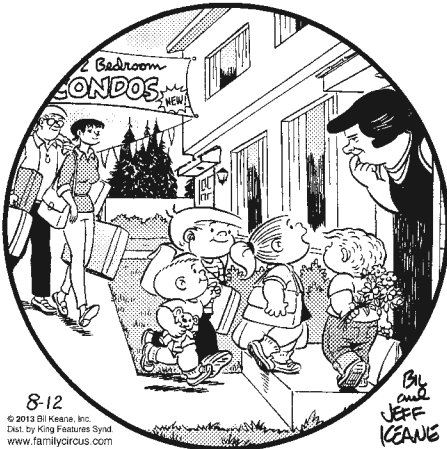


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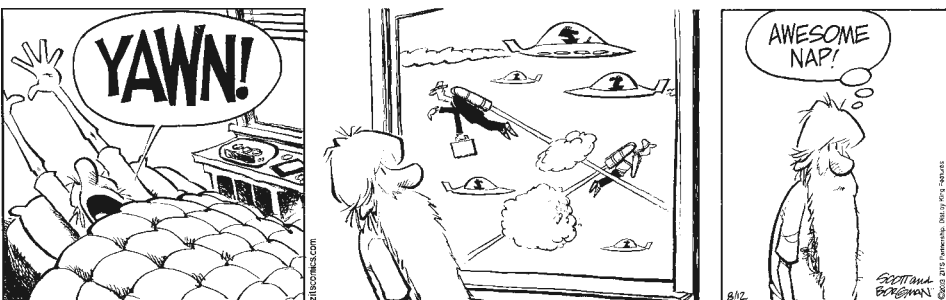
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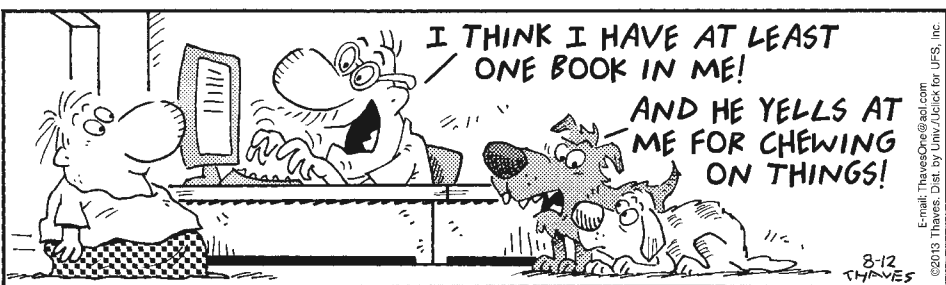


