

He finds himself in a bind

Dear Annie: My wife and I are in our early 40s and have been married for six years. Two years after we married, I discovered that “Becky” was having an affair with a co-worker. They both lost their jobs over it.

We tried marriage counseling, and it seemed to help. From what I could get out of Becky, they were intimate only once.

But I’ve never felt that the whole truth came out. It was the Other Man’s girlfriend, “Jenny,” who discovered the affair. I recently decided to contact Jenny to see whether she could supply the missing pieces.

We agreed to meet over coffee, and I found out that she and the Other Man broke up. Jenny informed me that, contrary to what Becky told me, the affair lasted another 18 months after we discovered what was going on.

But, Annie, here’s the new problem: After meeting several times, Jenny and I have developed feelings for each other and find ourselves in a situation similar to that of my wife and her ex-boyfriend.

I know that two wrongs don’t make a right. I also believe that a marriage can be saved after an af-

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fair. But Becky’s lies are always in the back of my head, and now I don’t know what to do. — *Need Help in Jersey*

Dear Jersey: You have found a kindred spirit in Jenny because you have been through a shared experience. You also still harbor resentment toward Becky, and whether or not you recognize it, this is a convenient way to get even. Do you want to save your marriage? If so, stop seeing Jenny, get back into counseling with Becky, tell her you know the affair was more serious than she admitted, and ask her to come clean so you can truly work through this. If she refuses, or if you are still convinced she is lying, you might be better off apart. But don’t use Jenny as an excuse to get there.

Dear Annie: Could you influ-

ence my college-educated husband to stop licking his fingers when he counts his money? He refuses to acknowledge how disgusting this is. My stomach turns when he opens his wallet and I hear him lick his thumb and forefinger to get bills out. I also have seen the disgusted look on the cashier’s face when she accepts his “licked” money. Would you please tell him how unhealthy this is? — *Disgusted Wife*

Dear Wife: In a study last year, researchers at New York University tested dollar bills and found 3,000 different kinds of bacteria, some of which can cause gastric ulcers, pneumonia, food poisoning, staph infections and acne. They also found fungi and plant pathogens, DNA from horses and dogs, and minute traces of anthrax and diphtheria.

Lots of people have already touched the money your husband licks. He is putting all of their bacteria, not to mention his own and whatever is brewing in his wallet, into his mouth. As an added incentive, you might tell him you don’t intend to kiss that mouth until he brushes his teeth and gargles with an antiseptic mouthwash. Yuck.

Tomorrow’s horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You admire self-control. That’s why you relate more readily to a person who is apparently struggling to hold back emotions and remain decorous than you do to someone who displays every passing feeling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You wish your emotions had a volume control knob that you could twist at your leisure. Maybe they do! The more you practice the better you manage your feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your sense of humor will send a message: You’ve already risen above the petty squabbles and whatever other unpleasantness happens to be standing in the way of a good time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone has insecurities about where they stand in a group. Your sensitivity to the topic will endear you to those who feel anxious and unsure of their standing. They are learning to trust you, and you are learning to lead them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You lived it, and you can’t unlive it. But you can put a new frame on this little piece of history — one that goes better with the new paint on the walls of your psyche.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may feel like you have to hide your true identity, but that’s not a horrible plight. Pretending to be less than who you are is the fate of all superheroes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid argument. A peaceful aura is attractive. In the evening, a loved one will impress you. Be sure to voice your feelings and share them. This person could use the validation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Mistakes will happen during practice. Actually, mistakes are the very essence of practice. If there are no mistakes, it only means you’re not stretching enough.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don’t really need a rescue, but someone will offer you help, and you would be wise to take it. Not only will it make your life easier, but the “helper” will get more from the experience than you will.

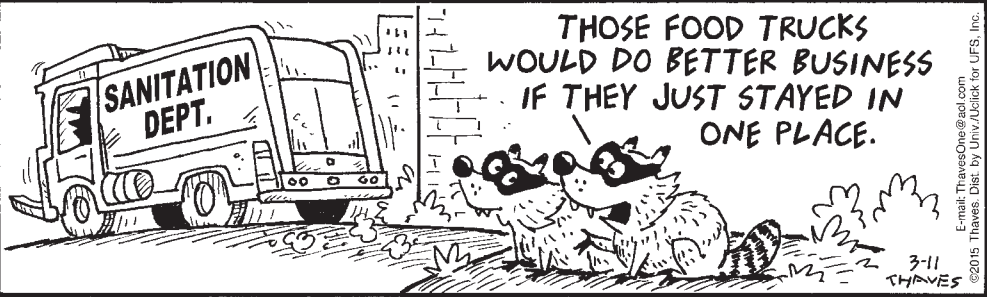
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When the machines won’t let you accomplish what you need to do, it’s a sign. Instead of calling technical support, which could take hours, move on to the next (non-digital and ultimately rewarding) task.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let someone in on your driving ambition, because help is all around you. With the support of a team, your best qualities will shine: a light heart, a witty tongue and a heartwarming laugh.

