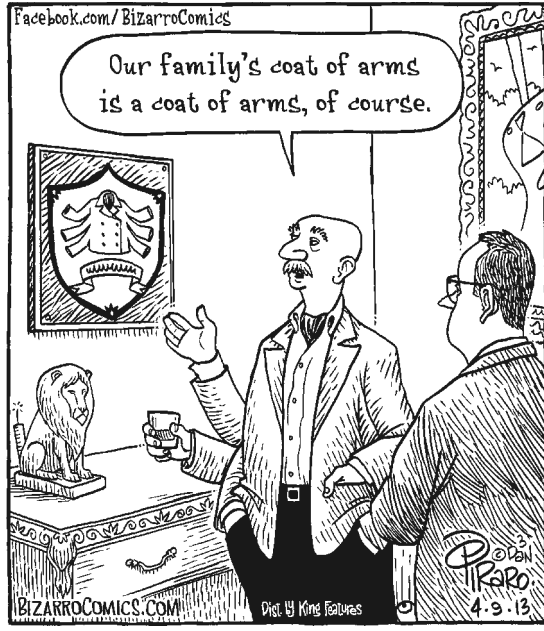


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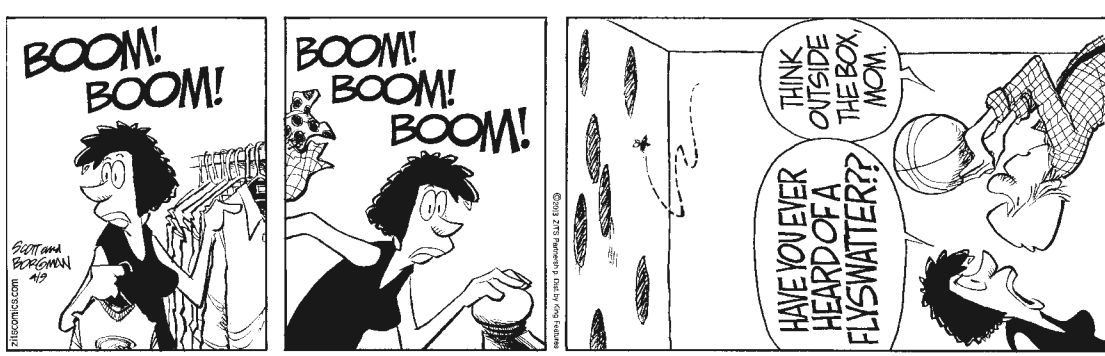
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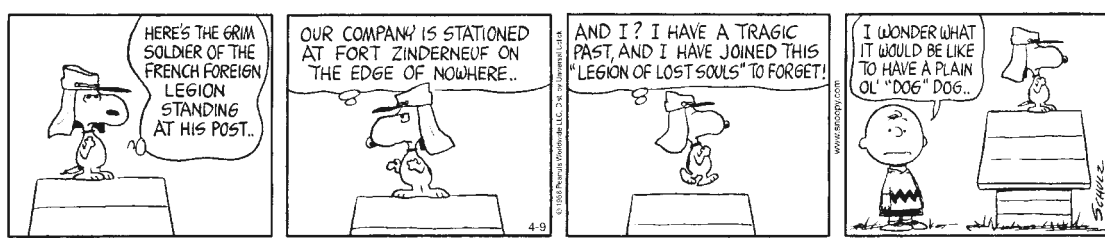
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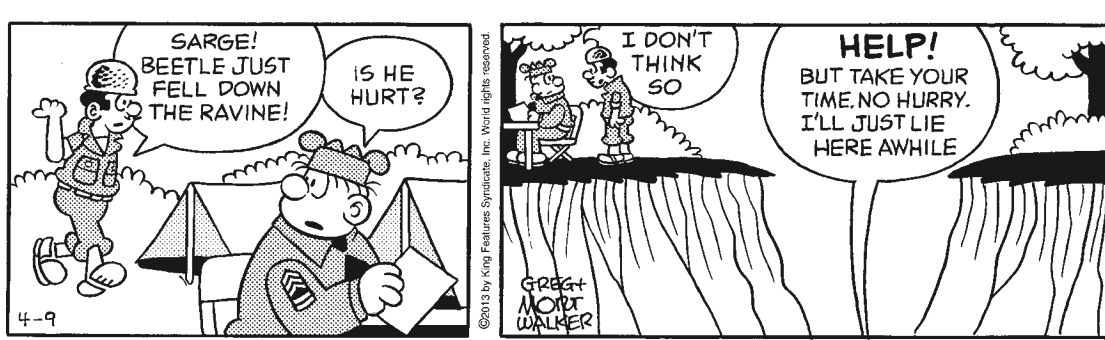
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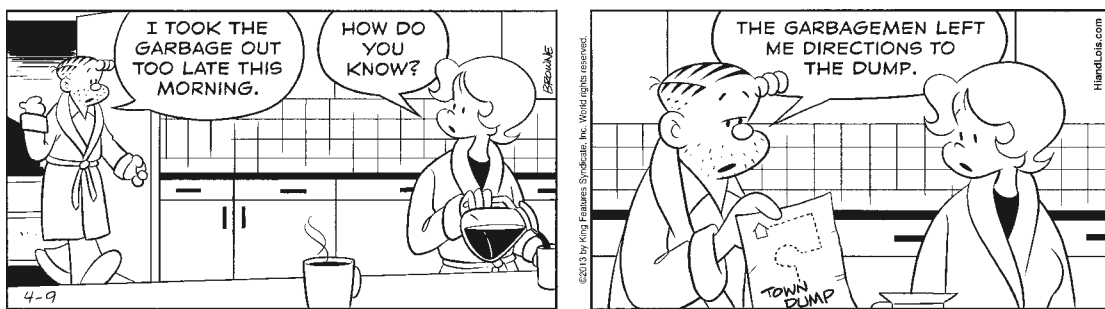
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Bisexual Woman Should Show Her Rainbow Colors

