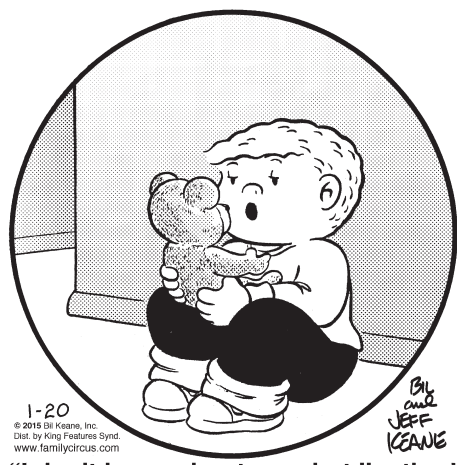
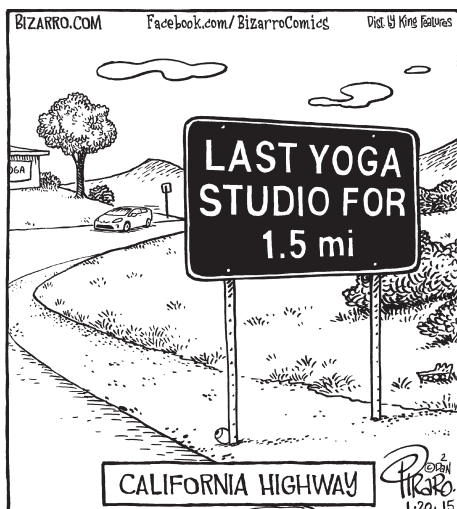


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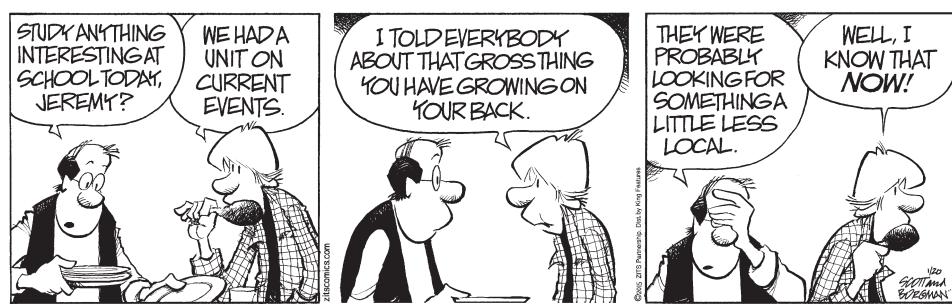
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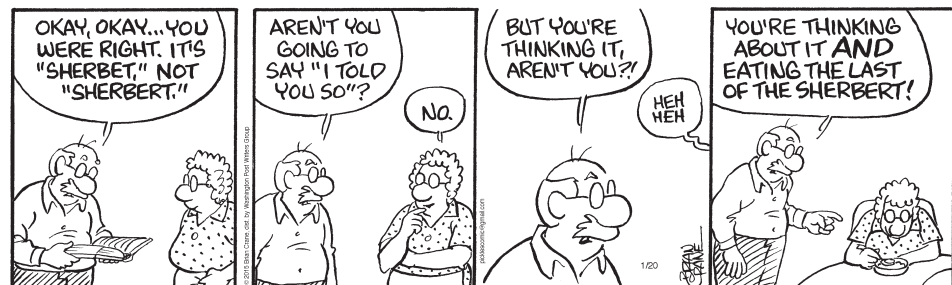


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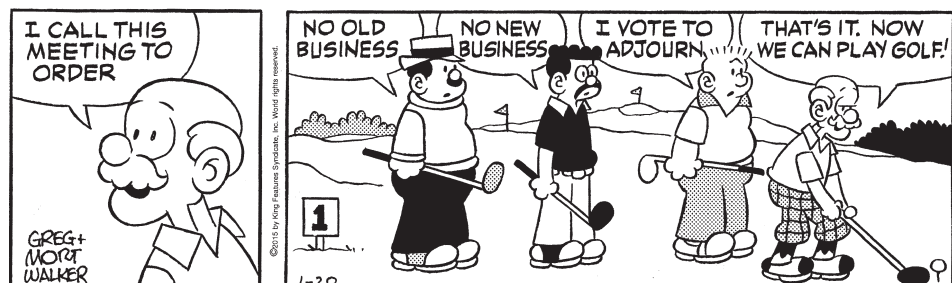
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Gay Grandma Is Unhappy Being Shielded From Son's Kids

DEAR ABBY: I came out of the closet when my son was 4. I thought I had taught him not to judge because of a label. He's now 30, with a wife and two adorable children who own my heart.

When my granddaughter was born, my partner and I were at the hospital and have visited with them often and they with us. However, after my grandson was born last year, my son quit speaking to me.

I have asked him numerous times what the issue is. His response is: "I have to protect my children from people who are gay. I don't want them to know anyone who is gay." His wife and her family are very religious, and I feel this is the real reason. What can I do? — HEART-BROKEN GAY GRANNY

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: If your son is under the mistaken impression that he is going to somehow "protect" his children by isolating them from gay people, he must be living in an alternate reality. Does he also plan to emigrate to the moon?