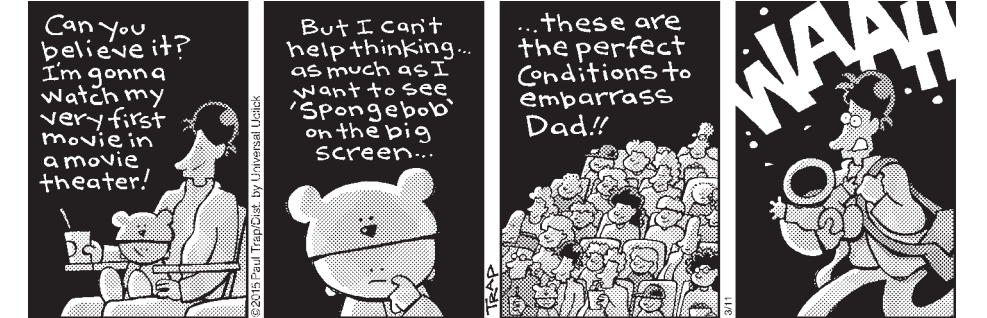
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have more charisma than you know what to do with. There are people out there gauging their social status by how much attention and affection they get from you.

SATURDAY’S BIRTHDAY (March 12). The biggest difference manifests because you take time for yourself every day this year. As your understanding of and relationship with your “self” deepens, so will your relationships with others. Love is a big theme starting in June, and you’ll move and change because of this. May and July are your biggest money months. Leo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 14, 38, 22 and 19.

