

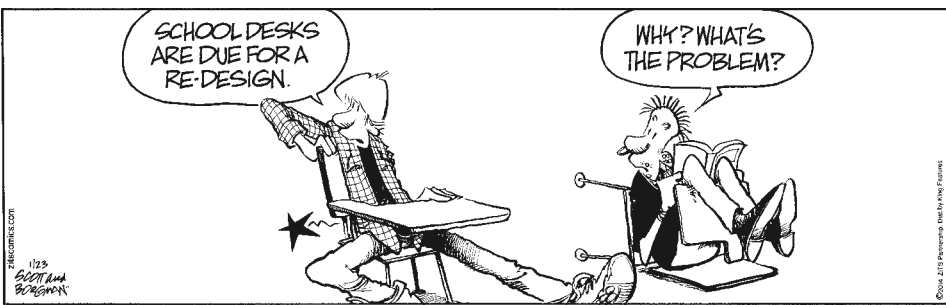
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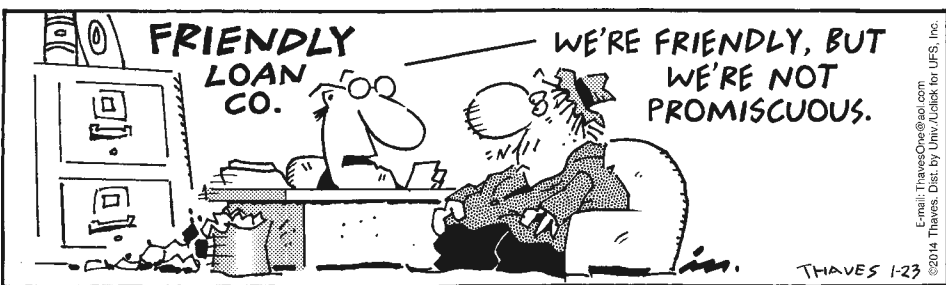
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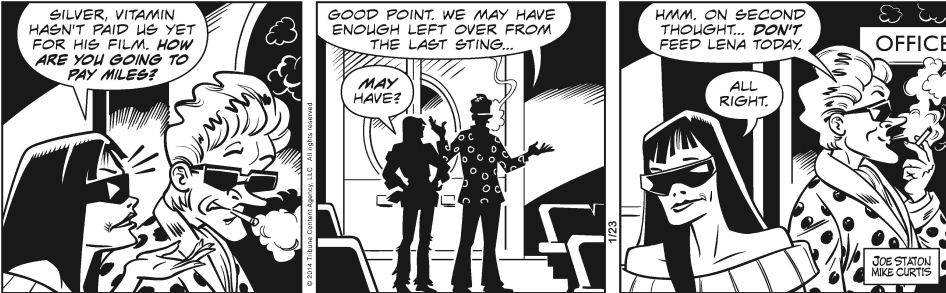
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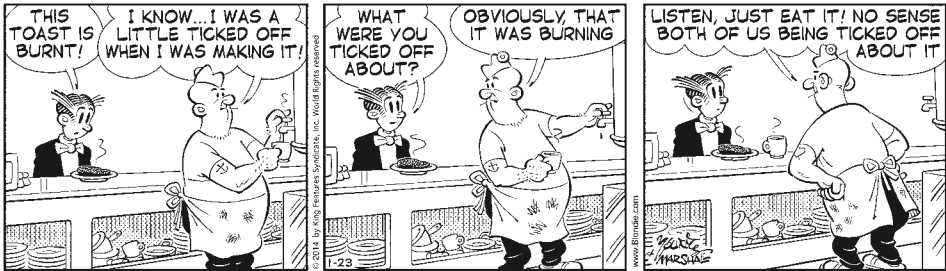
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TO OUR READERS:

Beginning Monday, Jan. 27, the PRESS & DAKOTAN will conduct a two-week test run of the popular comic strip “Take It From the Tinkersons” by Bill Bet-twy. To accommodate the strip, we will be pre-empting “For Better or For Worse” for those two weeks. During the test run, we’d love to hear your feed-back on the “Tinkersons” strip. We’d also like you to tell us what are your three favorite strips and three least-favorite strips currently offered in the P&D. Feel free to add other comments. Send your feedback to Kelly Hertz at kelly.hertz@yankton.net. or mail them to: Press & Dakotan, c/o Comics Survey, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078. The survey will end Saturday, Feb. 8.

Dear Abby

Husband Enlists Hemingway Campaign To Have An Affair

DEAR ABBY: I am 36. My husband is 60. We have been together for 10 years. During the first four years we got along great, but he now says he wants to have affairs.

He texts women and tries to hide it from me. I found out he was texting his first ex-wife. It made me uncomfortable, so I asked him to stop. He didn't. When I realized he hadn't, I told him I would leave if it happens again. This kind of behavior has been going on for more than half our marriage.

I am at the point where I don't want to cuddle or be affectionate with him at all. He commented the other day that he should be allowed to have an affair because I mentioned that I find Hemingway interesting. (He was known for affairs.)

I'm at a loss. I care for my husband and don't want to hurt him. But I'm also scared that I can't afford to be on my own. A little advice? — UNSURE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR UNSURE: Hemingway was also known for his drinking and big-game hunting. Is your husband considering doing those things, too?

If ever I heard of a couple who could benefit from marriage counseling, it's you two. As it stands, your marriage is broken. Counseling may help. If it doesn't and you don't have a job, find one and figure out a way to cut your expenses so you CAN afford to be on your own, because it looks like you will be.