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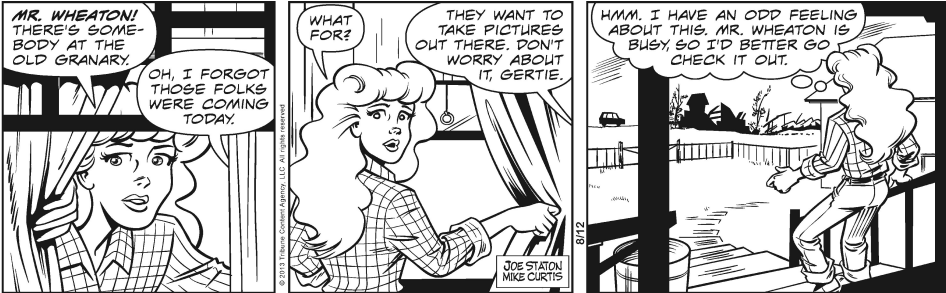
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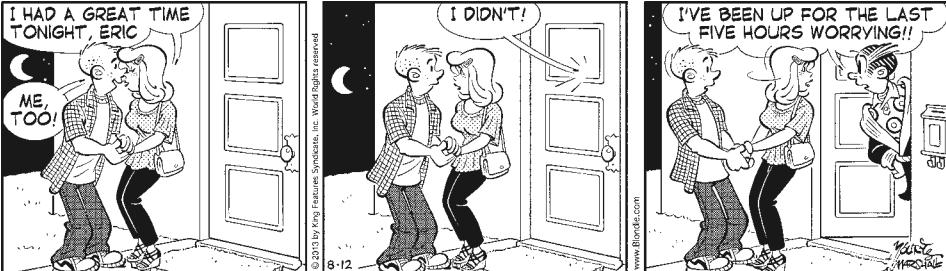
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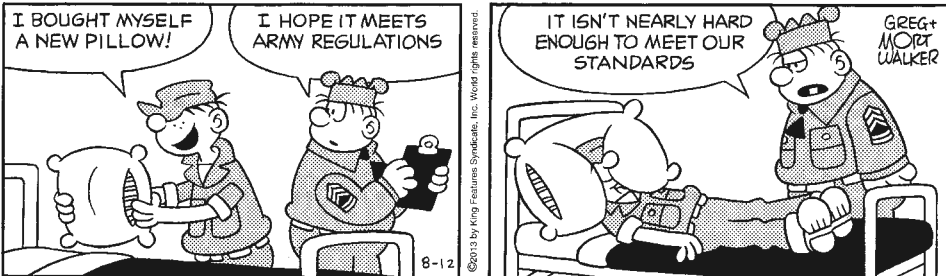
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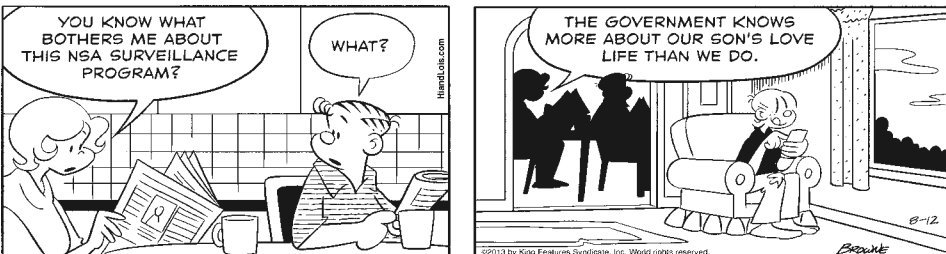
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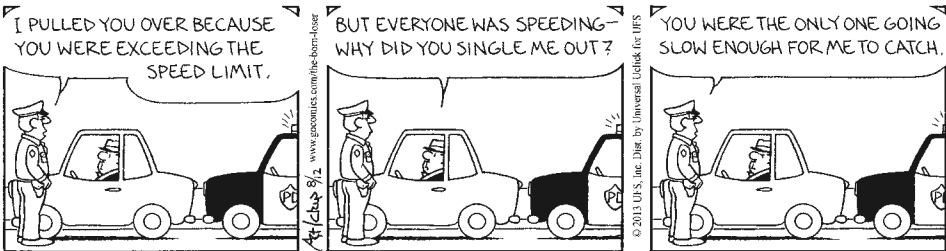
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# Embracing Same-Sex Marriage May Take Families Some Time

DEAR ABBY: Thanks to a change in state law, my partner and I can finally marry. We're now struggling with whether to invite our parents and families to our wedding. While they have been respectful of us together and seemed to love my partner, it has become increasingly obvious that they don't want to really talk about our lives.

Specifically, our new right to marry. No one has said a word to us about the marriage law, even though it dominated the news for months before being passed in May. After prompting, they said they support our having the same rights, but have a problem calling us married.

We are going to be married and have decided to invite only those who sincerely support us to share our special day. Because I'm so hurt by their silence on this, how do I tactfully let them know they aren't invited to the wedding without severing all ties? I'm sure we aren't the only couple facing this new issue. — NEWLY EQUAL IN MINNESOTA

DEAR NEWLY EQUAL: Invite your family to the wedding. Because they love you and have accepted your partner, they may wish to attend. Remember, the concept of marriage equality is a very new one and not everyone adapts quickly to change. Regardless of whether they have a problem calling you married, the fact is you will be married according to the laws of your state. And that's what is important.

DEAR ABBY: I started dating a wonderful man two years ago. We will be getting married in a few weeks and own a house together. He has been a wonderful father to my two children. He loves them very much and the feeling is mutual.

From the start, he knew I wanted to have a child with him, and he said he wanted the same. Last spring I became pregnant by accident, but sadly, had a miscarriage a few months later. When I told him I was pregnant, he was not excited and made comments that

caused me stress. After the miscarriage, he acted like nothing had happened, which hurt me deeply because I really wanted that baby.

