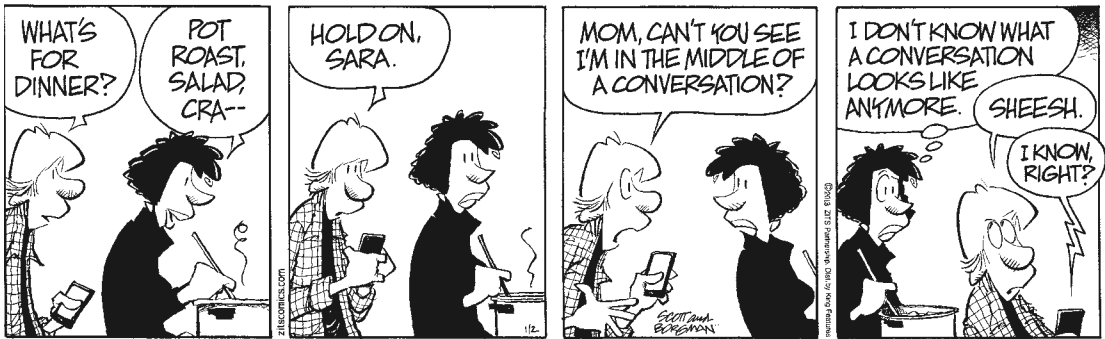


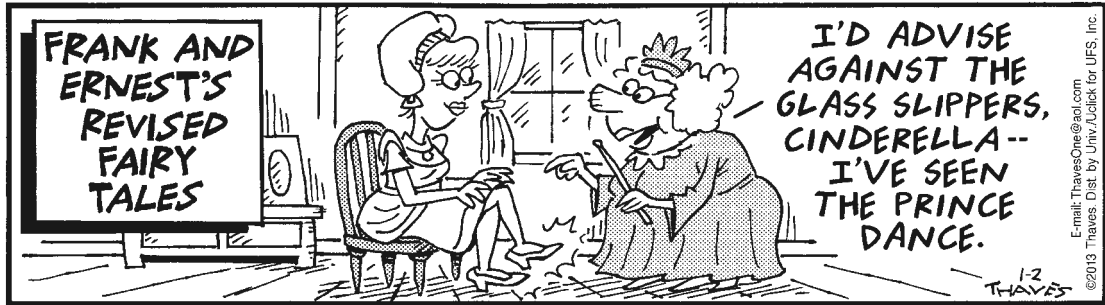
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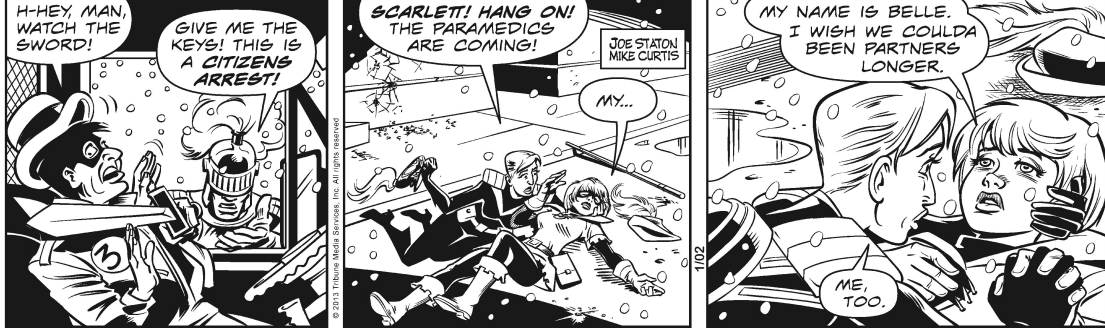
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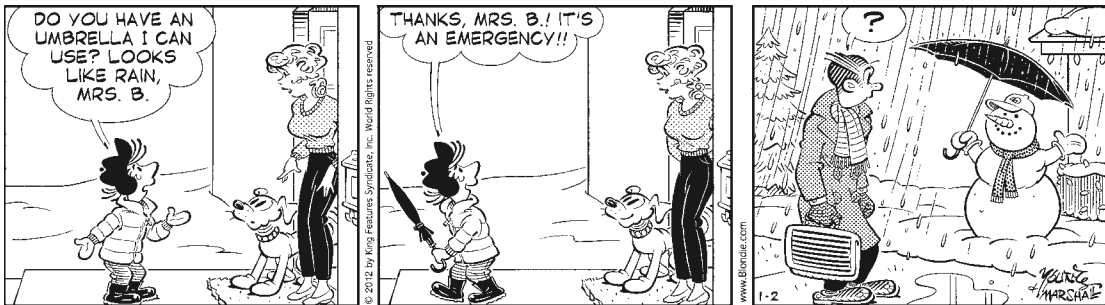
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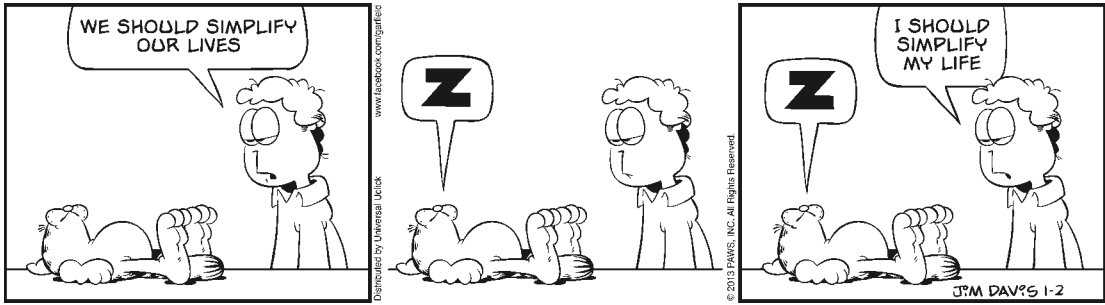
