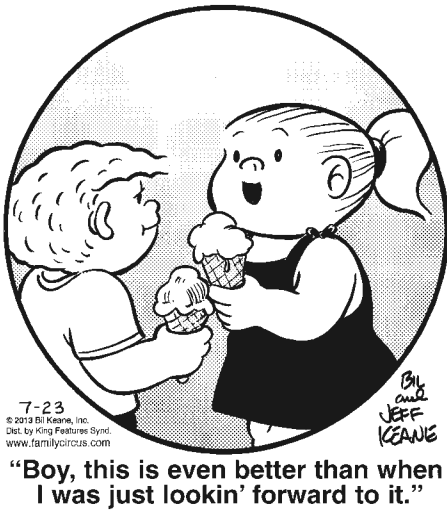
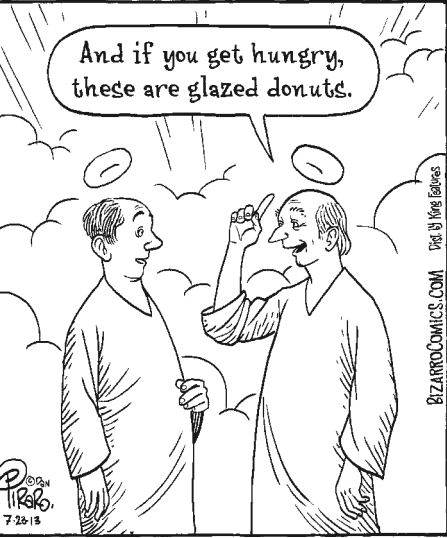


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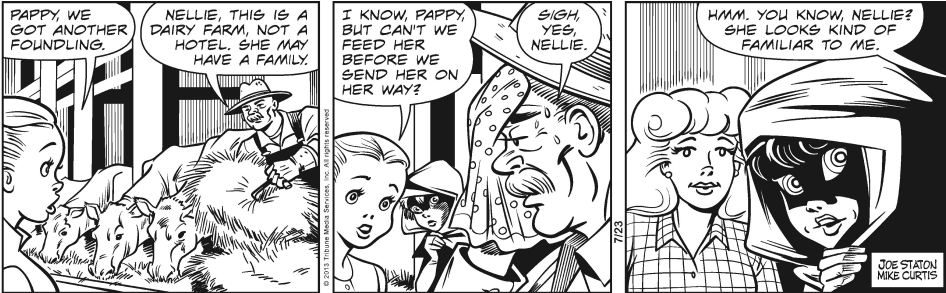
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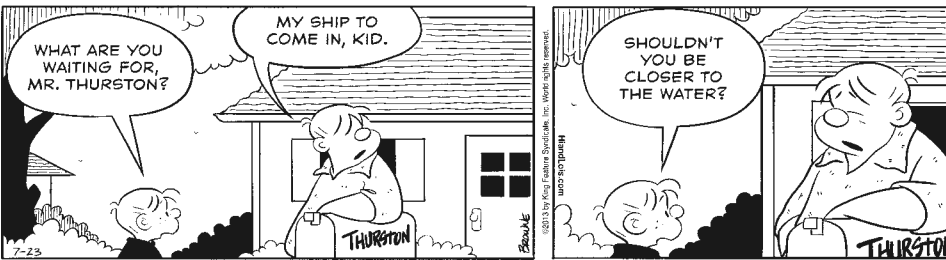
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Wife Of Alcoholic Should Not Be Buying Him Booze

DEAR ABBY: It happened again today! I was buying several bottles of wine and a six-pack of beer along with my other groceries. While I was standing in the checkout line, someone behind me said the predictable, "I wish I was going home with you!"

I'm married to an alcoholic, and it makes me so sad that people think a lot of alcohol is "fun." It's a tragedy for our family to see a great husband, father and grandfather slip into a stupor each day. It wasn't always this way. Sadly, he has changed so much he is hardly recognizable.

I'm asking those out and about to think before you comment, because alcohol is not something to celebrate. — WIFE OF AN ALCOHOLIC DOWN SOUTH

DEAR WIFE: Why are you buying large quantities of liquor for your alcoholic husband? When you do, you enable him to feed his addiction. If I ever heard of someone who should attend Al-Anon meetings, it is you. Al-Anon was started by the wife of an alcoholic who was just like your husband. When you go, you will meet other wives whose husbands' drinking is also out of control.

If you would prefer a secular organization, an alternative program to contact would be SMART Recovery. Its Family and Friends program was created for loved ones who are affected by someone's addiction. If there isn't a meeting in your area, you can attend one online. Go to www.smartrecovery.org and click on Online Meetings and Activities to register. Please don't wait. These organizations can help both you and your husband.

DEAR ABBY: On behalf of my fellow museum docents, I'm asking you to educate your readers about how to behave when they visit our nation's historic buildings. The most important rule is: Do Not Touch Anything!

