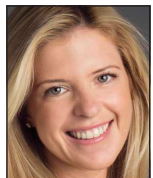


Wife's past is upsetting

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been together since we were just out of high school. We've been married for 18 years, and we have three glorious children. We have a great relationship, but I recently discovered she was extremely promiscuous in high school and found out she slept with many of our friends, some of whom are still in our social circle. I have always had a jealous nature, and now the jealousy is overwhelming my daily thoughts, especially when we see these other guys. Although the encounters happened before my time with her, I still feel cheated on and don't look at her the way I once did. I have not brought it up with her, because I know she will get super defensive, and I know she will not go to counseling because of the nature of the topic. Any insight into getting over this would be appreciated, as I do love her and want to be with her. — *Jealous in Wisconsin*

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and if she knew you now look at her differently because of things she did 20 years ago, she would be heartbroken. So don't tell her. Though I generally champion the importance of talking every problem out with a romantic partner, unfounded jealousy is the exception. If you aired your feelings, they'd grow like fanned flames. You'd most likely make your wife feel defensive, and her defensiveness would in turn make you feel less secure about the marriage. Deprive these fiery feelings of oxygen and they'll eventually die out.

It's also not worth talking about it with her because this is about you, not your relationship. Do some digging and try to get to the root of your insecurity. Use positive self-talk to encourage rational thinking. And if the obsessive thoughts won't stop nagging you, consider therapy.

Dear Annie: I recently visited a small deli-type restaurant and ordered a takeout square of lasagna. There was a big glass tip jar of cash right next to the

credit card screen. I waited for my order, and when I received it, I placed several bucks in the tip jar — overly generous, as my tab was only \$6 — and walked back to my camper. When I opened my bag, I found that my lasagna was a very small edge slice, and it was burned black — not even close to being edible. I am mildly disabled, enough that a stroll back to the restaurant was too much for my bad knees.

I would like to know when a tip went from being a reward for exemplary service to a ransom for basic decency. I sure wish I had my tip money back for that lasagna. Alert to owners: Do you know how your employees are treating your customers? I'll surely never return, nor will many of the people I related my experience to. Alert to service personnel: What are you going to do when the business where you work folds because customers don't come back? — *Lost Customer in Wilmington*

Dear Customer: It sounds as if you didn't give this server a chance to earn her tip. Next time, speak up. If a restaurant wants to stay in business, it'll do what it can to keep customers happy.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In today's case, the question might be a lot more complicated than the answer. This is great news. Hop off that question as soon as possible. Grab a good thing. Apply the simple fix, and get on with it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some say honesty is interesting, and others say it's boring. Much depends on the context, of course, but maybe what matters is not the level of truth in the words but the level of truth in your intention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You already know not to base your self-worth on people's reactions to you. Still, sometimes it's hard not to take the various moods of your loved ones a little too personally.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today you will make a stellar impression, partly because of your careful attention to your appearance, and mostly because you are the best listener around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When do you make the sensible choice? When it makes sense to you! Going against your heart or swallowing your passion makes no sense at all to you, and neither does the option that will cause you to wonder "What if?"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The circumstance of the day may have you feeling like a new adult, entering the workforce astounded at the drudgery of some jobs, wanting to be free like a child again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because you devote a large portion of your life to one thing, that doesn't mean you're defined by it. You're not one thing. No one is. To defy strict categorization today, you will show the world

some other sides.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This mission you're considering will be a long one, much longer than you initially thought. The African proverb suggests, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Many of your impulses will be spot on today. This is a day to get the ideas out fast; act on them; and be done with it. Don't agonize. Don't ruminate. Don't second-guess your notions or doubt yourself.

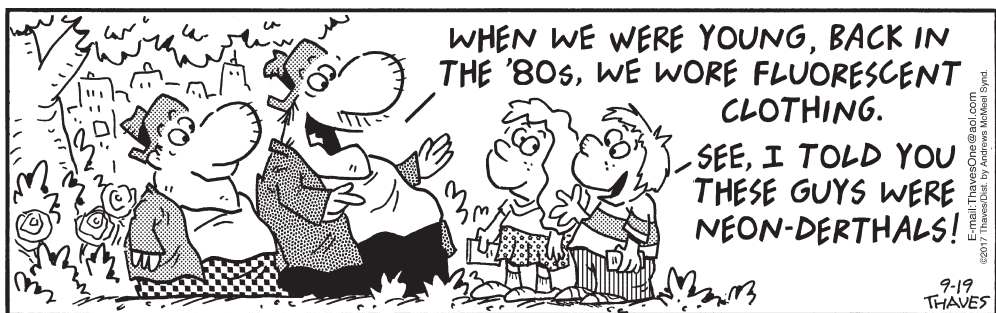
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're bold in ways that others wish they were. The people around you may not understand exactly what it is you do, but they appreciate that you do it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As a rule, it's usually better to go than to stay, to meet people than to not and to learn than to remain ignorant. Of course, rules don't always apply. There are some interactions you'd be better off not having. Go with your gut.

