

Secrecy surrounds daughter

Dear Annie: My husband and a daughter he fathered 50 years ago recently found each other via an internet post from the two children we have together. Since they met, he has been hiding in a locked room and calling her several times a day. When I asked him to stop sneaking, she sent him a phone to use just to call her.

We live in Florida, and she has come here twice in the past six months and picked him up from several doors down the street. Now I find she has been sending him cards and asking him to hide them from me. I might also add that the first time she came here a year ago, he did not want any of us to interact with her, going so far as to throw our daughter out of the house when she was there with her daughter making a Mother's Day gift.

My husband thinks this is normal behavior.

This behavior has caused many arguments and has me contemplating divorce after

49 years. What do you think? — *Baffled and Hurting in Florida*

Dear Baffled and Hurting: Are you positive this woman is actually his daughter, or is that just a cover story? Because he's treating this more like an affair than a family reunion. Either way, the behavior is wildly inappropriate and disrespectful. He should want to integrate his newfound daughter with the rest of his family, not hide you from each other.

If she's going to be in his life, she needs to be in yours, too. That said, there are far too many layers than can be excavated in the space of a column. Before issuing any ultimatums involving divorce, try digging deeper with the help of marriage counseling to unearth the truth of the matter.

Dear Annie: Reading the news about sexual harassment, one might get the idea that only men are guilty of this. I know this is not true. I

do believe men are more prone to do so, but women in power can and do some similar acts. I know for a fact, because it happened to me when I was an elementary teacher working with a female principal.

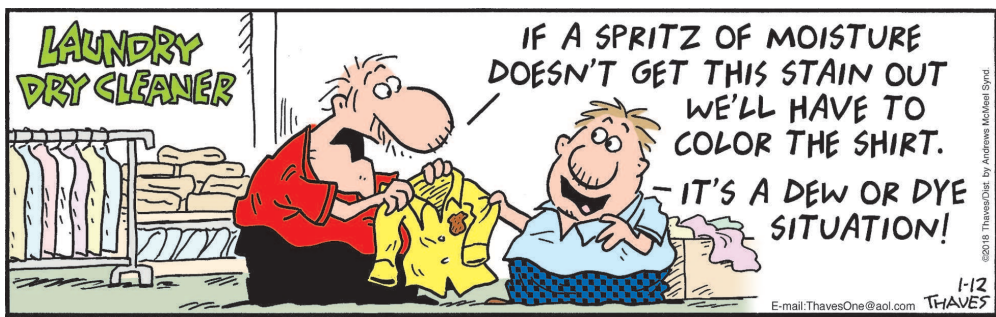
I'd like more stories like mine to be shared. It is still embarrassing after all these years. Recent events have brought up feelings that I thought I had left behind, not counting the damage that was done to my career. The damages of harassment can be long-lasting. — *Bob*

Dear Bob: Sexual harassment and abuse are never OK, regardless of gender. I am so sorry that happened to you. It wasn't your fault, and you shouldn't be embarrassed. But I know that's easier said than internalized. For help processing your experience, I encourage you to consider counseling. You can also reach out to In6, an organization that supports men whose lives have been disrupted by unwanted or abusive sexual experiences. For more information and to chat with a trained advocate, visit <https://in6.org>.



