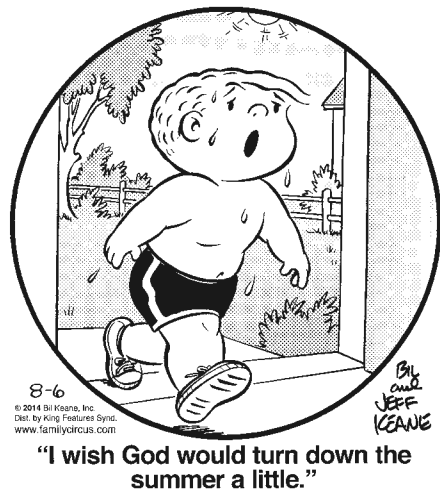
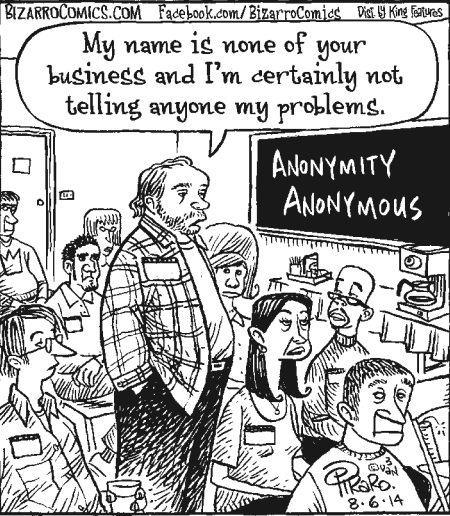


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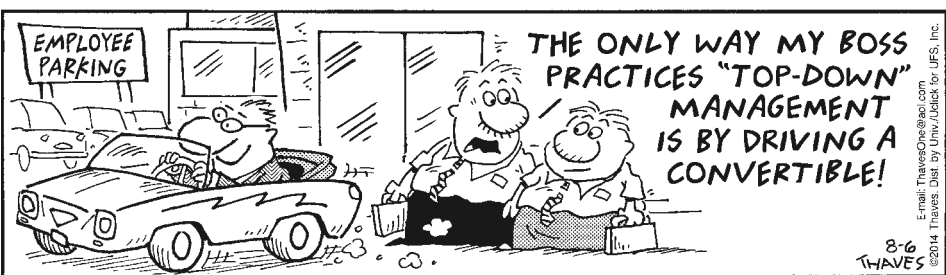
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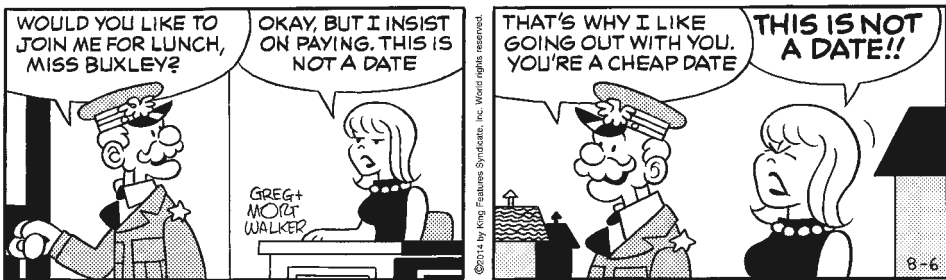
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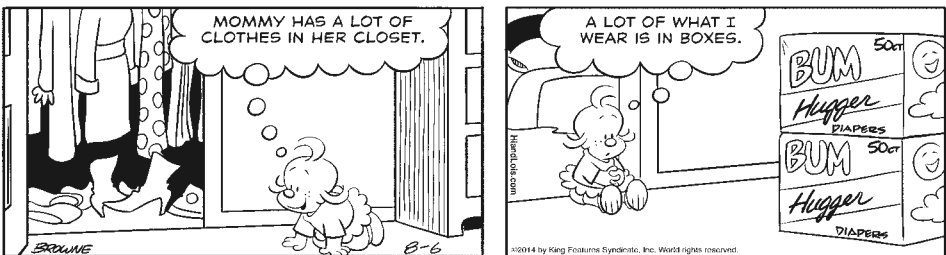
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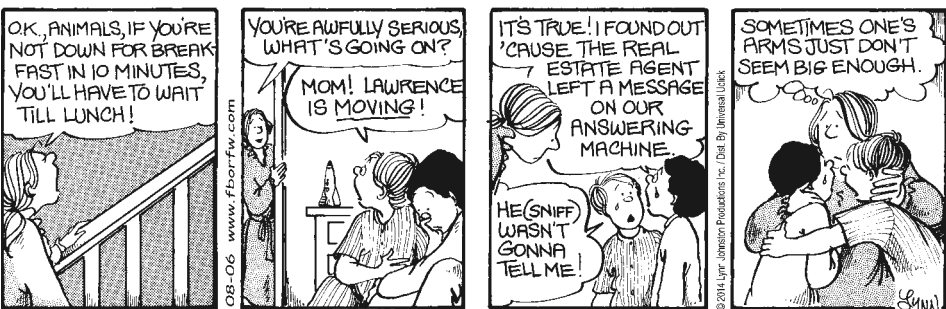
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Expectant Mom With A Past Must Consider Baby's Future

DEAR ABBY: Coming out of an abusive relationship in the past, I made some poor decisions. I moved away from home and into pornography and prostitution. I come from a small town, and it became a big deal when it hit the Internet. Everyone in my generation back home knew what I did.

