

Mom disapproves of posts

Dear Annie: My son is 36 years old and was raised in a Christian home. However, twice in the last two months, he has posted pictures on Facebook of women being hit by men.

The first was a cartoon, and he posted it on his teenage daughter's page. I sent him a message asking if he thought it was a good idea to tell his daughter that it is OK to be hit. He removed the post, but there was no explanation or apology.

Then last week, he posted a video of a man doing a parody of a kung fu fighter kicking a woman in the head. Because they played a rock song in the background, you are supposed to think that it is funny.

I told my son it was inappropriate. His wife made excuses, saying it was not intended to be mean.

Am I out of line telling him that it is inappropriate to post such things? — A Mother

Dear Mother: Your son is a grown man, and he gets to post what he likes on his Facebook page. If others find these images objectionable, they can tell him so.

Expecting him to "listen to his

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mother" is probably not going to get you anywhere, and may end up with you being blocked from his page. You have registered your complaint. He knows how you feel and why.

We hope his wife and daughter will likewise tell him that these pictures are offensive and inappropriate. Other than that, Mom, leave it alone.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "A Frustrated South Dakotan," who has epilepsy. My son was just diagnosed with epilepsy, and I am sure I could rival his mother in my overprotective nature.

I knew keeping my very active, football playing, skiing, social, 11-year-old under my thumb would never work, so I started researching. There are two smart wristwatches available (Embrace

and Smart Monitor Smart Watch) that will send an alert to whom-ever you choose in the event of a seizure. Both have several features that will make it safe for "Frustrated" to go out on his own and will alert his mother if he has a seizure.

You recommended The Epilepsy Foundation, and readers should know that it also has support groups for parents of people with epilepsy. And a quick search on the Internet can provide great ideas to enable those with epilepsy to still do all that they love, but safely.

Our son has a harness that he hooks on to the ski lift. We let everyone know that he has epilepsy and they help us out, too. He has a great life, and I have peace of mind.

Good luck to both "Frustrated" and his mom. Epilepsy isn't an easy thing to live with, but it is possible to live well. — Mom of an Active Son

Dear Mom: Thank you for the helpful and upbeat letter. We received many informative letters from our readers who have experience with epilepsy, and we will be printing more in future columns.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whether you're head over heels, falling for someone or stumbling toward ecstasy today, the implication is the same — your joy will be at least partly obtained through a loss of control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Lovey-dovey, honey-bunny, puppy love: The amorous heart is also the animal heart these days and you'll be thinking — or rather, (SET ITAL) not (END ITAL) thinking — along those lines as you fall in love this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The reason you're so relaxed is that you know who you are, you can stand behind all you've done, and you have nothing to hide. A clean conscience and a confident swagger go hand-in-hand.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll discreetly avoid anyone whose company feels negative to you. This will keep you out of harm's way. Your life will remain unfettered by social annoyance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When your achievements don't seem to be taking form to fit your preconceived purposes, rest assured there is something better out there for you that you simply haven't discovered yet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're tired, hungry, lonely or otherwise stressed or compromised, this is not a time for making agreements of any kind, let alone binding appointments, deals or promises.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If it doesn't work out one way it will work out another. So there's no reason to get overly anxious at the ups and downs of simple logistics. A relaxed voice and presence will take you far.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your hon-

est assessment of the situation sometimes sounds a little more cynical than you would like it to, but that doesn't make it any less accurate. Stand in your truth. If you don't wish to offend anyone, stand quietly in it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be earning good karma as quietly as you can. It's as though you already know that anonymous good deeds earn more points than loud ones.

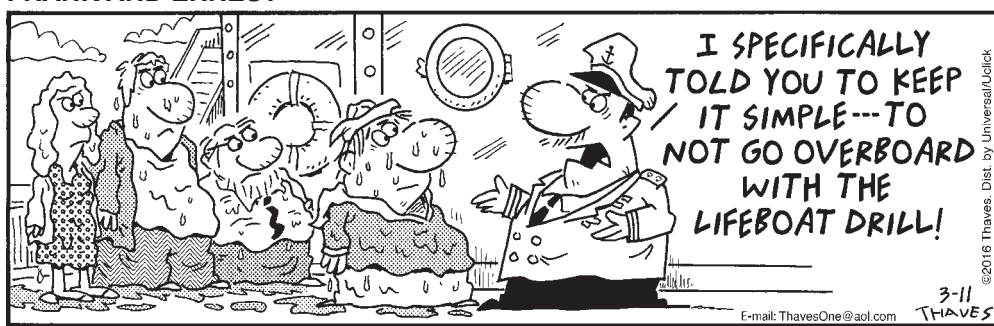
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There may be something unsettling eating at your thoughts, and that could have an effect on your digestion. Can love heal this? When your heart is content, your body will follow suit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Different social configurations inspire good things in your life now, especially your love life. So try to be open-minded about the couples forming or dissolving around you. Change will favor you.

