

Affair tempts lonely husband

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been good friends with "Bill and June" for 30 years. Twelve years ago, my wife had surgery and lost all desire for sex. She isn't even interested in cuddling. Last year, Bill had a heart attack and is now afraid to exert himself in the bedroom.

Recently, June told me that Bill has given her permission to seek satisfaction elsewhere and asked if I was interested. I am, but I do not know how to approach the subject with my wife. Last year, when she discovered that one of our friends was cheating on his wife, she stated that if I ever did that to her, she would drop me like a hot potato and take me for everything I'm worth. I don't want June's offer to end our marriage or destroy the friendship we have with Bill.

My wife goes on a lot of overnight trips for work, so I'm sure that June and I could get together without her finding out. But I do not want to go behind her back. What do you suggest? — *Confused Husband*

Dear Confused: You cannot guarantee that your wife will not find out, and the worry and guilt would eat at you. Please don't do this. Instead, have a frank discus-

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sion with your wife. Tell her that the lack of intimacy has been difficult for you and that you've had an offer for a commitment-free affair. (Do not mention June's name.) Ask her how she would feel about this. If she agrees, the rest is up to you, although sleeping with a close friend is likely to lead to all kinds of trouble.

Of course, your wife may be appalled at the suggestion, so your next step is to ask whether the two of you can do something else to regain intimacy. Ask her to discuss this with her doctor or come with you for counseling. Do whatever you can to repair the things that need fixing within your marriage before you start looking for "solutions" that could destroy it.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Morose Mom," whose children keep borrowing money and

never pay it back. Your advice was spot on.

One of our sons is like that. It was a continual cycle of borrowing money, even though he has a well-paying job. No loan was paid back. Since he also has children, we were reluctant to say "not another dime" for fear of getting locked out of our grandchildren's lives.

One day, we decided that a financial counselor would be the answer. We selected one who understood both the problem and the fact she would most likely not be successful. We agreed ahead of time that if my son "bailed," we would be responsible for any unpaid fees. We then contacted our son and gave him the counselor's contact information with the ultimatum that there would be no more loans unless he met with the counselor and followed her financial program.

After a couple of months, the counselor billed us for the unpaid balance and said my son indicated he could not work within the terms of her findings. But it's been five years with no further requests for money and, amazingly, we still have a good relationship with our son. — *Relieved Mom and Dad*

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your praises will be sung today, but not as loudly as you'd like them to be. Is this mic even on? Well, hopefully it's enough to know that a couple admiring souls care enough to tell you about it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The answer to "Why?" will be "Why not?" That's better than the usual answers, which include "Why ask why?" and of course the classic "Because I said so."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll struggle with a certain line of reasoning and/or a conversational trajectory. This is indicative of turmoil that goes much deeper. Are you brave enough to explore this now?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being there for people isn't hard for you unless the people you're there for are hard to pin down. Those who play hard-to-get might get lost in the chaos of the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Why aim low? You've the same odds of hitting your mark that you would have if you aimed high. Shoot for the top most-exciting goal. Your first priority will match up beautifully with another person's wishes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's an interesting dynamic forming between you and someone you think of as competition. Truly, there's enough to go around. Maybe you can use one another to sharpen your skills. Seek a win-win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It will be so worthwhile to follow the directions. Find them. Don't worry; your originality will remain intact. The only thing you'll sacrifice is the time it takes to read and comprehend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are doubting voices in your head, but you don't have to listen to them. Humanity and fear go hand-in-hand. Good news, though: The fear will trigger an extra flow of fuel to your nervous system.

