

Cheating husband ruins trust

Dear Annie: I read you on Facebook and hope you can help. My husband and I have been married for two years, after living together for five. We have four beautiful children. Things were going well until we moved into our new home. It's as if we suddenly became strangers. We barely spoke to each other. He kept a lot of secrets and lied about everything.

I started snooping around and found out he was having two on-line affairs. I confronted him, and he became angry, as if it were my fault. He made me feel terrible, so I let him walk all over me and was miserable. He claims these "affairs" were the same as looking at pornography, but he's wrong. I know one of these women, and they were both sending him text messages and racy photos. Last month, he cleared out half of our bank account and won't tell me where the money went.

After that, I told him he had to stop or the marriage was over, so he trashed his phone and now he rarely gets online. But I can't help thinking, given the chance, he would do it all again. I love him and our family and believe in keeping our marriage intact,

Annie's Mailbox

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but I just don't trust him anymore. Should I leave him or give him another chance? — *Confused and Worried Wife*

Dear Confused: When trust disappears in a marriage, it takes a great deal of effort — from both parties — to regain a foothold. You have four children together. Your husband has apparently trashed his phone and rarely gets online, and, as far as you know, he is no longer carrying on with other women. These things would justify giving him another chance.

But he still hasn't explained or replaced the missing money (this is a huge red flag) and, obviously, you don't fully believe that he will remain faithful down the road. This is why counseling is so important. Please ask your husband to go with you to see a professional who can help him

understand why his behavior is so damaging, and work on ways for you to trust him again. As always, if he refuses to go with you, go alone.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Know the Difference Between You're and Your," who worked part-time as a proofreader and media relations contact for a good friend who didn't like to have her grammar or spelling corrected. I agree with your suggestion of tact, instead of the writer's apparent "I'm right, you're wrong," approach. A spirit of camaraderie and mutual support is always helpful.

I'd also like to recommend that "Know the Difference" buy a copy of "The Chicago Manual of Style" and try to get her boss to agree that the experts will settle all bets. — *Marty in SoCal*

Dear Marty: This is an excellent suggestion. The CMOS is one of the most widely used guides for American English. It was first published in 1906 and the latest edition can be found in hardcover or online. Using such a guide would defer grammar and spelling questions to a respected authority and remove some of the rancor between friends.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sometimes you just have to do the job you have instead of the job you wished for. The good news is that once you commit to hunkering down, the hard part goes by quickly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've seen the attitude you want — someone you know is wearing it well. Guess what. It will look even better on you. A change of attitude will bring a change of circumstances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you win today's challenge, you'll get a prize. But if you lose, you'll get something far more valuable: an education you can apply over and over until you can win and win consistently.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're someone's hero, and the responsibility isn't one you take lightly. Even heroes need a break, and this weekend will provide you with one, eventually — although not before Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Anyone can resist authority, and most do at some point. But resisting authority with grace, style and effectiveness — now that's remarkable. You could pull off such a stunt brilliantly today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one can judge a performance that hasn't happened yet, and that's why you should refrain from making assessments before you get out there and prove what you can do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're thinking big, but you're starting small. This is the best way. Incremental gains have staying power. You'll avoid future trouble by doing it right from the ground up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most

things that are available for purchase lose value immediately after the buy — most things, but not all things. Search out rare gems. You have a terrific sense of what's going to be collectible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're willing to sacrifice for the team as long as it's a meaningful sacrifice. You want to get to the end of the day and feel like it really mattered, if not to you, then to someone you care about.

