

# Man wants to help unhappy wife

**Dear Annie:** You must know that for every letter that you get, you only hear half of the story. I read the letter from "Wife on the Outside," who said her husband talks to his mother negatively about her. I hope that my wife reads that and follows your advice to go to counseling.

I am a loving husband and father, and tired of accusations of disloyalty. I love my wife. When my mother asks me how she's doing and my answer is, "She is very unhappy," I am not being disloyal. I am being truthful. But my wife doesn't like it.

My wife drinks a lot of wine in the evening. When she is no longer sober, she becomes nasty to the point where she is unbearable. She refused to go for counseling, so I went alone. My counselor recommended that I attend Al-Anon, and I plan to go back soon.

My wife does not consider herself an alcoholic. If there is any way you can help convince her to get counseling, I would be very grateful. — *Suffering Husband*

**Dear Suffering:** Your wife didn't write to us, and we are unlikely to convince her of anything, since she is unwilling to admit she has a problem. Our advice is for you: First, please stop telling your

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mother that your wife is unhappy. While we know that Mom can be a source of support, your marital problems are not really her business. If your wife considers it "disloyal," then you must stop confiding in Mom. If you need to talk to someone, go back to your counselor. Second, we hope you will return to Al-Anon meetings and learn the limits of what you can do in this situation and how you can help yourself cope. Living with someone who abuses alcohol can be both difficult and exhausting. We'll be thinking of you.

**Dear Annie:** I read your column every day, and I've been finding myself feeling sorer and sorer for women in their 40s and 50s. So many letters are about men who can't anymore and women who don't want to anymore. The message seems to be that sex has

to end the minute a woman hits menopause. And that's absolutely not true!

Last week, I had lunch with two women who have been my friends since high school. We are all in our early 70s, and every one of us agreed: Sex has been better in the last 15 years than ever before. We're not working now, so we can stay in bed and cuddle for hours if we want. There are no kids at home, so we can "take a nap" with our honeys without the slightest embarrassment. If we need lubrication, we use it. If there's more petting than fireworks, then we celebrate petting — but we all have delighted in recent fireworks, too.

Come on, women! So our bodies don't look as awesome as they used to. So our sweethearts are a bit flabby. If two people love each other, they should still enjoy giving and taking pleasure. And, take it from us three women, you'll look years younger with that glow in your cheeks and that sparkle in your eyes. — *Three Sexy Old Broads in Vermont*

**Dear Vermont:** Whatever they are putting in the water up there, you ought to bottle it. Bless you for pointing out that loving someone makes the effort worthwhile.

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Andy Warhol discovered new ways to use silk-screening. Duchamp discovered the high art in found objects. You'll hit on your own amazingly specific discovery today to put a finer point on your "voice" in the world.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The fastest way to gain the approval of others is not to need it or care about it in the least. An organic process will take you there. It starts with being a little more selfish. Are you up to it?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's flattering when someone is so impressed with you that he or she wants to show you off. Don't let all that parading around take the life out of your smile or turn your wave automatic.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You won't have to get too creative to do your work in the best way possible. The normal methods will do. Efficiency will count for more than anything, and keep you within the budget, too.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Once you tell someone where you are going, there will be no turning back. Go on and mention what you plan to do along the way and with whom you will be sharing this adventure, and you're as good as launched.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Life has brought you to many a crossroads, but this time is different. It appears to be more of a dead end. You'll have to cut through on foot for a while to get to the next obvious path.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Sometimes when you endeavor to re-cut it, re-shape it and keep whittling away at it until it's right, it becomes too small to be workable. Don't

be afraid to start over.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Play around with formats that are entirely new. You may just find that you're able to put your entire self into it and create something that is so perfectly "your thing."

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** As long as you don't let it stop you, frustration is actually a very useful emotion. It's better than self-delusion — that's for sure. Frustration has a simple message: What you're doing isn't working. Now go find what will.

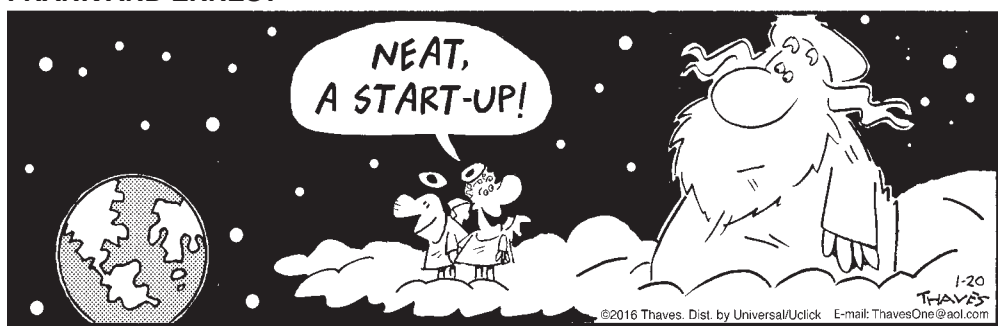
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Things are getting better, and part of the reason is you, so go ahead and take the credit. Do it quickly and you'll be relatively inconspicuous enough so as not to inspire jealousy.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The new project is packed with potential. It's safe, appropriate, necessary even to apply your fervor. A touch of madness will take this from "exciting" to "brilliant."

