

She's tired of sharing boyfriend

Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: I'm in my early 50s, single again after a long 20-year relationship that should have ended sooner.

A year ago, I met a guy I really like, and we've been seeing each other seriously since. "Bill" has about a dozen close female friends. He does things like buy them bras and brags that he knows all of their sizes. It hasn't been a deal breaker because I've met most of them, and they really are just friends.

However, it bugs me that we'll make plans to spend a quiet afternoon together, and then one of these girlfriends will text him, and instead of telling me about it or asking me first, Bill will meet up with her (and often her girlfriends), and the next thing you know, I'm stuck sharing him with a bunch of women.

Also, with two of these women, he doesn't tell me he has seen them until after the fact. Last weekend, he got us tickets to a golf game. I knew he wanted to take a male friend, so I gave up my ticket. It turns out, he had four tickets and took the friend along with two girls. He didn't even offer to tell me he had extra tickets.

When Bill is out with these women, he avoids my calls. He buys them drinks and either lies about it or just doesn't mention it. He says it's not cheating if he doesn't sleep with them.

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He continues to do this even though I've said it seems disrespectful to our relationship.

Am I being unreasonable or just gullible? I'm still in great shape and have had many other offers. I'm ready to settle down in a meaningful relationship, and this is like high school. Thoughts? — *Tired of Sharing*

Dear Tired: What are you doing with this immature man-child? Do you seriously think he is going to give up his little harem for you? He is not. It's time to move on.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are close friends with "John and Mary." John continues to spend money on "toys" he feels he "needs" without Mary's knowledge. We know this because he shares the information with my husband and shows him the things he has purchased. John has incurred a great deal of debt, and Mary hasn't a clue because John controls all of the fi-

nances. Meanwhile, he gets upset with how much she spends on groceries, gas or household furniture.

My husband and I consider honesty to be a cornerstone of our marriage. It makes us sick that John is not being honest with his wife. We've already encouraged John to tell Mary the truth, and he hasn't. So do we tell her, or do we just stay out of their business? — *Honest BFFs*

Dear Honest: Hard as it may be, you need to stay out of this, and your husband should not be admiring John's "toys." You can explain to John that Mary will eventually find out and the consequences will be compounded by his lying. He is better off working with her than against her. She could be a supportive partner. You also can suggest he contact Debtors Anonymous (debtorsanonymous.org) for help.

Dear Annie: This is a response to "Frustrated," the 67-year-old widow who misses sex and wants to know whether masturbation is still a mortal sin.

As one who was raised a Catholic, I find it difficult to believe that a merciful God, and I believe He is, would condemn those who commit the "sin" of masturbation to an eternity in Hell along with serial killers and mass murderers. If that is the case, that widow will have an awful lot of company there. — *A Believer*

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are feeling fickle and could agitate someone with your indecision, especially someone with hopes for your exclusive attention. Just remember that you don't owe anyone anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are humble enough to see that you need to work hard, yet confident enough to see that, at your best, you can absolutely outshine the competition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your love life will get the focus today. Singles will make a connection with someone witty and fun. Couples will add a new exciting element to their routine. When your heart is happy, so are you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your view will be obstructed, and therefore you'll have to take the first step in faith. This will make it a more memorable experience. Others have done this, too. You have nothing to worry about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A loved one's attention is fixed on you. Now that you have it, reward the behavior. Also note that your whims may seem off course, but ultimately, if you follow them, you will find a better route to where you're going.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Accountability is the theme. Make sure your team knows what you want them to do. And if you're not sure who is on your team, this is a fine time to sort that out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As for the mundane details of life's maintenance, you're not that interested right now. You're also not so keen on the hard facts and the logic. You're busy feeling your way through, and that will work beautifully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone wants to give advice whether or not they really have their own thing together. Is that help, or is it ego? Either way, there are a few gems in what comes toward you that are definitely worth listening to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are not responsible for the energy of the world, but you definitely have the power to influence it. Use that power today. Your smile is one of the least expensive and most effective things you can offer.

