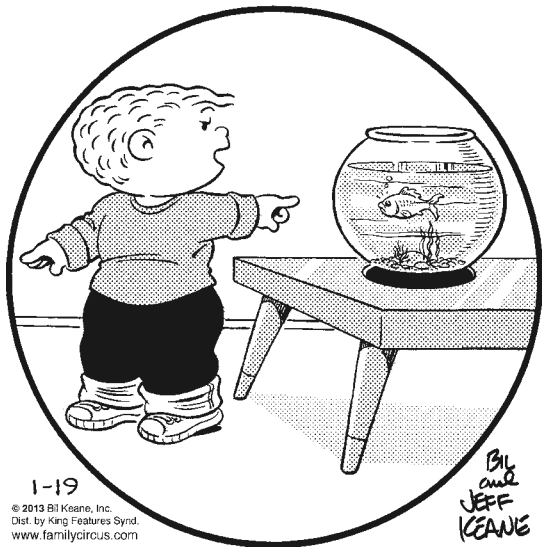


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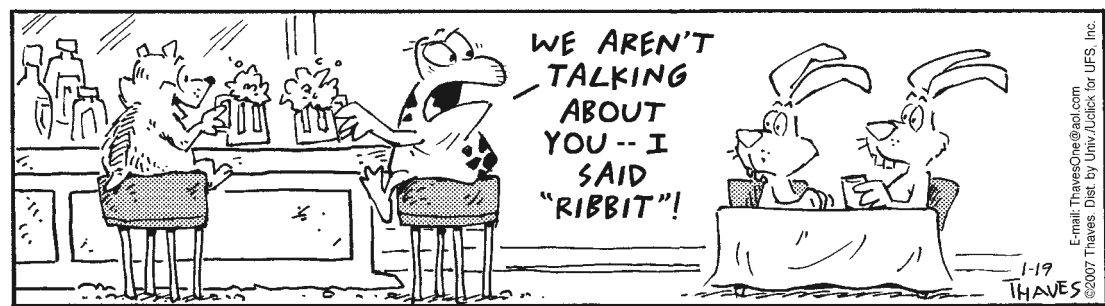


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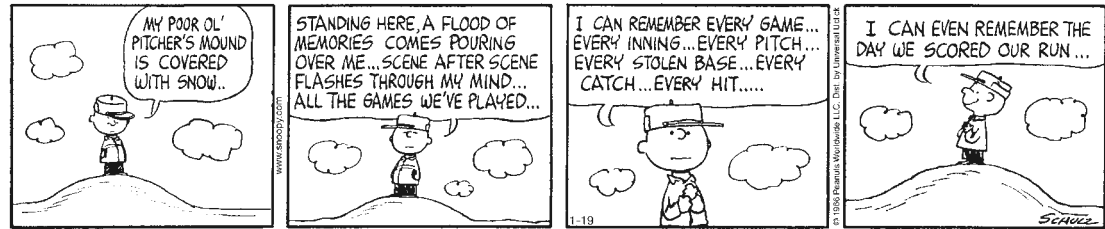
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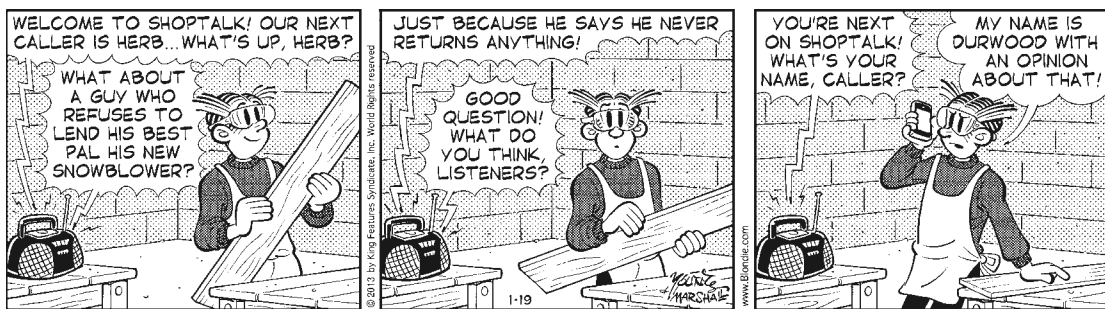
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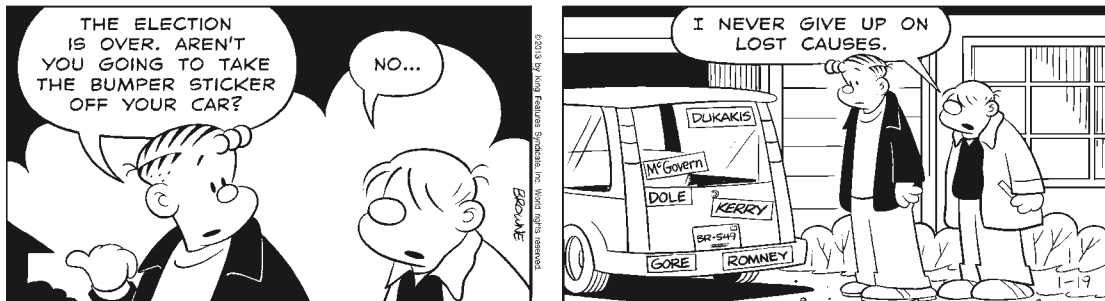
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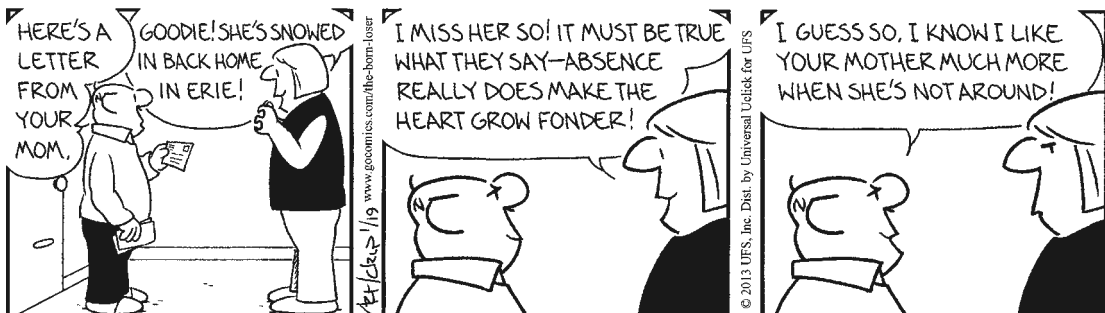
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# Sticky-Handed Wedding Guests Load Up On Keepsake Glasses