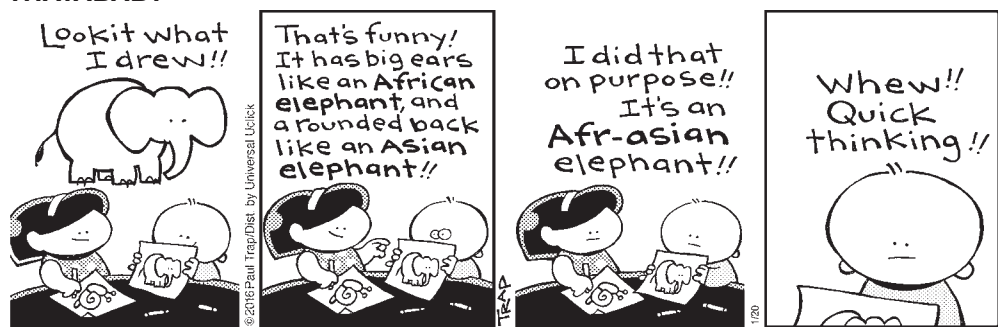
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** If you take up too much room with your kindness and efforts to make the other person happy, there will no space left for reciprocation. Back off and let the other person come forward with a bigger effort.

**THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 21).** Finally, a worthy application for your big personality: You'll stand out amongst less-animated folk and be singled out as someone with the vitality to lead the group. Your kind works of the past will boomerang back in February. You'll be a hero to family in March. July brings a new professional calling. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 41, 25, 45, 28 and 3.

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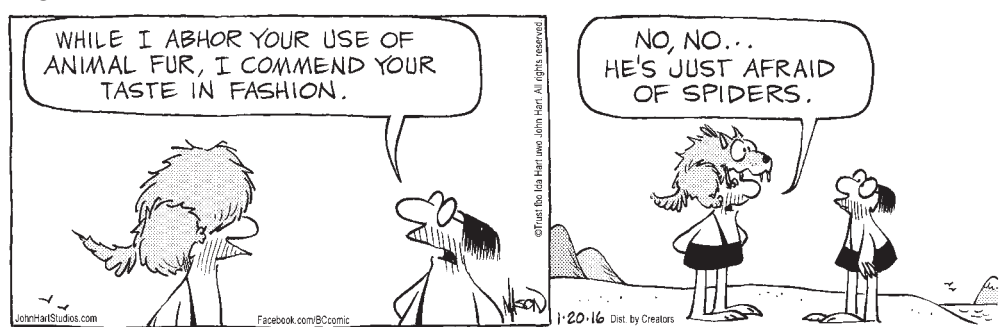
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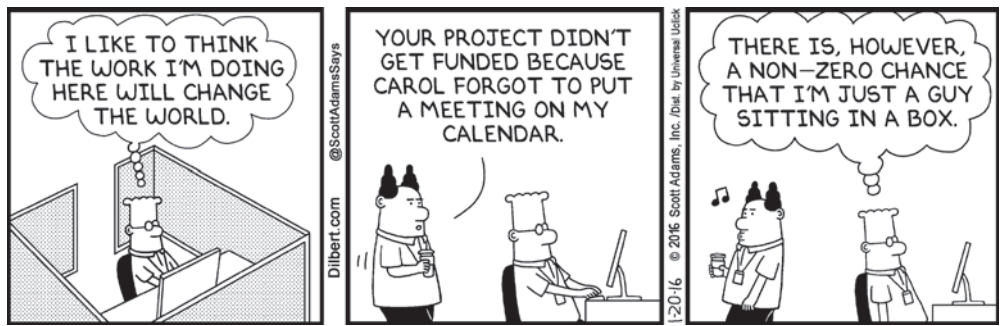
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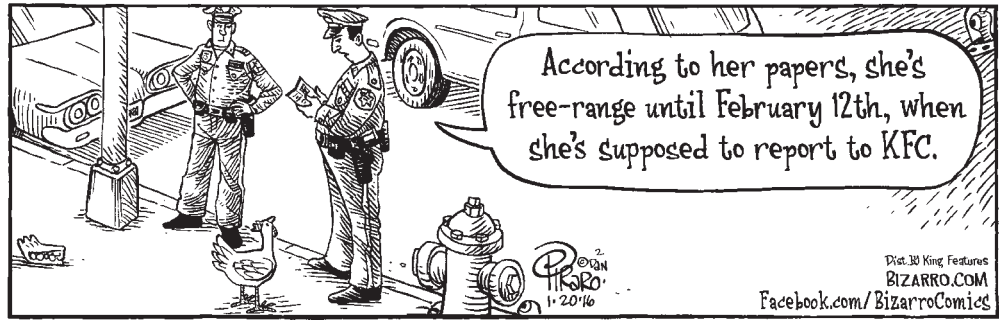
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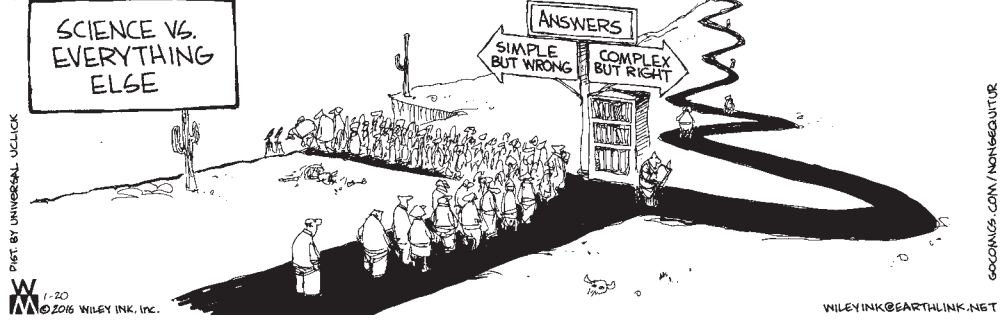
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