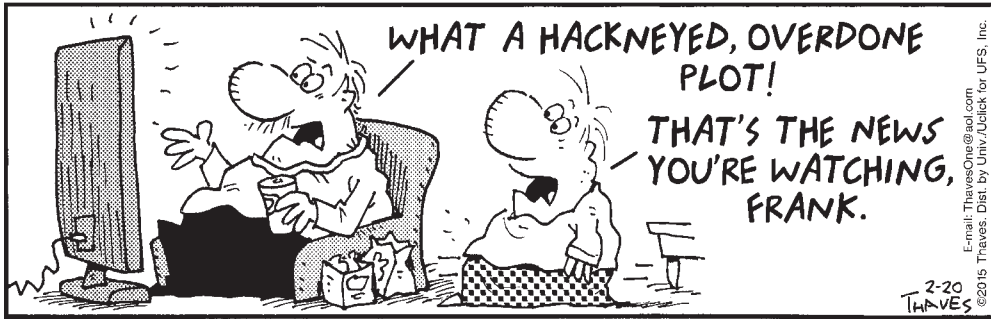
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't make the mistake of defining yourself based on what you do for others. They might define you according to those terms, and it's egocentric (yet very human) of them to do so, but you should not.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Thinking out loud is fun when you have a responsive audience. Don't confuse thoughts with facts, though. The internal dialogue is a sea of opinions generated by an extremely active and malleable mind.

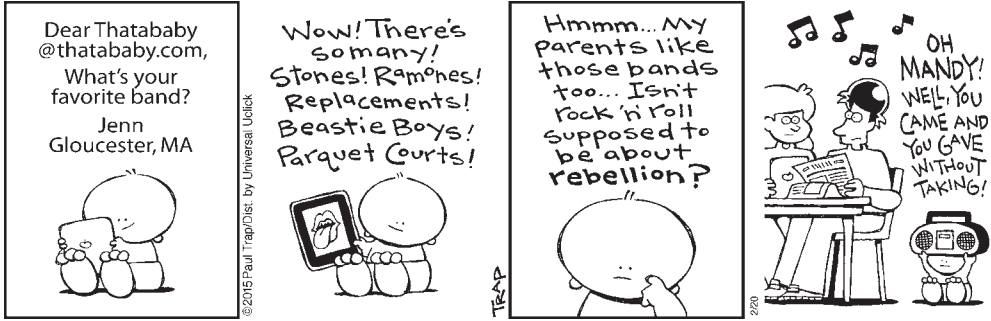
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If they assume they are doing you a favor by instructing you, they'll get a surprise. You prefer to seek your own instruction — or, differently put, "Don't tell me what to do."

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21). Seize the advantage you couldn't act on until this year. You'll fully maximize it in March. April brings public praise. May features better living through diet, exercise and relationships. Transportation improvements happen in August. You'll get where you want to go mentally and physically. Aquarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 22, 41, 24 and 16.