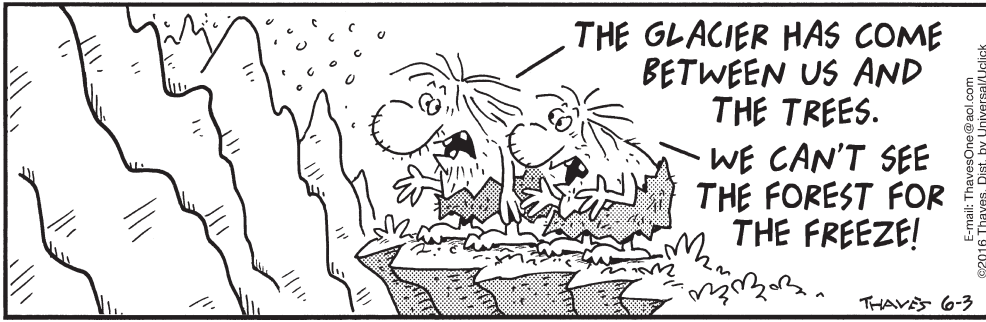
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may find yourself wondering if your friends have been supportive or your loved one has been true. Go on and actively be the supportive, loyal person you're driven to be and your fears will subside.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The relationship energy will flow freely through the structures of your life. When you let someone go, you will also be letting someone in. The cycle will be seamless.

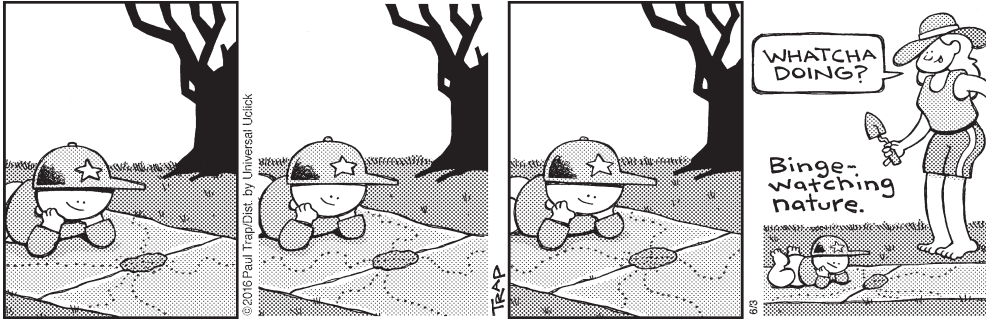
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You see selfishness as a kind of sickness. You pity those afflicted — and all are afflicted at one time or another. The worst part is that it's hard to know when the afflicted one is you. That's why you'll be so generous this weekend. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The tension that exists in your personal life won't be such a big deal once you perfect the fine art of ignoring the problem. It's not as easy as it sounds, but it's entirely doable.

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 4). Ultimately, no one knows what other people are going to think of as cool, but your instincts around this are so keen this year that you'll hit the cool-factor jackpot at least five times before your next birthday. An unusual hobby will bring fascinating people into your world at summer's end. Money will rain on you in November. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 20, 14 and 25.

