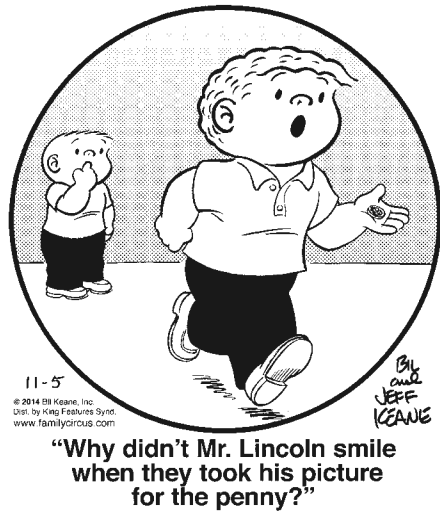
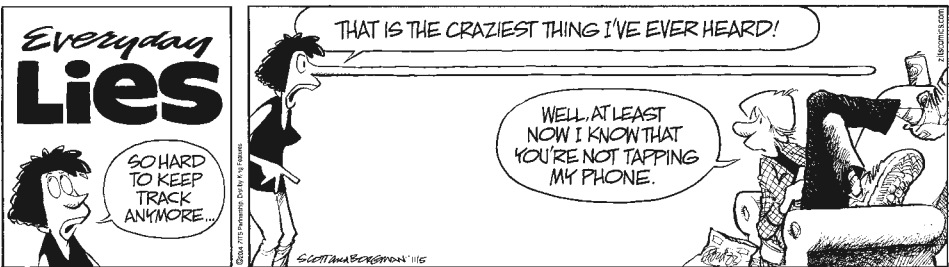


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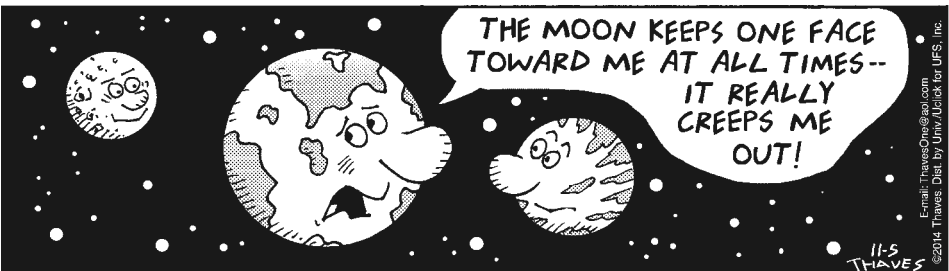
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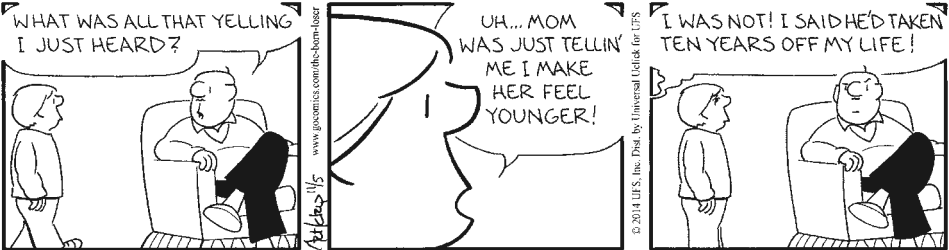
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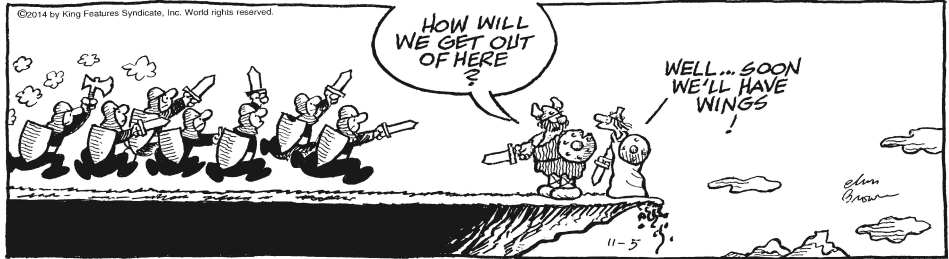
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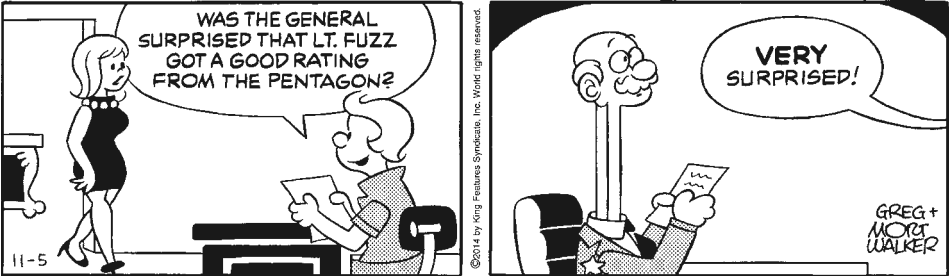
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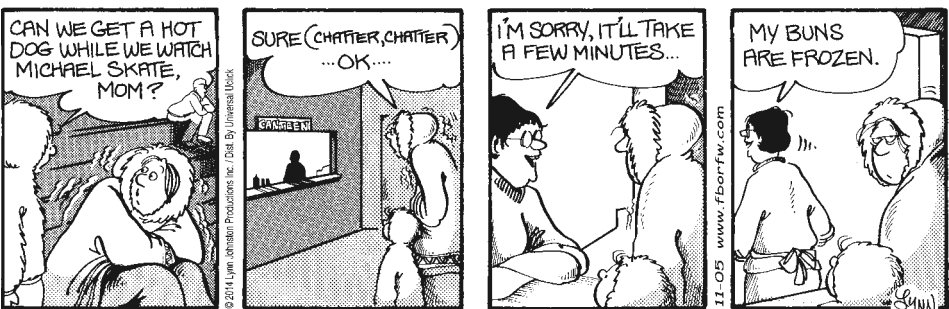
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# Daughter's New Lifestyle Puts Mother In Awkward Position

