COMICS

MARMADUKE



"We must be getting closer to our spot. Marmaduke has been this way."

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"If I pay this amount of taxes, I'll qualify for tax exemption as a non-profit organization!"

REALITY CHECK



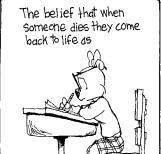


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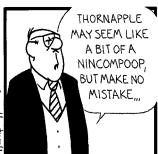






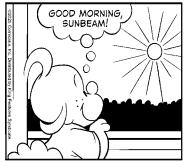
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When You've Always Been There for Family -- and They're No Longer There for You

Dear Annie: I am an 85-year-old widow living alone. I have three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In years past, when I was still driving, I would visit regularly and made it a point to stay involved. I helped pay for camps, lessons, pageants, tutors and even household expenses. I have always tried to be generous with both my time and resources.

But lately, I feel the closeness we once had slipping away. For example, I sent my youngest granddaughter, a college senior, a card and check for her birthday. She replied to a text confirming she received it, but she never thanked me. My daughter, who lives only two and a half hours away, has seen me just once this year, and that was at a funeral. She says her weekends are filled with greatgrandchildren and time with a man she is dating.

I cannot help but feel disappointed and resentful. I was there for



ANNIE LANE Dear Annie

her during a painful divorce, offering both financial and emotional support, and I never imagined I would find myself in this position now. My other two children remain supportive, but I miss the closeness I once had with my daughter and

grandchildren. Do you have any suggestions for how I can cope with these changes and find peace? -- Lonely Mother and Grandmother

Dear Lonely: You have poured so much love and support into your family, and it is painful when that is not acknowledged or returned. It is natural to feel disappointed, but remember that you cannot control your daughter's choices or the path she is on. What you

can control is where you place your time and your energy.

Continue to reach out with kindness, but avoid giving more than you are comfortable with, especially if it leaves you feeling unappreciated. Focus instead on the people who value your presence -- your other children, your greatgrandchildren, your friends and your community. Seek out activities and groups that bring you companionship and joy.

You have already given more than enough. Now is the time to protect your peace and allow yourself to receive the love and support that is offered to you.

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Be cautious about sharing too much information or agreeing to something without verifying the facts. You need a clear conscience to move forward without regret. A domestic change will impact your emotional well-being and require time, patience and personal effort. Trust your instincts, not what others tell you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Think before too much or exaggerating what you can do. Honesty will help you maintain the status quo skills.

yourself from anyone who wants to engage in a debate. Volatile situations can escalate rapidly, leaving you in a precarious position. When someone else goes low, you go high,

for a unique outlet, and it will soothe your soul. Keep your distance from people who overreact, spend, indulge or tempt you with lavish

gain experience and explore your options. Participate in events that offer thought-Be direct, thoughtful and fair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You owe it to yourself and loved ones to chill and catch up. Attitude and gratitude will ground you and encourage realistic choices. Choose peace over discord, and something good will come of it.

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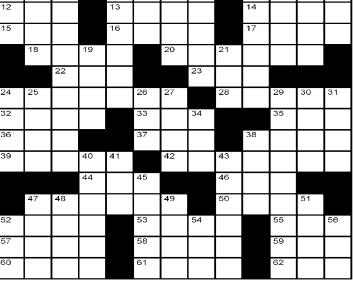
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Direct your

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Change your

perspective. A conversation or chance meeting

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A timeout

down the pipeline. Be cautious about sharing

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Redirect your

attention to domestic issues before someone

close to you complains. Taking care of your

responsibilities early will prevent the need to

make additional compensations later in the day.

and you'll be able to deliver on your promises.

An interesting change to how you earn or use

your money will put you in a better position to

negotiate and build the lifestyle you want to

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Get organized,

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you've been considering. Update your

your thoughts prematurely. A secretive

energy wisely. An emotional outburst at the

wrong time or place will jeopardize your position or reputation. Take care of domestic

letting things get to you. What you accomplish will ease your stress and encourage you to do something nice for yourself. ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Put your energy where it counts. Sign up for a cause you believe in, and the people you meet will ignite your passion for your principles. Be the one to

you agree to participate. Refrain from taking on and buy you time to develop or fine-tune your

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Distance

and you'll win the battle. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) --

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Learn,

provoking insights and exclusive information.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Keep moving. Choose discipline over overreaction or

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