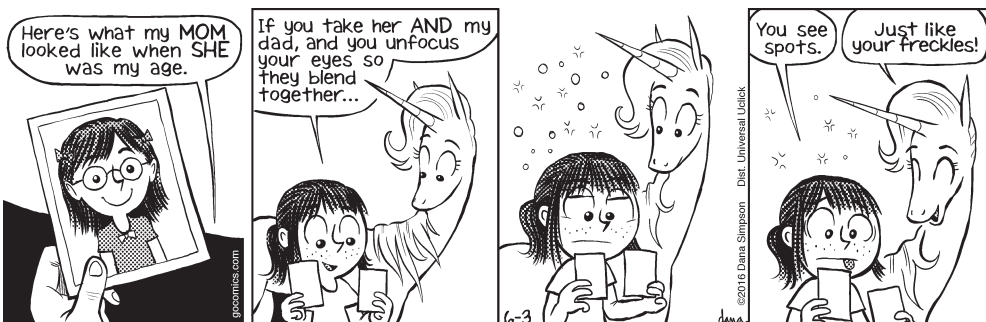
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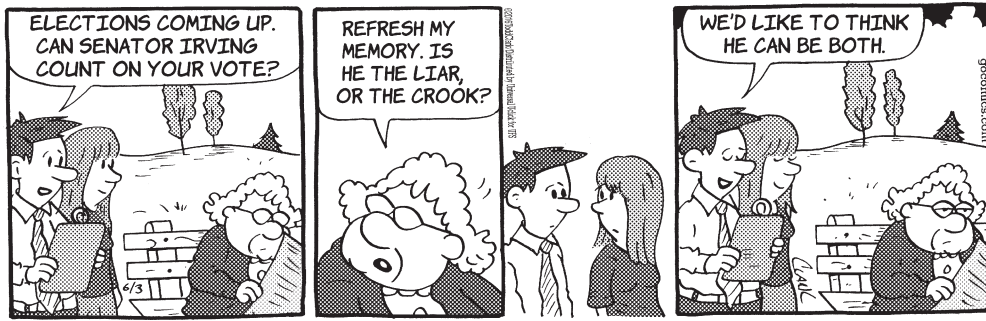
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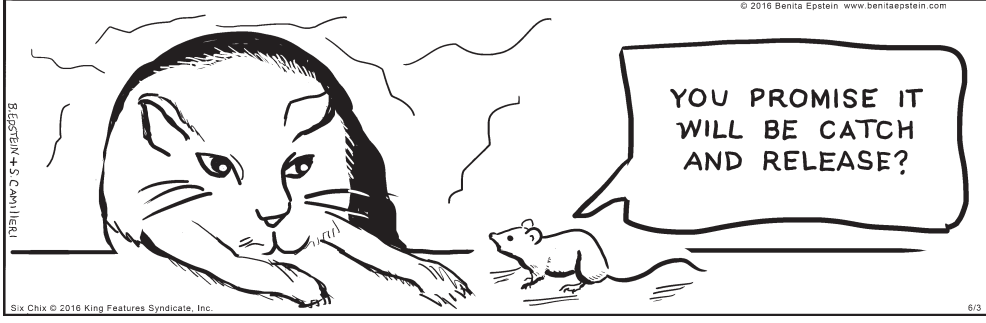
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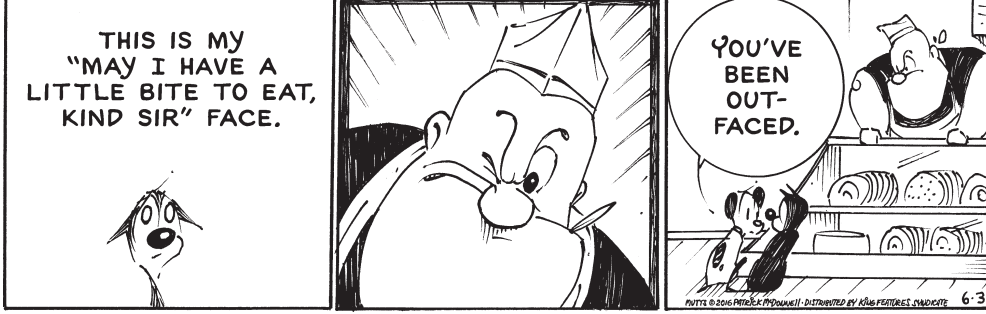
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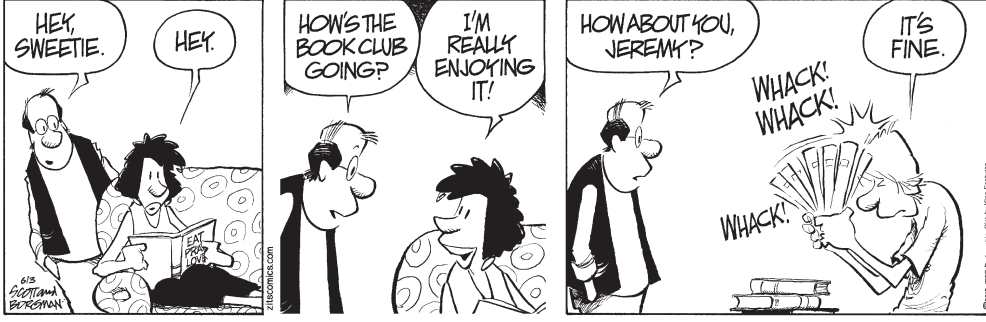
