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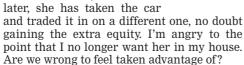
Methuselah goes to the county fair.

## Kind parents feel victimized by couple

22-year-old son who has moved back home due to his relocating. His girlfriend of six months has done some suspicious and devi-

ous things. We have tried to overlook them, but the latest involves a car our son asked us to sell her because she was in a bind because of some stupid financial decisions she had made.

We felt sorry for her, so we sold her the car for LESS than half of what we could have JEANNE gotten on a trade-in since PHILLIPS we were going to purchase a newer car. Now, one month later, she has taken the car



**DEAR ABBY** 

I would add that we have always tried to help our only son as much as we can. The result has been that we have been taken advantage of or not treated the way we think a son should treat parents who are not exact-

Dear Abby: My husband and I have a ly well off. Please don't reject this letter as your advice is really needed. — Steamed in having paid off your mortgage. However, The South

> Dear Steamed: It appears your only son and his girlfriend may be birds of a feather. Both have taken advantage of your kindness and generosity in one way or another, and you have every right to be upset about it.

> While you can't do anything about the past, that doesn't mean you can't open your eyes and watch out for yourselves in the future.

> If your son is planning to move the girlfriend in with you, put a stop to it now. If you don't, I predict you'll be taken advantage of as long as they're under your roof and until they move out — which may not be for the foreseeable future.

**Dear Abby:** I have a question about something you don't hear much about anymore. Do people still have mortgage-burning parties? If I had a party, do you think guests would feel like I was bragging because I have paid Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or off my home and they haven't? Any advice P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. would be great! — Just Happy in Maryland

Dear Just Happy: Congratulations for unless your guest list is short and includes only people you are very close to, I'm not sure it would be appropriate to throw the kind of party you describe for exactly the reason you mentioned.

Dear Abby: My family doesn't seem to approve of my taste in who I date. I prefer to go with older guys, but I'm 14.

My parents actually reported my last boyfriend to the police when they found out his

real age. I am now with another guy in high school who respects me, but my parents don't approve of him either. What should I do? Confused in Missouri

Dear Confused: Start concentrating on school, sports and group activities. In other words, wait to date until your parents agree you are old enough and you can find someone of whom they approve.

## **TUNDRA** by Chad Carpenter



**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE** by Stephan Pastis







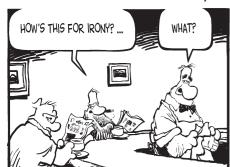
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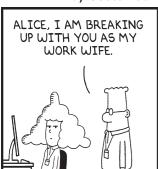


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**DILBERT** by Scott Adams



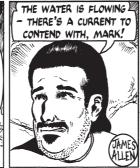




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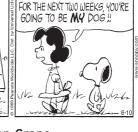






**PEANUTS** by Charles Schulz









PICKLES by Brian Crane









FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston









BABY BLUES by Jerry Scott & Rick Kirkman







**ZITS** by Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman







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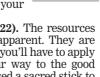


**Daily Horoscope** 

starting to show the benefits of your health and fitness efforts, and this will inspire you to do even better. Sure, this is work, but your happy spirit makes any attention you put on feeling better a joy. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your friends

will want to hang out at your place. This is where the acceptance and sense of belonging is, after all. They can feel it best in your kitchen, and you'll dream up something delicious to add to that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're all about proliferating ideas and giving sparkling communication. It's an attractive style. Even **HOLIDAY** quiet and reserved people will find MATHIS themselves drawn out by your charms



CANCER (June 22-July 22). The resources are there, but they are not apparent. They are like underwater springs, and you'll have to apply your intuition to divine your way to the good stuff, like the ancients who used a sacred stick to find water underground.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The orphans and strays will be attracted to your innate generosity, and perhaps you'll care for them by entertaining them and impressing them, taking risks that

leave them gasping in awe. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Location matters — specifically, the flow of energy through a location. Set it up so that you can move eas-

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your body is ily through the tasks that keep your life rolling along. Bad organization brings with it some unnecessary stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When loss, change or stress takes someone you love out of his or her normal coping pattern, you're there to give reassurance. The stability of your love can be counted on when other things can't be. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Effectively walk

through the good and bad of the day and you'll grow. When things seem to be turning in a negative direction, you can avoid getting caught in the downward spiral by keeping your hands and attention to yourself. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being there

to celebrate the success of a loved one makes you feel connected. You have your own successes, which is why you can so easily relate and do it up in the memorable way everyone enjoys.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A past predicament could have been altered had you made different choices, but most of it was out of your control. Moving forward, you'll continue to put yourself in a better and more powerful position.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're not sure what matters, give the whole issue of your priorities about 15 silent, thoughtful minutes. Nothing is too hard for you to figure out when you allow the mental space and focus for that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll make your choice. A weaker person would make no decisions, thereby believing that he or she has escaped all responsibility. It doesn't work that way. Not deciding is a decision, too.