

Who's paying for wedding?

Dear Annie: We belong to a private club. The club policy allows a member to sponsor a nonmember so that the nonmember can have an event at the club. However, in the event payment is not received from the nonmember for any reason, the member must pay the bill in full. Last year, our longtime friends "Bob" and "Deborah" asked us to sponsor a baby shower for their daughter at our club. Bob and Deb stated that they would pay for the event in full. We agreed. At the end of the event, they paid as promised.

DEAR ANNIE



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Bob and Deb have since moved to Florida. But this year, they asked us to host the wedding reception for their daughter at our club. Bob initially said it would be handled just like the baby shower. We agreed. Later, we learned that Bob and Deborah were not going to pay for the reception — that it was up to their daughter and future son-in-law to figure that out. We have no idea about the income, debt or finances of this young couple and don't know how realistic it is that they'll be able to afford all of this.

to 230 invitees. Because of the change in circumstances as to who would be paying and the size of the event, we asked Bob and Deborah to sign a promissory note to guarantee they would pay for this event if the couple were not to pay. To our surprise, Bob and Deb refused to sign any guarantee agreement, saying that they are on a fixed income and that we should trust the newlyweds to pay.

We then contacted the daughter and asked that the couple either obtain a letter of credit from their bank or prepay for the reception. She and her fiancé declined to do either. Bob and Deborah now say that we are insulting and rude for not trusting their daughter and her fiancé to pay and that we "are putting money over friendship." Are we being insulting and rude to our friends and their daughter? — *Looking for an Answer in Illinois*

Dear Looking: Your friends are declining to sign a promissory note. With an expense as large as a 230-person wedding, that would cause anyone's eyebrows to rise. I find it highly suspect that Bob and Deborah rebuffed your request

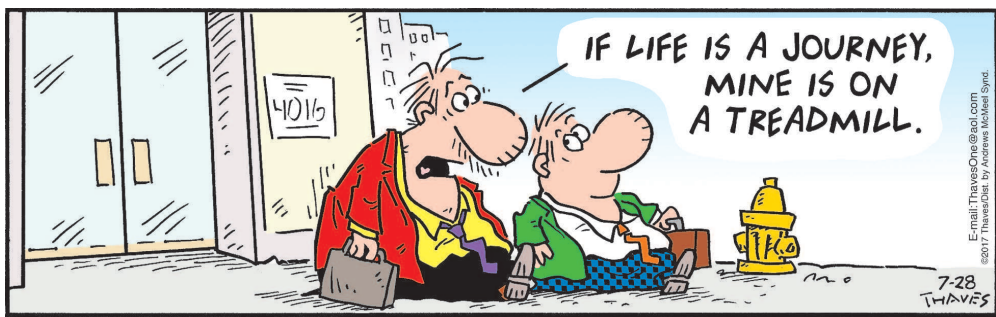
with the excuse that they're on a fixed income — as if you and your wife are Mr. and Mrs. Moneybags and shouldn't worry so much about being stuck with the bill.

To be fair to the young couple, talk to them directly about your concerns. Perhaps the young man's family would be willing to sign the promissory note. If not, no problem; there are thousands of other venues they can choose from for their wedding reception.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Tossing and Turning," who was concerned about downsizing her possessions as she gets older, and I want to share an invaluable resource for every senior. No matter where the senior lives in the USA, he or she has a local Area Agency on Aging. Visit the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging website (<https://www.n4a.org>) and enter your ZIP code. The information and assistance team at the AAA will have answers to many questions and will guide seniors and caregivers through the programs and resources available in the community. — *Sherri*

Dear Sherri: I've just visited the website, and it seems to be a fantastic resource. Thanks for providing this information.

