

Sister-in-law mad about smoking

Dear Annie: I am 17, married, with a 1-year-old daughter. I am doing amazingly well for a teen mom. My husband and I have a house and car, I'm finishing school, and we are both working.

Before we moved into our house, we lived with my husband's father and brother. When my brother-in-law expressed interest in getting a dog, I told him that wouldn't be possible because my daughter is allergic. He became furious and attacked me with a knife. I left the house with my daughter and stayed with my mom until we found our current place.

I decided to be the bigger person and let the situation pass. But recently, my father-in-law's electricity was shut off and they ended up homeless. So my husband and I decided to let the two of them stay with us until they can get back on their feet. We asked them to pay \$150 toward rent and insisted that there be no smoking in the house or near my child or me.

I recently discovered that my brother-in-law is smoking pot regularly at school. I told his father that if I drug test him and it comes out positive, they are gone.

Annie's Mailbox

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But, Annie, it went in one ear and out the other.

I am so frustrated. I want my brother-in-law out of the house now, and no one is listening to me. I don't know what to do. — *Trying to be the Grown-Up*

Dear Trying: If possession of pot is illegal in your state, then your brother-in-law is putting your entire household at risk if he keeps the stuff in your home. Otherwise, if he is smoking pot only at school, he is technically following your rules. Where is your husband in all this? He should be supportive of your position. Both of you should be helping your in-laws move into their own place as soon as possible. Do they need assistance finding jobs? Finding affordable housing? Give them a hand with those issues and you will also be helping yourself.

Dear Annie: I taught first grade for 20 years. At the beginning of each school year, after the kids were settled into our classroom, I would have them sit in front of me as they would for story time. I would tell them that I was going to do something that they would NEVER see me do again. Then I would pick my nose.

It wasn't long before all of the kids made grimacing faces and sounds indicating their discomfort. I would then say, "It doesn't look any better when you do it." Then we would talk a little about it and how they could handle this problem, if necessary, in private. After that, I would get up and thoroughly wash my hands.

Not a single first-grader ever picked his or her nose in front of me. I always hoped it carried over into the rest of their lives. — *Retired Teacher*

Dear Teacher: You obviously made quite an impression. This technique might not work today, when any parent passing by your classroom (or hearing about it from their child) might lodge a complaint. But most people who pick their noses would be appalled to see themselves the way others do.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be contemplating a purchase today. Here's something to consider: Experiences will make you happier than physical items. Things bring clutter to your life that experiences do not.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you have something to prove, you'll stand independently. But what do you have to prove right now? Likely, it's more important that you work harmoniously with others. Together, you'll get things done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your talent for flattery will get you everywhere today. You'll lay it on like a baker puts icing on the cupcake — just thick enough to add some sweetness to the main event without overpowering it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today's scene could trigger your shy tendencies. This is appropriate for the situation. Scientific studies suggest that socially anxious individuals are often also highly intelligent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your realistic view may contrast with someone's airy-fairy ideas. This will provide the kind of conflict that could either result in continued disharmony or in a brilliant and workable plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One of your favorite ways to express admiration is silently. The perfect moment to do this will arise, and however quiet your praise may be, it will be felt on many levels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone going through a moment of low self-esteem will require your compassion. Someone with an overblown sense of self will require your compassion. Your compas-

sion is required all around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The ancient Greeks believed that the number of people invited to a dinner party should exceed three and stop at nine. This wisdom will apply to an event you are planning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Emotions are volatile now and won't take long to go from lukewarm to overheated. When things get intense, take three deep breaths and then take on the world with a softer approach.

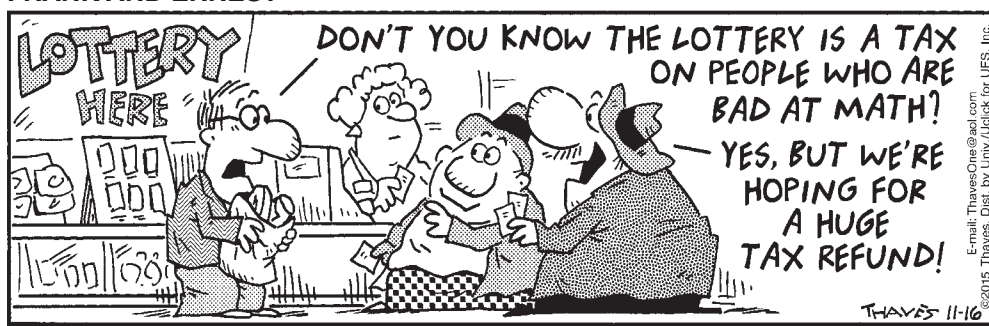
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You recently witnessed someone around you making a mistake. This really does warrant discreet mention, as it can be easily righted, which will benefit all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know what the other person wants; you're just not sure if you're willing to provide it. The price tag may be more emotional than financial and this makes it costly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Disagreements that seem to be about money are actually about power. Knowing the source of the problem will help you solve it. Tonight brings laughter with a true friend.

TUESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 17). The year will answer your prayers. A guide will emerge over the next six weeks, perhaps in the form of a teacher or course. What you learn will carry you through January's intense challenges, and you'll come out stronger and able to make improvements. March through May will bring beauty into your world. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 3, 38, 22 and 19.

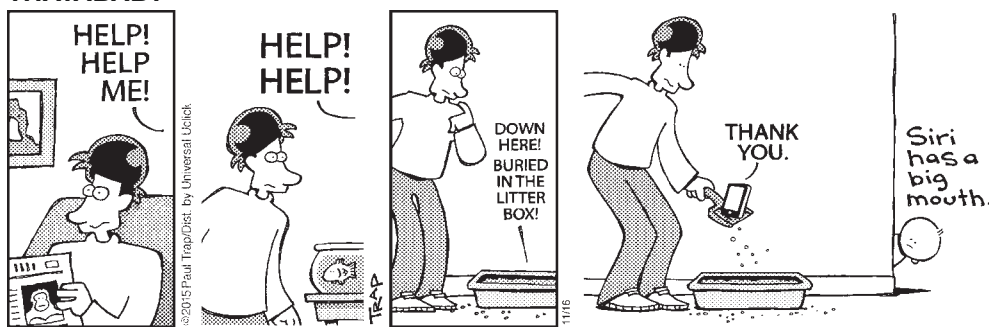
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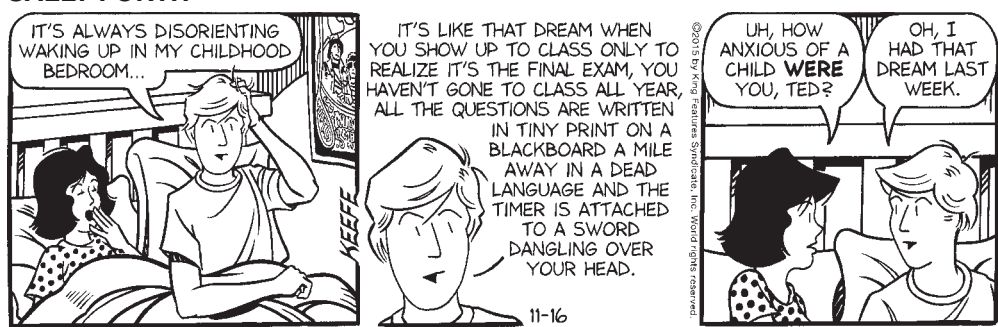