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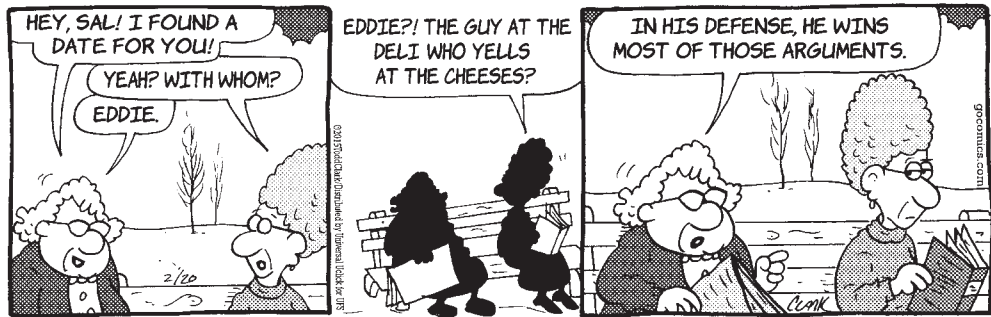
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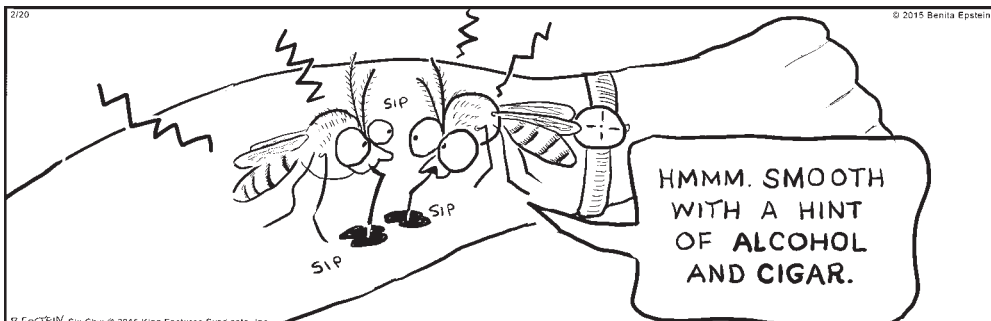
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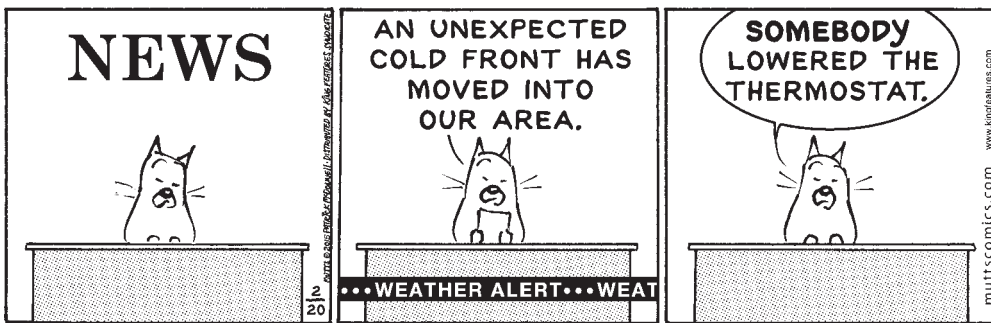
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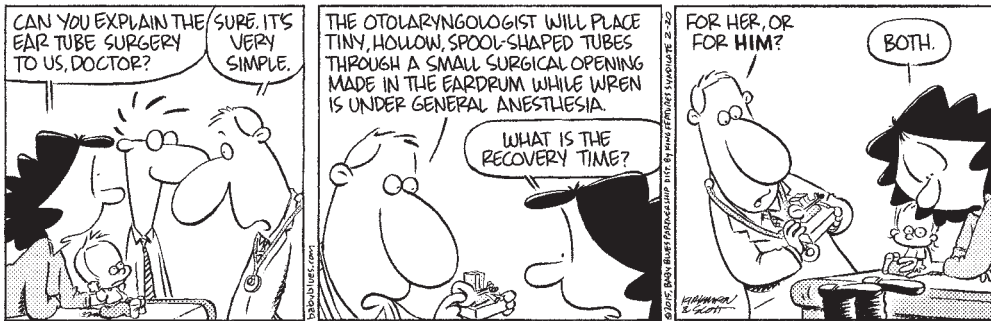
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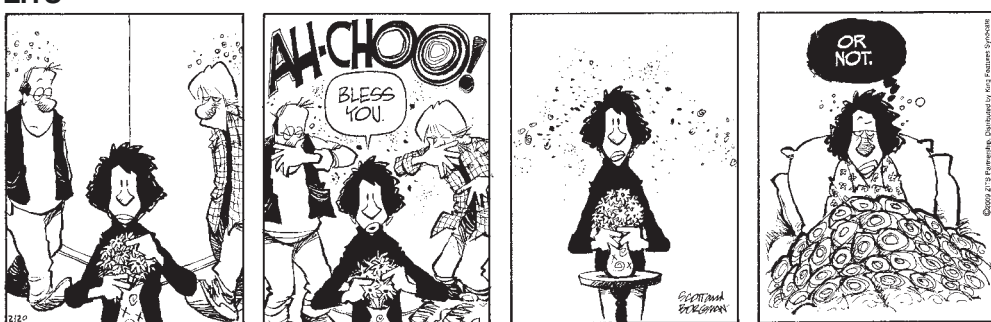