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to your answer to 'Bi in the Deep South' (Jan. 2), the woman who is happily married to a man, but who now realizes she is bisexual and wants to come out.

My wife is an out bisexual woman. You were correct that it is possible to be bisexual without having acted on it, as people are not defined solely by the partner they have. Precisely for that reason, some individuals feel that 'bisexual' is who they are, and to omit it feels like living a lie.

The notion that stating one's bisexuality is 'advertising that one is available' is why my wife chose to come out — to combat this misconception. Just as straights can be attracted to people of the opposite sex besides their spouse, so might a coupled bisexual person be attracted to other individuals of both genders.

'Bi' should just be herself and tell anyone who needs to know when she feels comfortable telling them. And you're right, Abby — she should tell her husband first. But if her marriage is as strong and happy as she indicated, I'm pretty sure he already knows. I know I did. — JON IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for writing. The comments I received about that letter were passionate and informed.

DEAR ABBY: Bisexual women and men who begin identifying and clarifying their sexual identities in the context of committed relationships need spaces where they can sort through their understandings of themselves.

A support group that is either counselor- or peer-led, in-person or online, can be an important resource to help 'Bi in the Deep South' recognize that others have also experienced what she is going through and she can learn from them. She will see there is a place of support and encouragement where it's OK to talk

about what bisexuality means for her. Being part of such a group can be particularly liberating. — LICENCED COUNSELOR, AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: If 'Bi in the Deep South' is comfortable enough with who she is to tell someone, she should not be advised to stay in the closet to any degree. She has the right to be honest with herself and her family and not go through life hiding.

As for posting one's sexual orientation on social media profiles, doing so does not change your relationship status. You can be both 'in a committed relationship' AND 'bisexual.' They are not mutually exclusive. — BI IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DEAR ABBY: There is real power in coming out, in voicing your authentic self. There is an emotional cost to remaining silent. Many who do so feel like they are allowing others to assume things about them that are just not true.

I speak from personal experience. I was silent for five years, and the day I started talking about the fact that I am bisexual, I felt as though a huge weight had been lifted off me.

I hope 'Bi in the Deep South' will find the courage to come out and fly her rainbow colors. Although she may have to correct some people's misconceptions of what it means to identify as bisexual, she will feel much better. — ROBYN IN MASSACHUSETTS



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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Aries. HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013:

This year others find you to be exceptionally creative and a source of many new ideas, and they often seek you out for help. Your efforts are, and will be, more valued than you realize. If you are single, you open up to new possibilities. Unless you are willing to meet someone at least halfway, creating a bond could be difficult. If you are attached, honor the fact that it takes two to form and carry on a relationship. Your sweetie could need extra nurturing. A fellow ARIES might not have your imagination, but he or she is fun to hang out with.

