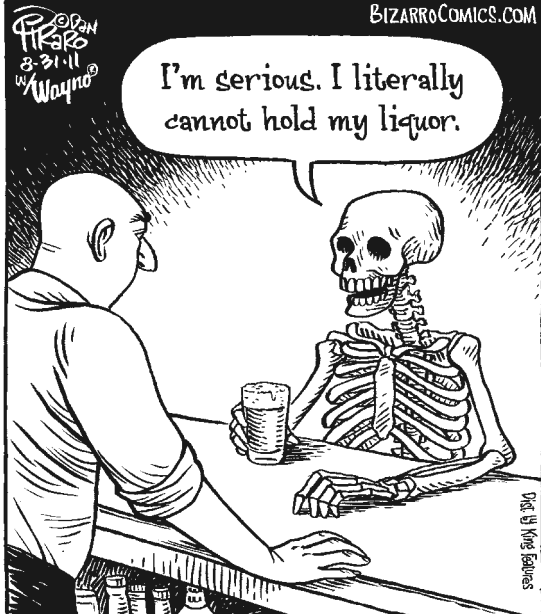


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"How do I know which side my toast is s'posed to be buttered on?"

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I'm serious. I literally cannot hold my liquor.

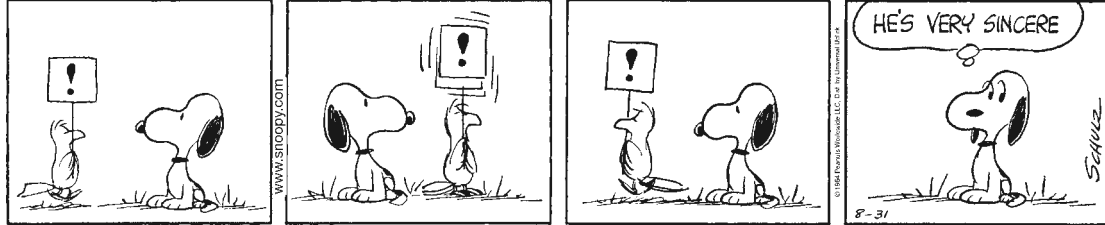
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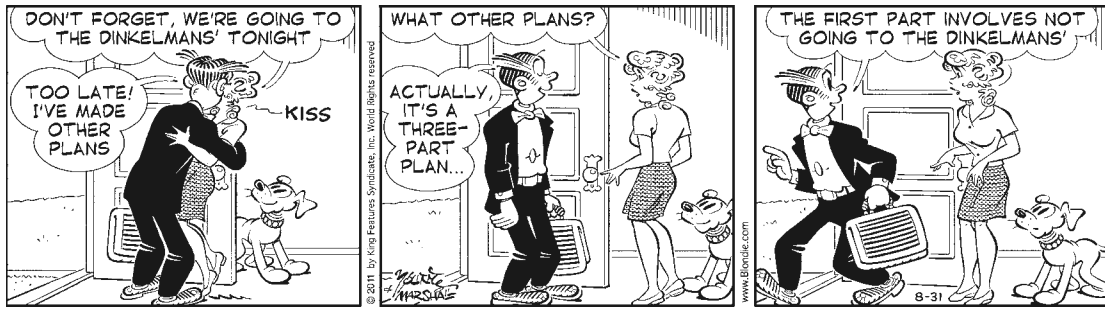
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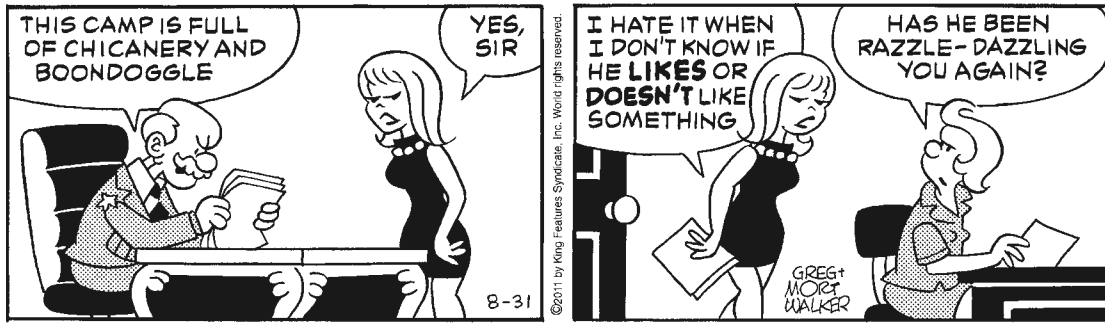
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Swimmer Who 'Loses' Trunks Must Learn To Cool His Jets