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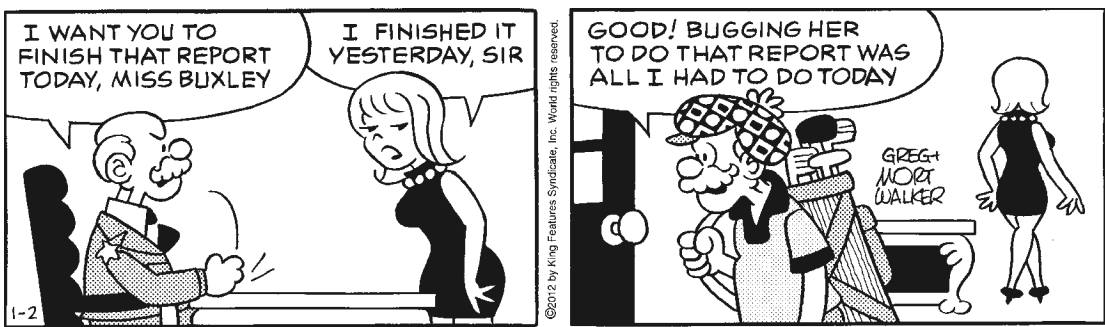
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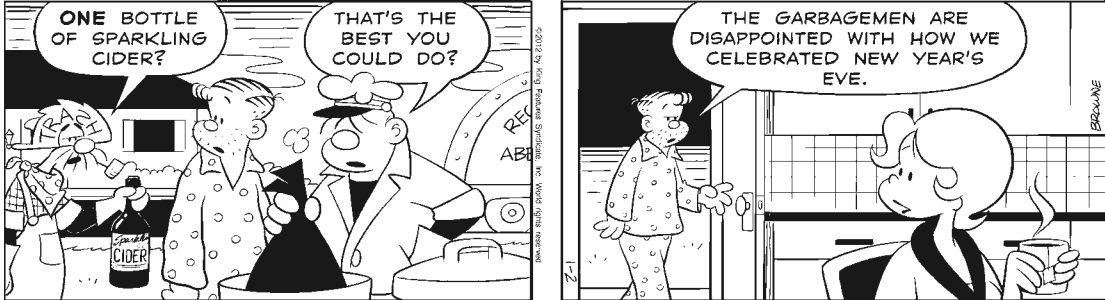
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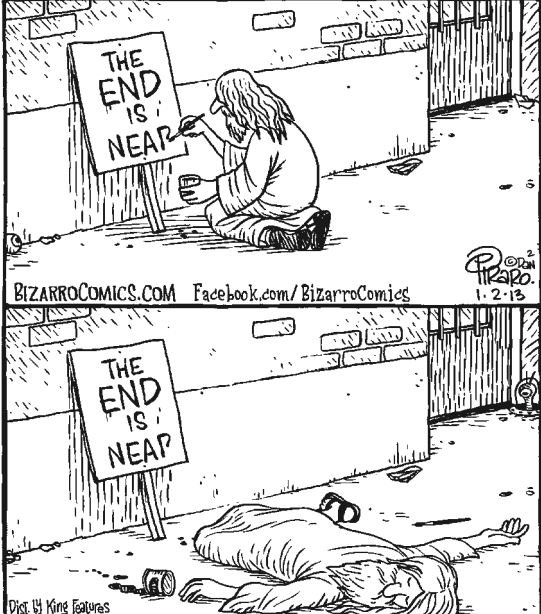
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Bisexual Wife Is Of Two Minds About Coming Out

