

Fiance needs to compromise

Dear Annie: After five years of dating, my fiance and I have purchased a house and are in the process of moving in together. Everything is going well, except for one thing: “Walter” does not want me to bring any of the furniture my mother gave me.

My mother has kept several couches, rugs and other household items in storage for me, and I love these pieces. Walter has expressed the desire to simply buy new items rather than use what was left to me, which I find disrespectful, not only to me, but to my family. I tried to compromise by donating many of these items and only keeping a handful, but he wants all of it gone.

Annie, this is causing a major rift. I refuse to give away items my mother left me simply because he is being stubborn. Walter thinks I am being difficult and that dumping these things is no big deal. His cavalier attitude makes me even more upset. I would never ask him to donate an entire storage locker of items from his family because I disliked the style or wished for new things.

I don’t want to resent Walter

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over this. Any suggestions? — *War of the Roses*

Dear Roses: We see that you have made concessions about the furniture and donated some of it. Has Walter made any concessions? It’s his turn. He should agree to keep most of the remaining pieces, provided they are in good condition. If he has legitimate objections, he should voice them.

This may seem like a minor disagreement, but if Walter refuses *any* compromise, then you are getting a small sample of every decision the two of you will make in the future. Please don’t assume his attitude will mellow. Get some premarital counseling so Walter can understand that his autocratic style is not going to create a happy marriage.

Dear Annie: I am at my wits’

end when it comes to my husband’s behavior. Whenever my opinion does not coincide with his, he plugs his ears, walks away or filibusters. I have reached the point where I refrain from giving my opinion since every time I do, he accuses me of trying to start a fight.

How can I make him see how destructive his ear plugging is to our marriage? Any help would be greatly appreciated. — *Lonesome Wife*

Dear Lonesome: We know 2-year-olds who behave with more maturity than your husband. Is there someone he respects (a relative, friend, clergyperson) who would referee for the two of you and make it clear that married couples have a responsibility to listen to one another?

A spouse who disagrees with your opinion is welcome to say so, calmly and respectfully. But plugging one’s ears or otherwise preventing you from expressing yourself is childish and damaging. If your husband won’t listen to any third-party suggestions, please get some counseling and see whether you can find different ways to cope — or whether you want to.

Tomorrow’s horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The marketing experts impose a deadline on their offers to get people to “act now” for fear of missing out. You might try the same tactic with someone, as your open-ended stance isn’t producing results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You’ve been lost before, and that’s why you feel so grateful for your current state of mind. You know what you need to do, and you’ll get there through hard work and discipline.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You’re not one to be pushed into a belief. If you can’t pick and choose your beliefs, what can you do? You’re not about to submit to doing what you’re told without reasons that make good sense to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will happen just like it does in the theater. The curtains will close on the last scene, and then there will be a lull. Relax. Let the universe change the set. When the curtains reopen, there will be a new scene to work out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There’s a part of your past you now consider to be more interesting than you previously thought. Understanding it better will open up an even more interesting part of your future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As for the things that don’t feel right to you, that’s because they are not right. Don’t let anyone persuade you to return to a place that gives you an uneasy feeling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You relate to people on their plane, but you don’t assume to know that plane until you’ve tested the waters. In giving so generously of your attention you’ll attract fans of all

ages.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The day always comes when the student becomes the teacher. Find a worthy teacher — one you can study with for a good while before the turnaround occurs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take luck out of the equation, and don’t let it factor into your activities at all. Assume that this is all in your hands. This is the mindset that will help you push on.

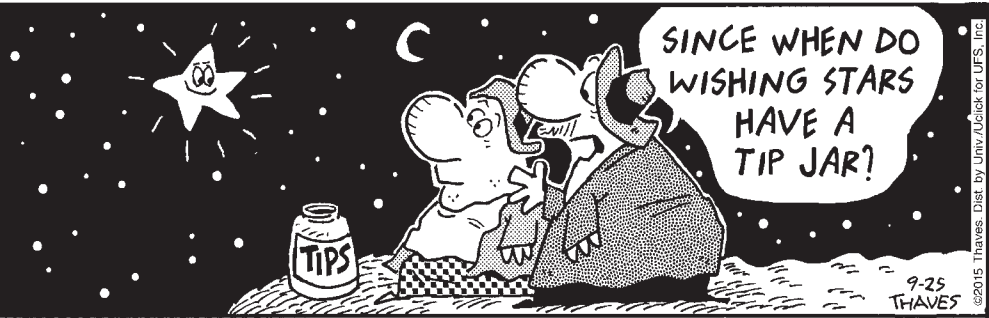
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though you embrace the “what you see is what you get” mentality, everyone — even you — has a private world. When you learn of someone else’s private world today, you’ll think more about your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Something to remember: You as a relaxed person are far more versatile than you as an uptight person. Your mantra: All is happening in perfect time.