Years later, I'm back home. I have a wonderful husband and we're expecting our first child — a girl. My husband loves and accepts me in spite of my past, and my mother has become my best friend. I love my life here. Nowhere else feels like home.

But I'm worried that my child's life could be miserable here because of my past. She will go to school with the children of people who know my history. No parent would want their child around me and — by extension — her. She may also learn the unsavory things I did.

I'm torn between moving away for her sake or staying. My parents are aging and have no one else to care for them. They can't follow me, but say I should do what is best for the baby. I hate the idea of deserting my parents when they need me. But I also hate that my child will be ostracized. Can you help? — LOST IN THE SOUTH

DEAR LOST: For your child's sake, I think you should relocate. As I'm sure you have already realized, people can be cruel and they love to talk. When children overhear what is said over the back fence, they can be cruel, too, and I'd rather your daughter wasn't subjected to it. (This is not to imply that wherever you go, you might not encounter someone who recognizes you — but the chances are less.)

You don't have to move right away. Take your time and scout out locations. Arrange-

ments can be made for care if your parents need it. But your daughter's welfare must come first.

DEAR ABBY: When you go to the store for milk and eggs there is a "sell-by" date on the package. How long after that date is it safe to use them? — WONDERING IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR WONDERING: According to Eatbydate.com, when it comes to milk, the length of time it lasts beyond the expiration date on the carton depends on what kind of milk it is. Lactose-free and non-fat milk last another seven to 10 days. Skim and reduced-fat milk, one week. Whole milk should last five to seven days. Of course, for this to happen, the milk must be stored properly, at a temperature at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics states that eggs should be refrigerated at the time you buy them and as soon as possible upon your return home, and can be used up to three weeks after the sell-by date if they have been stored properly.

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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. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6, 2014:

This year you will be very lucky. You have entered the first year of a 12-year luck and life cycle. You might surprise yourself with how many risks you take, but a certain level of caution would be wise. If you are single, you will find many potential and alluring sweeties around you. If you are attached, the two of you will become much closer than you have been in the past, especially if you share more of your newfound adventuresome spirit. SAGITTARIUS often intrigues you, but he or she is always off on a new adventure. How will you ever find time to get to know each other?

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)

★★★★ You instinctively make the right choices. In fact, you are far more fortunate than you realize. You could feel as if you finally see a clear path to a goal and are able to walk through it. You might have to repeat what you are doing once more. Tonight: Follow the music.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ Relate to a partner directly. One-on-one relating could take you down a new path. You might be looking at building greater security. A family member will play an important role in your mood, and you'll gain a new insight as a result. Tonight: Invite someone over.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ Keep a conversation flowing. Don't nix any ideas, because you might not have all the facts. Listen to what is important, and do your best not to exclude any details. You know where you are going and why. Do not allow someone to change your mind. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be weighing the pros and cons of a new expenditure. You might think that you have the right price in mind, but there will be additional costs. A friend is likely to surprise you with his or her actions. Be aware of your limits. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★★ You seem to be able to do no wrong. You express optimism in a way that lifts up others

who could be a bit down. An unexpected insight will emerge because of the intensity of the moment. Know that you might need to refresh a conversation today. Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You know more than you are revealing. You have made a choice to stay quiet and keep your own counsel. If you listen carefully, you will learn even more. Note what is not being said as well. A partner or friend tosses an unusual insight your way. Tonight: Make it early.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ You will say what you think, and others will hear you. However, it seems as if you might have to repeat this conversation one more time. An unexpected opportunity is likely to occur, as a loved one seems more open and willing to respond. Tonight: Hang out at home.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ Stay on top of a situation, and understand your limits. You might not want to deal with a demanding person, boss or older relative. You will get plenty of opportunities to open up this conversation. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★ Your spontaneity comes forward, and it will make you nearly irresistible when dealing with certain key people. Your perspective might change because of a conversation and an ability to detach, which will allow greater give-and-take. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ You don't need to make the first move, by any means — you have choices. Start claiming your power, and realize that you need to create the right situation for you. Allow someone else to make the first move for a while. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★★ You could be surprised by all the activity that surrounds you. Be gracious for a declaration or offer, yet know that it will need to be repeated again. You see how quickly people's moods are changing. Ask for more of what you need. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ Your ability to accept what is acceptable and to work within those constraints can and will make all the difference. You might want to have a discussion with a boss, a respected friend or a parent. The more suggestions, the better your judgment will be. Tonight: In the thick of things.

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