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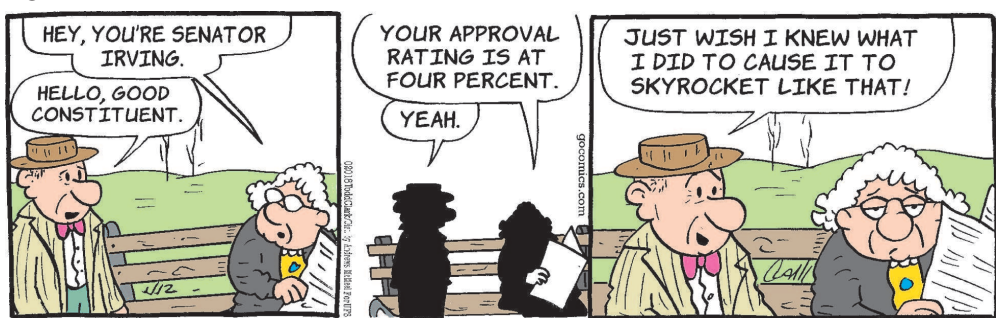
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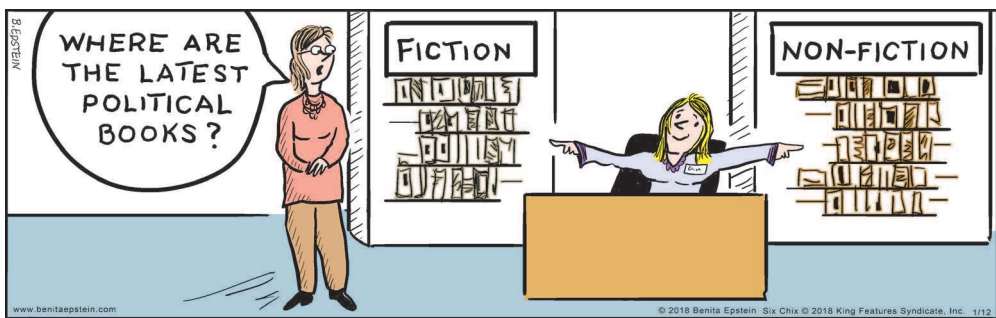
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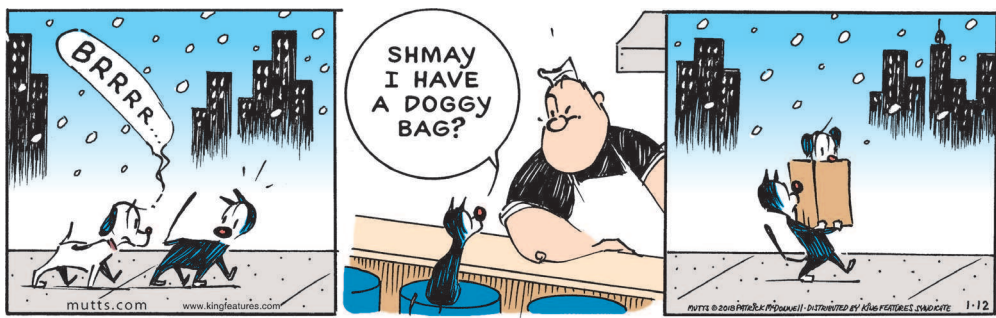
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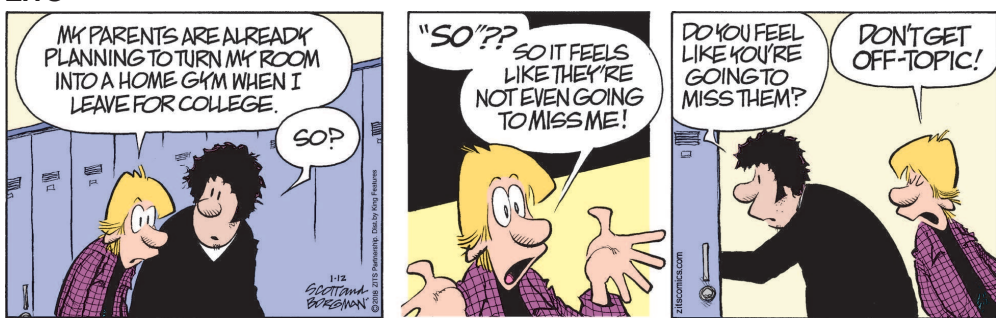
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). To craft a surprise for another person requires you to be thoughtful, clever, knowledgeable of the other person's rhythms and tendencies. ... Bottom line: To craft a surprise is a rather unforgettable act of love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). New friends are often acquired in a setting of common interest. That's why you help your chances along by following your curiosities and frequenting the places and topics that really do delight you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some may know "just enough to be dangerous," but a lot of ignorance is really much more dangerous than a little knowledge. A factually accurate education will be the balm that helps all steer clear of danger.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are so many strange paradoxes in the world to reconcile. You may fully buy in to two opposite beliefs today. It actually isn't that confusing as long as you don't think of them both at once.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love someone, and you want to make that person happy. And yet, to surrender your own will to the approval and good opinion of another would make you a slave to love. True love is unbound.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Celebrating your accomplishment in some way is absolutely critical to the success cycle. It might not seem important to you, but do it anyway. Otherwise the cycle will be broken and ineffective in gaining momentum.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If even the powerful and rich cannot entirely control their own worlds, maybe freedom isn't really the ability to do whatever you want. Maybe it's the ability to accept whatever is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you're constantly afraid of falling out of favor, you're not in the right place. When you're among people who really get you, you don't have to second-guess your every move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One way to turn the fortunes in your favor is to organize your world the way you want it. As in all other organizational efforts, decide on your primary aims first, and then figure out how you're going to support those ideas.

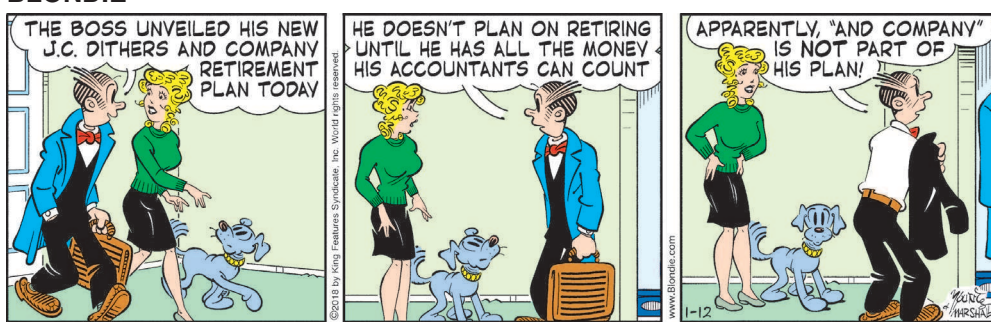
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A black hole isn't really a hole; rather, it's a magnificently dense object with enormous gravitational pull. Relatedly, there's something in your life that you once thought of as empty space that is actually loaded with power.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll give yourself fully to those closest to you, so you really need to make sure that your inner circle includes people you can count on to understand you. This is one of the cornerstones of your well-being.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no time to wait around for people to make their minds up. You know what you want, so start moving. The high value you place on your time and energy will inspire others to value it, too.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 13). You're impressively capable. You'll attract people who are equal in this quality, as well as those who are seriously lacking in it. Team with the former; work for the latter. You'll rack up the good reviews and charge much more after August. Love will be lavished on you all year, though April and June will be especially romantic. Pisces and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 6, 44, 41 and 38.