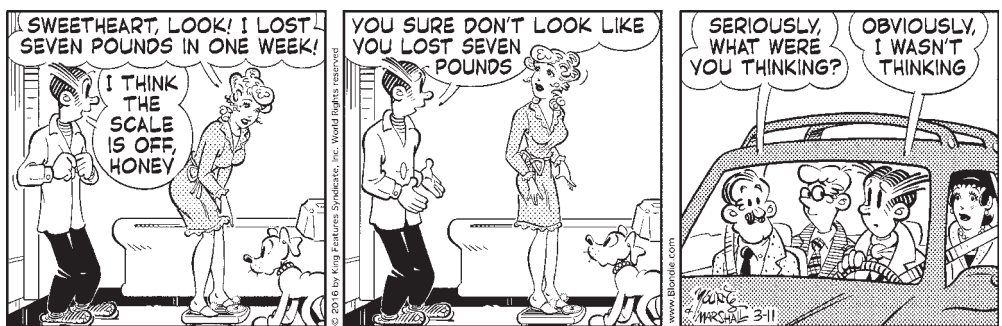
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Remember when you had to ask the one in charge for everything you needed and wanted? Now you celebrate your autonomy. Revel in it by doing what you don't need anyone else's permission to do.

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 12). Over the next 10 weeks, spend time with your best influences and stay positively aligned. Because you'll be in a highly reactive environment in April, one impulsive move will be all it takes to set a stream of events in motion. New additions to your family come in June; a professional move happens in August. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 37, 5, 28, 4 and 11.

