

# Husband needs intervention

**Dear Annie:** My husband is a passionate sports fan whose mood fluctuates with the performance of his teams. He has always been passionate about sports, since before we started dating. In the beginning of our relationship, he would coordinate dates around games and always wanted to take me to games. I never enjoyed going but would be supportive and go with him.

Now that we are married with children, this passion has become increasingly frustrating to me. To watch the games, he will miss activities with our children and me. He's missed school events, our kids' sporting events, my birthday and even one of our anniversaries. I grew up with parents who came to every event, and I try to do this for our kids as well.

To make it worse, if his teams lose, his temper becomes out of control. He will remain in a bad mood for a few days and be short with all of us. He has never been physically violent but will be verbally abusive. He'll listen to sports talk radio and comment back to himself, usually in nasty language, in front of the kids.

He has tried to encourage our children to share the love of following sports, but they've been indifferent to date, thank goodness. I would

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like to intervene and help my husband become a calmer fan. How can I do this? — *Worried Wife*

**Dear Worried:** Time to blow the whistle and call a foul; your husband's sports obsession has gone way outside the bounds of what's healthy.

He needs an intervention. He is emotionally dependent on sports, and it is impacting your relationship and your family. Sit down with him and explain to him the impact his obsession is having. Encourage him to take a break from watching the games and replace the viewing with activities with the kids that will enable him to re-engage in their lives and activities. As with any addiction, it won't be quick or easy to break this habit. Be positive with your husband, and allow him to find the help he needs so he can be happier about a goal

scored by your children than one by his favorite team.

**Dear Annie:** A woman broke up with me a year ago, and we have been on good terms for the most part since then. I have since moved and recently came back to town to visit some friends. We run with the same groups, and I ran into her at a bar. She appeared fine, but soon after leaving, she sent me a series of angry, disappointed texts because I hadn't told her I was coming into town and this apparent dismissal had dug up a lot of old wounds for her. I was really taken aback. I told her we could get coffee to talk about it in person the next day, but when she didn't contact me, I just avoided it, I guess. When I got home, I contacted her through Facebook, trying to apologize, but it's been a week and she hasn't responded. Was I wrong? — *Sorry*

**Dear Sorry:** You're not obligated to be friends with anyone, and that goes double for exes. If what happened during your visit "dug up a lot of old wounds," she should be able to understand why you might not want to see her. And if she cared about the friendship so much, she wouldn't have blown off your attempts to patch things up over coffee. I don't know what her problem is, but you're not the one to fix it.

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll hash out a deal. Once you commit and move forward, differences vanish. That doesn't mean they were unimportant. In fact, it will be very helpful to name and discuss them; milk out the insight before they disappear.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** So what if you make a big to-do over a trifling matter? Living artfully and blowing things out of proportion is just something that artists do: They play with scale. Just because your zodiac is different, that doesn't make it wrong.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Celebrate what you've been through. Embrace the experiences in life that are written in the lines of your face. They make you better, and you're more attractive for your uniqueness.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Without a map or a tour guide and nary a recommendation in sight, you launch your adventure. This ambling journey will be rewarding, if tinged with purposelessness. Trust your sense of direction.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You want the victory as much as anyone does, and yet you don't want it at the expense of another. This is a conundrum, because everyone can't win in the same way — although there may be various ways that everyone can win.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** With the big responsibilities comes the fear of doing it all wrong. It's a healthy fear to have, as it will keep you checking yourself, seeking teachers and remaining humble and coachable.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** If you find yourself fantasizing about being somewhere — anywhere — else, this is only one more reason to stick where you are and face the thing right in front of you. Your es-

cape is in working out the problem.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** When you're accused of being a troublemaker, grin and own it. When your trouble doesn't amuse, it gets people thinking and forces them to be better than they were.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You'll avoid a mistake by turning your attention to the obvious responsibilities before you. By taking care of the big basics, the fine details either fall naturally into place or get handled by trusted supporters.

