one night he took me out for a surprise picnic. On the way to the picnic, I thought he was going to propose and the only thought I had was: “How do I tell him no?”

We had a great relationship, but I’m not sure he’s the one I want to spend the rest of my life with. I miss him and feel lonely, but I recognize those feelings don’t mean I’m totally in love with him. My friends say he took the break-up really hard and has been doing poorly since. I feel horrible about it, but I want to be sure I marry “the one.”

We have talked since then and he wants to get back together, but I’m not convinced. I’m only 21 and want to experience things myself. He says we can do them together. Did I make the right choice? Should I go back to him? — *Confused in Nebraska*

Dear Nebraska: We can’t tell you if he’s “the one.” Most relationships aren’t that black-and-white. However, we can see that you aren’t ready to get married. You understand that you are young, that you want to experi-

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ence things on your own, and that you’d like to play the field a bit more. All of these reasons are quite sensible and we commend you for recognizing that you need more time.

No one should feel rushed to marry. It is possible you will discover down the road that your ex-boyfriend is really the guy for you, and (if he is still available) you can commit to him with more confidence. And if he’s not the right guy, you will be happy to have let him go.

Dear Annie: My husband retired 10 months ago after 45 years of hard work and a great deal of traveling away from home.

Since his retirement, my in-laws have been hounding him to do their home maintenance projects for free. Visiting them is a four-hour drive, and he’d have to

find a place to stay because his parents don’t have any extra room. He also has to buy his own meals.

He really doesn’t want to do this. The last project he did for them took twice as long as it was supposed to because they kept interrupting him to talk about their dogs and grandchildren. My husband has his own projects that he wants to complete.

So now his parents are mad and keep leaving messages about what they want done. Please help. — *Need an Island*

Dear Need: First of all, this is your husband’s problem to fix, not yours. Don’t try to run interference for him or reinforce the idea that his parents are taking advantage. It seems to us that they want his company, as well as his expertise. How often does he visit otherwise? This could be their way of ensuring his presence.

If he chooses to continue helping, please be supportive. And should he decide not to do so, he needs to be the one to tell them. Your best bet is to stay neutral. But you might suggest he look into hiring someone to work on these projects, and it might even be worth his while to help finance them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If socializing is a dance, you’re a beautiful dancer. You tune in to the rhythms of those around you and sidestep when appropriate, but best of all, you know when to push and when to pull back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When there are no fish in one spot, the expert angler doesn’t wait around there all day. Move to where the fish are biting, if not jumping out of the water to announce the abundance of life!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Normal behavior patterns bore you. That’s why you make the extra effort to change things up. Also, anyone who tries to tell you what to do will quickly learn his or her mistake.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sit back and let this day unfold like the entertaining ride that it is. As with all rides, you’ll wind up back where you started, but you’ll have a new experience under your belt.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You’ll be socially validated, and it might surprise you how good it feels -- better than you expected. You might even change your plans in order to get more of this good feeling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It’s tricky to maneuver within a group, but if you are easygoing as you try to make it work, there’s some good bonding to be had. Don’t waste time trying to change what has already been decided.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friendly faces populate the activities of your day. Act on your romantic ideas. You’ll likely delight the object of your affection with your offbeat charm. This evening plays out like a dream.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Chances are you’re not going to conform to what certain people expect. So take the pressure off of yourself. Then you can concentrate on what you’re really interested in doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even on days like today, when you’re not expected to do much more than visit with loved ones, your energy and time are still sacred currencies. Use them mindfully.

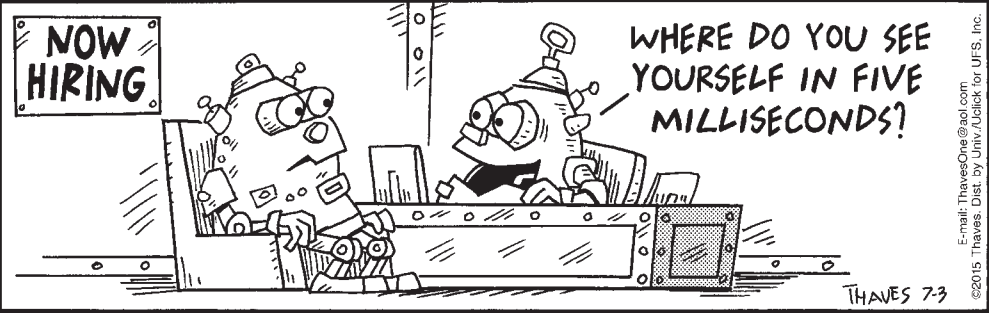
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There’s a fun day ahead, and there are specific things you want out of it. Order your list. You can have the top things as long as you know what they are and allot time for their pursuit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because of your high-energy spirit, when things take too long, it feels uncomfortable to you. However, there’s someone you’re willing to wait for. Your love and patience go hand in hand.