DEAR ABBY: After a messy divorce, I moved with my 17-year-old daughter "Allie" to Florida. I'm thrilled that she has adjusted so quickly to the lifestyle here, which revolves around the beach and backyard swimming pools.

covering one. I left my ex-husband because of his drinking. My son has been in rehab and relapsed many times. I have gone through every last financial and emotional option with him.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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At this point, I'm feeling like all hope is gone. I'm writing to you because I am trying to find some thread of life to help me understand why bad things keep happening to me.

While I appreciate your desire to help your son, for your own mental health, please accept that the battle to free himself from addiction is his and his alone. You can't conquer it for him, much as you might hope to.

If you haven't already done so, attend some meetings of support groups for families and friends of people who have addictions. There you will find others who are helping one another through the same issues who are encountering. Such groups are listed in your phone directory and on the Internet.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: A happy Eid al-Fitr, one and all!

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience.

A baby born today, Aug. 31, 2011, has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31, 2011

This year, open up to life's possibilities. You maintain a cautious attitude, especially concerning finances. A boss or parent might push you beyond your limits.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)
Allow a partner to take over. He or she might be overly serious and driven. Curb your temper at work or when dealing with others.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
You are still dealing with a situation in your daily life. It could be health related. Before making any major decisions, check in with a doctor or dentist.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
Reach out to a key person. He or she could be unusually somber. Don't take this person's mood personally.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
Be aware of a tendency to limit yourself or someone you live with. An investment might be slow to come to fruition.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)
Keep conversations moving, despite an awkward moment or two. You can deal with others, but also

look within. You might be a lot angrier than you realize. Verbalize what you think. At the same time, don't push too hard.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Your finances could have you feeling restricted. You want to join a friend, but it will cost you. Keep a conversation involving your home and potential responsibility moving.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)
Follow through with a boss or higher-up. Don't keep the same discussion going over and over in your head.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)
Zero in on what you want, and don't sell yourself short. Meetings could be more important than you think.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)
Follow your instincts. Don't be a back-seat driver, whether at work or in a social setting.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)
You might be thinking about the weekend. Try to stay grounded in the moment, or else you might not accomplish what you feel is necessary.

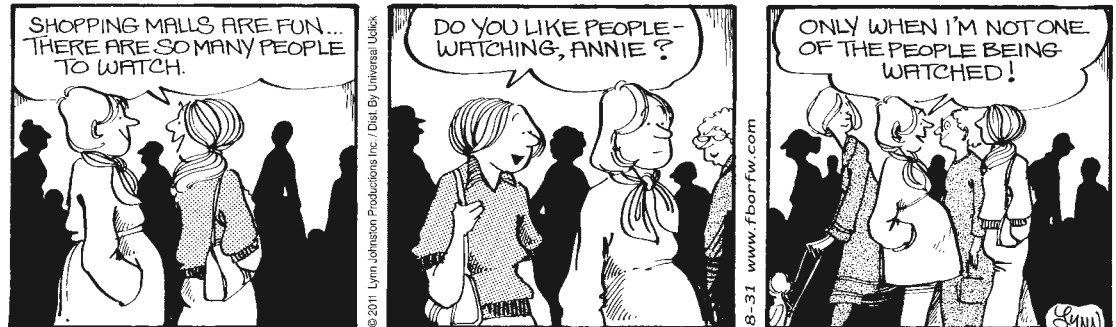
PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)
You could handle a personal matter differently if you work with a key individual. Walk away from a power play where you might feel left out.

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