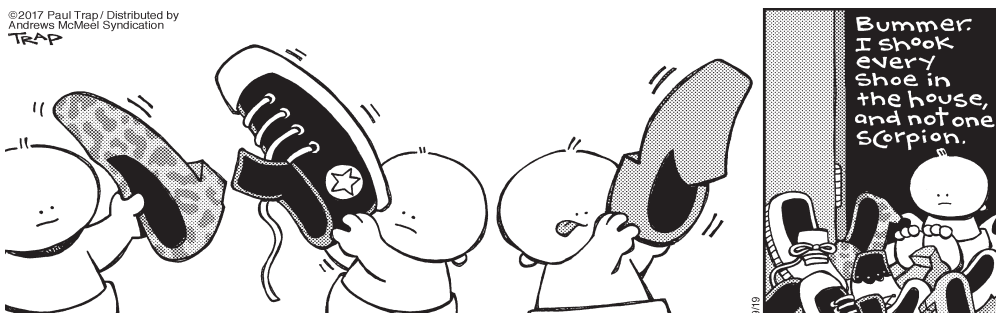
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The younger a person is, the more likely he or she is to think in terms of all or nothing. Experienced people aren't as afraid to deal in subtleties and complications. They aren't as afraid to negotiate.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 20). You'll get better at delegating as you focus on what's going to challenge and inspire you. Supporters will leap to assist you: Just say the word. Travel leads to money and money leads to travel in 2018. The more you see of the world (including via relationships with new people) the richer you get (in more ways than one.) Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 2, 19, 35, 11.