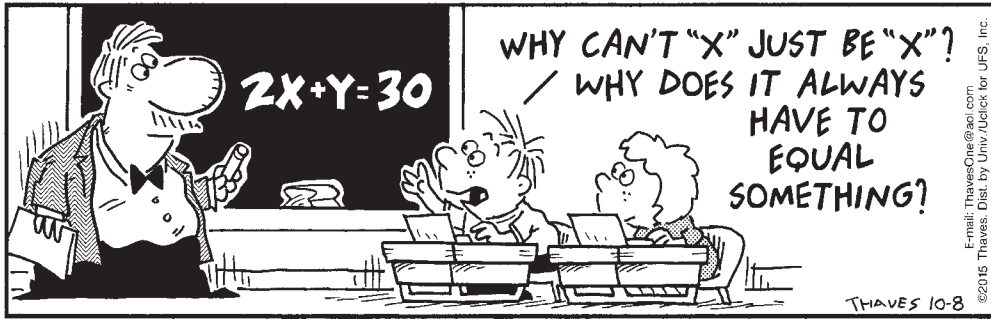
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In time you'll learn what everyone was thinking today — the good, bad and indifferent. Wait until then to judge it. Now is the time to get involved to the point that you couldn't care less what the others think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your cosmic bonus will be time with people who like you for who you are. This frees you up to do your best in the ways in which you are compelled rather than in the ways that are expected of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're even more magnetic and mysterious than usual. This attracts all kinds of interesting scenarios. For instance, someone from your past could return wanting another chance with you.

FRIDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 9). You still have the magic. In fact, you have more of it than you did last year. Stop doubting yourself and get busy. A new area of study will lead to better income and improved living. One friend will open up your social life to many more. December through February requires great discipline, and you'll be rewarded for it. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 20, 16 and 38.

