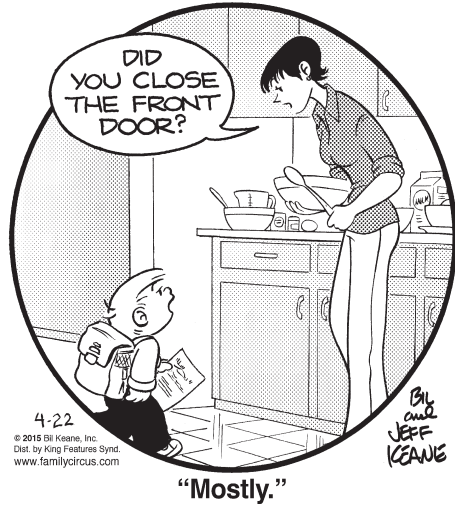


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Girl Who Lost Her Virginity Must Learn To Protect Herself

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 17-year-old girl. Last weekend I lost my virginity in the back seat of a stranger's car. I feel guilty about it and I haven't told anyone. I'm not sure if he has. I need some advice on whether I should be making a big deal out of it, or just ignore it and move on. — ANXIOUS IN OHIO

DEAR ANXIOUS: Please don't ignore it. You treated your first time like it was something casual, and that is sad. It is a "big deal," not only because of what it indicates about your level of self-esteem, but also because you don't know whether you have been exposed to an STD. Did the boy use a condom?

you are gay and doesn't harbor the fantasy that she can "change" you.

DEAR ABBY: My friends often come to me for advice. It could be anything — relationship, family, self-harm or bullying. It's usually something I don't know how to deal with and don't have experience with. I try to say words of encouragement like, "It'll be OK. Ignore it. Think on the bright side. Don't be so hard on yourself."



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I know these are things they have heard before and will ignore, but I don't know what else to say or do. These people are more outgoing than I am, so I guess it makes them targets. Abby, what can I do? — D. IN KANSAS

DEAR D.: It's all right to be encouraging, but when someone asks for advice you know you're not qualified to give, you should be upfront, admit it, and suggest the person talk to an adult. This is particularly important when the problem concerns things like self-harm or bullying, which may need an intervention.

DEAR ABBY: I find myself in an interesting situation that I never thought could happen. I'm a 43-year-old gay male who had an extremely difficult time coming out when I was 19. My parents weren't initially supportive, but things did get better down the line.

I have had zero luck at any long-term gay relationships, but as I get older, my sex drive has diminished, and I think I'd be happy with a female companion — if sex wasn't a factor. What should I do? — INTERESTING CONDITION IN TEXAS

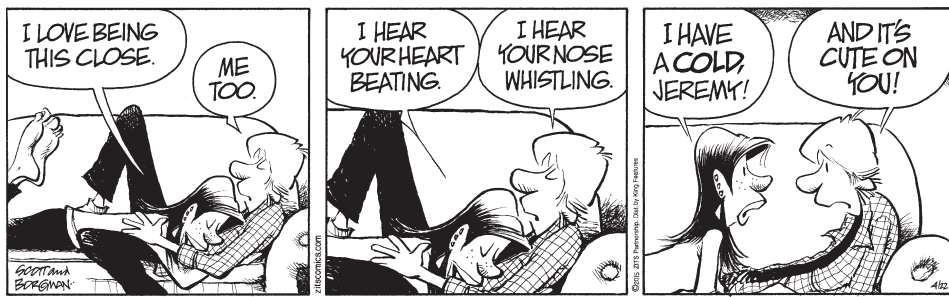
DEAR CONDITION: Gay men marrying straight women is not an unheard-of phenomenon, and neither are marriages in which sex is not a part of the picture. It could work out well if you find someone with common interests and a high level of compatibility — as long as the lady clearly understands that