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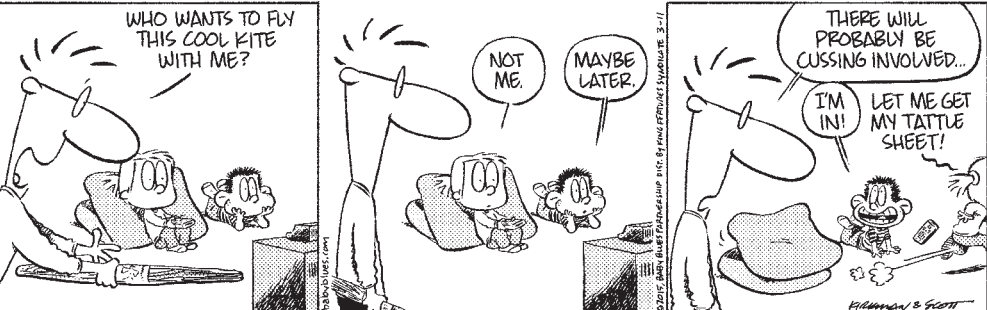
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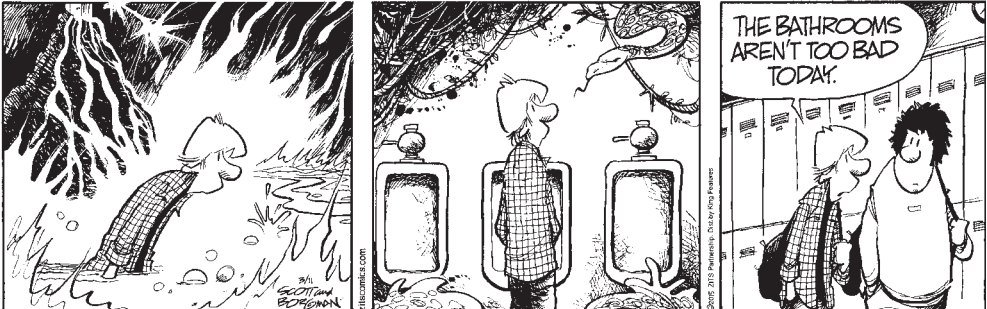
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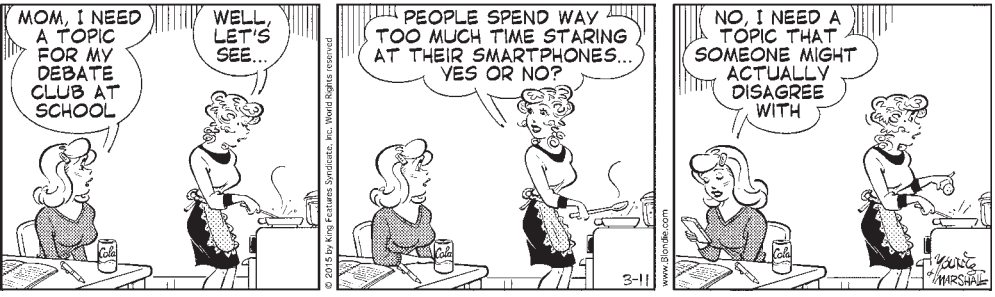
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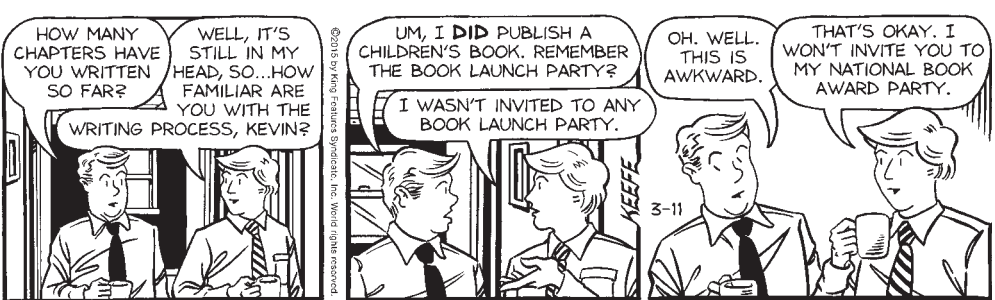
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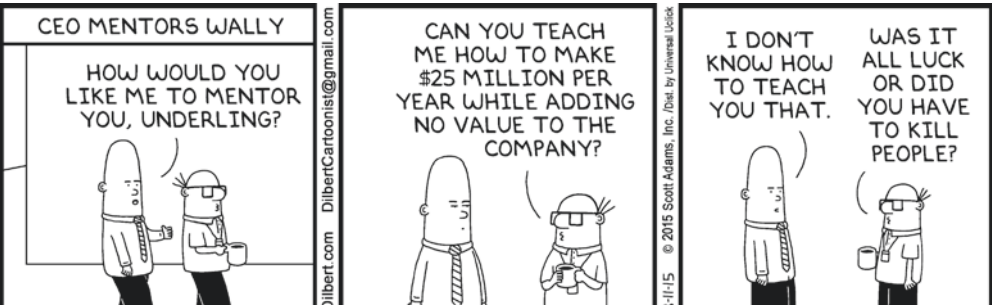
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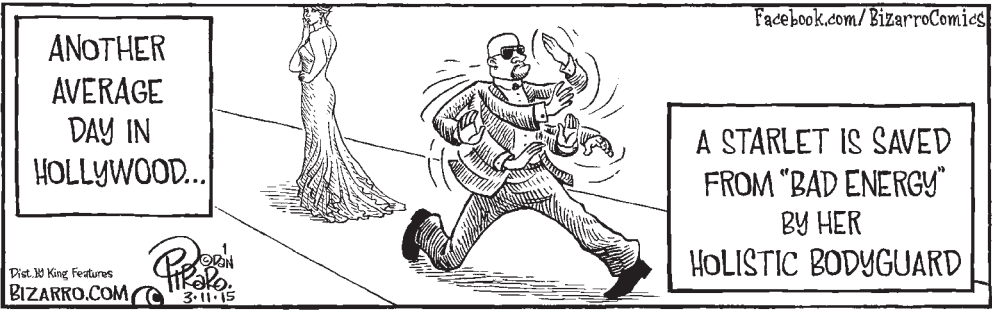
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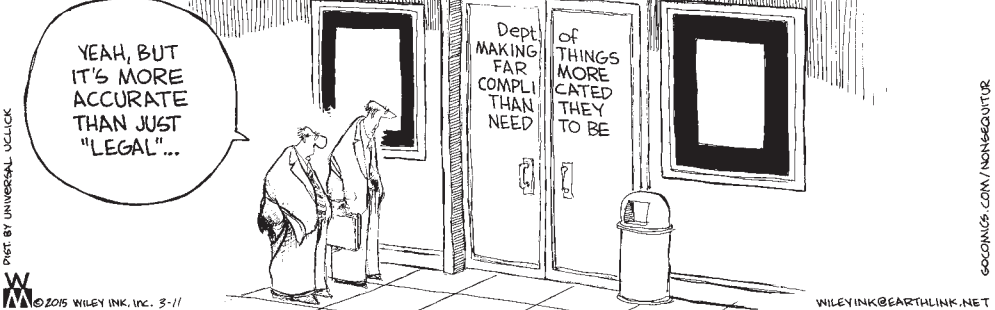
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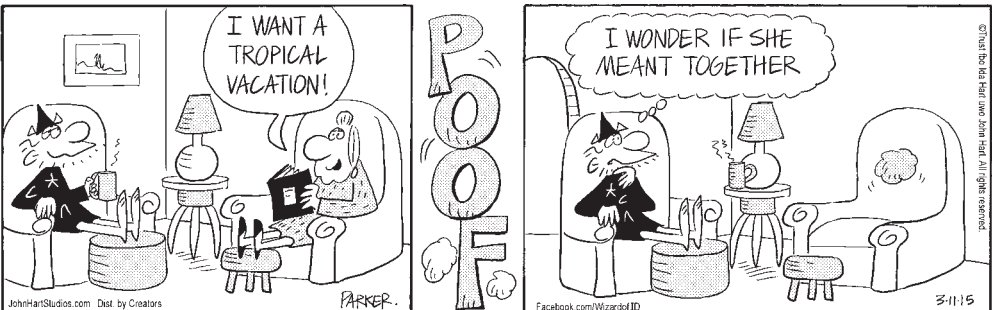
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