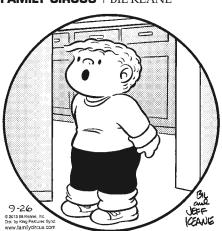
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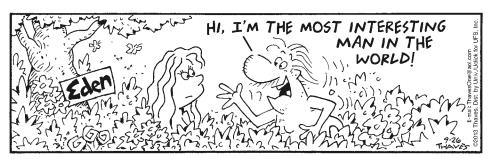
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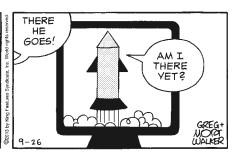






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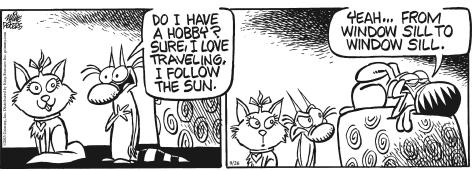




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Mother-To-Be Wants Husband To Join Her On The Wagon

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DEAR ABBY: I'm three months pregnant. Before I got pregnant, my husband and I enjoyed having wine with dinner or a margarita when we were out on the town. We didn't drink to excess, but have enjoyed alcohol in moderation.

Obviously, I can't drink anymore, but my husband carries on like nothing has changed. I'm becoming resentful every time we go out to

I asked him once if he'd quit drinking until our baby arrives. He looked shocked and said, "Why? I'm not pregnant." I guess I feel left out because he's having fun. I want him to suffer with me, and this is really getting on my nerves. Any advice? — RESENTFUL IN TENNESSEE

DEAR RESENTFUL: Yes. If you feel you are missing out on "fun" if you can't drink, you have a potential alcohol problem. Tell your husband that when he drinks in front of you, it makes you crave alcohol, and ask again that he respect your feelings and not do it. A considerate husband and father-to-be should respect that you are doing the heavy lifting (literally) and help all he can.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 28-year-old man who was born disabled. I have not had a date in years. I'd like to date and have a girlfriend, but when women look at me, all they see is my wheelchair.

I'm a good person, well-mannered, respectful, caring and compassionate. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated. — LONELY IN ILLINOIS

DEAR LONELY: I'm glad you wrote because it's important that you not allow yourself to be isolated. Get out and participate in activities you enjoy that include like-minded people. While you may have been born disabled, I'm sure you have abilities and talents that would be welcomed if you choose to volunteer them.

If you haven't already, search the various online dating sites for both disabled and nondisabled individuals or contact a disability

advocacy organization for guidance or to help you get access. Seek advice within the disabled community (in person or online) from individuals who have more experience with dating than you do. They can also help you navigate any physical barriers that might prevent you from dating, if that's an issue.

There's a saying, "Seek and ye shall find," and it applies in your situation. I wish you the best of luck

DEAR ABBY: My husband's much older sister has no problem calling to ask for money, but never calls just to say hello or to see how he's doing. This has been going on for almost 10 years. She'll tell us she or her sons need it for bills or school expenses.

He has talked to her about it, but nothing has changed. We both work hard, while she refuses to ask the children's father for a cent. Should we continue to give her money because it may affect our nephews if we don't? — AUNT IN THE SOUTH

DEAR AUNT: That you have tolerated this for 10 years tells me you and your husband are kindhearted and responsible people, and I respect that. However, fa-

thers have a legal responsibility to support their children, and your sister-in-law should make sure it happens whether that involves hiring an attorney to help or applying for funds from the state to see her boys are taken care of. If you must give her money, give her enough for a consultation with an attorney because "Sissie" appears to have been using you.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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 Libra and a Moon in Gemini if born before 12:39 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, 2013:

This year you will break precedent and open up to an unusual opportunity. At first you could be reticent, but eventually you will decide to go for it. If you are single, in this process, you will meet someone quite different and spectacular. Take your time and get to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy getting involved with a public commitment of some kind. Having outside interests together will bond the relationship further. CANCER can be pushy.

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

c; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ Use the daytime hours to the max. You could be surprised by everything you can accomplish. Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with a neighbor. An idea might trigger your imagination and keep you distracted most of the late afternoon. Tonight: Happily head home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Be aware of your checkbook balance, and catch a change quickly. Your ability to move past the obvious while looking for deeper reasons and more information will help. Remain responsive to others, even if you feel a bit overwhelmed. Tonight: Accept an invitation to go out.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You are full of spunk in the morning. The cost of enabling a situation to move forward could be higher than you'd anticipated. Don't be so cocky about having enough funds dedicated to this project. Tonight: Follow a suggestion from someone who has had more experience than you.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You might be slow to take action, but once you do, it could be difficult to stop you. You still will want to weigh the pros and cons before making a decision. Know what you desire in the long term. If someone does not make the grade, you will know soon. Tonight: A force to behold.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Use the morning to the max. Meetings will be more successful as a result. You have a lot to think about this afternoon, and you might feel

pressured by others to come to a conclusion. Listen to their feedback. Debate an option with a trusted friend. Tonight: Keep evaluating.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Others will continue to pressure you until you decide to become unavailable. Some might say that your attitude is selfish, but that is not the case. You usually give a lot to others, so taking some time for yourself is smart. Tonight: Make plans with a favorite person or two.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You are willing to walk in someone else's shoes. Do it more often in order to prevent a problem from developing. Respect and honor your differences, rather than judging them. Your ability to take the lead in a trying situation will emerge. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ A partner seems much more fun-loving than in the past. Be ready to switch gears, as you might need to make a long-distance call. You know what is going on with this person. Trust your instincts, despite what you might be hearing. Tonight: Opt for a movie or other fun happening.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You are able to digest a lot of information and then quickly share it in a clear manner. However, when people drop a lot of information on you, it takes time to sort it all out. Ask a key friend for help in separating the viable facts from fiction. Tonight: With a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Get as much done in the morning as you can. By afternoon, meetings and people in general will occupy your time. You are correct in thinking that you need to establish what is too much, yet you might find it difficult to say "no" to others. Tonight: Make exciting weekend plans.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Your playfulness will be hard to resist, but you might need to tame it a bit in the afternoon. You have a lot on your plate, and you have the ability to handle it. Start taking care of business. Make time to discuss an important idea. Tonight: Take a walk or go to the gym.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might be slow to start in the morning, but by afternoon, you will be full of ideas, enthusiasm and energy. See what a couple of hours can do? If an idea or thought keeps haunting you, make a point to do something about it. Tonight: Put up your feet and relax.

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