

# Lady bothered by stockings

Dear Annie: I've been seeing a very nice man for more than a year. We are both in our late 50s and divorced. He is affectionate and kind, and I love him quite a lot. He doesn't have any of the obvious problems — money, drugs or alcohol, but one thing bothers me a lot. He likes to wear women's thigh-high stockings.

He started wearing the stockings near the end of his previous marriage. His ex wouldn't wear them, so he decided to try them himself and ended up liking them a lot. He says they give him a lot of pleasure and make him feel sexy. He was upfront about it early in our relationship, and I said I didn't think it would be a problem. He likes wearing them around the house and in public under his pants. He doesn't want his friends and co-workers to know. He's not a cross-dresser or anything like that. It's just the stockings.

The problem is, I haven't been able to accept it as well as I thought I could. I wear the stockings for him, which pleases him a lot, but he still wants to wear them, too. He agreed to put them on only once a week until I adjusted, but now he says he's

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getting frustrated. I'm resisting. I've told him I don't see this as very manly behavior. He says he feels a need to express his feminine side. I don't want to lose him, but I'm not sure how to deal with this. Can you help me? — *Thigh High in Confusion*

Dear Confusion: If your boyfriend derives sexual satisfaction from wearing women's stockings, he is a cross-dresser, even though he may not wear the whole ensemble. We are glad he was upfront about it, but you need to educate yourself on the subject, so you can decide how tolerant you can be. Cross-dressing does not mean that your boyfriend is gay (most cross-dressers are not) or that he plans to change his sexual identity (not likely). The stockings may be as far as it ever goes. Check out tri-ess.org for infor-

mation and support — and please don't judge the book by its cover. He's still the man you fell for.

Dear Annie: I'd like to weigh in on the letter from "Wondering in Pennsylvania," who asked how to have a surprise wedding as part of a picnic.

My husband and I had a surprise wedding in the large backyard of a home we had just purchased. We sent invitations inviting everyone to a picnic, claiming that we were recently married. The invitations were artist-drawn, and we specified that the recipients' presence was all that was required, which took everyone off the hook of bringing gifts or food. We hired a caterer, parking attendants, a cleanup crew and an officiant, and did all of the decorating ourselves.

It was a huge hit, and people still mention how lovely it was. Even my mother didn't know there was going to be an actual wedding until the last minute. That was 29 years ago. Tell "Wondering" that it can be done. — *A.*

Dear A.: We like that you handled all of the details on your own and didn't expect the guests to bring their own food. Bravo.

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** What was your original intention? What you're following now is the echo of that, dissipated to the degree that you can hardly hear the words anymore. It's important to remember what you set out to do in the first place.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You notice what people like, produce what they want and predict what they'll need. You're in touch with the trends, and for this reason you'll make money and re-invest it where it will multiply.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You may worry that if you are too present in someone's life that person will eventually tire of you. It's not a legitimate thing to worry about, because your continued presence only builds the bond stronger.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You know what you're doing — you are strong and capable and more than a match for the task at hand. You could do it alone without a problem. All the more reason to invite teamwork.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Social adoration can be addicting. Knowing this, you keep your head about you. You accept people's interest in you as a compliment, and you try not to let their attention or opinion of you change how you think of yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Narrow your focus: Choose one goal for the meeting; invite fewer people to the gathering; attach less meaning to the interaction, etc. By thinking small you will accomplish big.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** When a situation doesn't feel right, it's best to disengage early on. What will happen if you go against your inner wisdom, fly in the face of red flags and decline the impulse to run in the opposite direction? Regret.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** There's someone you want to know better. Allow this relationship to build slowly and steadily. You still need to take risks in order to escalate the action, but they are small risks. This isn't a day for leaping.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The old saying suggests, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." The wisdom of this depends on how bad the fight was in which you were trying to "beat 'em." There will be some tension to work through, for sure.