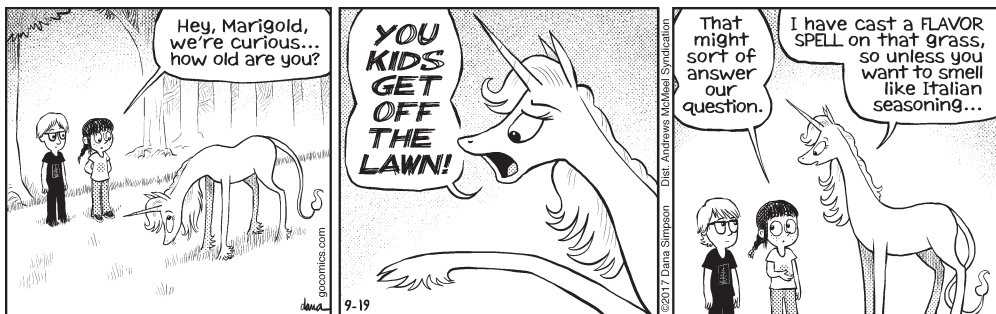
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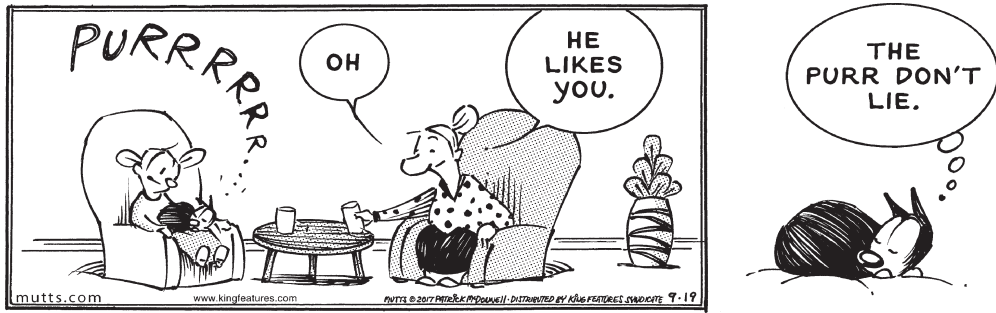
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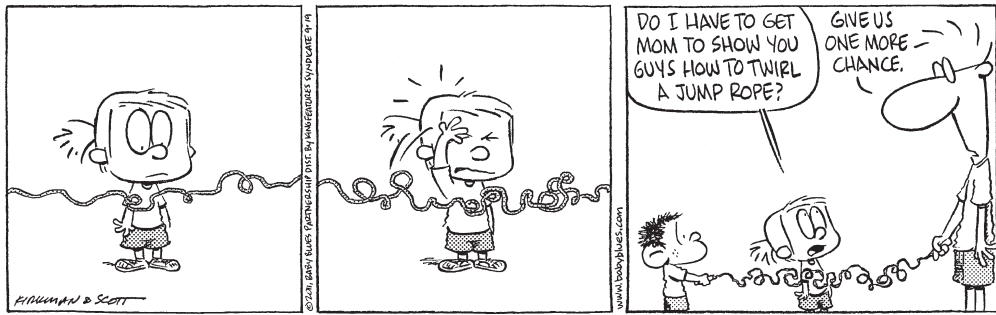
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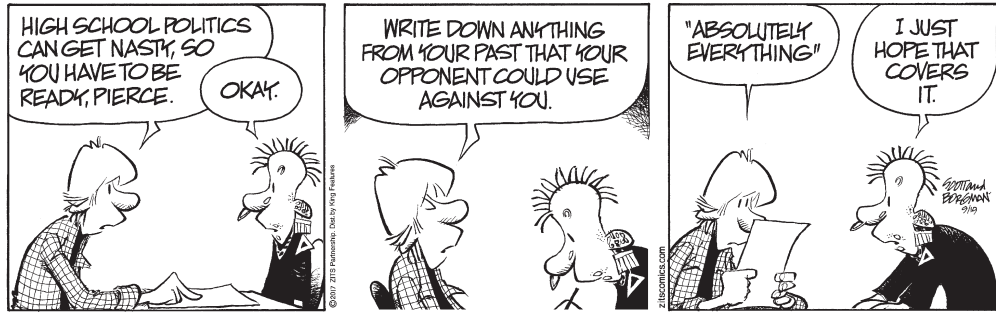
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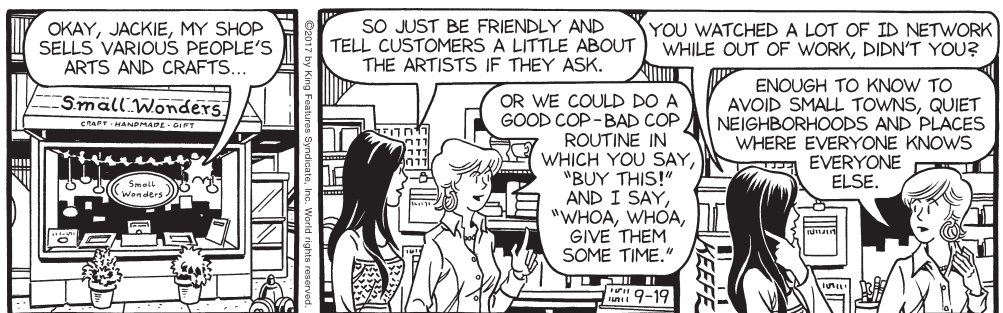
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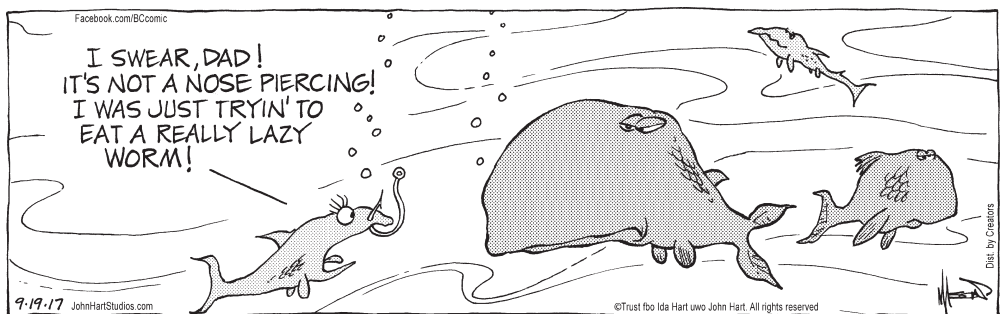