DEAR ABBY: My daughter was recently married. My niece — a talented artist — hand-painted flowers on wine glasses for the dinner reception following the ceremony. They were intended to be keepsakes for each of the adult guests.

The glasses turned out beautifully, and made each place setting extra special. I knew they'd be treasured by our family for years to come.

At the end of the evening, I gathered four glasses from our family's table, then glanced at the bridal table of eight — as some guests approached to offer thanks for a fabulous evening. When I turned around, the four glasses were gone. Not only had glasses disappeared from our table, but also from the head table and from my niece's (the artist). Those of us who had worked hardest on the wedding were left with nothing — and that includes the bride and groom.

The following day, someone mentioned to me that they had seen certain guests leave with four to six glasses each. One woman even had her child, who was loaded down with glasses, make several trips to her car.

We've figured out who the culprits were: some out-of-towners who stayed at the home of one of the groom's relatives. I heard that the glassware covered the entire top of their dining room table. My question: Should we ask these people to return the glasses? Thanks for your input, Abby. — MOTHER OF THE BRIDE IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR MOTHER: By all means ask — but there is no guarantee they'll be returned. People who take more than their share usually feel an inflated sense of entitlement. Although their manners were atrocious, please don't let this cause in-law problems before the marriage has even begun. Perhaps out of sympathy, the artist will be generous enough to craft another pair of goblets for the bride and groom.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a one-year relationship with a

wonderful man who is divorced with two children. The kids and I get along great — or at least I thought we did. It turns out they are making up lies about me and telling their mother. My boyfriend and his ex have a strained relationship and fight about everything. I love his children, but I don't know how to handle this. What do you think I am doing wrong? — TELLING THE TRUTH IN DULUTH

DEAR TELLING THE TRUTH: You're not doing anything wrong. Either the kids are trying to cause a breakup with the idea their parents will reunite, or they are telling their mother things they think she wants to hear. There's nothing you can do about it. Your boyfriend will have to clear the air with his former spouse.



**DEAR ABBY**

*Jeanne Phillips*

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DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who was raised in the South by a very proper mother. She told me that a man should never give a woman "intimate" gifts like lingerie.

A friend and I have argued about whether this "rule" applies today. I still believe the practice is unacceptable, even if you are engaged. She thinks it is OK. Please settle this so we can get on with our lives. — CONFUSED IN OREGON

DEAR CONFUSED: Perhaps the two of you should agree to disagree on this one. Your mother is part of the "hands off"

generation, and the logic was that knowing lingerie sizes was "too intimate" for couples who weren't married. In today's world, however, such logic would put companies like La Perla and Victoria's Secret out of business.

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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.

A baby born today has a Sun in Capricorn if born before 1:52 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Sun will be in Aquarius. The Moon remains in Taurus all day long.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 19, 2013:**

This year you often question your direction and energy. You have what it takes; you are just being challenged. Your creativity soars for the most part, except at key moments. Learn to defer to others. If you are single, your desirability summons many potential lovers. You will have choices to make. If you are attached, you do a lot of kissing and making up this year. Respect each other, and don't quarrel over your differences. TAURUS' earthiness appeals to you.

