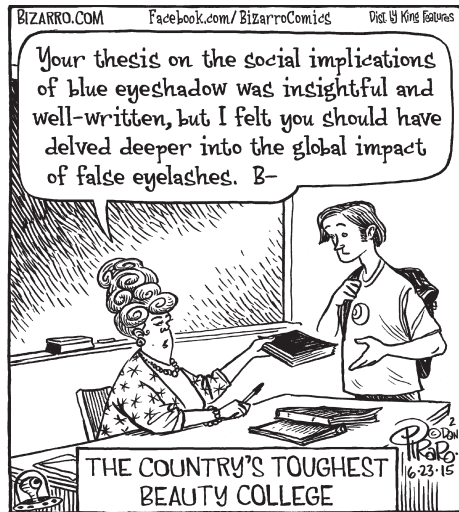


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# Daughter Seeks Explanation For Mom's New Relationship

DEAR ABBY: My mom turned 60 last month, and I hosted a party at her house for friends and family. As things were winding down, I took a break from cleaning up to look over the birthday cards from well-wishers that were displayed on a living room table. Among them was a big, gorgeous card from "Cassie," a woman around my mother's age, who I always thought was nothing more than an acquaintance.

As I read the message she had written inside, my jaw dropped. While not pornographic, her message made clear that she and Mom have an intimate physical relationship that has been going on for a while.

I have not discussed the card with Mom, but I suspect she knows I saw it. Lately, I have canceled our weekly lunches together. I don't have anything against gays; I believe they are entitled to a love life just like the rest of us. But in this case, I can't help but feel betrayed. Mom was married to Dad for 32 years, bore him three children and seemed happy. Was this all a lie?

My biggest concern is, if this relationship becomes permanent, how do I explain it to my children - or worse, my brothers, whose views are conservative and some might say bigoted. I can't help but wonder if Mom left the card out so she could open a can of worms in my lap. How should I approach this? Please help! - DUMBFOUNDED DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: Some people are bisexual, which means they can be attracted to people of both genders. Your mother may have had a very happy marriage, and then she met Cassie. If she is no longer with your father, it is not a "betrayal" of anyone.

Call your mother and arrange to get together. Tell her you saw the card. She may not have told you about her relationship with Cassie because she was afraid you would react as you have. If they become a couple and

your children ask questions (keep in mind, they may not ask), tell them the truth. As to making any announcements to your bigoted brothers, leave that up to your mother and resist the urge to be the town crier.

DEAR ABBY: I'm only 18. I know I have a lot to learn in life, but I need help. I'm madly in love with a guy who is "bipolar" about our relationship. One day he loves me and the next he doesn't.

Today he said he needed some time alone because we've been together 24/7. I got all mad and started to go crazy. He's not breaking up with me. I know he needs space, but I can't bring myself to let him have it. I don't want to lose him. Please help me figure out a way to stay with him. - GOT A GOOD ONE IN MISSOURI

DEAR GOT A GOOD ONE: If you want to keep your boyfriend, let him have his freedom. I know it sounds contradictory, but the harder you try to hang onto him, the more he will want to get away.

And by the way, while he's enjoying his "space," you should do exactly the same thing he is doing. If you isolate yourself, you will only become depressed, insecure and clingy, none of which are attractive traits.