DEAR ABBY: After years of denial I have come to realize that I am bisexual. I'm happily married to a straight man, and we have a great marriage I wouldn't change for the world. He is my soul mate, and we plan to be together for many years to come. I just happen to be physically attracted to women, too.

Some people say I can't be bisexual if I've never been with a woman; I say they're wrong. Am I correct?

How do I deal with this in social situations? I'm afraid to put it on my social media profile for fear of a backlash from my family. I'd like my friends to know, but it doesn't feel proper to just come out and say, "I'm bi."

I was hoping some of your readers might be able to give me some input. How does one "come out" without overdoing it or coming across the wrong way? Is there a right way? Should I continue keeping it a secret?

I'm not sure what to do with my revelation. I have pondered it for some time now, and felt I could trust you to give me tactful, unbiased advice. — BI IN THE DEEP SOUTH

DEAR B.I.T.D.S.: Bisexuality is having an attraction to people of both sexes, and yes, it is possible to be bisexual without having acted upon it.

However, being married means you are (happily) involved in a monogamous relationship. To announce that you are bisexual and/or put it on the Internet would be a mistake, in my opinion, not only because it would shock your family, but also because it might seem like you were advertising that you are "available." Unless you are promiscuous, you are NOT available. Most married people agree to be committed to their spouses regardless of whether they are straight, gay or bi.

If you choose to confide your diverse sexual orientation to your close friends, that is your business. But if you do, please remember that once two people

know something, there's a strong likelihood of the news spreading faster than the flu.

P.S. If you do decide to divulge, be sure to tell your husband first.



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pany policy and could cost you your job. It's the truth.

While the conversation may not be pleasant, it's important to deliver the message now so he can make other arrangements to pay for that expensive piece of jewelry your sister is expecting.

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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 Capricorn and a Moon in Virgo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2, 2013:

This year you could experience unusual tension involving your work and its direction. The wise Goat would take a class or two in order to fine-tune his or her specialization even more. You'll want to become more of an expert in your field and increase your abilities. If you are single, you will be drawn to a foreigner or someone quite bohemian. What an interesting bond! If you are attached, the two of you might choose a new mutual hobby or pastime. You'll enjoy each other and make a point of spending more time together. VIRGO can get fussy with you when he or she is tired.

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 finally are able to recuperate. You might be anxious to get into a project, yet you enjoy the return to a normal pace. Don't forget to touch base with an important person with whom you have not been able to spend time this past holiday season. Tonight: Nice and easy.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You go with the flow, and your good intentions come through. Don't indulge in an overserious conversation, especially if you are working through some issues. Sometimes people talk too much about a situation and ruin the naturalness of a bond. Tonight: Add some spice.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You'll enjoy relaxing right now, but you also might experience an uneasiness, as boredom could appear on the horizon. You are not a sign that can stay in the same place mentally for any length of time. Toss plans in the air and regroup. Tonight: Get enough sleep.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Return calls, and finalize details involving the end of the holidays. Once you clear up all of the issues at hand, you finally will be able to relax. A serious conversation with a child might be rather uncomfortable, but it is necessary. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Be sure to take stock of your financial standing in order to assess what you have to offer. Rethink how

