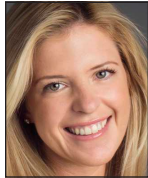


Hubby sneaks around online

Dear Annie: My husband has been talking to other women online. He's been on numerous dating sites, and every time I catch him, he changes his account name or goes on a different one. I think it's cheating. He says it's not — that he's just talking to them. But he says very inappropriate things to them and sends explicit photos of himself. They send him pictures, too. I think he's going to go meet them eventually if he hasn't already, though he swears he hasn't ever cheated.

DEAR ANNIE



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I'm so confused. It feels as if I'm not enough for him. He doesn't ever want to be intimate with me anymore. We've been married for only four months, so I really think he's cheating on me. There are just too many signs that point to it.

I love him more than I've ever loved anyone, and he swears he loves me, too, and has never cheated on me. But he won't stay off those sites, and it's very disrespectful. I'm getting so depressed, and I don't feel that he loves me anymore. What can I do to get him to stop? I've tried every-

thing to spice up our love life. He swears he only wants to be with me, not another woman. Help. — *Depressed and Lonely*

Dear Depressed: This is supposed to be the honeymoon phase, not the honey-nightmare. If he's acting like this four months into your marriage, I shudder to think how he would act in 40 years — and I hope you never have to find out. Although I normally encourage couples to put in the work to save a marriage, I think you'd be better off cutting and running now, before your lives are further intertwined or children enter the picture. You deserve better.

Dear Annie: My brother and I used to be very close. He's 54, and I'm 52. He has been married five times and has one son from his second marriage. Rarely has he been in his son's life. I'm closer to his son than he is. He dates different women all the time and always cheats on them. He lied to a former co-worker who was 19 and got her pregnant. He told her it was physically impossible for him to have kids, and she believed him. She is

now seven months pregnant and lives three houses from me. My wife and I feel bad for her and are trying to help her out. My dad said to stay out of my brother's business, and my mom is on the fence. I believe that my brother has a sexual addiction and needs help through counseling. What's the best way to deal with this mess my brother has created? — *Younger Brother*

Dear Younger: If you and your wife want to help out the young woman, by all means, please do, and encourage your mom to get off the fence and help out, too. The child will be your niece or nephew and her grandchild, after all. Just because your brother has turned his back on his own doesn't mean you all must turn yours with him.

Clearly, your brother is not stable, and his compulsive sexual behavior is unhealthy and destroying lives. The American Psychiatric Association does not recognize "sex addiction" in itself as a disorder, but such behavior does frequently occur alongside other mental health issues. Encourage him to seek the help of a licensed therapist, but ultimately, he must want to help himself. Changing him is not a burden you could bear, even if you wanted to.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Avoid self-promotion. The smart ones will understand right away what's great about you, so you don't have to tell them. The others wouldn't understand any better if you told them, so that's another reason to stay modest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're better off not to assume that money means the same thing to you as it does to the people you deal with. When they show you how they value things, pay attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The main problem about human existence is fragility. You make that a little less obvious for someone. You make that person feel protected — maybe even strong.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're simply too tough on yourself! Why dwell on mistakes when there are so many things you've done right? And you'll do even more good today once you shake off that critical mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get an opportunity to do business where there is a strong sense of stability and tradition around matters of finance. Soon after you connect with those who share your values, you'll strike a deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A masterful communicator, today your word choices increase your charisma. It's the little things. Like, instead of saying "no problem," which brings to mind the negative, you'll say "my pleasure," and create only good feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe it's noble to be defiant in the face of life's ridiculousness. Or maybe it's just necessary. Either way, you should feel pretty good about your

reaction to today's nuttiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've a comfort level around certain people that allows you to work seamlessly together. It won't matter who did what or where the credit lands. This is a form of love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your presentation of an idea can sell it, whether the idea is a good one or not. Does this activate your sense of personal responsibility? Vet the ideas before you make your pitch.