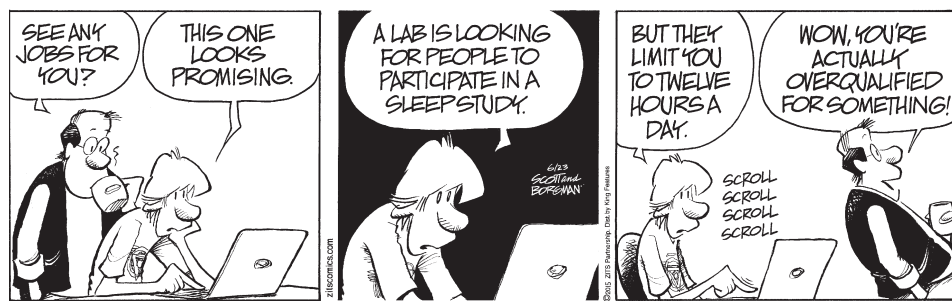
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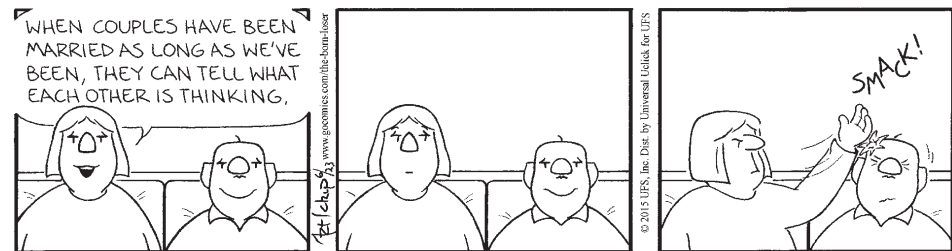
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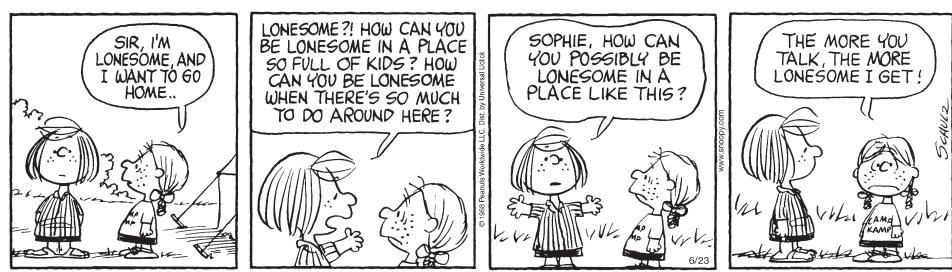
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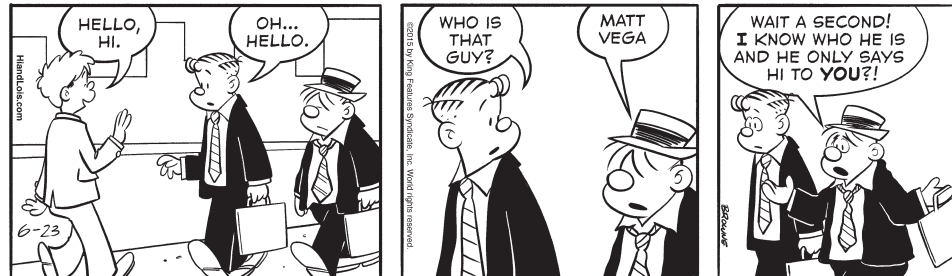
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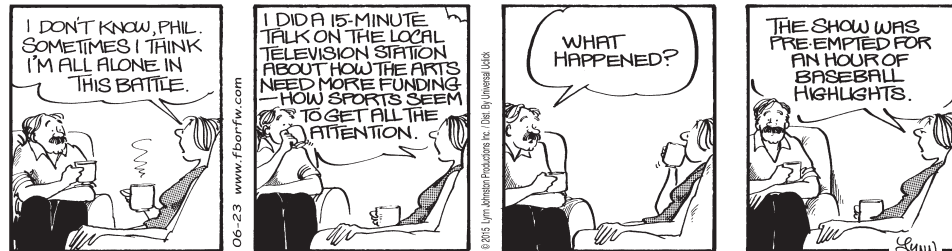
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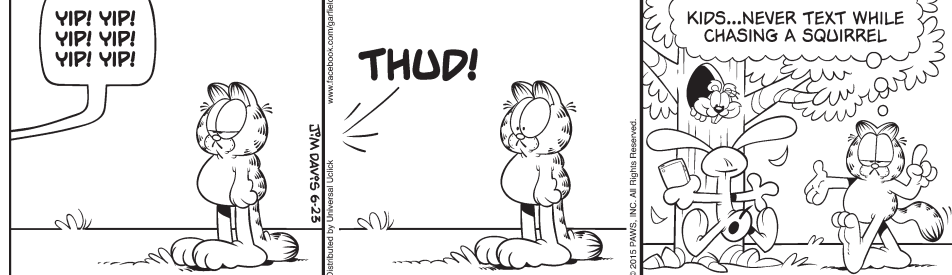
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## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Virgo.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015:

