

Wife upset about man's past

Dear Annie: I met my husband in college. He was outgoing, handsome and a star athlete. We now have two beautiful babies and, I thought, a perfect marriage.

A month ago, we had dinner with a couple we've known for years. One of them said something about "bisexuals," to which I replied, "There is no such thing. You are either gay or straight." Everyone looked uncomfortable.

The next day, my husband told me that he is bisexual. He said he'd had a relationship with another man in college before he met me. But he reassured me that I had nothing to worry about because he loves me and has no desire to be with anyone else of either sex.

Annie, I wish he'd never told me. I've been upset ever since. I believe my husband when he says he is not interested in anyone else, but I have to ask, is there really such a thing as "bisexual"? My sister says that is just what people claim before they come out as gay. And second, how can I trust my husband when he kept this secret from me for so long?

Please don't suggest counseling. My husband says there is nothing to "change" about him,

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although he says he will go if I insist. But what if we go and then, just like my sister says, this bisexual stuff is all bogus and he decides he is gay? I don't want to end our marriage. I just want to turn back the clock so I can think of my husband the way I did before. — *Confused Wife*

Dear Confused: Your sister is giving you damaging and incorrect information. Decades ago, people may have believed that one was either gay or straight, and that bisexuals were simply hiding their true selves, but this is no longer considered accurate. We have come to understand that sexuality is more complicated and that some people are attracted to both sexes. And one's sexual orientation has nothing to do with remaining faithful to one's partner. Your husband is the same

man you fell in love with. If you trust him, your marriage is solid.

Please look into PFLAG (pflag.org) which can offer information that will help you understand what's going on. But if you find that your marriage is floundering over this, consider counseling from someone who specializes in LGBT marriages and can address your specific concerns.

Dear Annie: Your response to "A..." about kids learning to balance a checkbook was wrong. The kids finishing school today are dumber than a box of rocks. What exactly are they being taught as "required" subjects if not exactly that? I shudder to think what schools are releasing into society. Kids can barely articulate what they want, much less formulate a complete sentence.

Obviously, common sense has been put aside. Basic math is important. We have a generation of know-nothings. — *Embarrassed About the Next Generation*

Dear Embarrassed: We suggest you check out the classroom of the average 6th grader and see how well you do. And don't forget the 20 pounds of textbooks and homework in your backpack.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sometimes getting too metaphysical only complicates things unnecessarily. You can solve the problem through practical means. There's no need to read more into it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People want to know you; they just don't know they want to know you yet. Don't ask too many questions, especially of the strangers in your midst. Make confident statements.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your charm has universal appeal today. You can relate to anyone at all — as long as you know it's for a limited amount of time. It should be noted, though, that the spark between you and Sagittarius is extra special.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A relationship is in the testing zone. Each party pushes the other to see where the limits exist. The boundaries of courtesy, humor, intimacy and more will be found this way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's something different about you. You're sparkling. This new iteration has been helped along by a certain someone. You've been inspired, and it will show in your every interaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been known to behave in a loving way even when you don't feel very loving. Why? Because it's the right thing to do. Also, it's just good practice. The emotional muscle tone you've built will serve you well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You believe in keeping your word, but what about your implied word? You're not obligated, but if you make good on those implications the others will not only trust you; they will love you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Today you will be as adaptable as a drop of water, taking whatever form you need to in order to fulfill the demands of the hour. Whether frozen, misty or in droplet form, you'll be effective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For better health, look in the mirror and give yourself a wink and a nod. Your physical body will be even more strongly affected by your general attitude toward it than it usually is.

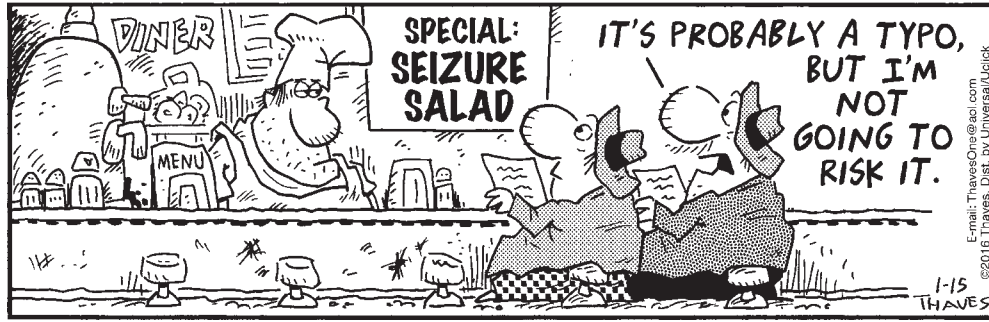
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Follow the impulse. Act fast. Destiny will happen in flashes of totally self-conscious obedience to a higher directive. This isn't about thinking; it's about knowing the way instinctively.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is much easier to "check your ego at the door" when there is a doorman who seems legitimate enough to take good care of it while you operate vulnerably.

