

Diary is part of hidden treasure Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: About 10 years ago, I was working on a remodel project and discovered a hidden "treasure": three dusty books stashed above some ductwork. Two were personal journals, and another was an art book with sexy photographs from the 1980s.

I briefly glanced at the journals and noticed they dealt with some romantic breakups. I didn't read past that. Since I didn't know who the owner was, I put all three books back, figuring they were not meant for public consumption.

I recently returned to the same house and told the owner about the items. We debated whether or not to track down the author or let the dog sleep. I think enough time has passed that the author might be interested in having these things for sentimental reasons. What do you say? — *Al*

Dear Al: If it were only the book with sexy photographs, we'd say leave it alone. But two journals might be of value to someone, and we think you should make an effort to return them. You already know that these things belonged to someone who lived in the house post-



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1980, which should make tracing the author easier without pouring over the personal content. But it also means reopening the wall with the ductwork, so you will need the current owner's permission.

Dear Annie: "Need Help" is just like me: I do not like sex. Never have, never will. I am 56 years old and have been married for 29 years. My husband threatened to divorce me many times due to my lack of interest, but I could not afford to live on my own, nor would I subject our kids to a divorce.

We have had, and continue to have, a fun, thoughtful, interesting and satisfying marriage, except for that one thing. About a dozen years ago, with another threat of divorce looming over my head and the possible break-

up of our family, I agreed to have sex once a week, on the condition that my husband wouldn't talk about it or request it any other time. He agreed, and here we are now.

I still don't like sex, and he knows it, but that's the deal. Why must someone like sex? My husband doesn't like to read, so I don't make him. The notion that marriage can only be strong with a gratifying sex life needs to stop. If society wants longer, happier marriages, then we need to start focusing on the other 99 percent of the relationship. — *Would Prefer a Sexless Marriage*

Dear Prefer: You seem to think people are just fine without sex, but that's not true. Some are, but for most, it's a fairly basic urge. Since you've never liked sex, it's quite possible that you are asexual. Had you told this to your husband before you married, chances are, you would not be together. But we congratulate you on your willingness to compromise for the health of your marriage, and we hope your husband appreciates the other 99 percent as much as you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you can't get exactly what you want, but you're extremely polite in the negotiation, you'll receive good fortune in the form of a substitution that's even better than what you were going for in the first place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just because a situation is difficult to handle or uncomfortable for you doesn't mean it shouldn't be happening. Accepting a broad range of emotions and being willing to move through them will make you powerful and effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You want people to experience you in a certain way — a way that's close to but not exactly like who you really are. Today you'll be working to close the gap between the real you and the ideal you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Getting enough sleep is more important to your well-being than many of the other things you do to keep yourself healthy — plus, it's free. It just takes a bit of organization to clear the time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's nice to give what you're asked to give in relationships, but it's much better to give before you're asked. It shows that you're paying attention and that you understand the other person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today's problem is shaped like a circle, so if you don't know where to start, start anywhere at all. When you think better, you'll act better, and when you act better, you'll think better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Focus is more about neglect than attention. It's about placing your concentration in a small circle and ignoring everything outside of it. This is easier done for limited

periods of time. Decide how long you'll work before you start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You prefer not to say everything in your heart. Some loving thoughts are like collectable toys: better kept inside their packaging. Breaking them out devalues them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While some may get in the mood to wander, restlessness is more than a mood for you; it's a primal urge akin to hunger and just as difficult to disobey. When you take in new views, you absorb the colors of life.

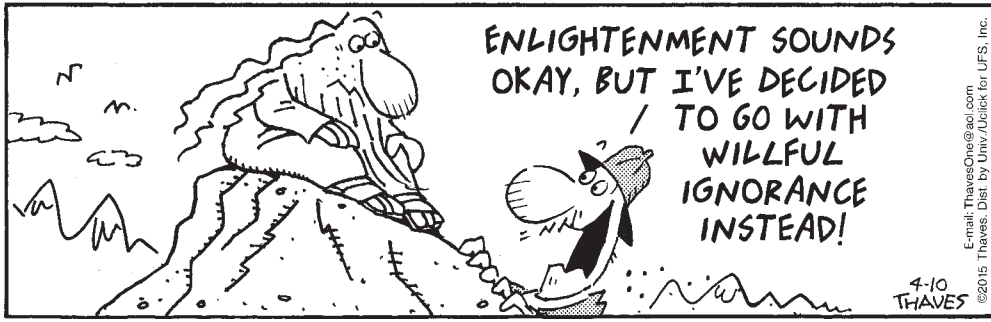
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to have all of the answers immediately. If you're not sure, sleep on it. It's better to do that than to lie awake worried that you acted in haste.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The obstacles are not in your path; they are in your head. Virtual leaping will get you past them. Call up that person you know who is so good at helping you see things differently.

