

Poetry Corner by Jane Penn

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"Alcohol and Drugs"

I am more powerful
Than the combined armies of the world.
I have destroyed more men
Than all of the wars of the nation.
I massacre thousands of peoples
In a single year.
I am more deadly than bullets,
And I have wrecked more homes
Than the mightiest of guns.
I steal in the U.S.A. alone
More than 5 billion each year.
I spare no one.
I find my victims among the rich and poor,
The young and old,
The strong and weak.
I lurk in unseen places,
And do most of my work silently.
You are warned against me,
But you try me anyway.
I am everywhere,
In the home,
Or on the streets.
I bring sickness and death,
Yet few seek me out to destroy me.
I crush, I will give you nothing
And rob you of all you have.
I am your worst enemy.
I am alcohol and drugs.

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"To Leave My Family"

To leave my family and come to
This distant place,
Is very painful
In every way.

It keeps me
On the edge
Of heartaches,
Each and every day.

Departing is like most things,
It's best made
With love expressed, and a prayer.

For days I lay here in despair,
Nights I can't sleep.
I have learned many things,
Saw so much pain.

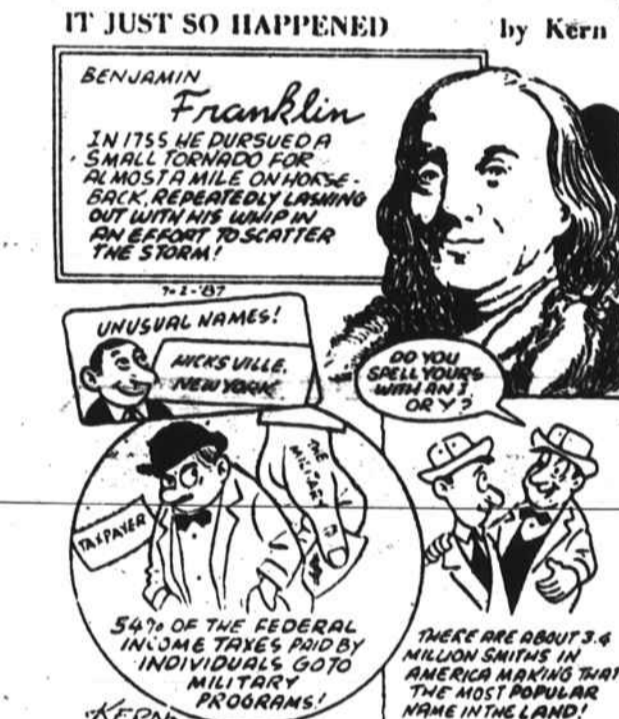
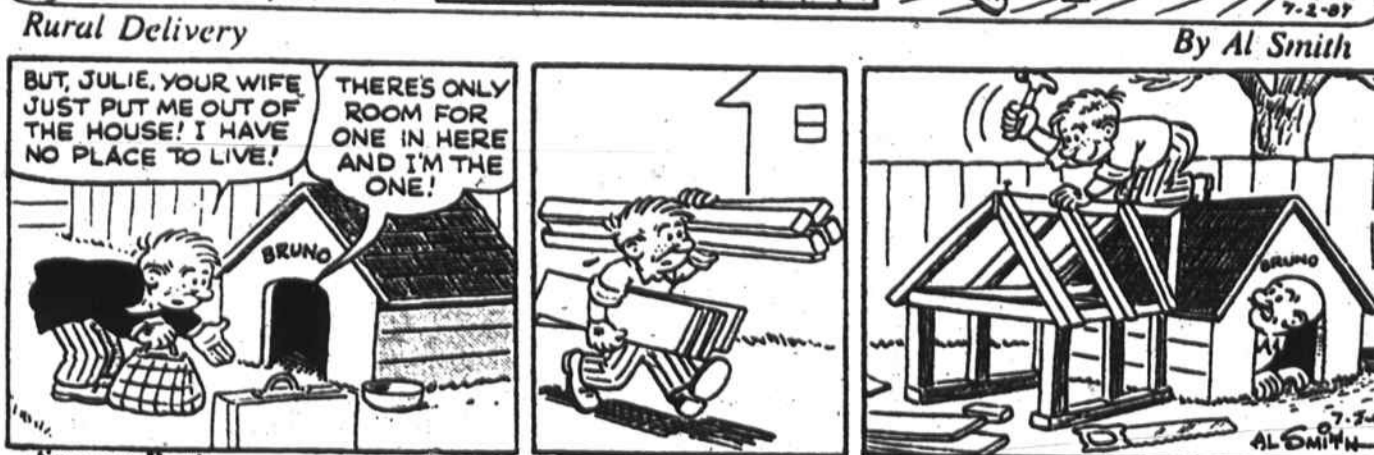
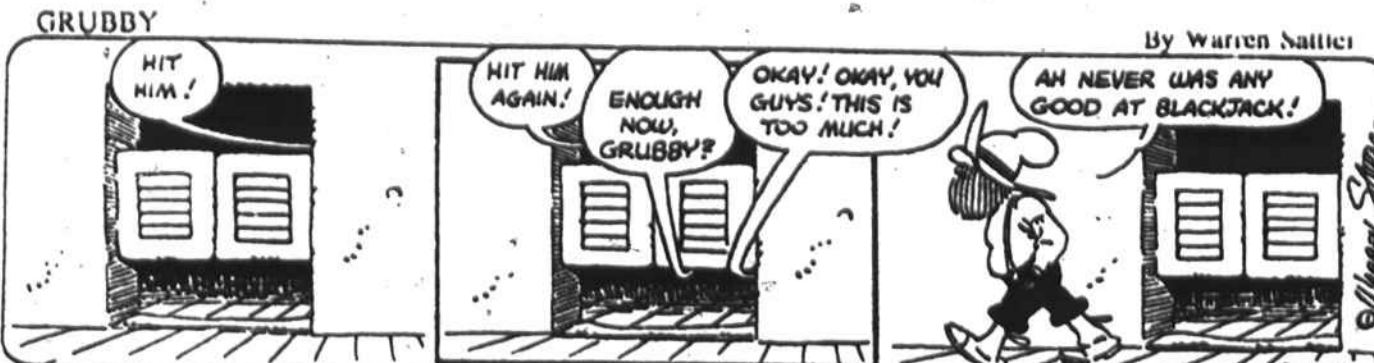
I wish I could hold my children
In my arms,
Hold them
To never let go.
One day the time will come,
And I won't have to be in this
Cold, distant place.