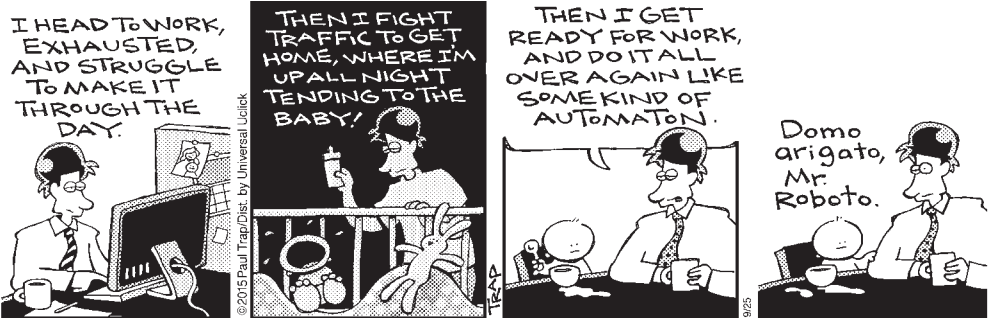
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When someone looks up to you because of all you’ve done right, just remember that it’s your mistakes, not your victories, that allow you to meaningfully connect with this person.

SATURDAY’S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 26). Consider yourself freed! The escape fantasies you’ve had in years past included some of the lovely vistas you’ll take in this year. You will create order for yourself and others in November and will be promoted and applauded for this. Important communications and contracts come in 2016. Gemini and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 17, 42, 28 and 19.