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, the mother of six children, has left her husband and is now involved in a three-way with a man and woman. She has not shielded her kids from these "new friends," as she calls them. Because I won't let her "friends" come along, she refuses to visit me.

I love my daughter, but I consider this relationship to be sick, and I hate that she's exposing her children to these people. Am I wrong to tell her to leave her bedroom activity out of the picture and visit me for just a day without them? We were always very close, but no more. — DISTRESSED MIDWESTERN GRANNY

DEAR DISTRESSED: I'm sure you love your daughter, but sometimes the way we phrase things can get in the way of the message we are trying to convey. Perhaps if you invited her to visit "because you love her and would like to spend some mother-daughter time with her," it would be perceived as less judgmental and more welcoming.

She may be reluctant to spend time alone with you because she knows it will result in a lecture from you about her lifestyle. Remember, she's an adult woman and can make decisions about her sex life for herself. While you and I may think it's unwise for her to expose her children to this triad, that message might be more appropriate coming from THEIR father, rather than HER mother.

DEAR ABBY: For the past few months I have been dating a man I'll call "Barry." This is my first relationship in five years and we get along well.

When we first met, I was physically attracted to Barry for many reasons, but in particular because he had a gorgeous beard. A beard is kind of important for me. Some women like tall men, others like long hair. I'm a "beard woman."

The problem is, Barry has told me I ogle any beard I see (not true). And he now gets annoyed if I look at or compliment HIS beard. A few days ago, he shaved it off.

I care about Barry, but I'm not as attracted to him when he's clean-shaven. I think he did it as

an act of defiance. How can I get him to understand that I don't ogle every beard I see, and convince him to keep his whiskers without hurting his ego? — FUZZ-LOVING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FUZZ-LOVING: Barry may have shaved the beard as "an act of defiance" — or not. He may have done it because it was uncomfortably hot or itchy, and he prefers being clean-shaven. My advice is to ask him — in a non-hostile way — why he got rid of it.