I can imagine how my God felt,
To leave his son on that
Hill far away.

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"Thought for Today"

Learn to bend;
It's better than breaking.



WORDS & MEANINGS by J.J. Chese

Unmix the letters in the boxes to form a word. Then circle A, B or C for the correct meaning (or definition). Score yourself as follows: 1 Correct-Excellent 2 Correct-Fair 3 Correct-Good 4 Correct-Poor

1. e e e r s
A. GROW B. FADE C. WITHER
Clue: Without water, plants will -

2. f l o a t
A. HIGH B. GOLD C. SING
Clue: Somewhere over the rainbow

3. s u r p u e
A. FOL B. CHASE C. WELL
Clue: Dishes of 'Hoyden' are by 'Bose-Hoff'

4. g o s p i t
A. FROST B. RIVER C. RESERVOIR
Clue: Water control

Starscope
WEEK OF: July 2, 1987
BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
You establish quick rapport with people from every walk of life and you have a gift for making everyone feel welcome. It can be difficult for you to see a project through to completion. Renewing old friendships is a theme of the current year. Far-off travel is a distinct possibility.

AQUARIUS - January 21 - February 19
Your determination helps you accentuate a key goal ahead of schedule. New challenges are in the offing; be careful not to overextend yourself. Partner is in a philosophical mood.

PISCES - February 20 - March 20
Behind-the-scenes events are occurring that may positively affect your community standing by the end of the summer. Shaky relationship stabilizes once you take a more objective approach.

ARIES - March 21 - April 20
Week is generally favorable for moves, promotions, and renewing personal and professional contacts. Overdue news on family matter may arrive after the weekend. Self-image brightens.

TAURUS - April 21 - May 22
Be wary of those who make an all-out effort to impress you with their knowledge. The quiet types are the ones you can count on. Innovation and experimentation are your keywords this week.

GEMINI - May 23 - June 21
Home life is a hub of activity, while career environment becomes somewhat quieter. Arranging priorities is itself a high priority. Self-confident Gemini should pursue major goals.

CANCER - June 22 - July 22
You find yourself basking in the glory of loved ones' accomplishments. Cultural activities enliven your weekend. Romantic streak may surface; don't hesitate to write sentimental verse.

LEO - July 23 - August 22
You have a knack for making requests and generally getting your way. Put this ability to wise use. Platonic friendship is highlighted all week. Intriguing letter may arrive by Tuesday.

VIRGO - August 23 - September 22
Thursday-Friday favor travel and travel planning. The weekend offers opportunities for acquiring small treasures. Monday-Wednesday highlight financial reviews and possible reconciliations.

LIBRA - September 23 - October 22
Reunions of various sorts are accentuated through this period. Friend may overwhelm you with his or her generosity. Avoid extremes if dieting, traveling, or exercising.

SCORPIO - October 23 - November 21
Good week for intellectual pursuits, including those combined with romance or friendship. Weekend accents detours and activities and fitness schemes.

SAGITTARIUS - November 22 - December 22
Thursday-Friday favor competitions based on skill. Career decisions are highlighted after the weekend. The period generally accents a trend toward simplifying your surroundings.

CAPRICORN - December 23 - January 20
Modern technology seems less intimidating and the week generally sees you upgrading your skills. Weekend offers opportunities for renewing friendships. Possible communications snags may slow you down.

BORN THIS WEEK
July 2nd, actress Cheryl Ladd; 3rd, director Ken Russell; 4th, band leader Mitch Miller; 5th, showman P. T. Barnum; 6th, singer Della Reese; 7th, singer Ringo Starr; 8th, singer Steve Lawrence.

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Printing measures
4. Proper
8. Female sheep
11. Snore
12. Mispiece
13. Neither
14. Rate
16. Epistle
18. Thickness
20. Assumes
22. Counsel
25. Like
26. Note of scale
27. A color
28. Frozen
30. Howl
31. Nickel (Chemistry)

DOWN
7. Encounter
9. Grief
10. Males o mistake
15. Different
17. Very bad
19. Myself
20. A challenge
21. Employed
23. Sand hill
24. Girl's name
27. Male turkey
29. Decrease
30. Card game
33. Uncovers
34. Gain knowledge
36. Pause
37. Obese
38. Post
40. Heir
41. Golf mound
44. Sun God



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