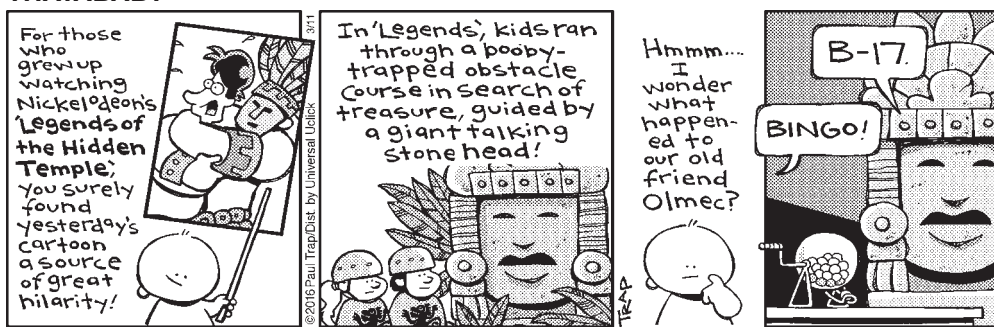
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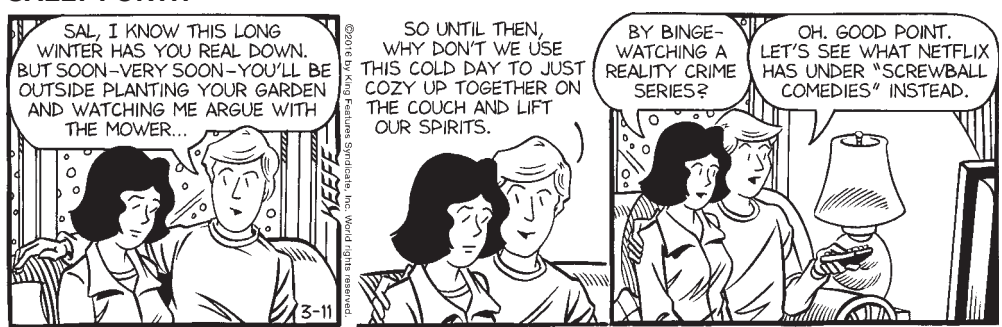
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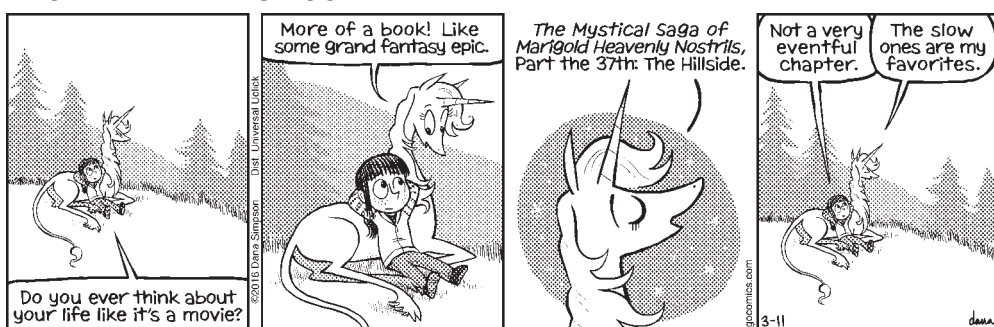
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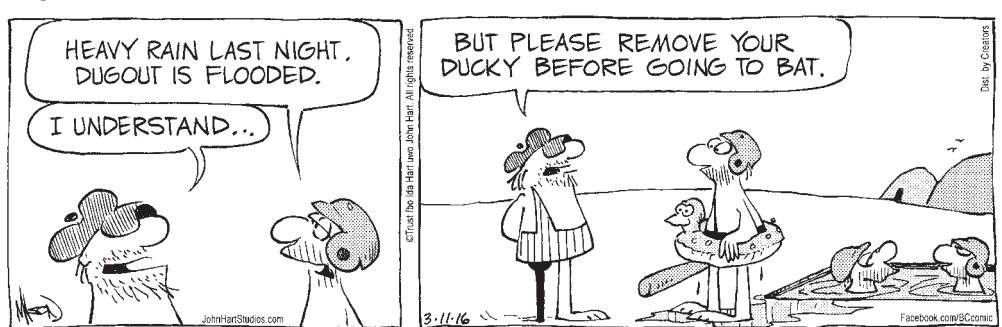
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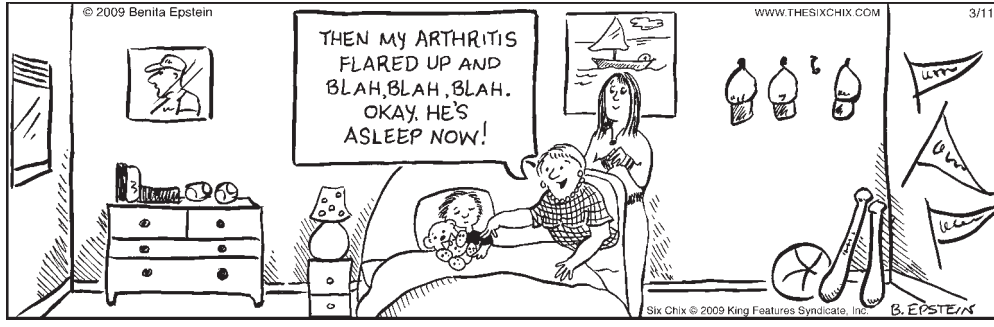
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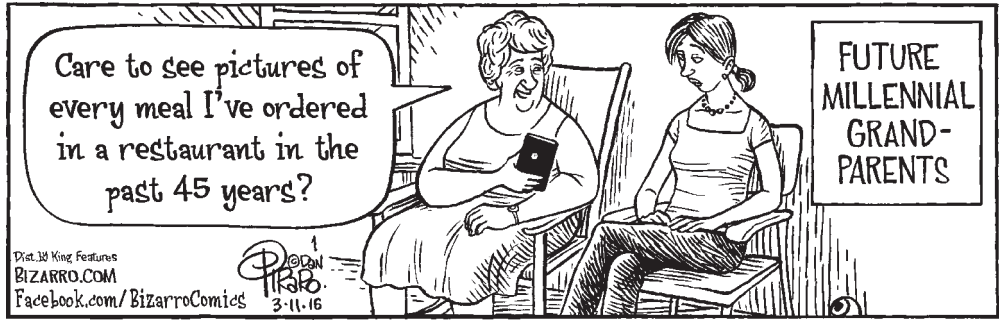