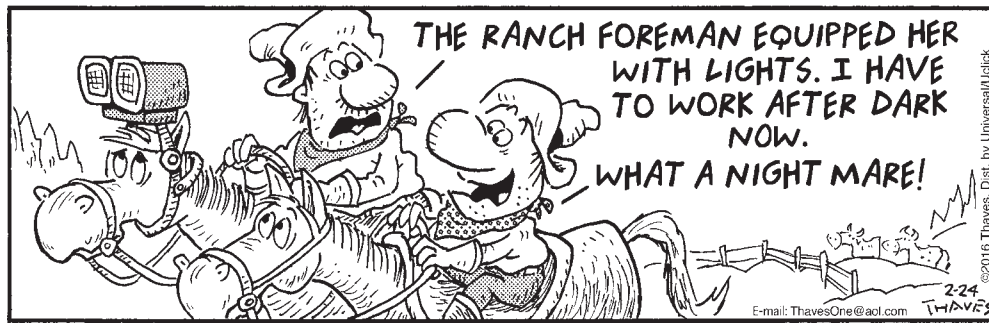
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The authorities don't always know, often get it wrong and are not always protecting your best interests. You offer your respect without giving over your power to someone just because that person happens to have a title.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It happens in many classic stories — the "village idiot" turns out to be the wisest person in town. In your case today, the true message will resonate with you regardless of where it originates.

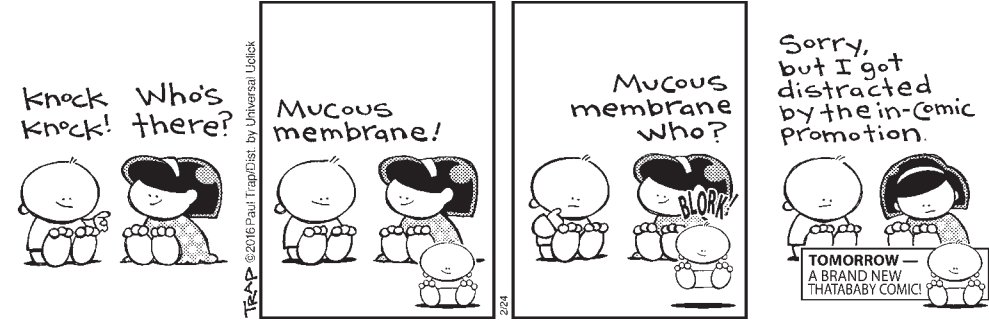
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You cannot haunt a person's dreams unless you first haunt that person's waking life. You're starting to realize the good that could come from getting a little more deliberate with the impression you make on a certain someone.

**THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 25).** Your cosmic gift is a windfall — use it to pay a debt. March's alliance will hold you in good stead in an organization you'll be climbing through for most of the year. Your confidence is so attractive! Benevolent forces will be with you as you embark on a September mission that will take several years to complete. Aries and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 22, 3 and 16.