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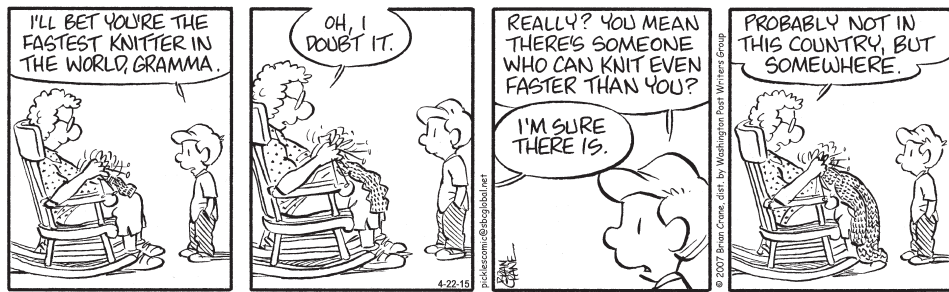
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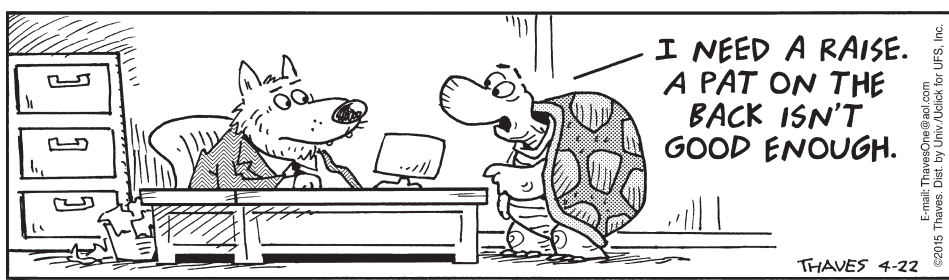
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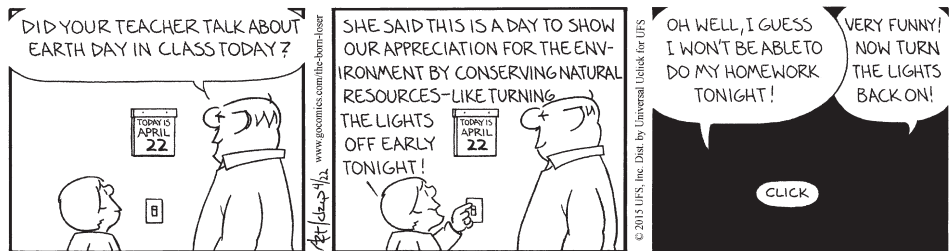
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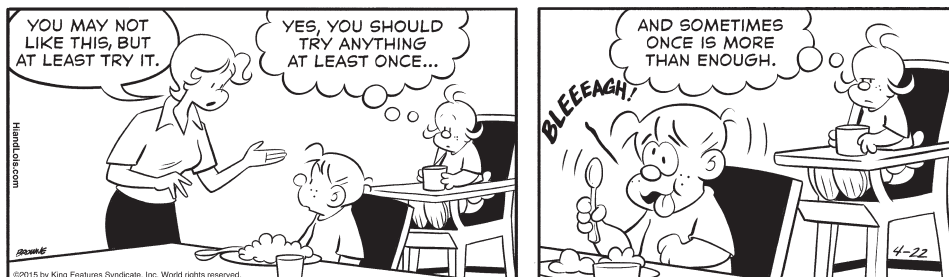
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Taurus and a Moon in Gemini if born before 9:35 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015:

This year you'll find that you won't be able to maintain that strong sense of decorum that others associate with you. Many of you have processed your feelings, but haven't discussed them with anyone. Some of you have suppressed your feelings completely. You will become triggered far more easily than in the past, yet you will be able to find solutions quickly. If you are single, a significant relationship could appear anytime from fall on. If you are attached, the two of you will deal with a lot of feelings that lie below the surface. Accept what you feel and hear, but do not judge. GEMINI irritates you if he or she gets too close.