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)
The unexpected marks your actions, yet you also could be reacting to a parent or boss. Opportunities come to you through conversations and from staying in contact with those in your immediate circle. Choose the right one for you. Tonight: As you like it.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
Suddenly, you get it -- you understand what has been going on between you and someone else. You can change your perspective, but often you can't control your knee-jerk reaction. That transformation will take time. Tonight: Make a small purchase on the way home.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
You know what you want and where you are heading. The trick will be encouraging others not to interfere with your set course. Even better would be to gain their support. You will have your hands full convincing an associate of the rightness of your ways. Tonight: Make nice.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
You are capable of dealing with the unexpected. Your mood swings depending on the situation. Know that how you feel now might change within a short period of time. Be careful, as a partner or an associate could become controlling. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)
Seek out information that might not be readily available. Figure out why a situation is happening.

beyond the obvious. Step back and observe, as you will be able to see more easily. Know that a different approach is needed. Tonight: Join friends at a jam session.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)
Deal with others directly. People appreciate your time more than you realize. Pressure builds where you least expect it. Others have strong points of view that might not stand up to a creative idea. A boss gives you the authority you want. Tonight: Share your day with a pal.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)
The unexpected occurs when dealing with others. You could decide that you don't want any drama, but that is what you will get with your present circle of friends. Why not take this as a sign to detach? You can be present without being involved. Tonight: Take a favorite person out.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)
You'll want to play it low-key, no matter what goes on. Listen to others and what they are sharing. You have a strong sense of what is needed. Tune into one person and work together to achieve more of what you both want. Tonight: Make sure you get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)
Allow your creativity to flow, and you will make it through a difficult situation. Your innate reaction draws strong results. Do not become involved in a power play or difficult situation. Others want to be around you, so let them. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

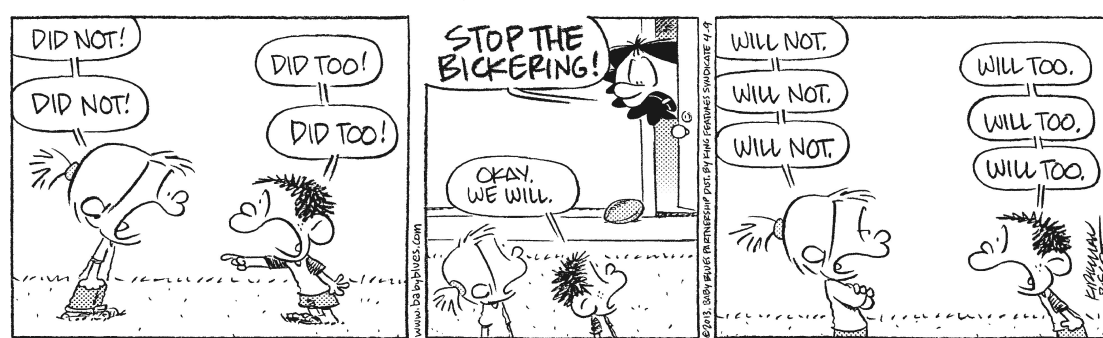
CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)
You might want to reassess a situation more carefully, especially as it can have quite an impact on your personal life. You might be more controlling than you realize, and it will draw in only negative reactions. Take some time to clear your head. Tonight: At home.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)
Listen, but try not to overwhelm someone with questions. You could feel as if this person has pushed you beyond the call of duty. How you communicate that feeling will determine the nature of your bond in the long run. You do need to say something. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

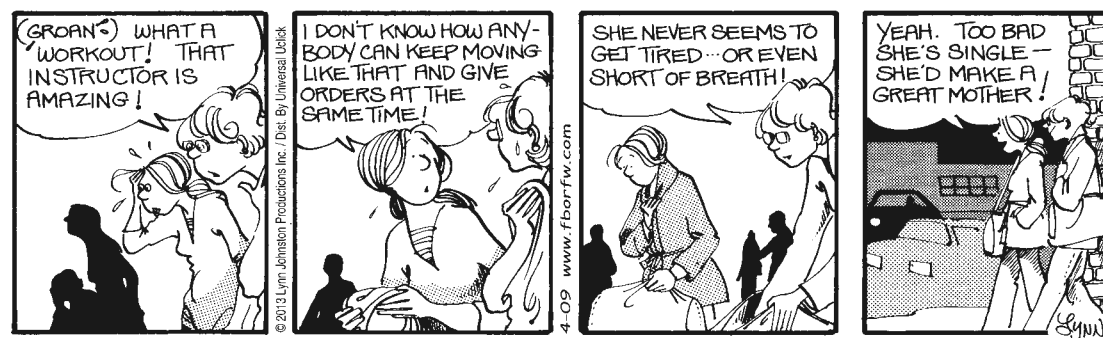
PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)
You might want to rethink a question involving your funds and security. Your impulsiveness could have given someone the wrong impression. You could want to change the situation. You also might be too generous for your own good. Tonight: Your treat.

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