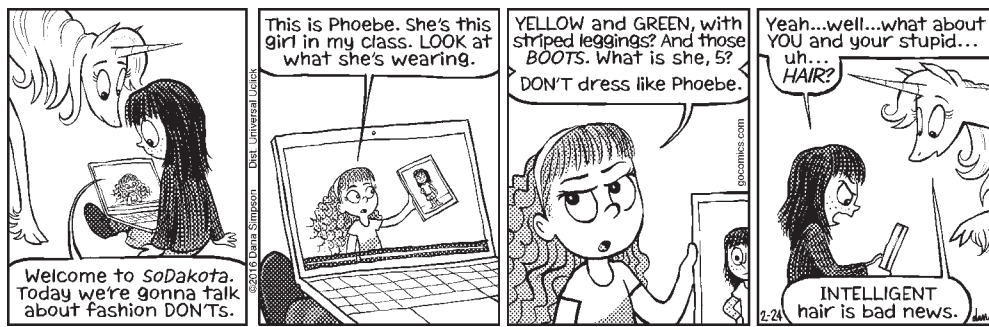
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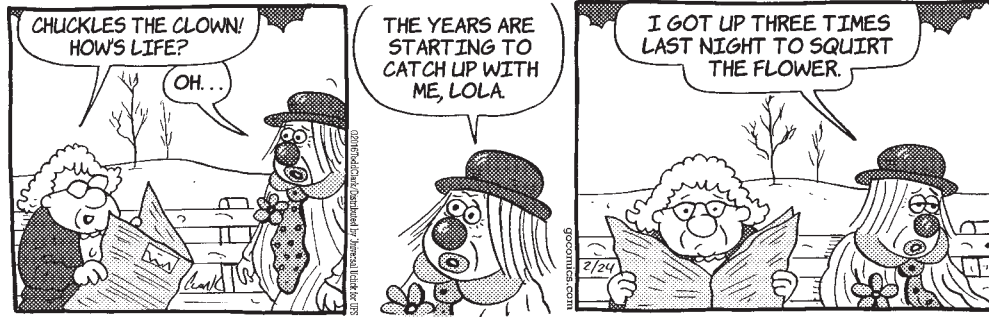
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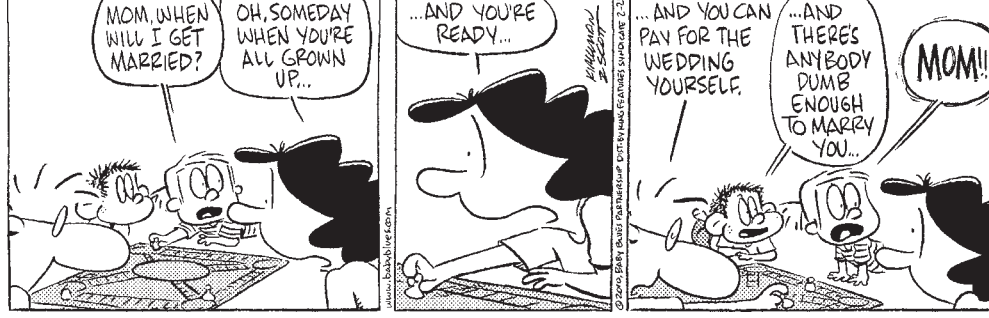
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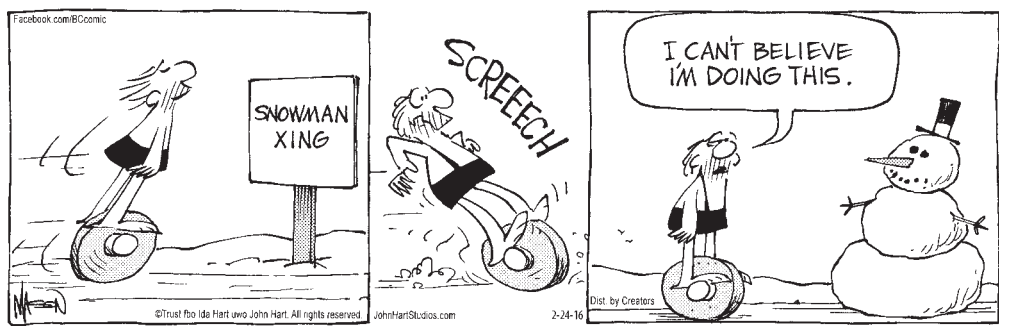
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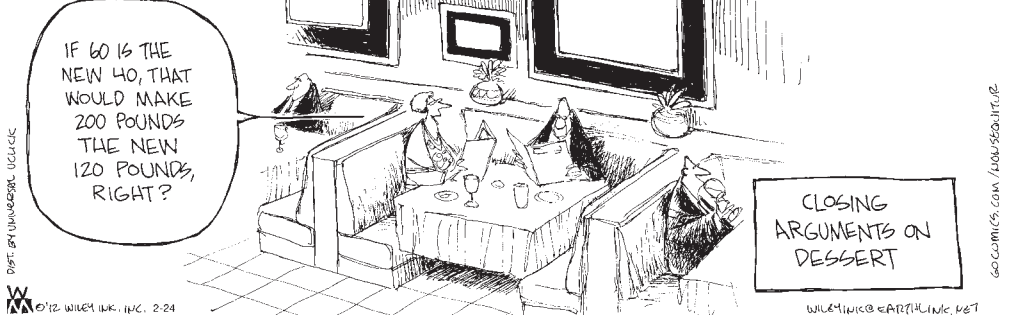
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