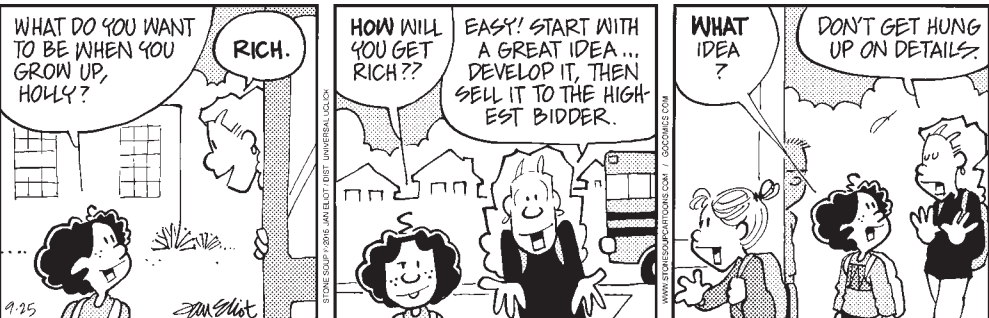
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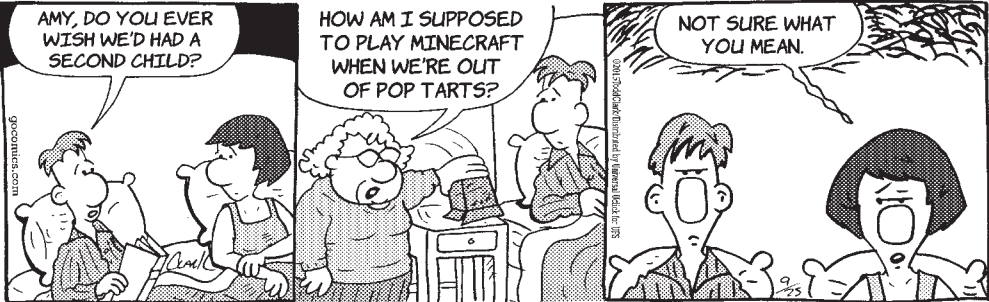
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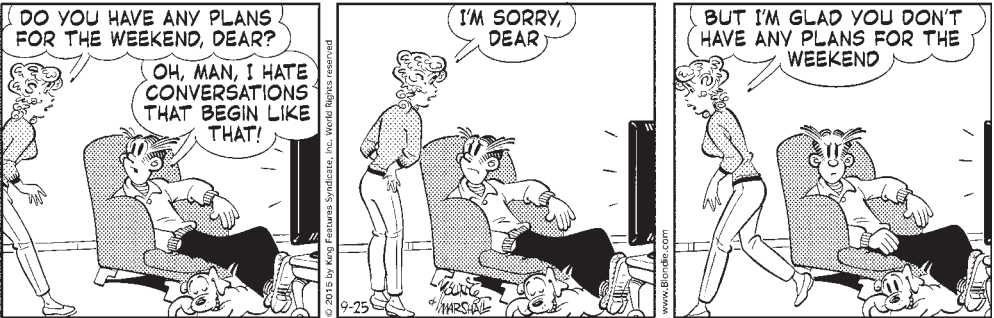
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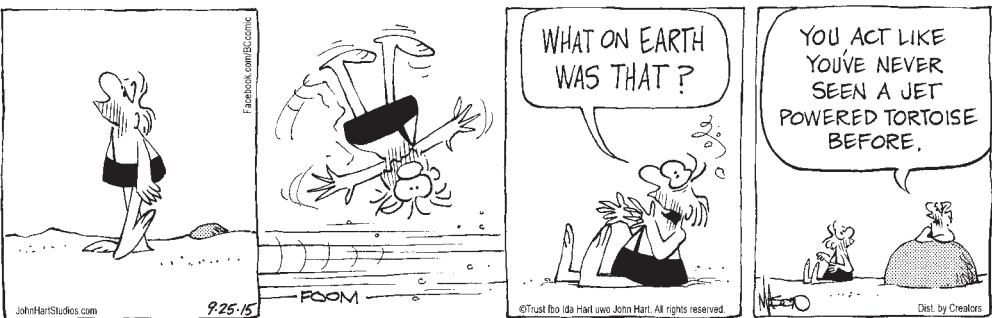
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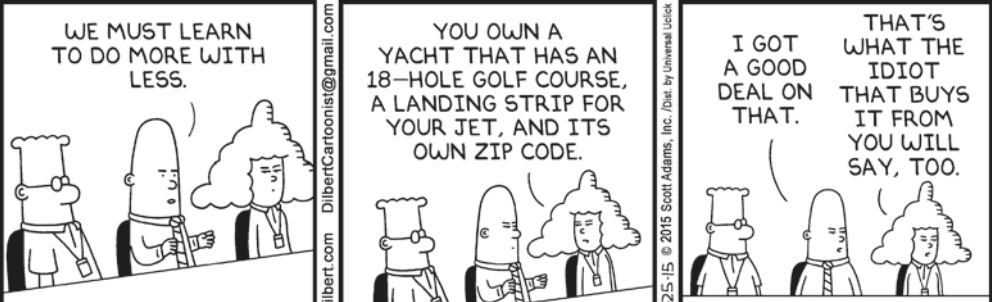
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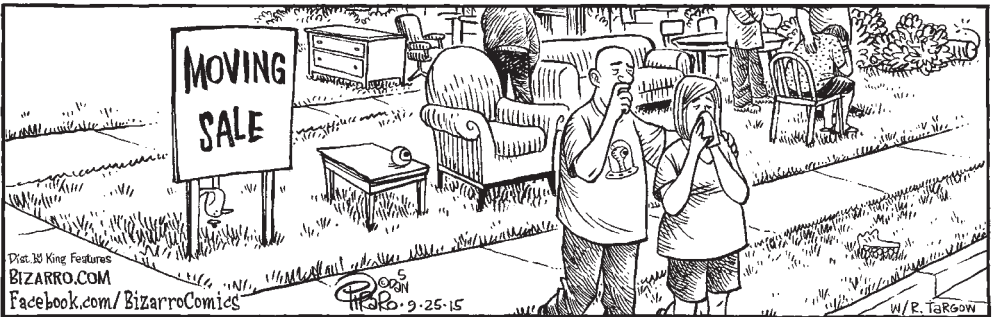
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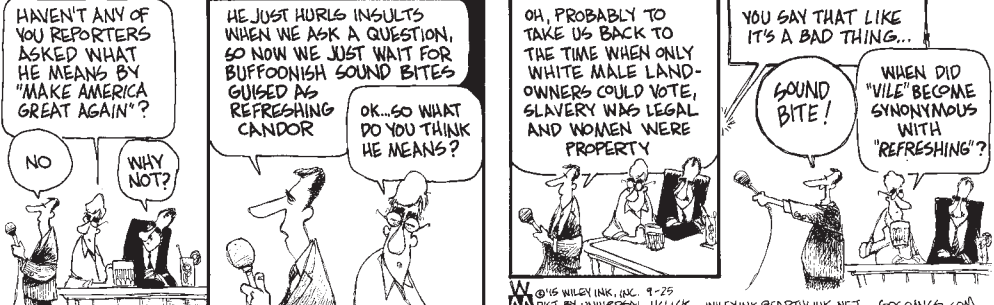
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