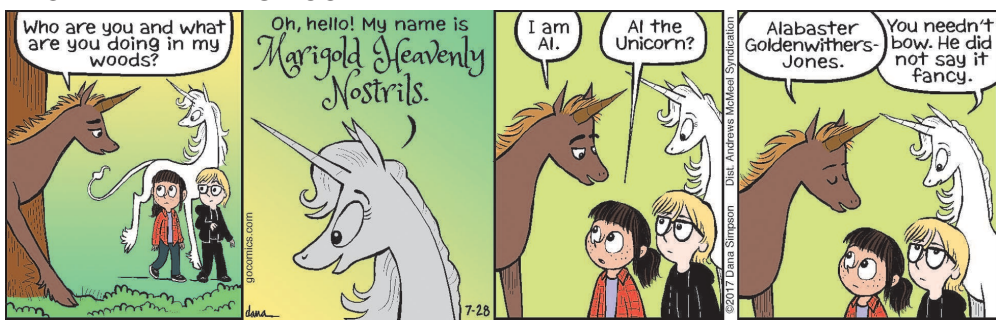
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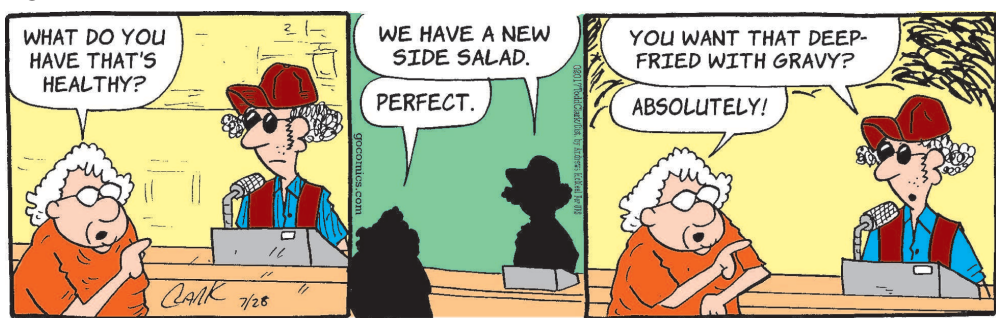
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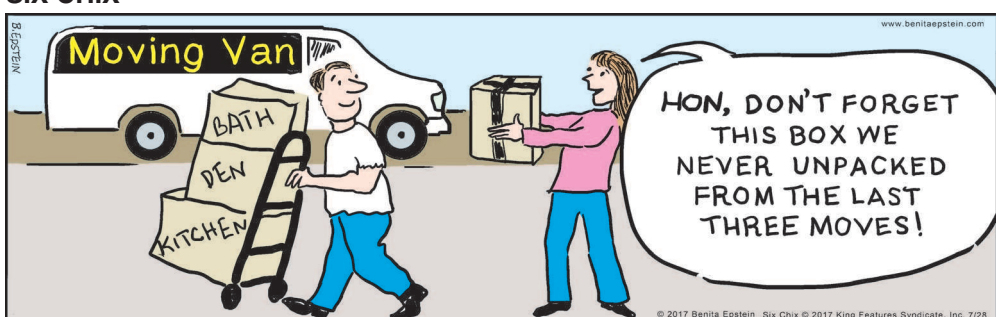
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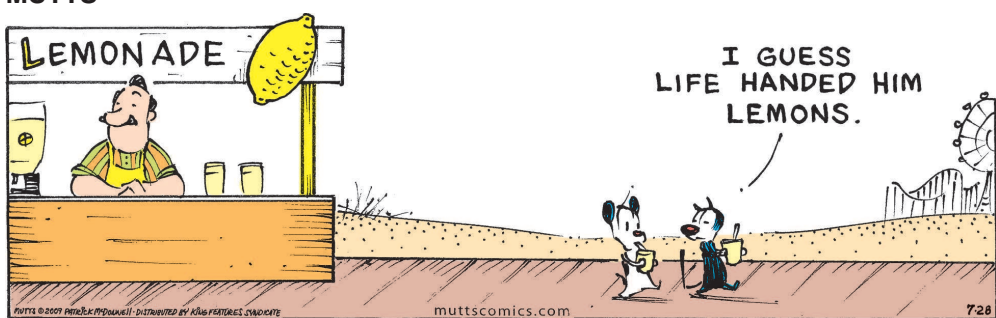
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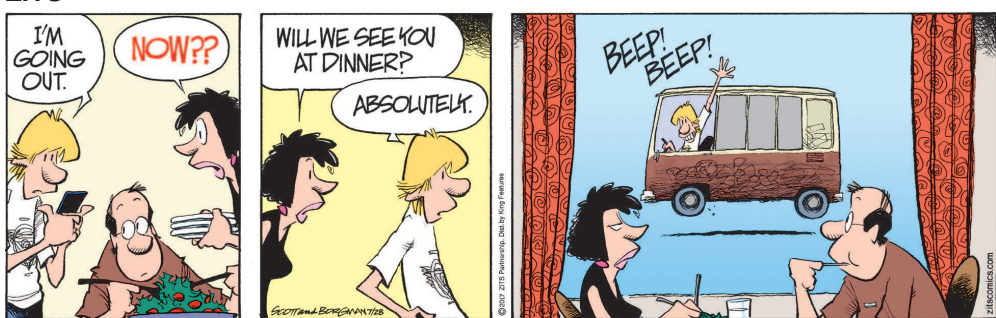
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you're willing to subject yourself to it for a few hours (most aren't), boredom has something to teach you. It can be a kind of meditation in that you do not seek a sense of space and nothingness; rather, it seeks you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One impulsive person will have unpredictable results; two people acting on impulse will be a disaster. You'll be the grounded force, the voice of reason and the hand of authority if necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got a laundry list of desires for the day, but what really matter are safety, health and love. Make those your priority and you can't lose. Ignore those priorities and you can't win.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The big picture will be hard to see. The best vantage is still around a few bends and up a hill. No matter. The thing to do now is make the next move, and the next move after that. It will be enough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't usually need a lot of outside motivation, but today it will make all the difference. A good coach or cheerleader will energize you to reach the goal. It's even worth paying for if necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be asked crazy questions and presented with people's problems as if you were some kind of magic fairy whose job it is to make everyone happy. That's leadership for you!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just as being upset leads to an overabundance of negative thoughts, bliss brings on more positive thoughts than are warranted. Both states of mind are untrue, but in the latter case, who cares?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Before you discount your offering as not enough, consider that you might be giving it to the wrong person. For someone who knows how to use and value your contribution, it will be more than they dreamed of having.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You look forward to the worry-free moments you'll have to yourself once you've handled a big job. Ask for help. Speed up the process. You owe it to yourself to finish this one quick.