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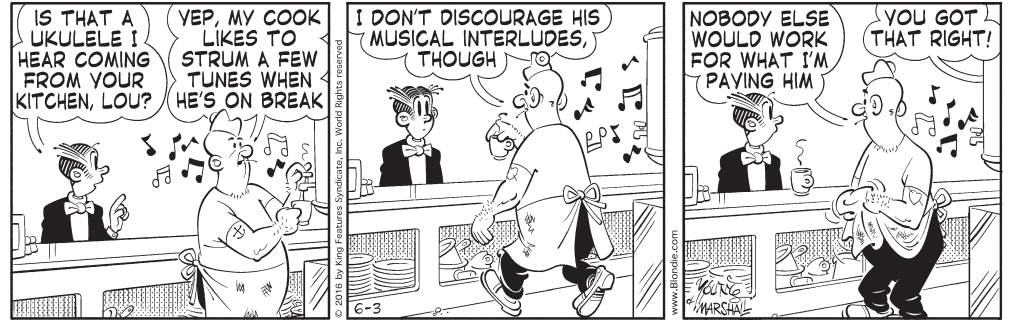
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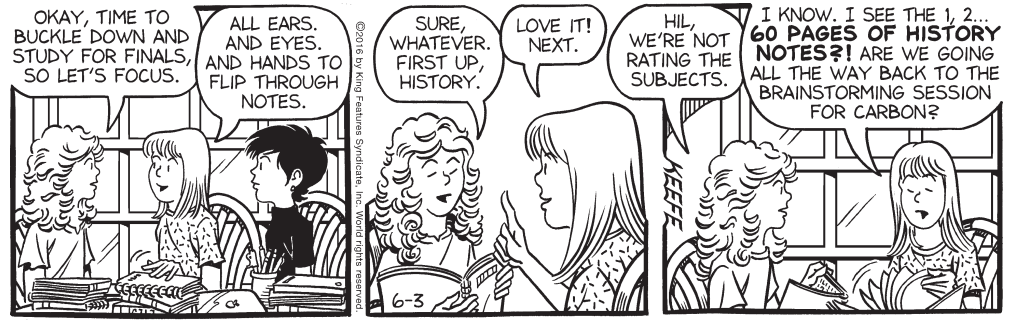
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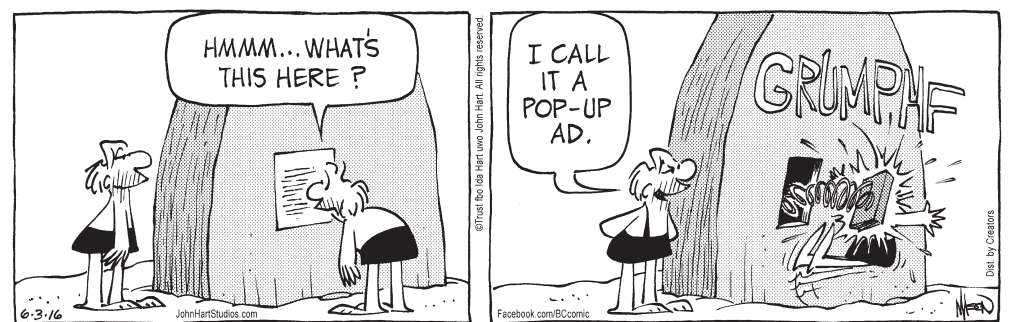
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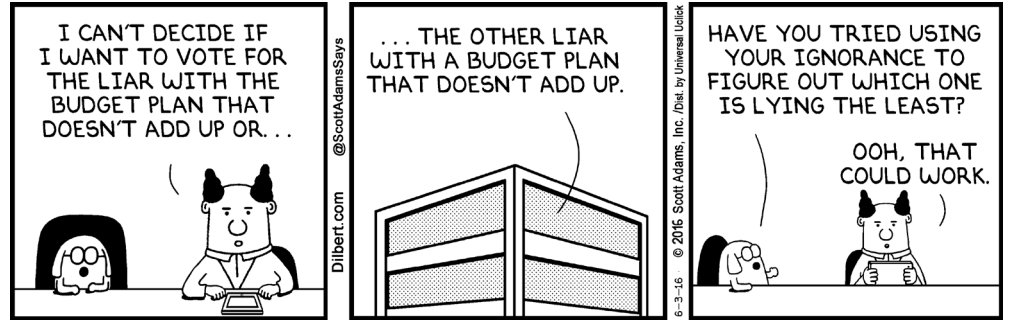