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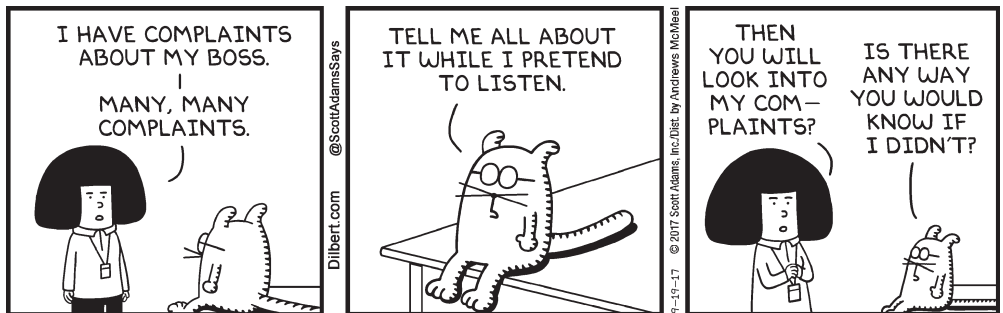
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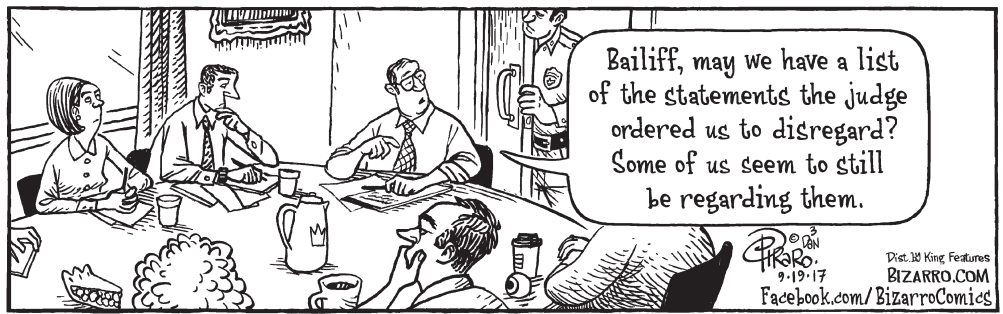
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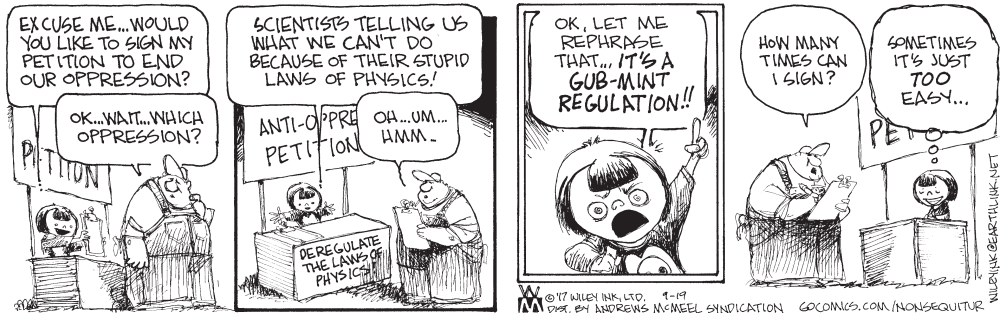
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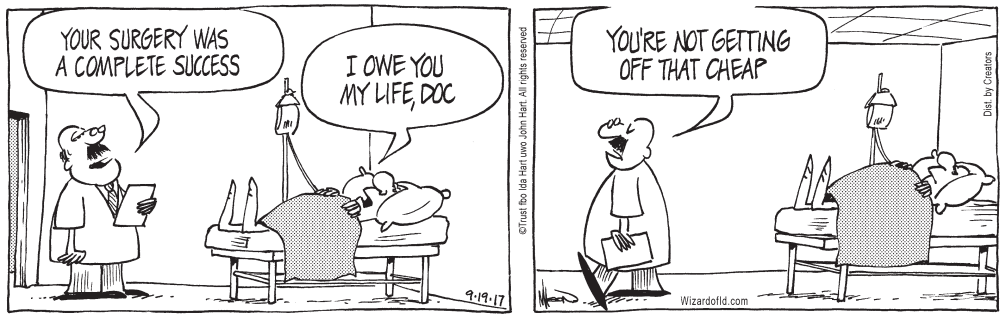
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