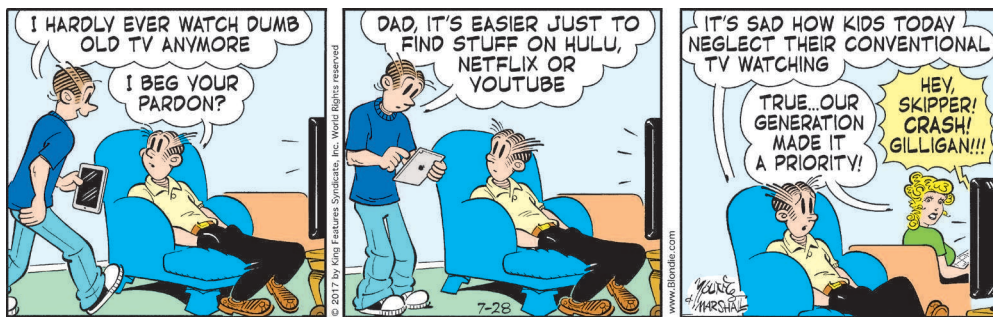
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Pause to sort out what another person needs and wants. Make no assumptions! Listen more than you talk. This will be easy to mess up. Getting it right will be easy, too (and profitable), but require better listening skills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As an air sign, it's no fun for you to be grounded when you'd rather be flying. But being grounded is essential to some things. There are many kinds of growth that are only possible through a process of laying down roots.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've done quite a lot, and yet, one of the most remarkable things about you is that you don't let your experience level make you jaded. Today you'll follow an interest all around the Internet, library or city.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 29). The jewel of your year is an energizing relationship that allows you the freedom to explore who you are. You're an excellent manager of life and work, adept at compartmentalizing and keeping an empowering perspective. You'll be awarded and promoted for the zest you bring to work. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 12, 50 and 38.