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)**

★★★ Note how different your ideas are from a close friend or family member. Avoid giving this person the cold shoulder or picking a fight. Simply accept this individual as he or she is. Join friends at a movie or for a special get-together. Tonight: Treat a loved one to an event.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)**

★★★★ You might feel more in harmony or sure of yourself in the morning. Make phone calls, and catch up on a friend's news. Do not forget to reach out to someone at a distance. Handle a responsibility that pops up later in the day. Tonight: You are the lead player.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

★★★ Back off from a situation that obviously is transforming. Express your caring to someone you put on a pedestal. Detach, and you will understand this person better. Make plans to go to the movies or a nice dinner. Tonight: Let your imagination call the shots.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

★★★★★ Share a goal or desire with friends; their support will surprise you. They also might shorten the path to your objectives. A child or loved one does not see or understand his or her own negativity or coldness. A discussion might be in order. Tonight: Follow the party.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)**

★★★★ Take a stand. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. Others seem more chal-

lenging than in the past. You are ready for a change, but getting there without others' support could be challenging. Express your caring to a loved one. Tonight: A must appearance.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)**

★★★★ Opt for an escape. For some, this happening could be taking a drive to a flea market. For others, this will involve losing themselves in a movie. You'll enjoy yourself no matter what; however, be ready to return to your daily routine. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)**

★★★★ Deal with someone directly. A subtle comment might not be heard or internalized. You would prefer to be more discreet, but you also want to be effective. Someone lets you know how important you are in his or her life. Tonight: How about dinner for two?

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)**

★★★ Tension builds as the day goes on. You understand where others are coming from and why they are doing what they are doing. Fatigue spells a cat nap today. You might find that when you wake up, you will be less stressed. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)**

★★★★ You are willing to express your ideas, and you are prepared to act on them. Still, someone could be unusually testy, or you could be worried about this person's reaction. Your caring comes out with a child or loved one. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)**

★★★★★ Your creativity peaks early in the day as you are making plans. You could be justifiably cynical about the cost of bringing certain loved ones together. Express your concern before this happens, and you will enjoy yourself more. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)**

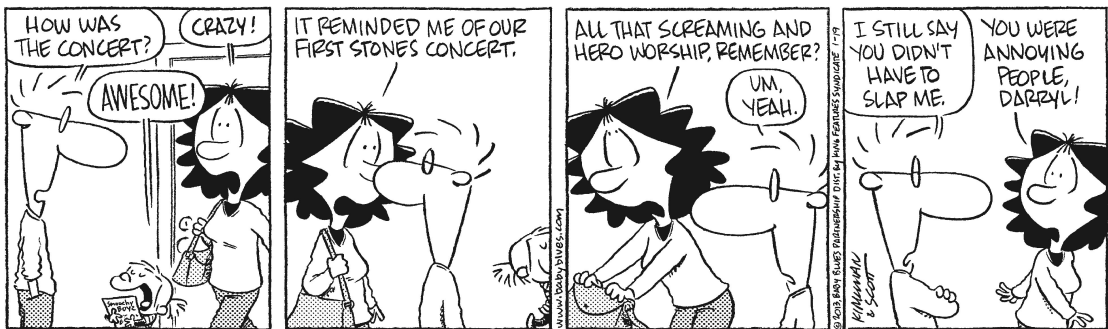
★★★ You might decide to stay close to home, but by the end of the day, you are likely to be throwing the party of all parties. On the other hand, you could opt to be more sedentary, and invite certain friends over for a special meal. Tonight: Trust your judgment.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)**

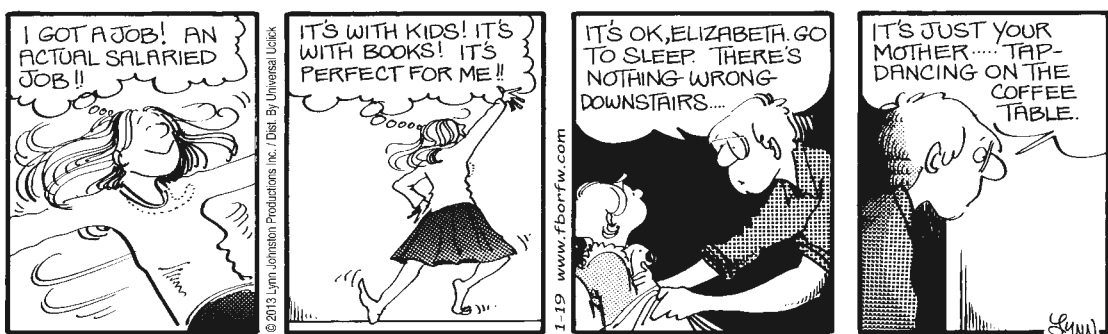
★★★ Use the morning for making calls and visiting those at a distance. In the afternoon, you might become more critical about your company. A problem with a key person could be preoccupying your thoughts. Try not to act on any coldness. Tonight: Not to be found!

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