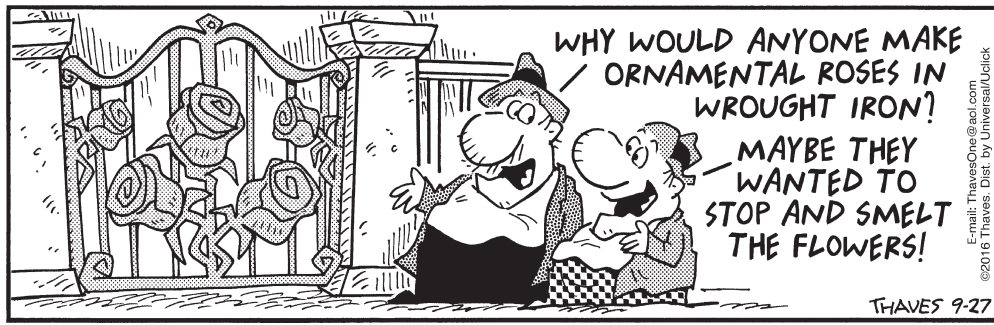
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll play in different energetic styles today. You can be frivolous because there's a stable supporter behind you. You can be stable because there's a whimsical influence flitting around to your delight.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You don't need to stretch the truth in order to prove that you can handle a duty. Nor do you need to posture or act confident enough to fulfill a role. Truly, just do the work, and you'll shine.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You probably didn't wake up in an outgoing mood, but the day has social opportunities not to be missed. You'll quickly feel just as friendly and warm as you pretend to feel.

**WEDNESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 28).** You'll get to choose your level. You'll play strong at whatever level you choose. Bigger is not necessarily better. Next month brings new loving influences into your world. November is your chance to fix or replace what broke. March will bring a gearshift. You may get a new job or move. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 2, 14, 50 and 11.