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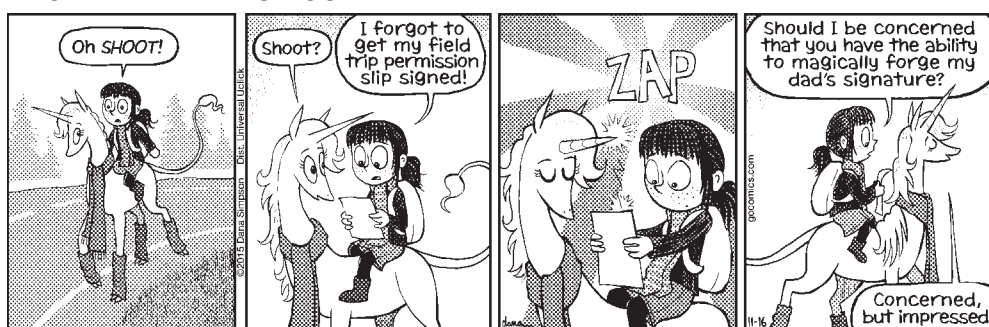
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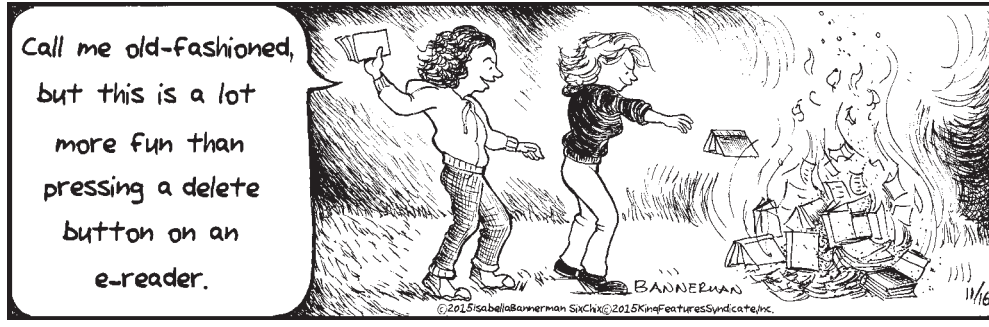
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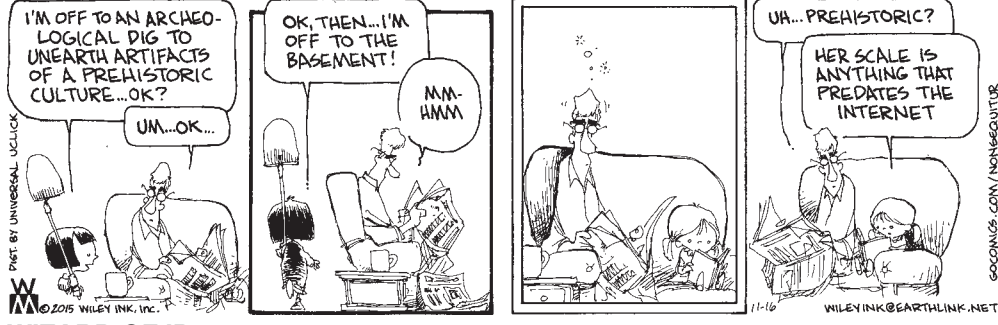
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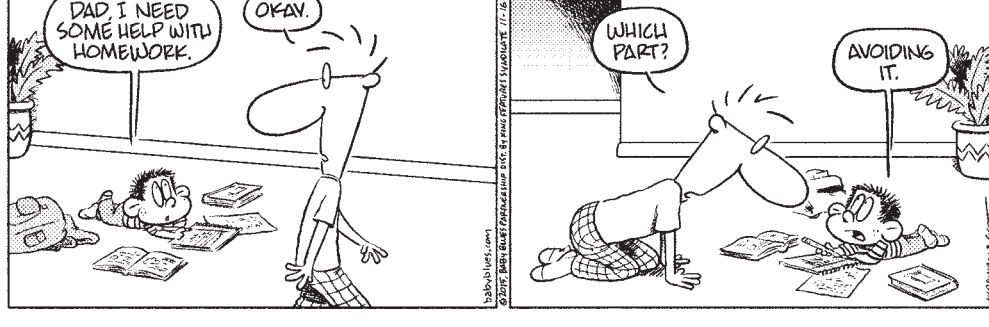
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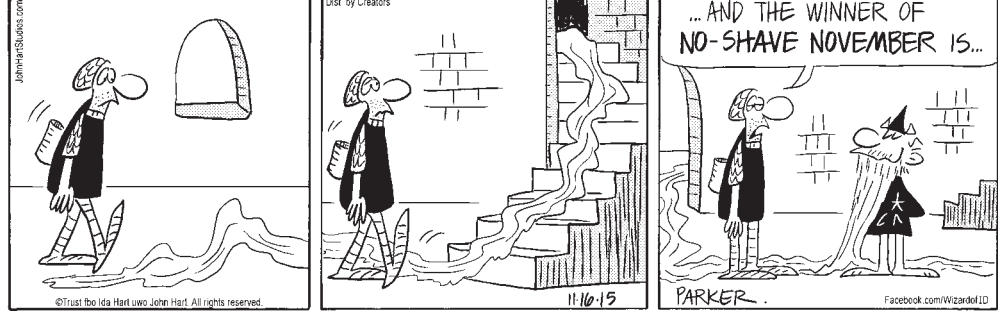
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