This year you could get caught in many mini-whirlwinds that seem to build on their own energy. Make it a point to get centered during those periods, and remind yourself of your goals, needs and desires. You will need to learn to manage your anger in a more constructive way. You can't continue to swallow feelings that could lead to potential explosions. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone quiet interesting come fall. If you are attached, the two of you often jest and play together. Establish a mutually enjoyed pastime. VIRGO can be feisty and critical.

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 might be fussier than you realize. Unexpected uproar could force you to regroup and rethink a problem. A loved one cares much more about you than you are aware. This person keeps trying to engage you in conversation; let it happen. Tonight: Know when to crash.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

\*\*\*\* There may be hassles to deal with, but your imagination will clear them up before they get any bigger. What a friend says will fit well with your present knowledge. Don't just assume that this person is wrong; instead, learn more and make a judgment later. Tonight: All smiles.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

\*\*\* Pressure seems to build on the home-front. You quickly will determine what is workable and what is not. Your mind is working overtime, as it knows that you need some answers. Curb a tendency toward sarcasm, as it will get you nowhere. Tonight: Work off some steam.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

\*\*\*\* Don't hesitate to speak your mind and get a more insightful perspective. You might be surprised by someone's news. Take time digesting what you hear. Is it possible you are not on the same page as this person? Express your feelings before you explode. Tonight: Out late.

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

\*\*\* Be aware of your finances, and don't take

an unnecessary risk. You could have a difficult time making a decision, as there is so much distraction going on around you. You actually might have more questions than you did before. Tonight: Know that an invitation could be costly.

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

\*\*\*\* You are capable of achieving much more than you realize. Others, though touchy and unpredictable, will want to gain your favor or please you. Be willing to take the next step to move forward with a project. You might be reluctant on some level. Tonight: Out and about.

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

\*\*\* Staying quiet might be the best decision, as so much is happening so quickly. You know that small issues are likely to go away with time. Expect many twists to today's tale. You might hear news from a distance that makes you very happy. Tonight: Read between the lines.

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

\*\*\*\* Stay on top of a personal matter. Don't be as forthright and direct as you tend to be. Words said now could provoke controversy later. You will want to rethink your approach to certain situations, especially as you see them change throughout the day. Tonight: Get some R and R.

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

\*\*\*\* You might be taken aback by what is happening around you. Understand that a boss or parent feels obligated to say what he or she is thinking, even if you don't want to hear it. A close loved one is likely to demonstrate his or her caring. Tonight: Listen to suggestions first.

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

\*\*\*\* You could be at a point where you feel as if you have no other choice but to state what is on your mind. Someone might be concocting a plan that seems a bit off-base. Maintain a sense of humor, as others could be unusually stiff. Tonight: Listen to a friend's suggestion.

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

\*\*\* A partner or dear friend might want to establish dominance. You'll feel inclined to let the situation play out and not make any dramatic changes. Your mind could wander off to many creative ideas when given some free time. Tonight: Don't hesitate to ask for what you want.

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

\*\*\*\* You have so much on your mind that it might be difficult to stay focused. A partner or associate could be making demands. It seems to be this person's way or the highway. Your best bet is to be ready for any kind of critical comments. Tonight: Say "yes" to a nice offer.

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