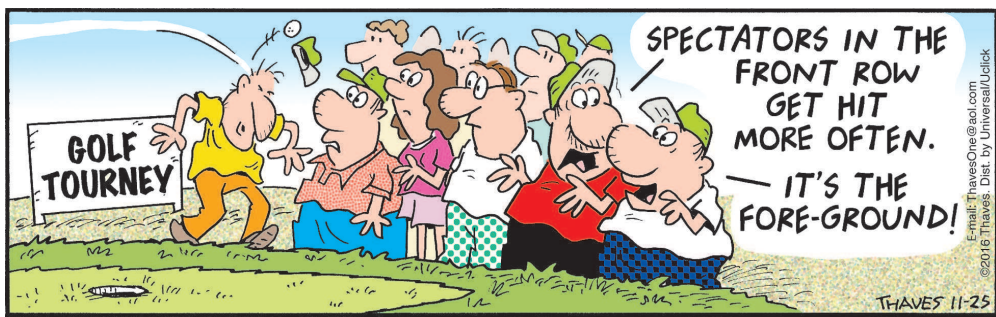
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This thing you're trying to accomplish cannot be accomplished as a linear pursuit. It's a holistic process. So when you feel yourself drawn "off track," maybe you're actually just working things from a different angle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A one-sided commitment won't work as well as a reciprocal one. Can you involve another person? There's magic when you join forces with someone just as committed as you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you've decided to become is far more interesting than any inherent or inherited aspect of you. Share your story. It will help you gain a certain objectivity and self-appreciation.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 26). Your accepting heart will make life better for people around you. The new year casts you as an inspired teacher. You'll be paid well for your expertise. April and July represent times of building. Your domestic life will get a new shine then. Relationships blossom in May. August begins a fresh financial cycle. Cancer and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 40, 1, 46 and 38.