you handle your budget in the near future. Be direct when dealing with an associate or partner. Your serious mood emerges, to others' dismay! Tonight: Stay within your budget.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You have a few remaining calls and thank-you notes to complete. Your feelings toward a neighbor or sibling emerge. Could it be this person's energy that evokes a reaction? Only you can decide. Make sure you leave a lot of time for a child or loved one. Tonight: Make it easy.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Your pace is about to radically change. You might want to take advantage of the slow period right now. A depression or a sense of being off can be combated by getting some exercise. Consider yourself in transition. A family member needs to talk. Tonight: Postpone a decision.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Try to relax with friends. Remember, it is not often that you have so many people around you. Fatigue could play into this situation. Schedule a few extra days off, if possible. Your communication style is concise when dealing with others. Tonight: Only where the fun is.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Others demand and expect a lot from you. Can you meet their expectations? You know what you will not do, but on the other hand, you might not want the alternative either. Use care when committing any funds at present. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Reach out to someone knowledgeable for an opinion. You could be investing too much in a situation that involves a friend. Try assuming a more laidback position. You might need some distance from the here-and-now. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

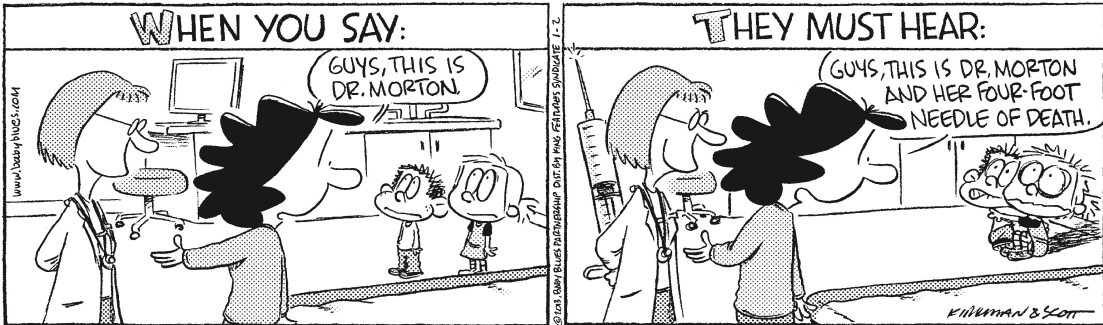
★★★★ Don't keep switching from one subject to another. Focus on one person and one topic at a time, even if your mind seems to be running away from you. An older friend or associate demands more of your time. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Talk and dinner.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

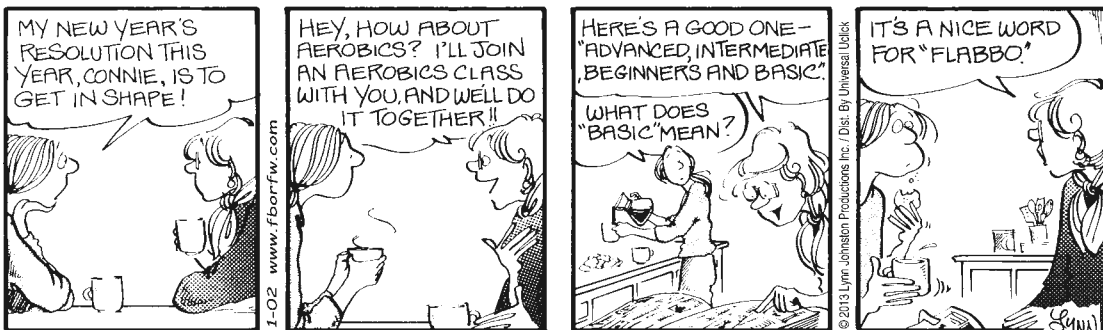
★★★★ Defer to a partner, family member or dear friend. You have been very active, and now you need some time just for you. Say no to an invitation, unless you really want to be there. Honor your desires, and let someone else carry the responsibility. Tonight: You know what you want.

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