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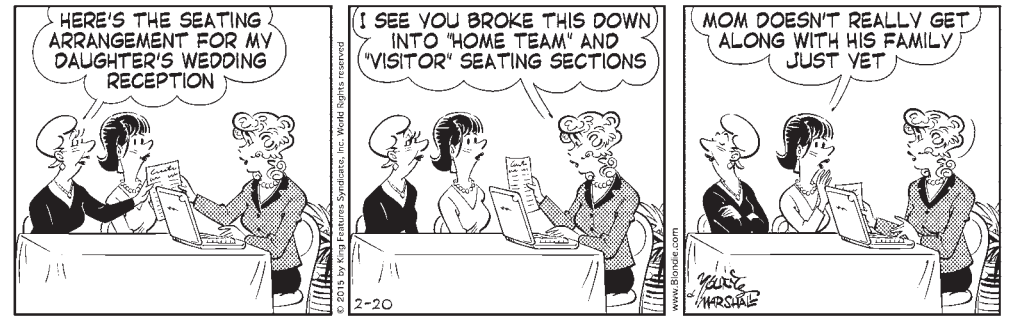
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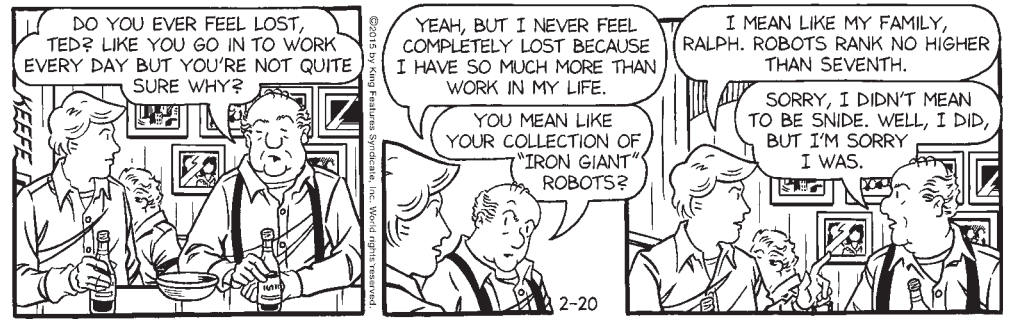
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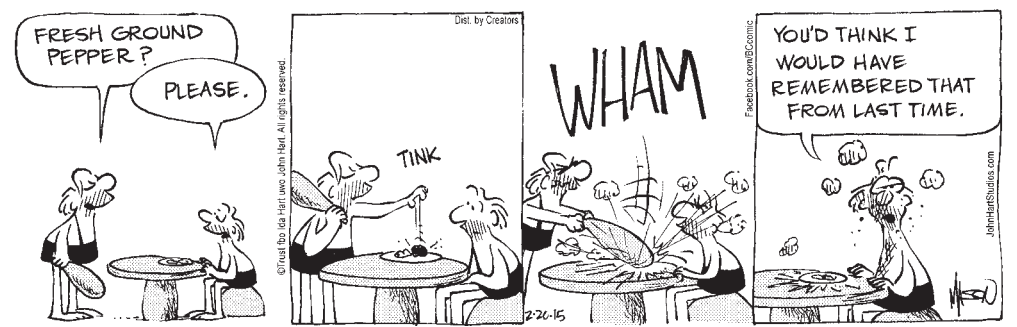
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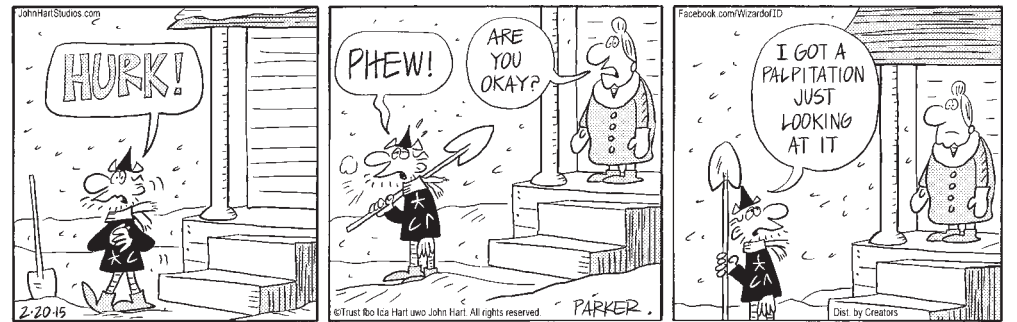
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