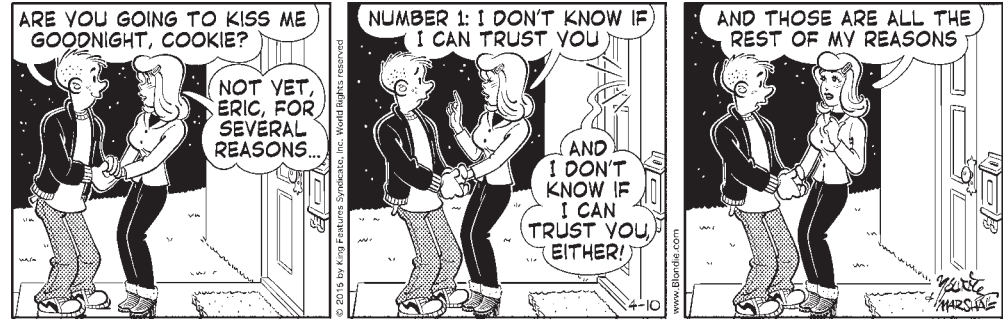
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Healthy choices don't have to be unappealing ones. What rewards you in the moment will also reward you in the long term because you feel better doing what's right for you.

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 11). The next 10 weeks represent a cycle of personal growth that will enhance key relationships and attract new ones, too. Define your purpose to gain greater control over your daily life. June shows you defying convention, and you'll be celebrated for it. You'll simultaneously make money and make a difference. Capricorn and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 49, 2, 33 and 11.