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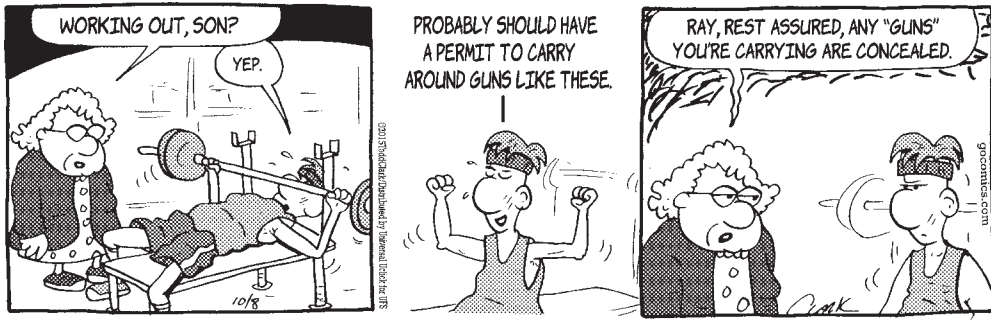
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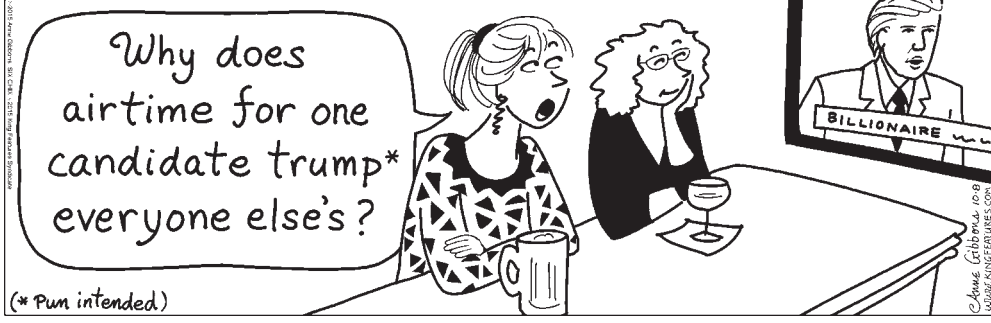
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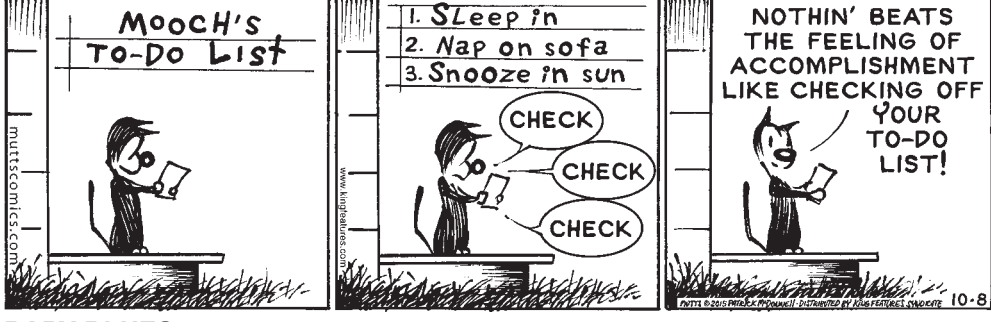
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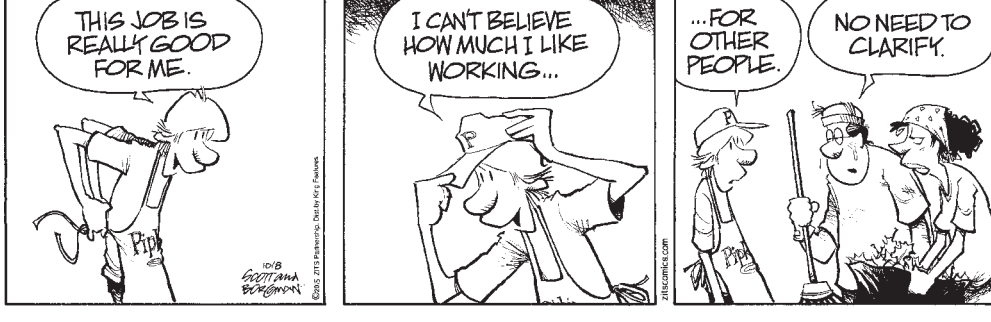
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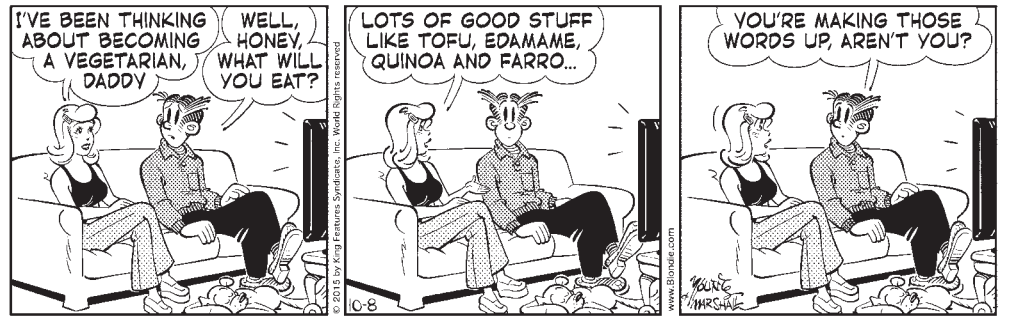
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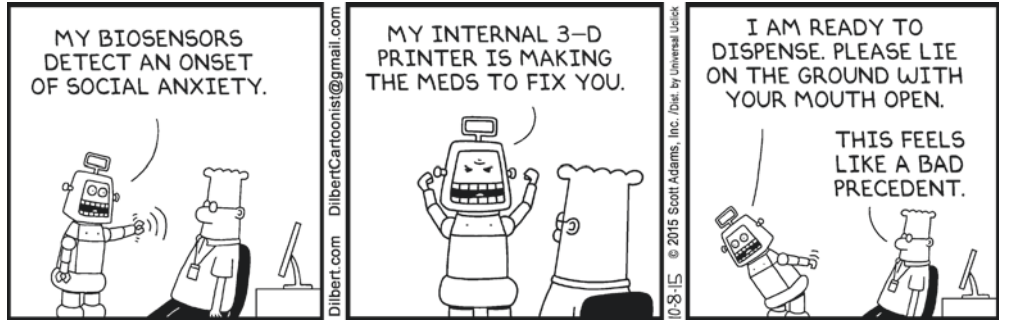
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