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)

**** Keeping track of you could be close to impossible. The unexpected, though becoming more common with you, still shocks others. Take charge of a situation, and worry less about what is about to happen. Make what you want possible. Tonight: Gather with friends.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

**** You'll gain an insight that you would prefer not to have. Still, you'll need to work with it. Don't push so hard, and trust that others will pitch in. Your vision of a situation could change with some feedback. Anger might flare up from out of nowhere. Tonight: Head home first.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

**** You could have a problem that you would prefer not to deal with. Don't ignore it, and you will feel better in the long run. Have an important talk. You are likely to feel energized and empowered as a result. Be willing to let good news in. Tonight: All smiles. Spontaneity rules!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

** Listen to what is being said around you. Try not to personalize what you hear, and stay open. The more you detach, the more you'll understand what to do. You also will feel much better as a result. Deal with someone's anger sooner rather than later. Tonight: Go for some zzz's.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

*** Others will help you manifest what

you want. An associate could be quite irritable. Be smart, and don't take this person's words personally; he or she has a tendency to suppress his or her anger. Encourage a discussion. A friend will be a fun distraction. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

*** Pressure builds unless you remove some of the stress factors. Relate to a partner or key loved one directly. One-on-one relating will flourish. You will land well no matter what you do. Be ready to hear some surprising news. Tonight: Make time for a special friend.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

**** You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. You could be looking at a new opportunity that pops up from out of the blue. Explore what it holds for you with the help of a friend. Others will be verbal and might be pushy. Tonight: Make it cozy.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

***** Deal with a loved one directly. Stay on top of a change, and try not to be swept away by what is happening. You could be very exhausted from everything that is happening. A partner could push hard for what he or she wants. Tonight: Let a friend make the call.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

**** Defer to others, and make sure they understand where you are coming from. You have a project that you can't keep on the back burner any longer. Toss yourself into it. Be aware of your time, your limitations and what must be accomplished. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

**** You could be on the other side of an issue and choose not to express your thoughts. You might be more interested in what others have to say. Your creativity emerges, and you'll find solutions. A partner will give you feedback once you open up. Tonight: Get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

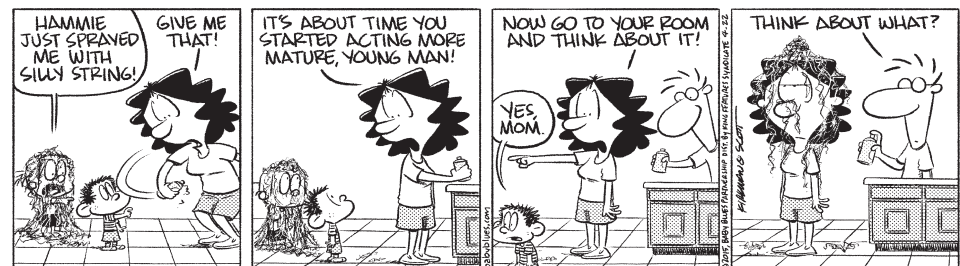
**** Your humor might be out of sync with others, with the exception of one close associate. Say little, especially when it comes to a family member's tirade. You'll be surprised by what this person has to say. Tonight: Be caring and responsive.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

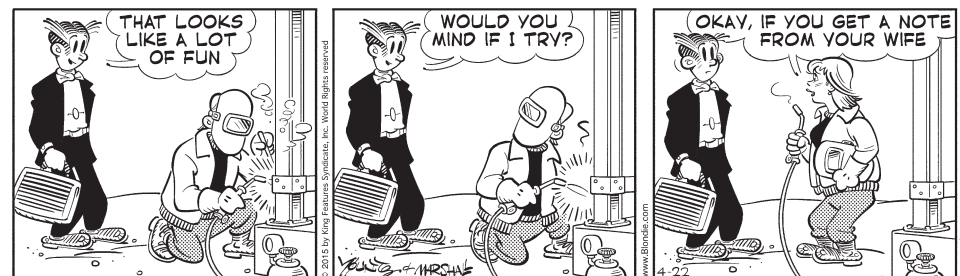
*** Tension remains high, and, as a result, you might say something that could reflect your need for a resolution. Depending on how you handle stress, you could be seemingly out of control. A dear friend will support you in seeking an adjustment. Tonight: Soak stress away in a hot tub.

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