Many people think that the person BEHIND a beard is what's most important. However, if you're not one of them, because he's no longer willing to wear one, you may have to look elsewhere for a furry friend.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am at a loss about what to tell certain friends and family members about my job. I work in the adult industry to put myself through college, and I'm having a hard time finding a lie I can stick to. While I am not ashamed of what I do, I certainly can't tell my grandfather. This puts me in the awkward predicament of having to be dishonest with someone I love. Do you have any advice? — LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE

DEAR LIVING: Yes. Because lying to your friends and relatives makes you uncomfortable, consider some other way to pay for your education.

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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 Scorpio and a Moon in Aries if born before 4:38 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5, 2014:

This year you go back and forth between being very assertive and being extremely docile. This polarity could make many people around you a little crazy; they never know what you are going to do! If you are single, you are more likely to meet a person of significance in the second half of your birthday year. This person might appear to be your opposite in many ways. Both of you seem to be faced with the same issues, but you'll have different solutions. If you are attached, your significant other might need to be more flexible with you than in the past, and vice versa. TAURUS often challenges you — not with words, but by how he or she lives life.

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)

★★★★ Use the morning to move a heartfelt project forward. You also might want to squeeze in a little shopping, as you seem to be in tune with what would make another person smile. For some of you, it could involve buying your first item for the holidays. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You could feel off until midafternoon, when you suddenly might perk up. A call to or from a very special friend will energize you. Before you know it, you'll make plans that please both of you. Confirm where you are going to meet. Tonight: Act on a far-out idea.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ In the first part of the day, you could be having several key conversations in a meeting. A friend or loved one might be involved somewhat. Be careful, as you won't want to cause a problem here. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision involving an older relative or someone you must answer to. What felt right previously might not hold true any longer. A misunderstanding could be brewing if you are not careful. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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

★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance.

Confusion is likely to surround your words, and what you say might not mean the same thing to someone else as it does to you. By midday, an older person or an associate could be asking a lot from you. Tonight: A late-night appearance.

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

★★★★ You might want to figure the best solution for you and a partner this morning. Though the topic could be finances, the issue will have a lot to do with the balance of power between you. A suggestion made later in the day is likely to work. Tonight: Where there is great music.

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

★★★★ You will feel as if you're on top of a problem, but a statement will let you know otherwise. You could be in the position of having to renegotiate an agreement. Though you might be snippy at first, a resolution will emerge with ease. Tonight: With a favorite person.

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

★★★ You might have to do more than your fair share with a project or planned get-together. You could become a bit sarcastic if you feel as if someone else involved is not willing to take on more responsibility. Defer to others. Do nothing, and see what happens. Tonight: Be responsive.

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

★★★★ A loved one might demand more of your time. Somehow, you will make it your pleasure to indulge this person. Pressure revolving around an important meeting or get-together could be building. Make it OK to have your schedule rearranged. Tonight: Know when to call it.

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

★★★ You are very conscious of what must be done on the homefront. A family member might need to have a long-overdue conversation. Have it, as you can't avoid it much longer. Your imagination will produce an interesting solution and/or idea. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

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

★★★★ Make an important call. You might have to deal with a situation that forces you to take on more responsibility. Many different ideas coming in from different people could confuse you. Money will be involved in a decision regarding your domestic life. Tonight: Happily at home.

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

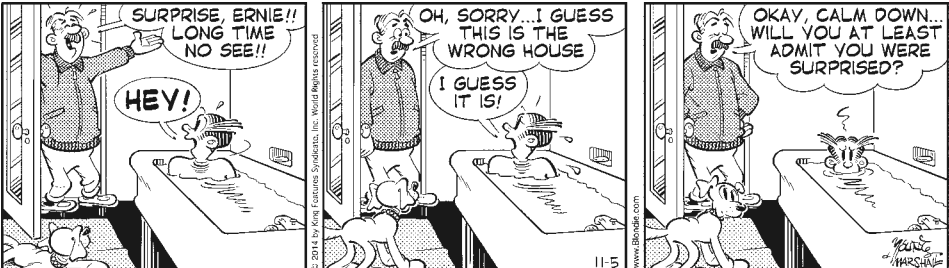
★★★ Keep your thoughts to yourself, unless your perspective will help resolve a problem. The other party involved could be confused about where you seem to be coming from. Reach out to someone who knows a lot about the subject in question. Tonight: Relax with a loved one.

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