I suspect you have put your finger squarely on the reason why your son is now ostracizing you. His wife appears to wield the power in that family, and could benefit by learning more about homosexuality AND her religion, which I assume preaches love and tolerance for one's fellow man rather than judgment and exclusion.

You can't force your son and his wife to have contact with you if they don't want to. Leave open the possibility that they may, over time, reconcile their love for you with their faith.

For your own emotional well-being, it's important you find other outlets for your maternal instincts and go on with your life because any child would be blessed to be a part of it. Sadly, a large number of LGBT young people are rejected by their parents when they come out. These kids would benefit greatly from

having a positive adult mentor like you. This could be your golden opportunity to make a significant, positive difference in someone's life. Contact Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays at pflag.org to find out how to get involved.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is a widower. We have been dating for more than a year. He has his house and I have mine.

I just found out that we are sleeping in the bed his late wife died in. (She died in her sleep.) I had assumed that he had taken care of all that stuff because her clothes and other personal effects are gone.

How do I suggest we get another bed at his place? I try to have him come to my home as often as I can. But there are still times we end up at his house, and it's creepy. — SLEEPING POORLY IN FLORIDA

DEAR SLEEPING POORLY: I agree. Tell him how you feel and suggest the two of you select a new mattress for his bed together. You have been a couple long enough that you should be able to speak frankly with him. And he has enough time invested in you that he should be willing.

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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 if born before 1:44 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Sun will be in Aquarius. The Moon is in Capricorn if born before 4:59 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon also will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 20, 2015:

This year you are unusually dynamic and creative. You are able to make your desires possible. Doing so adds to your confidence and sense of well-being. If you are single, you probably have noticed more admirers around you. Your dating life will be active. After August, you might decide to settle down. If you are attached, the next 12 months promise a new beginning for you and your relationship. Your bond functions best when you allow it to flow without judging every interaction. AQUARIUS seems to have an unusual need for independence. 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)

Once you wake up, an idea you have been mulling over for a while will emerge! Test it out on several people. The time has come to make it a reality. The feedback you get might cause some adjustments, but they will point you down the right path. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

All eyes are likely to turn to you. A new beginning becomes possible, especially with a higher-up, parent or boss. You might not be ready to assume all the responsibility that you want or need to, but you will do it anyway. Tonight: Have a serious talk.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You'll be encouraged to get an overview and detach from the here and now. You could gain a new perspective that will force you to rethink a decision. Someone you view as an authority figure might be overly serious. Tonight: Feed your mind with a good book or movie.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Defer to someone for whom you have a great deal of respect. Do not be surprised if you suddenly begin to pick up on different vibes and need to rethink your relationship with this person. You could feel less than highly energized. Tonight: Be a duo.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

If you have felt as though you have been on unsteady ground with a key person in your life, you'll want to stabilize the situation at this point. You have a potential new beginning with a relationship. Stay open to relating, even if someone is difficult. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You might be overly concerned about a situation and unsure what would be the best way to calm it down. Try not to trigger someone. You have the possibility of a new beginning. Allow your creativity to flow, and find the appropriate path. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Your creativity flourishes, whether you're dealing with a loved one or seeking a solution for a problem that plagues your daily life. A wish or resolution made today is likely to stick. Decide to use the New Moon energy of the day properly. Tonight: Let the fun begin!

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You will want to understand what is going on with a loved one. Focus on the quality of your daily life. Loosen up and remain confident. A close neighbor or friend could need time with you to talk. You might not want to hear what he or she has to say. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

A new beginning becomes possible with a key relationship or in your immediate surroundings. You could be out of sorts, as if someone is raining on your parade. Might you be misreading the other party? Give this person space. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Reach out to a loved one whom you care a lot about. Weigh the pros and cons of a money matter. You might need to pull back some with regard to your budget. Follow your sixth sense, should you get confused. Tonight: Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

You might feel ready to make a move on an important situation. Remember to think before you leap! You will follow a path close to what you initially visualized. You could be confused by a friend who might be less than optimistic. Tonight: Where the fun is.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

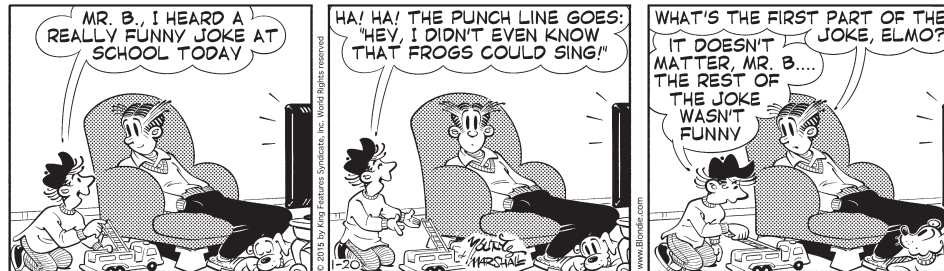
You'll have information that you must keep hush-hush. You could be overly concerned about what you need to do. Trust that you will make a good choice if you follow your intuition. Understand what an older friend or relative expects from you. Tonight: A must appearance.

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