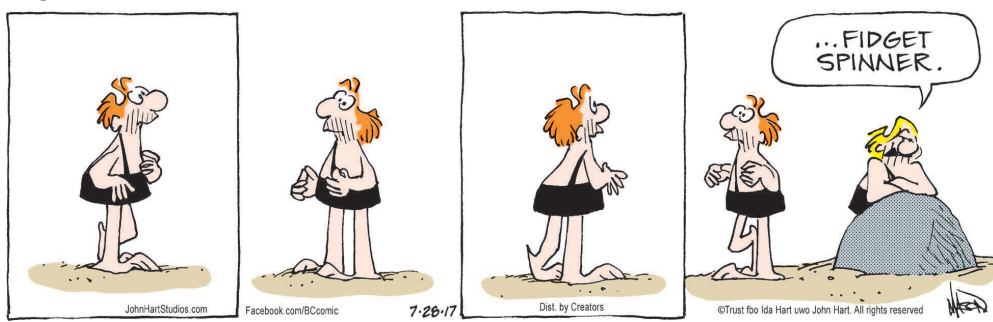
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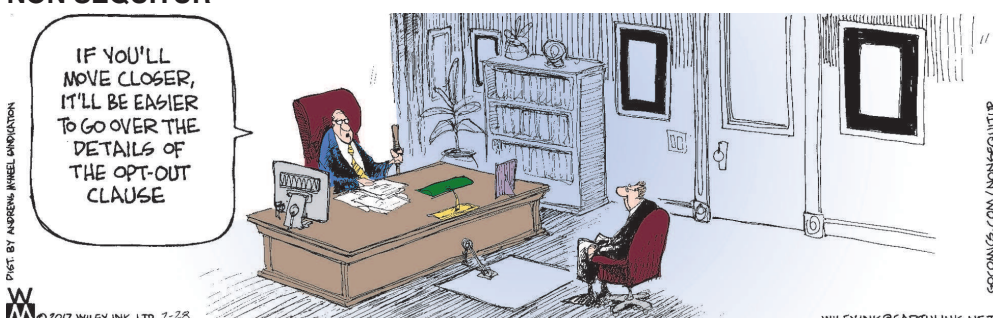
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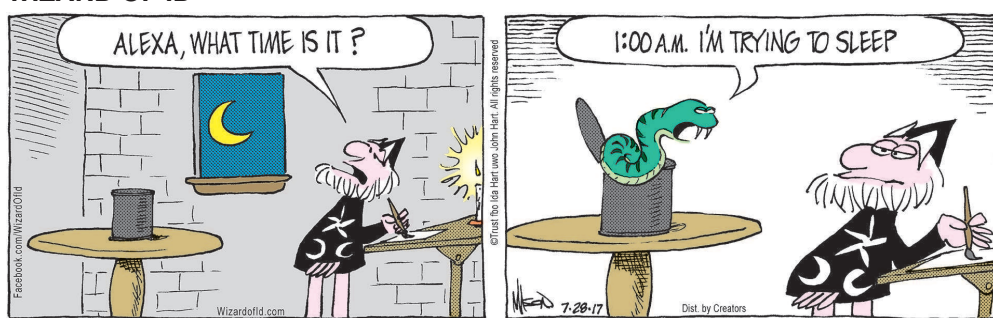
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