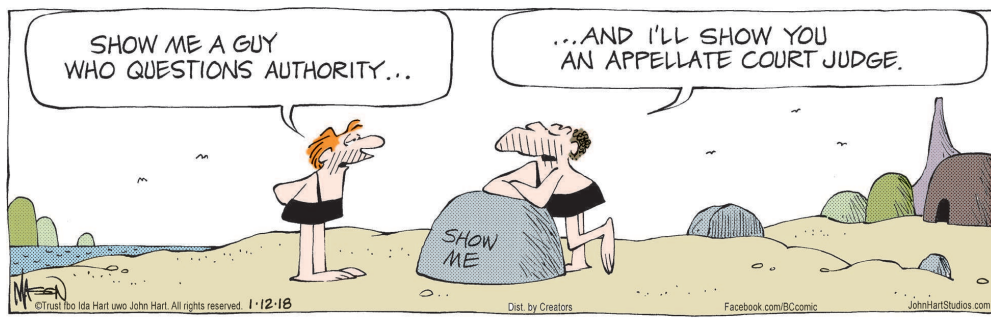
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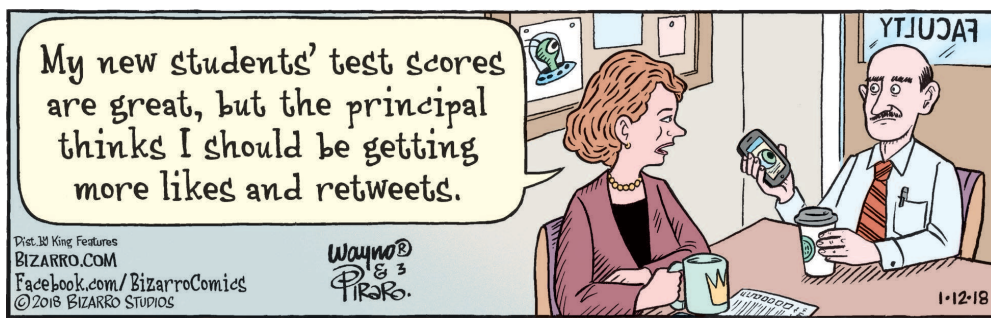
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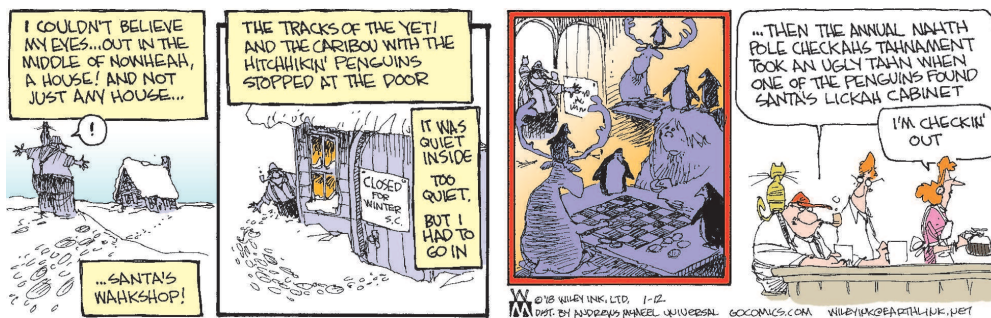
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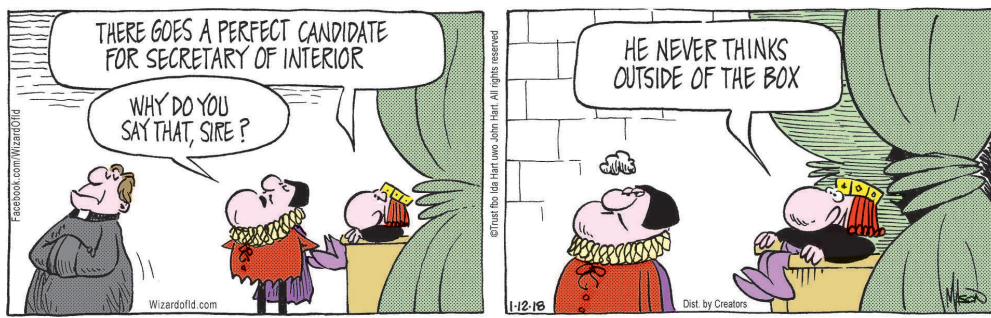
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