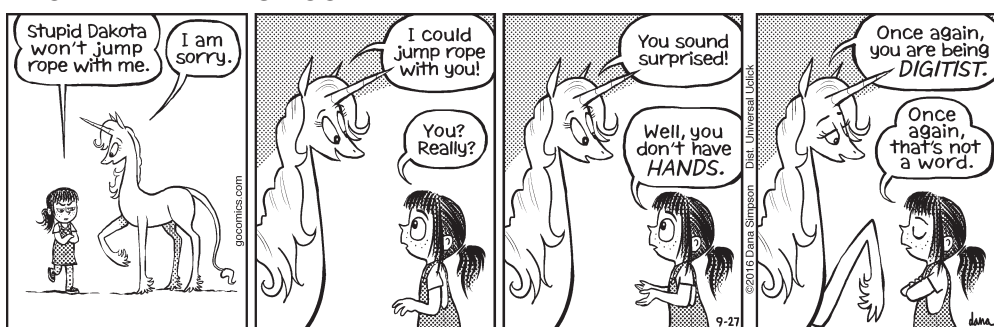
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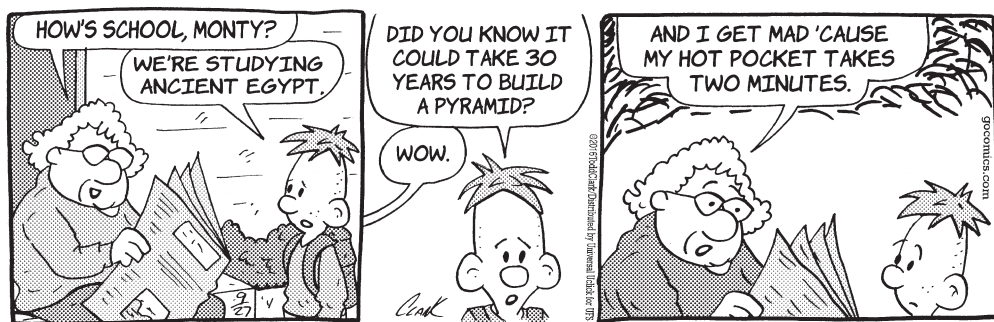
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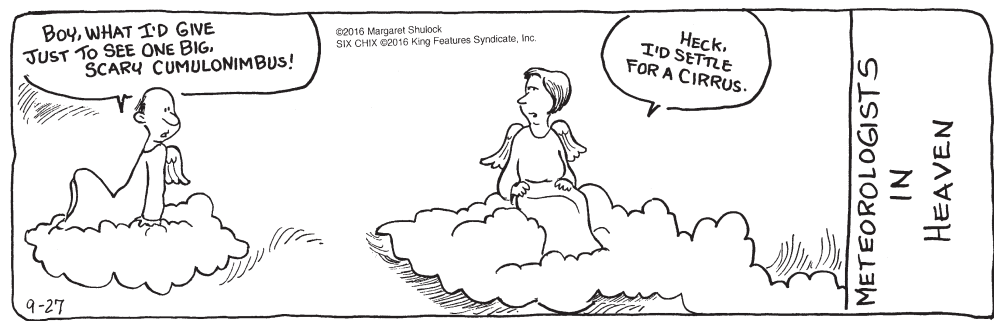
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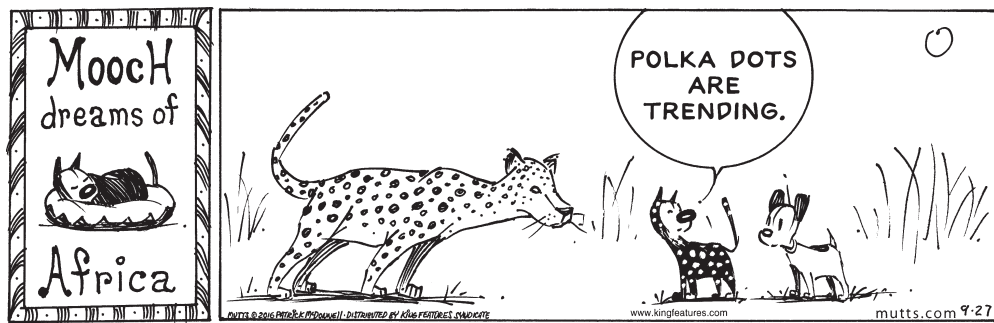
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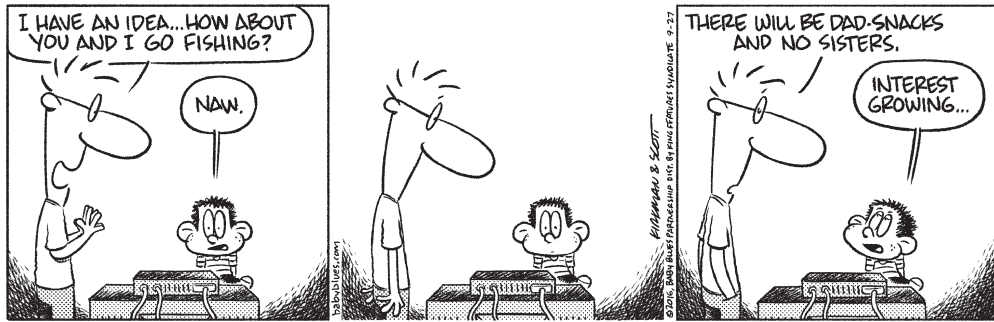
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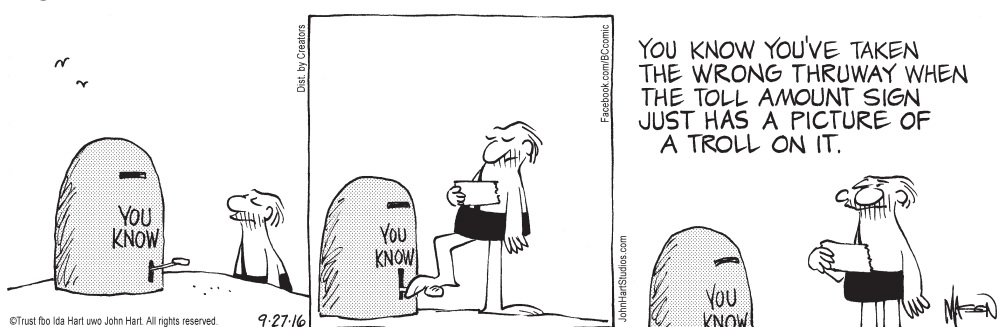
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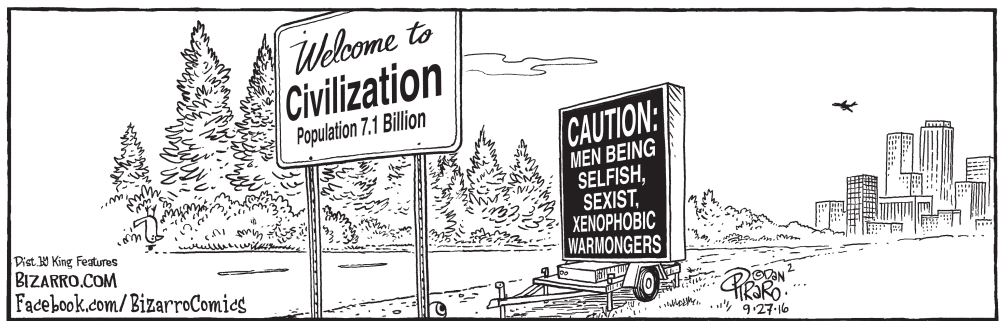
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