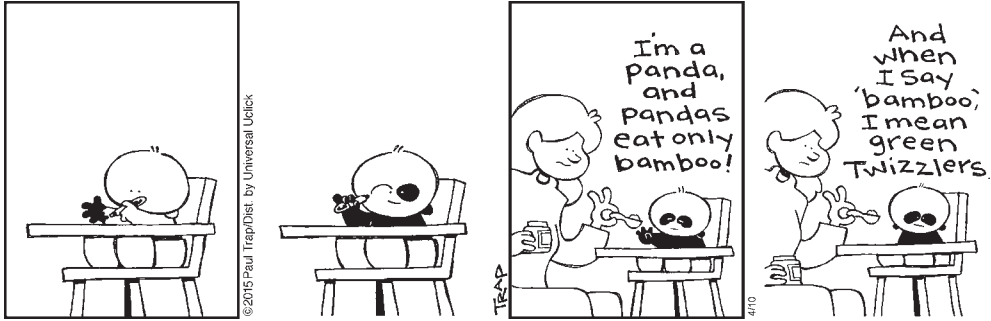
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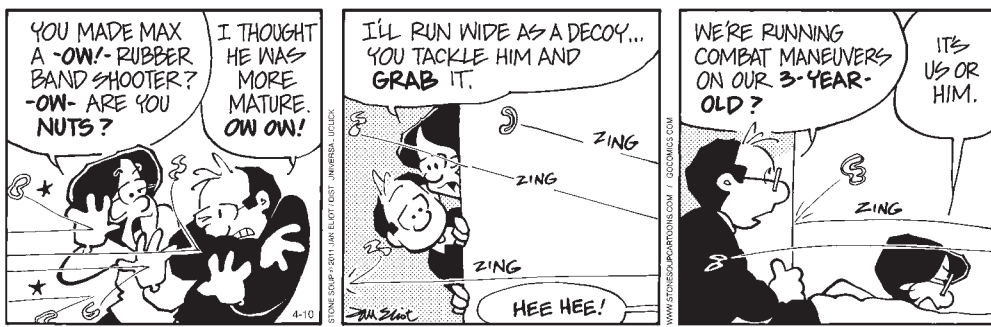
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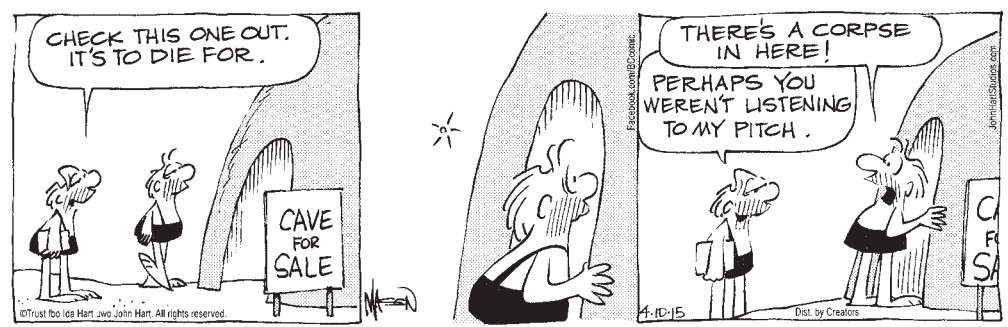
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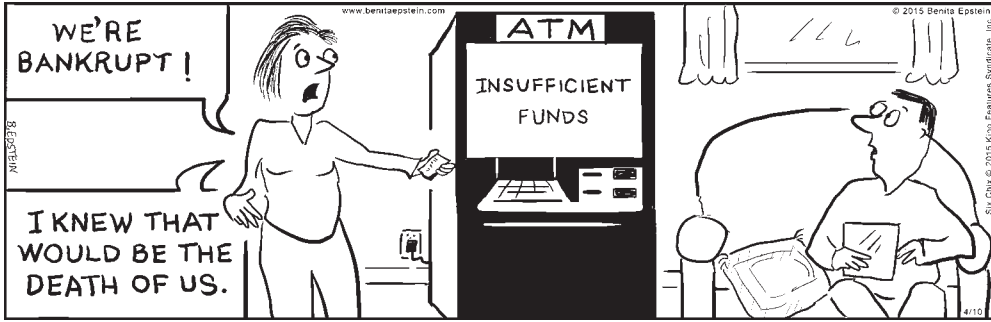
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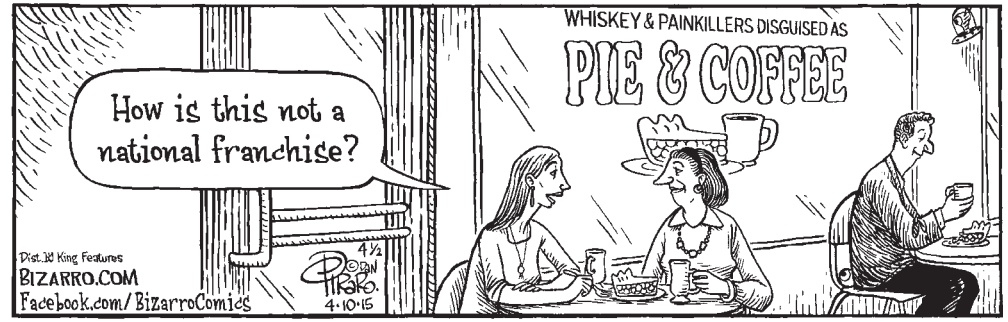
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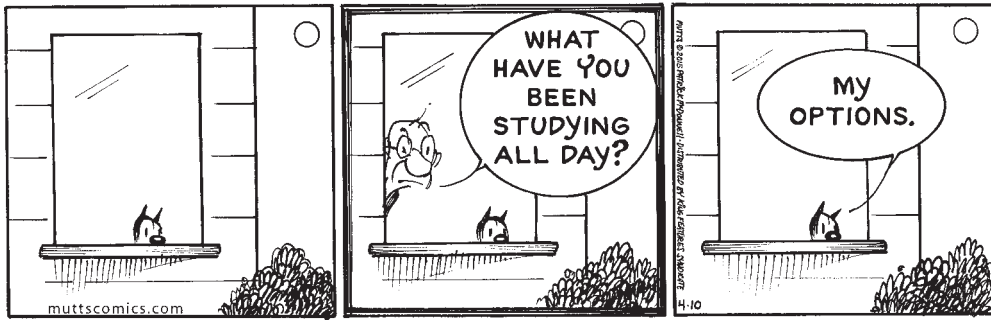
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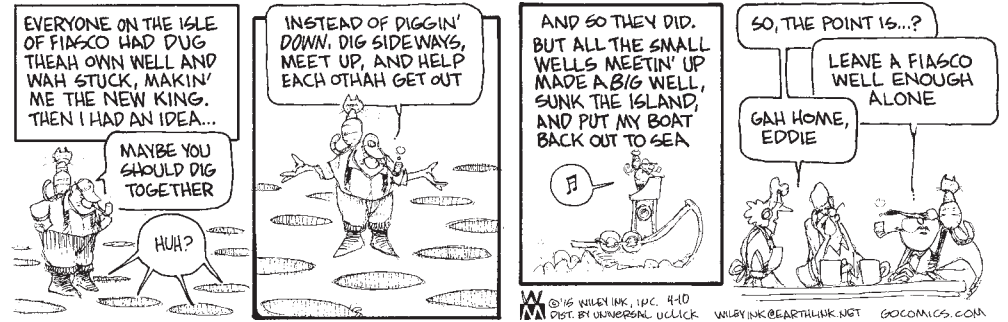
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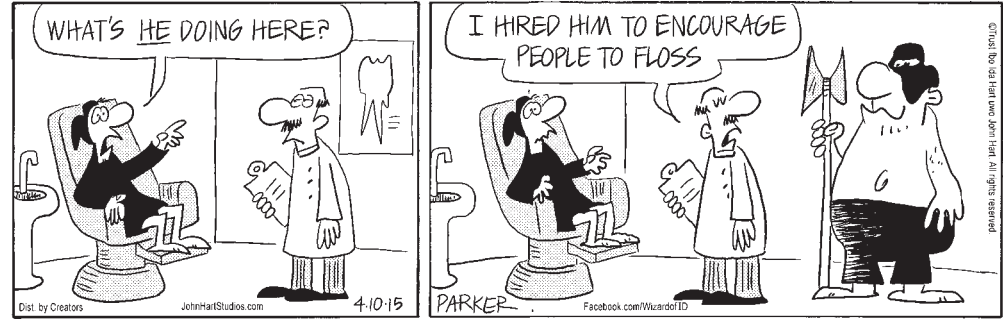
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