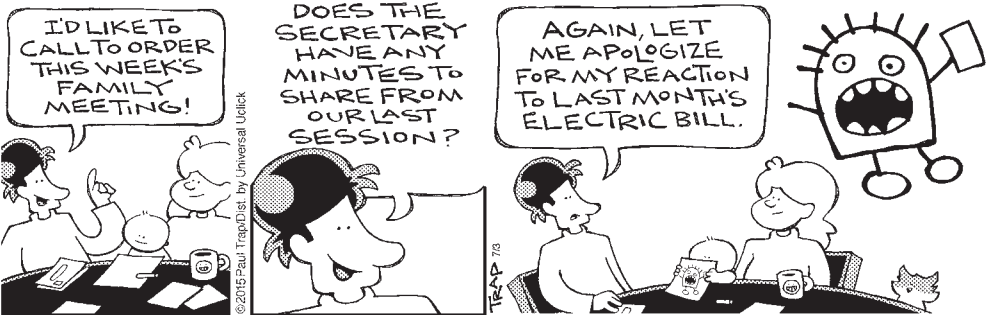
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can’t really work through a feeling until you’ve correctly identified it and agreed on some level to go ahead and feel it. The good news is, this process can be quick, and then you’re on the other side of it.

SATURDAY’S BIRTHDAY (July 4). Your powers of observation are heightened, and this helps you to enjoy yourself better and take advantage of opportunities. Your commitment to someone makes a life-changing difference. August brings home improvements. You’ll be selling a high-ticket item in November. Your talents will be recognized and rewarded in 2016. Scorpio and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 33, 25, 40 and 6.

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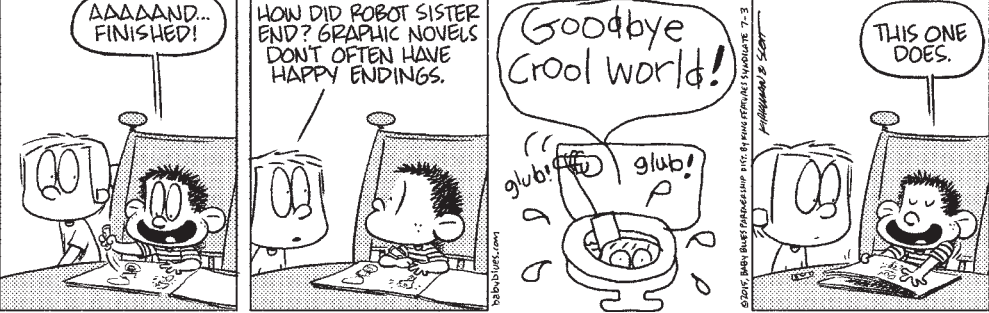
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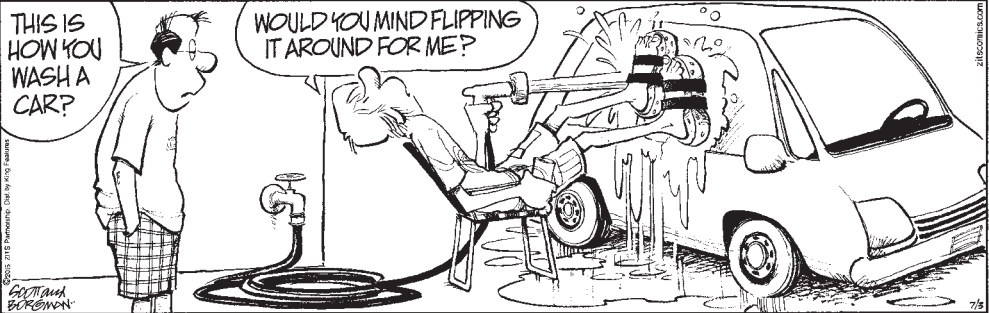
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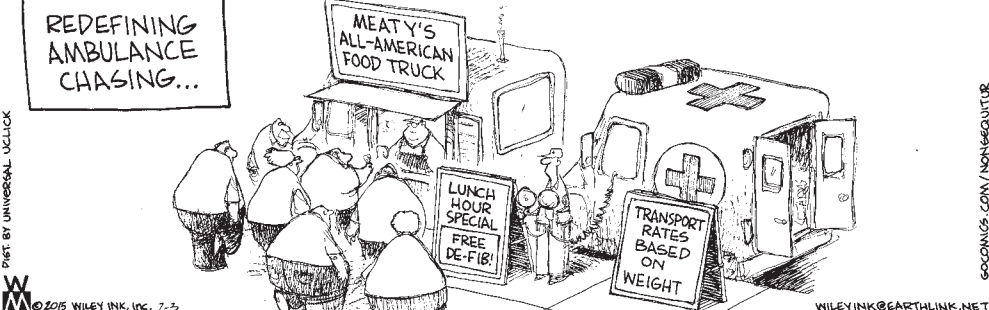
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