This includes the walls and woodwork. Even the cleanest hands have skin oils that

can damage a finish. Next, do not lean against the walls or doorways because this, too, may damage original paint, wood finishes or carved details.

If ropes are blocking access to part of the room, do not go beyond them. The dirt on your shoes can damage carpets. If a door is closed or only half open, do not move it.

As a courtesy to your guide and other visitors, cellphones should be turned off. The docent has important information to share with you. If we do not have an immediate answer to a question, we will seek it from another guide or staff member.

Guides and docents enjoy sharing our knowledge with guests. So please visit, but while you're with us, follow our guidelines and help us preserve and protect these glimpses into the past. — DO-CENT IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR DOCENT: Your letter deserves space in my column because people sometimes forget when touring historic buildings that they are not in their own homes, but in fact are in museums. May I add one more tip to your list: It is always a good idea

to ask permission before using a camera with a flashbulb.

Docents are individuals who study their subjects intensively, and then function as unpaid teachers who transmit their knowledge to visitors in institutions such as museums, art galleries and zoos. They perform an important service and should be treated with respect for the time and effort they put forth to prepare themselves for it.

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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 Leo and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013:

This year relationships take priority. People seek you out even more than in the past. The potential for an unusual bond becomes possible. Friendship will be critical to making this interaction work. You will gain tremendous insights if you access the areas of your mind that have been blocked off until now. If you are single, it seems as if there is always a better choice just around the corner. Do not settle. If you are attached, the two of you often debate the pros and cons of an issue. Remember that all fighting is about separation. Count on AQUARIUS for friendship.

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 might feel pulled in two seemingly opposite directions. You will wonder which way would be best to go. If you can't decide, you could do the unexpected and end up surprising yourself. Reactions come from your immediate circle. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★ Make it OK not to be rambunctious. Sometimes it is best to pursue a leisurely pace at home. You might want to think through some recent events. You'll gain unusual insight when you investigate further. You will go forward with a new understanding. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You will want to stop reacting for a while; instead, take an overview of what's happening around you. Your perspective will change as a result. How you handle several different situations could change, and others might see a difference in you. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be wondering when you can make a statement of importance. You'll want to share your thoughts with several different people before the actual presentation. You might opt not to do anything at all after getting some intense feedback. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Others seek your feedback. Someone's statement might cause you to reconsider a personal matter. Unexpected news also heads in

your direction. By blocking a particular way of thinking, you could be preventing yourself from heading in a new direction. Tonight: Follow a suggestion.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ You'll approach a situation in a new way, and you'll be more than ready for a positive change. You might wonder what is going on with a partner. Part of the issue could be that this person continues to be unpredictable. Tonight: Relax, and choose a favorite pastime.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Your attitude could provoke an unexpected reaction. Your playfulness will pull you in a new direction. Honor a change of pace. You have the ability to cruise through problems with ease. Realize that someone is making an effort to get your attention. Tonight: Stay present.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Come from a place of understanding, and recognize that others might not have the same values system as you. Your ability to read between the lines will be beneficial, but it also will be important to confirm exactly what you are seeing. Tonight: Relax at home. Do not push.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

HHHH Returning calls leads to more calls. An unexpected development with a creative venture could provoke a lot of thinking and talking. You easily could see the day fly by in an instant. Think carefully about what you plan to say to a loved one. Tonight: Flex with the moment.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ A family member or a domestic matter once more triggers you. You might feel as if you have your hands full. If you try to focus on other matters, you could find it difficult. Focus on what ails you first. Your productivity will increase, and you'll feel better. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

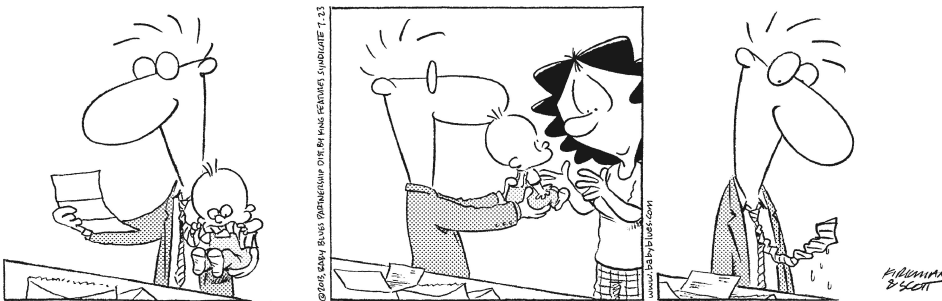
★★★★★ Your ability to flex is high. Your sense of direction could change radically because of forthcoming news, and then again because of others' reactions. You know what needs to be handled. Follow-through counts when dealing with a neighbor or sibling. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★ You might prefer to be left alone in order to work through an issue. A financial instability could affect your sense of direction. Honor news, and make decisions once you are sure that you have all the facts. Remain sensitive to a friend or loved one. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

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