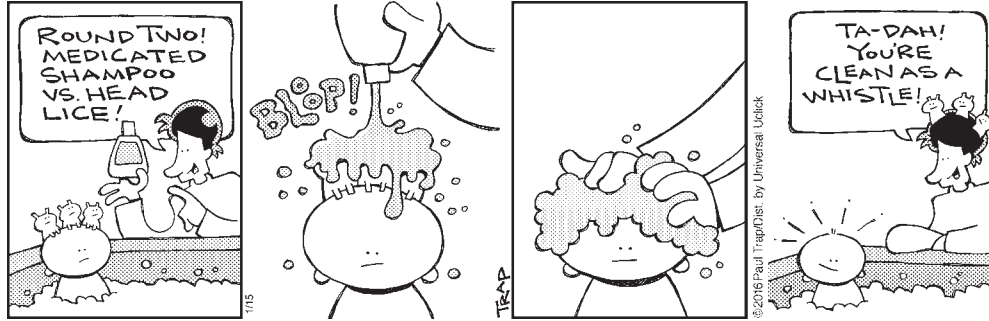
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your generous mood is all well and good, as long as you only give away what's yours to give. Be careful not to volunteer others in the process. Don't give away the farm without consulting the cows and chickens!

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 16). The next 10 weeks highlight something different and new about your heart's desire, and this will alter your approach. You need a mentor, and if you have to pay for one (in the form of a class or program) it will be worth it. Buy, sell and bank in March. You'll predict the predictable and make stellar money in June. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 40, 22, 38 and 19.