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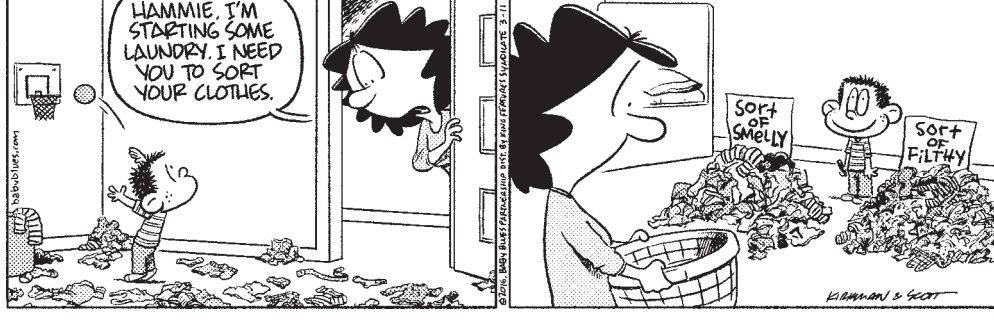
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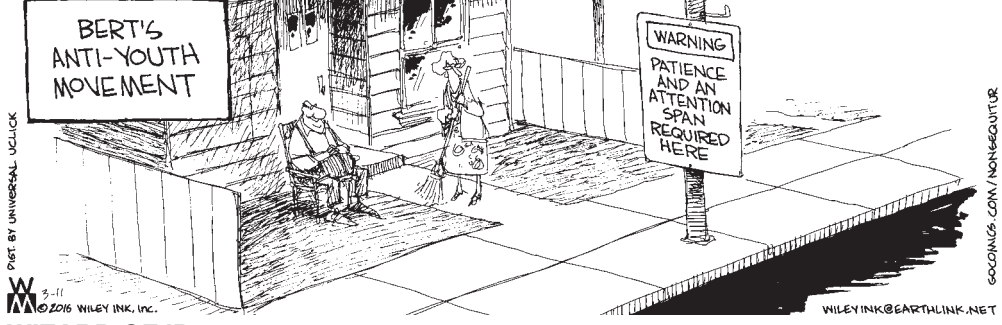
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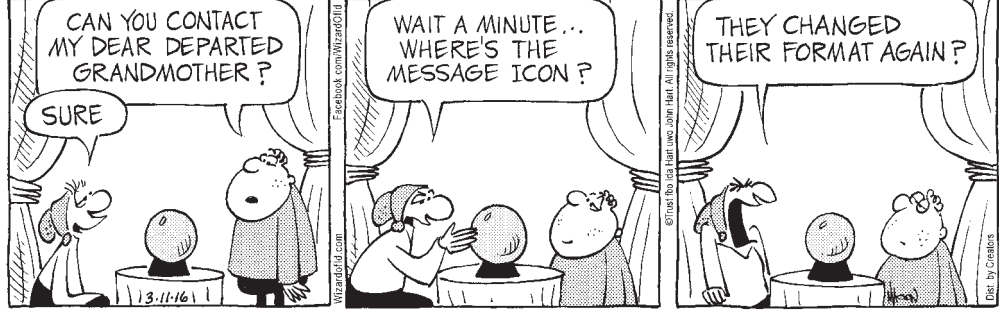
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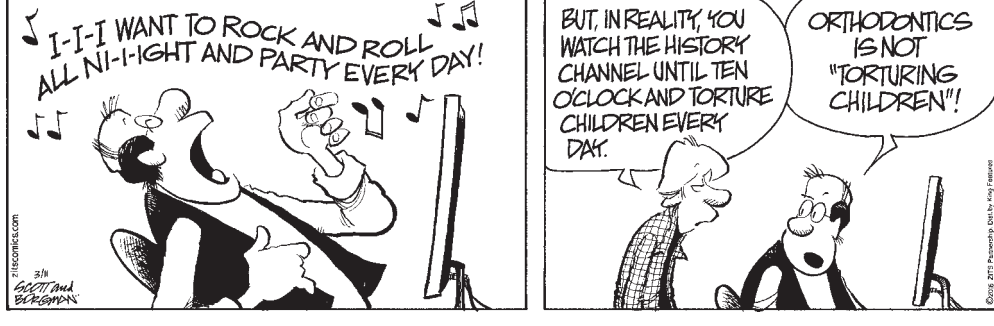
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