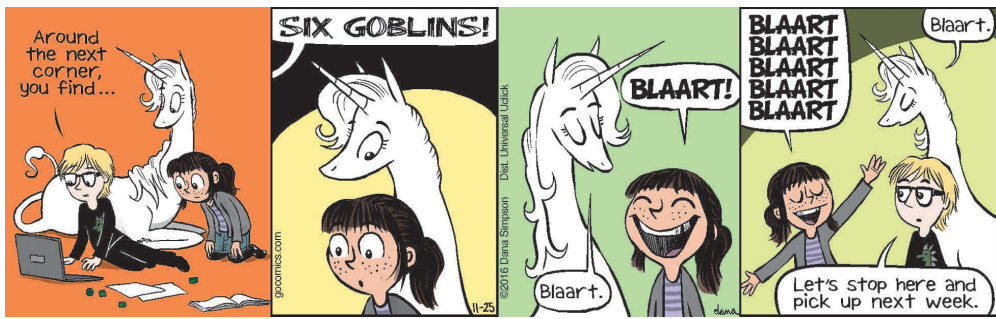
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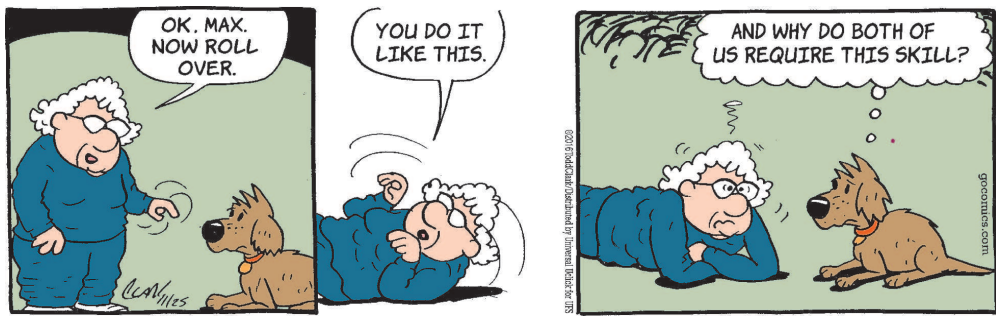
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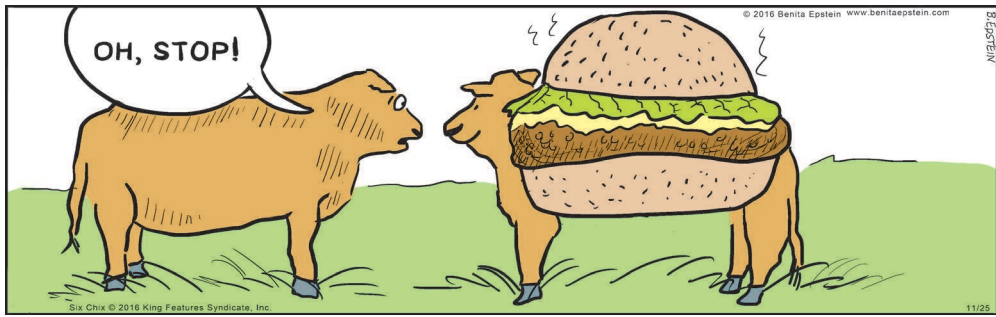
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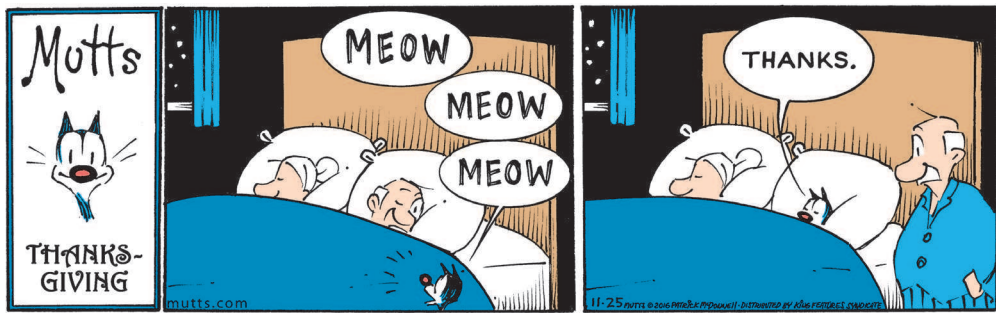
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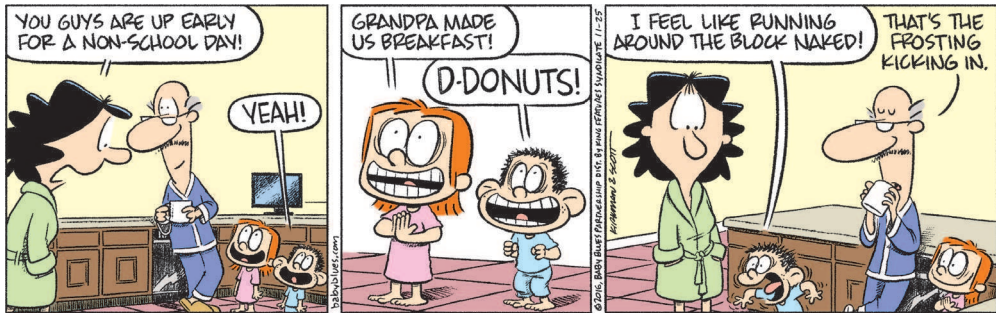