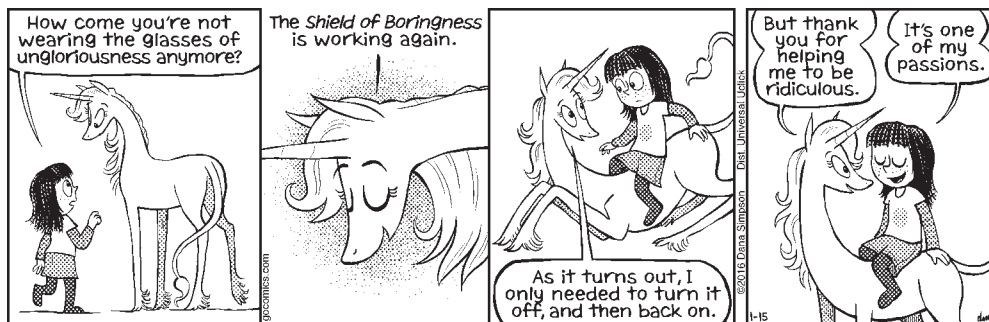
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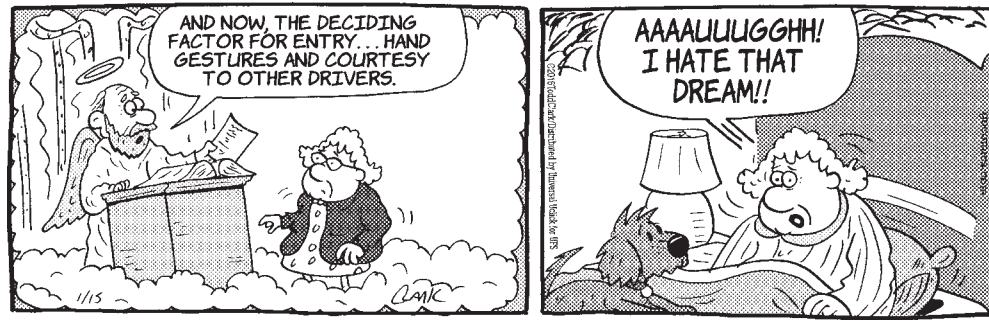
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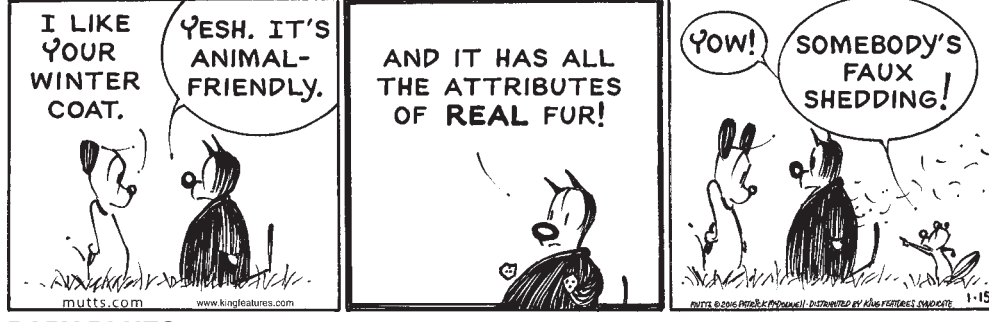
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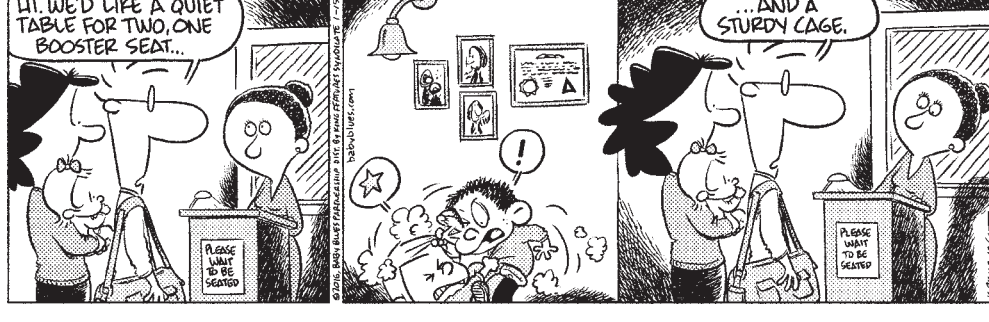
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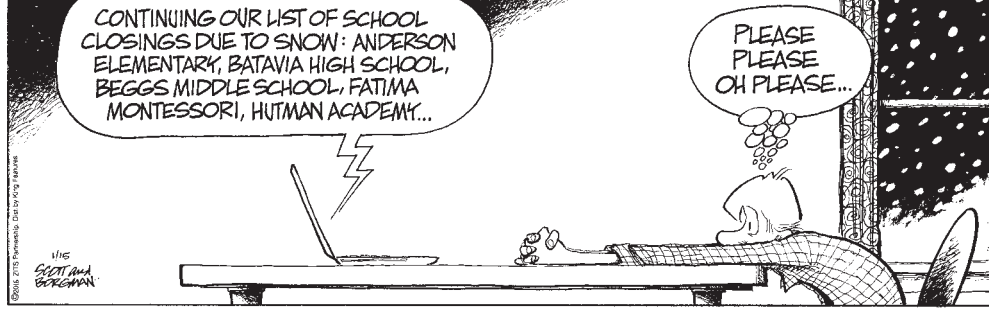
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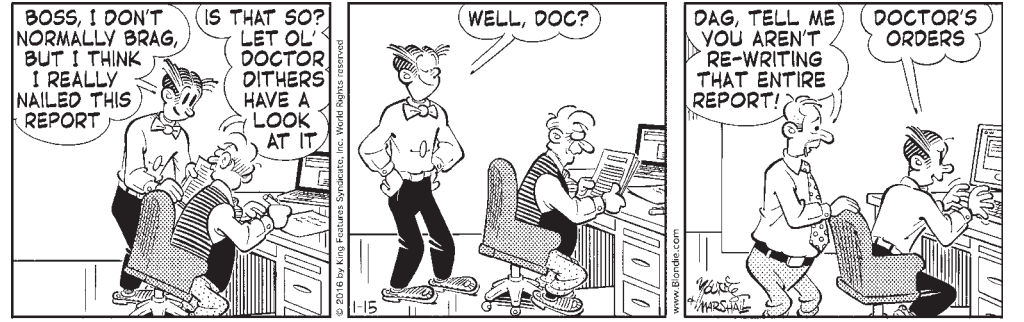
