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"C'mon, Daddy! Our bobsled needs another man AND a big push!"

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Couple New To Florida Aren't Happy With Gay Neighbors

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I relocated to Florida a little over a year ago and were quickly welcomed into our new neighbors' social whirl. Two couples in the neighborhood are gay — one male, one female. While they are nice enough, my husband and I did not include them when it was our turn to host because we do not approve of their lifestyle choices. Since then, we have been excluded from neighborhood gatherings, and someone even suggested that we are bigots!

DEAR ABBY: I'm 14 and in high school. My father died in a car accident when I was 8. A man who attends my church took me under his wing and has been like a father to me ever since. He is very supportive most of the time. However, he spans me with a belt when he feels I misbehave.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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My mom doesn't know about it because she works long hours to support the family. I like the nurturing and encouragement this man gives me, but I can't take another beating. What should I do? — BLUE IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR BLUE: What you are describing is a form of child abuse. This "nurturing" man has no right to hit you. You shouldn't have to tolerate being beaten in order to feel supported.

Tell your mother what has been going on, or a teacher or a counselor at your school. You appear to be an intelligent young man. Your silence is what enables those beatings to continue, so please do not remain silent about this any longer.

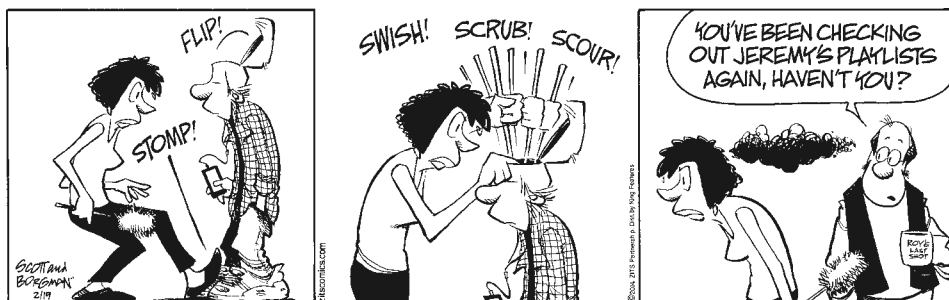
DEAR ABBY: If you are divorced from your wife, do her parents remain your in-laws? This is to settle a disagreement. — SHARON IN TEXAS

DEAR SHARON: Legally, no. But relationships are not always based on legality. Sometimes divorced couples remain extended family members, particularly if there are children involved.

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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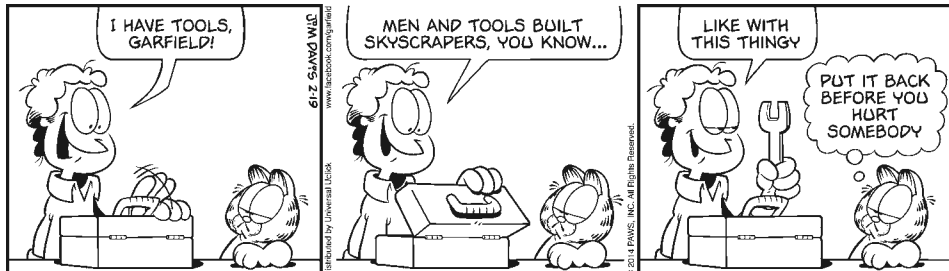
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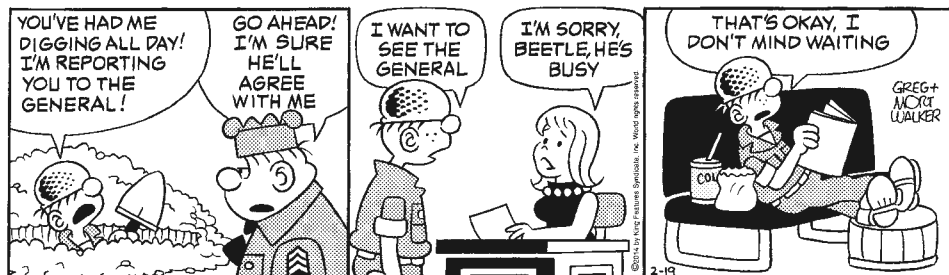
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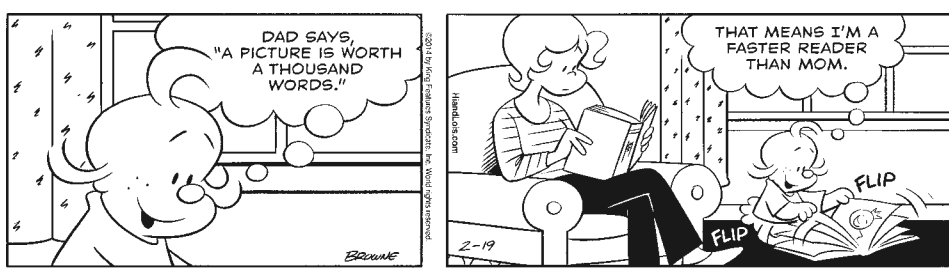
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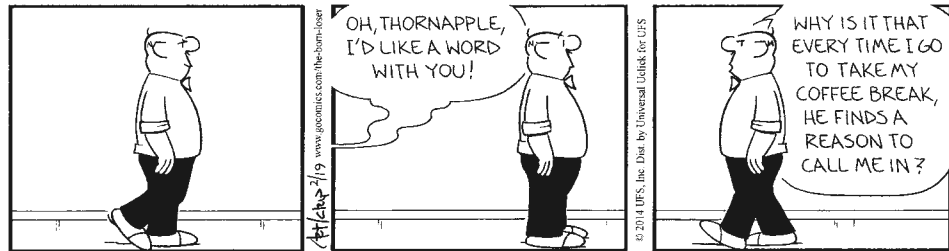
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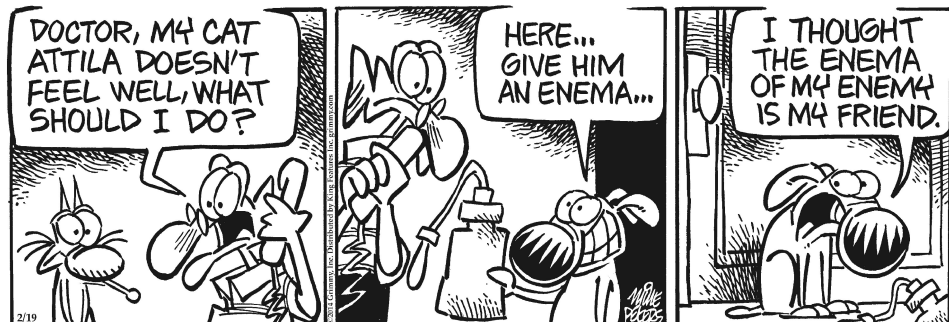
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Pisces and a Moon in Libra if born before 10:33 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19, 2014:

