CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"I warned you to stop snarfing down the free samples!"

Brother wants man to donate his sperm

month-old son and plan on trying for another baby soon. My husband's brother, who is sterile, called and asked my husband to donate

sperm to him. I am very upset because my husband refuses to ask his brother to make any kind of compromises to protect our family and theirs, such as counseling to resolve any issues ahead of time.

Before we were serious about each other, my husband donated to his brother's first JEANNE wife. His brother wanted to PHILLIPS keep it a secret from everyone — including the children — but his wife told all of her friends.

What should I do? My husband is afraid he's going to lose his brother if he doesn't give him everything he wants, but the person he is really going to lose is me. — *Confused in* the South

DEAR ABBY

Dear Confused: I hope you won't let your husband's generous impulses have a negative

Dear Abby: My husband and I have a 19- impact on your marriage. I agree that counseling could help to head off future problems that might crop up — IF your husband and his brother would agree to it.

> But while you're at it, this should also be discussed with a lawyer just in case your brother-in-law's second marriage goes south,

> As to keeping all of this a secret — because wife No. 1 has made public the fact that the children aren't biologically his, the chances of the information being kept secret are slim to none.

> Dear Abby: Since the lottery for the big jackpot was in the news, my co-workers and I have discussed the etiquette regarding sharing the winnings with whomever may have given you the ticket. For instance, if somebody has an uncle who gives lottery tickets as a gift on birthdays or holidays as opposed to a standard gift, and the recipient hits the winning numbers, is there a fixed percentage that's customary to give?

None of us is actually in this situation; it Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or just became part of our discussion. Thanks P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Hot Topic: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient. The recipient would be under no obligation to share the winnings with the person who gifted him or her with the ticket, nor should it be expected. However, if the gift giver does expect a percentage, then this should be worked out before the drawing.

Dear Abby: I'm 15 and I'm a lesbian. I've told my friends, but they don't accept me. They say they do, but when I talk about other girls, they say, "Don't talk about girls around us. We're not gay!" I don't know what to do. Please help. — *LGBT in Georgia*

Dear Lgbt: Your friends probably do accept you, but would prefer not to hear all the details you feel the need to share. It's time you find a youth group for gay teenagers.

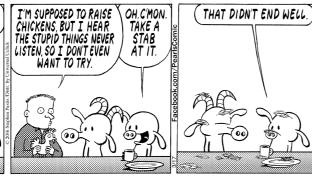
Go online, visit lgbtcenters.org and search for the nearest gay and lesbian community center in your area. If you do, you will see that the support you are looking for isn't hard to find. I wish you luck.

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis





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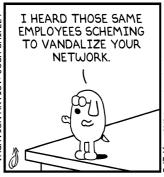






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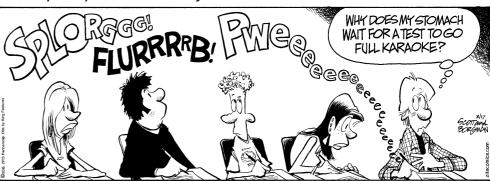
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Daily Horoscope

of normalcy restored in a very unusual relationship. This will be a relief. Now that things are relatively calm, you will be better able to concentrate on important work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you are too focused on results, you'll miss the best part. Keep your eyes and heart open, espe-

cially in the early evening. Note that someone needs you more than he or she is letting on! GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need a better system of

accountability. Don't wait to see what happens — take action now. Make a bet with someone who will **HOLIDAY** show you no mercy. This is how you'll get things done.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've cultivated quite a good crew of emotional supporters. You don't have to wait until you

really need them to lean in and test the strength of this. Call out to your people! You'll love how they echo your mood today. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's so much to be

happy about in your life right now. Make a list of it to help you remember better when things get hectic this afternoon. The more grateful you feel, the more powerful you'll be. Tap into that! VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't feel

like you're having a problem, but there's still

someone out there who knows a better way to do

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a sense it. Investigate your whims. This is what will lead you to find the people who can help you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are so many people who want to hang out with you. Be choosy. You can afford to be. Plus, there's absolutely no reason you should place yourself in the company of people who bring you down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know how to take care of yourself, but you don't always do it. Well, that's going to have to change. It's not just about you. Your loved ones are also better off when you're operating at the top of your game.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You include everyone, even if you're not sure they're going to like each other or have much in common. You'll be surprised at the ways people from different parts of your life might connect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're trying to help someone else but it keeps turning out the same way — you're the one getting helped! It's like no matter how selfless you get, the benefits still find you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't do anything half way. Knowing this about yourself will make you slow to commit today. You really understand the full scope of a job and that's why you're not sure you want to take it on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). That person who needs so much from you now is afraid of underperforming or not being enough to attract your undying love. Whatever you do to ease this person's mind will be worth the effort.