Now he says he doesn't want a baby anymore — that he has changed his mind without even considering that I still want one. I'm so lost. Please give me some advice. — BABY MAYBE? IN PUERTO RICO

DEAR BABY MAYBE?: You and your fiancé appear to have a communication problem. Now that you know he has changed his mind about wanting a child with you, you have a right to know why. Discussing this with the counsel of a neutral mediator would be helpful before your trip to the altar.

Because the agreement between you was that you would be enlarging your family, you may need to rethink whether you want to go through with the wedding. If that's the case, you may also need the help of an attorney to separate from him financially because you own property together.

DEAR ABBY: In late January, my sister left a \$20 bill at the front desk of my hairdresser's salon and told the receptionist to give it to me when I came in and tell me it was my Christmas present. When I

objected to the impersonal manner of the "gift," my sister got mad and told me I was being "ridiculous." We haven't spoken since. Was I wrong to object? — MAD IN MAINE

DEAR MAD: Obviously, you and your sister aren't close. If she didn't even bother to enclose the money with a card or note, I don't blame you for being miffed, particularly if you customarily exchange gifts.

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 the Sun in Leo and the Moon in Libra until 1:10 p.m., when the Moon enters Scorpio.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, AUG. 12, 2013:

This year a partner or special friend who looks at life much differently from you serves as an inspiration. You will be very content and grateful to have this person in your life. You are entering the final year of a 12-year life cycle. You will want to examine what no longer works. If you can make adjustments in order to make this dimension of your life functional, do. If an aspect of your life doesn't work, even after several efforts, consider letting go of it. If you are single, you could meet someone very interesting. Take your time getting to know this person. He or she might be very different in reality from the person he or she projects. If attached, schedule more private time together. If possible, schedule some weekend getaways together. SCORPIO knows how to push your buttons.

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 cruise into your morning invigorated and ready to go. Hopefully you have a lot to do, or else you could become difficult. Make plans accordingly. Follow your intuition when choosing an appropriate outlet for all this energy. Tonight: Togetherness works.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Use the morning to clear out as many errands as possible. You will want to move a situation forward but could meet resistance. Test the waters in the morning, and if you get a positive reading, move quickly. Tonight: Belle or beau of the ball. Everyone wants your attention.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your ingenuity cuts through difficult situations. Welcome the emergence of an issue today, as you might finally discover the workable and winning path. Make it OK to put several more hours into a project than you originally intended. Tonight: Spend special time with a favorite person.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ As of late, you could be seeing life from a different perspective. As a result, you question which way to go with a personal issue. By the afternoon, creativity bubbles up. You seem to find the compassion to completely grasp a problem and resolve it. Tonight: Out and about. Tap into your creativity when making plans.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Consider turning off your phone or letting it go to voice mail this morning, especially if you have an important meeting or plans. As the pace slows, use the afternoon to catch up on news and calls. You also might enjoy socializing or networking. Take some personal time if needed. Tonight: If not close to home, then at home.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of what comes up financially. You see limits once more. You could run into a difference of opinion with a key associate. Use a disagreement to create an even better solution. Do not feel as if you are jammed and must settle. Tonight: Brainstorm with friends in search of an answer.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Honestly consider the cost of one of your grand schemes. You might feel that your spending is out of control yet feel this idea is worth every single penny to make it work. Be reasonable and don't push beyond what you can afford. Tonight: Have a favorite dessert.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You are feeling unusually creative. Add your resourcefulness where it can make a difference and is welcomed. A child, new friend or loved one seems to encourage trying out new ideas with your unique flair. Tonight: All smiles.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You see much more than others realize. You understand a close associate better than he or she understands him- or herself. For now, be caring, yet do share your awareness, as this person might feel threatened. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Emphasize your expectations. You grin as you see you are finally getting your way. Don't fight the inevitable, or jinx it! If you don't get what you want, you are likely to withdraw, pushing the other parties forward. Tonight: Knowing what you want and getting it.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Make an extra effort to express your thoughts. Once you do, others will listen. Watch out — if too many people like your idea, you will need to assume the lead! Ask yourself if you have time and are ready for that extra responsibility. Tonight: To the wee hours.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You see past all the confusion. But you might not be ready to share your vision. Others might get the attitude that you seem to be miles ahead of them. Deal directly with someone at a distance or an expert. There is always more to learn. Tonight: Surf the web.

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