This year you often decide to defer to others in order to gain a broader perspective. How you see a situation could change radically as a result. Your wisdom in seeking diverse opinions adds to your strength. If you are single, you could meet someone at any time. You also might not see the person as he or she is. If your friends keep repeating the same observation, stop and look again. If you are attached, your sweetie will love being put on a pedestal for a while. Eventually, though, he or she will fall off. LIBRA looks beyond the obvious.

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 already have seen a variety of different reactions from people this week, and the trend continues. Your mind might wander to a person who has displayed a new dynamic characteristic, or at least it seems new to you. Tonight: You need a midweek break!

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You will have a sense that you are heading in the right direction. Focus on what you want, and finish up any errands you might have. Your sensitivity might emerge in a discussion with a friend whose perspective does not work for you. Tonight: Where you want to be.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Deal with a dear friend directly. Often this person amuses you, gives you food for thought and serves as a muse. You could be surprised by what he or she has to say. A child demands high energy, but before you know it, you will be playing alongside him or her. Tonight: Go have fun.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Understanding that everyone has limits will be easy, but the issue will be that your limits can be different from the majority of people. Your values come into play here, as your family, home and loved ones rank on the top of your priorities. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You could be greeted by a mass of paperwork as you start your day. You might need to

adjust plans because of what you hear. Though doing work is important, nothing takes priority over the key relationships of your life. Tonight: Make it an early night.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Be aware of impending expenses before you go shopping; this will allow you to have a more realistic budget. Most of you easily could overspend. Keep your receipts, and count your change. A shift in your preferences could occur as soon as tomorrow. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You'll move through your day with high energy. If someone trips you up, you are likely to be less than diplomatic. You can apologize for what you say, and the other party might accept your apology. Still, the damage will be done. Tonight: Make it your treat.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Listen to news more openly than you have in the past. Your ability to bypass problems and get past an issue could emerge later in the day. You don't need to say much, but you will need to interfere with a negative course of events. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Touch base with friends. Note how many of your associates have assumed a bigger role in your life. Look around in a meeting. Someone will take the ball and run with it. Rather than get competitive, enjoy that it is not you as assuming more responsibility. Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Reconsider a decision involving an older person or a higher-up. First, realize that it probably was an emotional choice. You could be overly passionate about an issue that ultimately could cause you a problem. Tonight: A talk is likely to lead to a good time.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Take an opportunity to detach from a problem before pushing for your desired outcome. By gaining a more complete perspective, you will be able to come up with an appropriate response or solution. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Reach out to someone with whom you often share ideas. The two of you brainstorm well together, which creates a greater sense of give-and-take. Weigh the pros and cons of an idea before launching into action, and you will be pleased with the results. Tonight: Follow the music.

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