DEAR ABBY: I am an esthetician who works as a waxing specialist. A customer of mine came in a short while ago and admitted to driving in my salon while drunk. She mentioned she had almost crashed her car getting here, and I could smell the liquor on her breath.

She is one of my regular customers, but I am very against drunk driving. How would I professionally handle this? I wanted to report it, but I didn't know what car she was driving or where she was headed. How should this be handled in the future? — CONFLICTED IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR CONFLICTED: Because you know the woman well, you might say, “You nearly crashed your car getting here. I care about you too much to let you drive home like this. I'm calling you a taxi. Pick up your car tomorrow.”

When she's sober again and comes in for her next appointment, tell her how worried you were about her. There are two ways to lose a customer. One is by offending her. The other is by letting her kill herself behind the wheel because she's so drunk she can't see straight. So let your conscience guide you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a condition that causes constant migraines. A new neighbor heard about my illness and is determined to become my second mother. She continually tries to visit, call and text even though my husband and I have asked her not to.

I dislike hurting people. How can I get her to stop her stalker-ish behavior without making this old lady my enemy? — MY OTHER HEADACHE'S A NEIGHBOR

DEAR OTHER HEADACHE: Stop asking and TELL this well-meaning woman that she's making your condition worse by continuing to call, text and visit. And while you're at it, tell her that when you're ready for company, you will contact her — but only when you're feeling well enough to chat. If she persists after that, don't answer her calls and refuse her visits.

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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 Aquarius and a Moon in Libra if born before 1:43 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 23, 2014:

This year you go from being idealistic to being intensely practical. Others might feel a bit insecure around you, as they don't know who will be in your shoes from one day to the next. Be sensitive to others' needs. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone while out and about. Your relationship might have too public a profile for comfort. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a common commitment that often occupies your time. Make sure that you also schedule time away together to relax. SCORPIO is demanding, and often that quality pushes you away.

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)

★★★ A meeting might take place in the morning. By the afternoon, you will seek out individuals rather than groups. Use your intuition when dealing with a feisty partner. How you see a situation could change because of a conversation. Tonight: Avoid sending mixed messages.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Complete a good amount of work by mid-day. An associate, partner or loved one could demand a lot of attention in the afternoon. You know what you want, but the other party might not be as sure. A discussion could be difficult, as a result. Tonight: Mix friends and fun.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Tap into your imagination in the morning, when an idea is more likely to serve you. Late afternoon presents a different outlook and a far more demanding schedule. A boss might be eyeing your performance. Do not disappoint him or her. Tonight: Clear out as fast as you can.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Your temper could rise to the surface in the morning, yet by the afternoon, you might forget what had upset you. Your imagination fills in the gaps and easily can find a solution. Tap into your instincts regarding a child or loved one. You will know what to do. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Return calls, make time for a meeting and handle as much as you can in the morning. By the af-

ternoon, you will want to become less available. You might have a situation on your mind that you need to sort out. Give yourself some extra time to reflect. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of what someone else expects, because you don't want to disappoint this person. In some form, you could send mixed signals. To keep that from happening, be clear with yourself before you act on a personal matter. Tonight: Meet a friend for munchies.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Get a head start on your day, if possible. If an important matter must be handled, do it the morning. By the afternoon, your concerns might change. A discussion about finances seems inevitable. Be aware of a certain insecurity that seems to control you. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could feel off in the morning and wonder why you are proceeding the way you are. Stop. Think things through, and take your time. You could feel a lot differently about the same situation a little later. A family member tends to drag you down. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Dealings with others are highlighted. You need a better sense of direction and an idea of what you want. If you are straightforward, others are likely to respond in kind. Use the afternoon for doing some quiet work, and perhaps make a call or two. Tonight: Do your vanishing act.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Several associates will seek you out for advice. Right now, you need to take a strong stance. Don't allow anyone to distract you. Understanding will evolve later in the day. A meeting could allow you to share recent events and news. Tonight: Start the week-end early.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

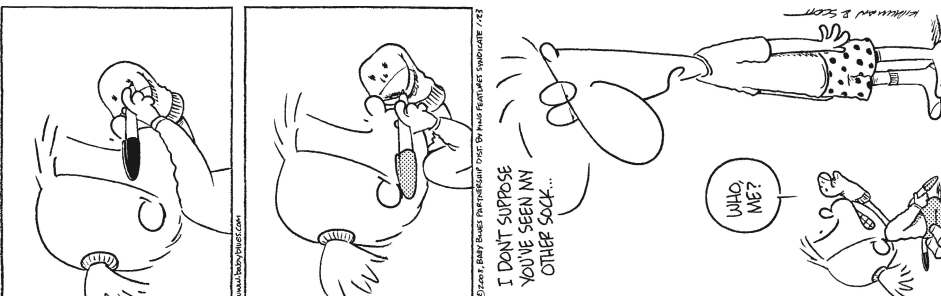
★★★★ You could be making an important decision before you know it. Your take-charge attitude will pay off quickly. Don't hesitate to stay on top of a key situation, as no one else cares about your interests as much as you do. Tonight: Loosen up, and enjoy what is happening with a friend.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ A direct conversation establishes a connection, but not necessarily an agreement. You could be in for a fast change if you are not careful. How you deal with a friend or loved one might change, given a different perspective. Detach. Tonight: Only where there is music.

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