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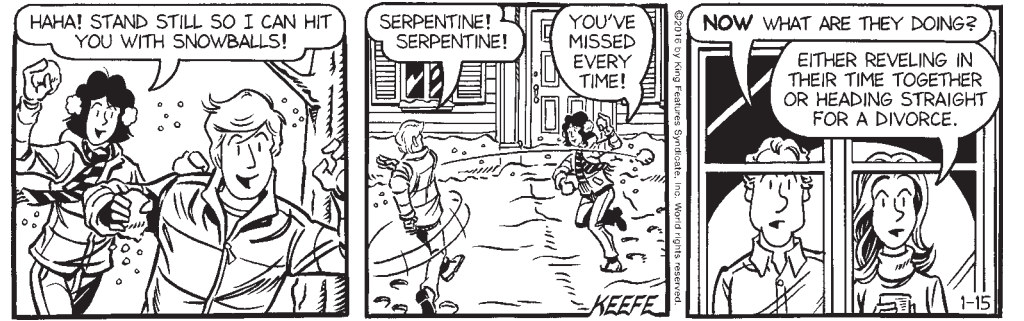
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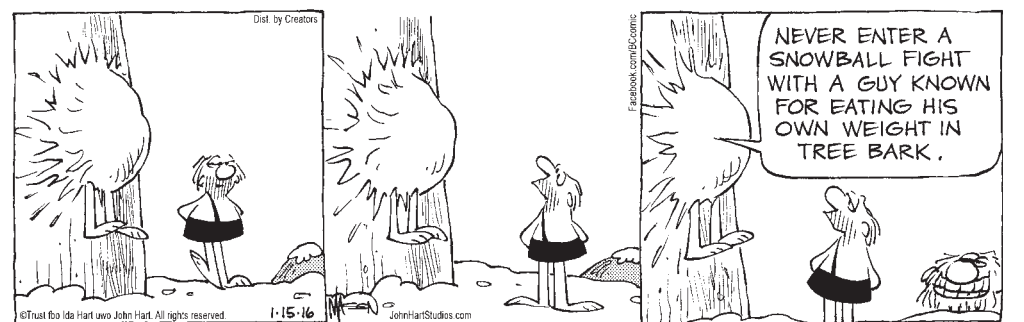
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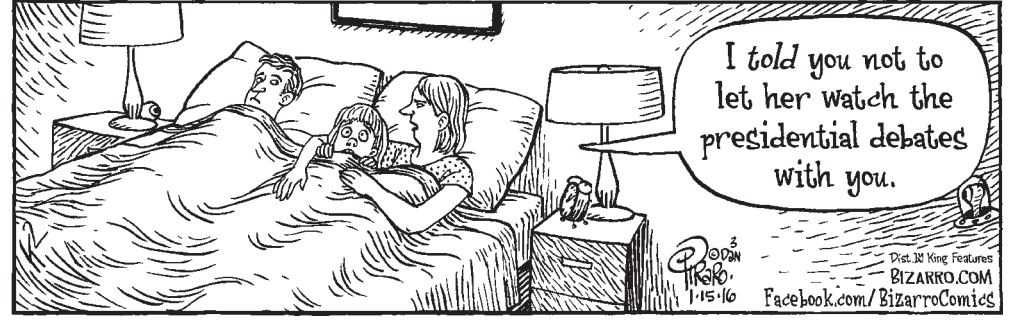
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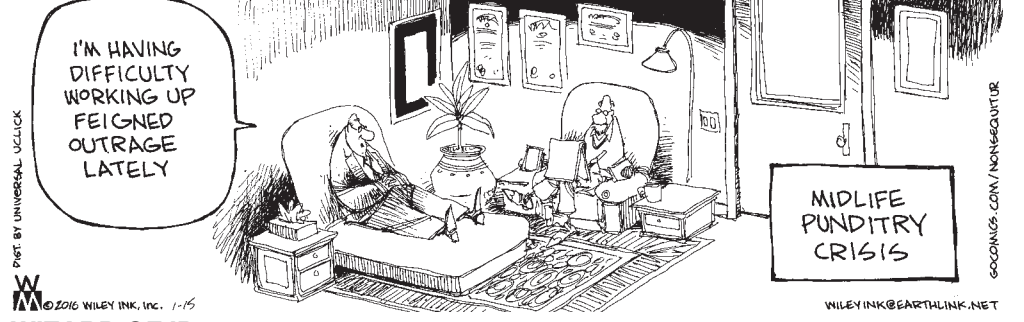
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