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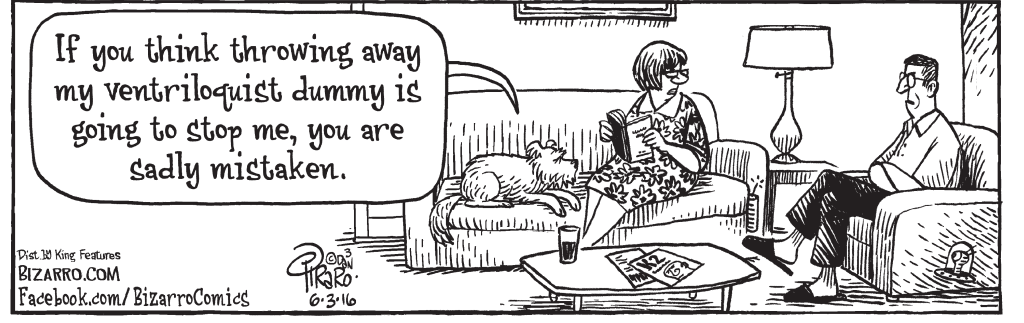
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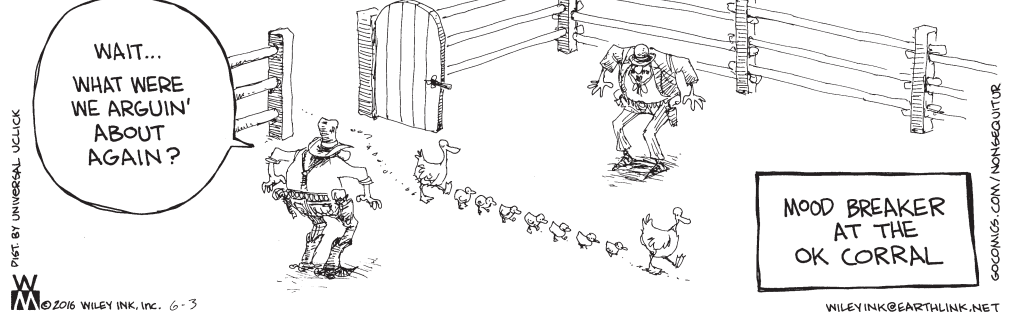
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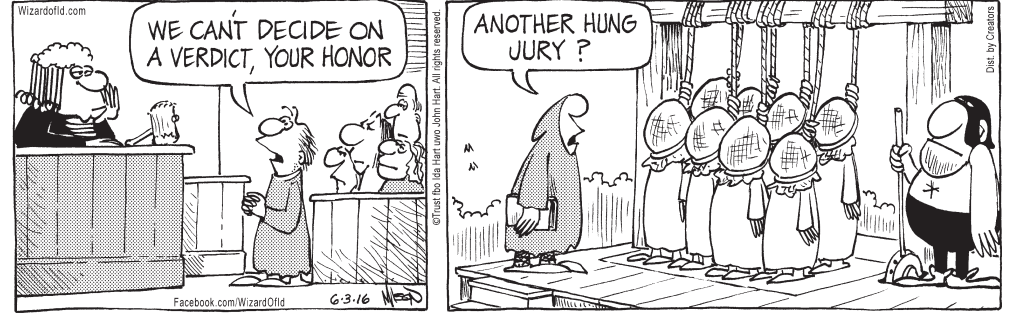
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