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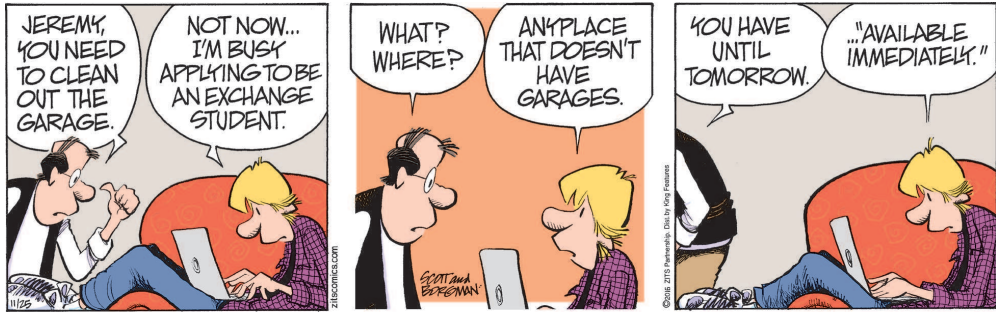
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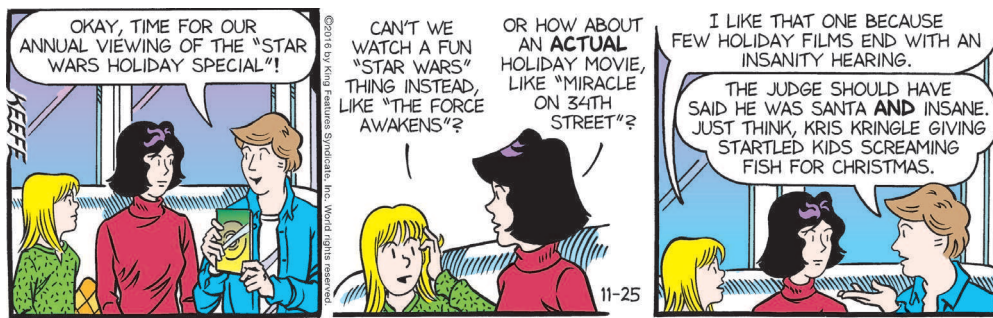
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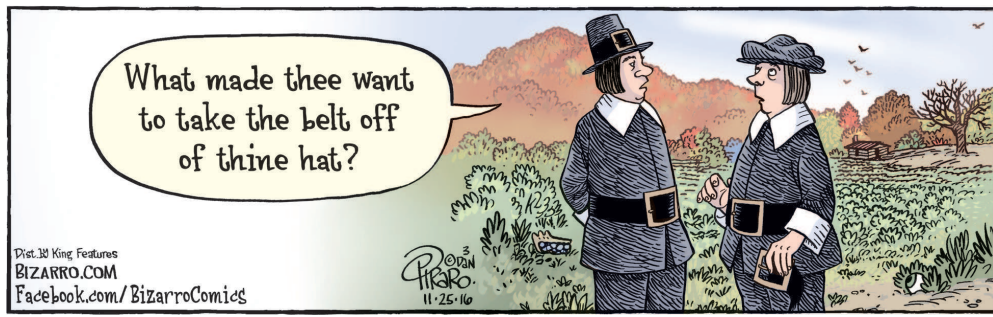
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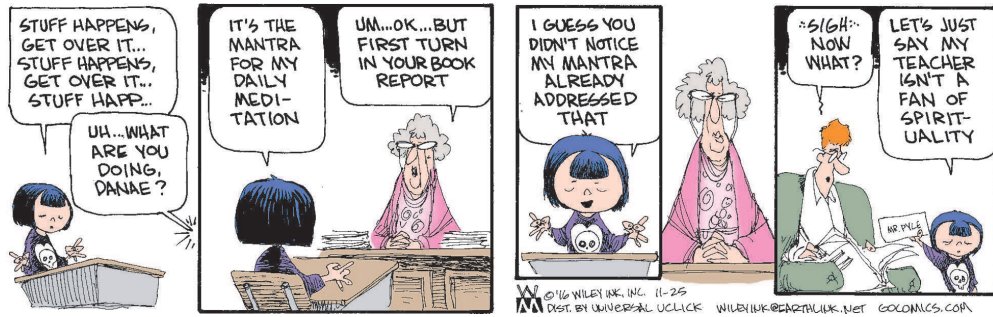
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