

Boyfriend's other women

Dear Annie: I am an attractive and well-educated divorced woman. Recently, a man whom I dated several years ago contacted me. We are both 70. Our reunion was great. We have been getting along very well and communicating daily ever since. We live across the country from each other. He invited me to his home, where I was his guest for three weeks. When we were alone, we had a wonderful time. We have great chemistry and enjoy each other's company, sense of humor and personality. He tells me that he loves me. I love him, too.



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just the two of us planned at home. He told his "harem" (as he calls his female friends) about our plans, and the women immediately told him they were coming over because they wanted to say goodbye to me. Instantly, his mob of postmenopausal women showed up. A married woman whose husband was out of town kissed my boyfriend on the lips several times, and he kissed her back, in front of me. This was very disrespectful, and it makes me wonder what they do when they are alone with each other, which they sometimes are. None of the women said "goodbye" to me, which was their excuse for monopolizing our evening. Actually, I'm pretty sure it was just a power play on the woman's part, to keep my boyfriend and me from having a romantic last evening together.

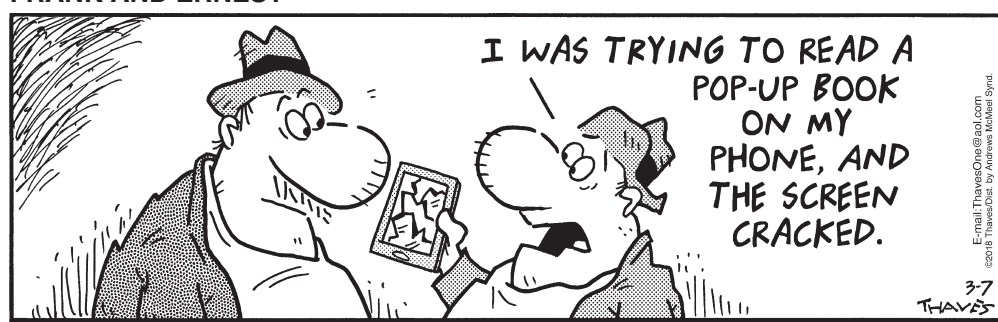
After they left, I calmly complained to my boyfriend about how he and the married woman had kissed. He said that it was a "Southern thing" and that he was tired of our "discussions."

He said the married woman is a "wonderful Southern girl" and said I'd better get along with her because I'll be seeing a lot of her. He berated me because I wanted to spend my last night alone with him and not drinking with the neighbor women.

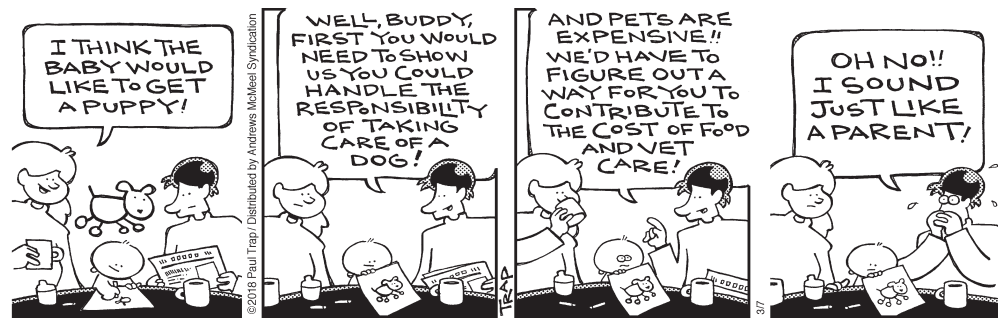
I love my boyfriend and don't want to lose him, but his female friends are his first priority, and it makes me feel as though my feelings and opinions mean nothing to him. This is the only thing we disagree on. How should I handle this situation? — *Cock of the Walk's Chick*

Dear Cock of the Walk's Chick: I don't see this proud peacock putting down his plumes any time soon. He seems to love strutting his stuff, lavished with female attention 24/7. More troubling than the flirtatious behavior is the way he reacted when you expressed your concern and frustration. Such dismissiveness shows a fundamental lack of respect for your feelings. If he's not willing to hear you out and do what he can to make you more comfortable with his heavily female flock, then it's time for you to fly the coop.

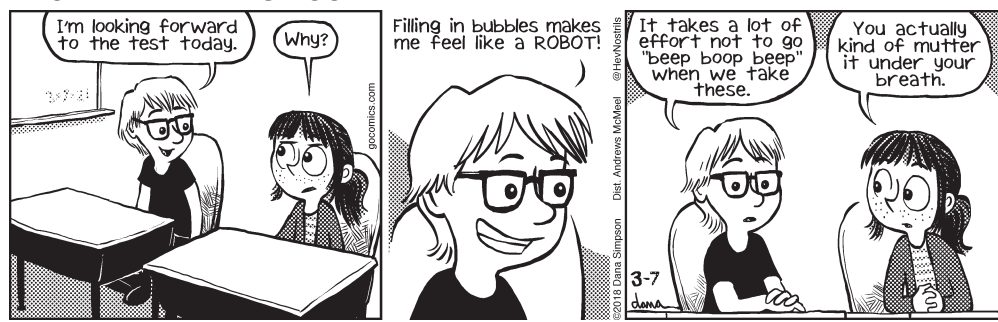
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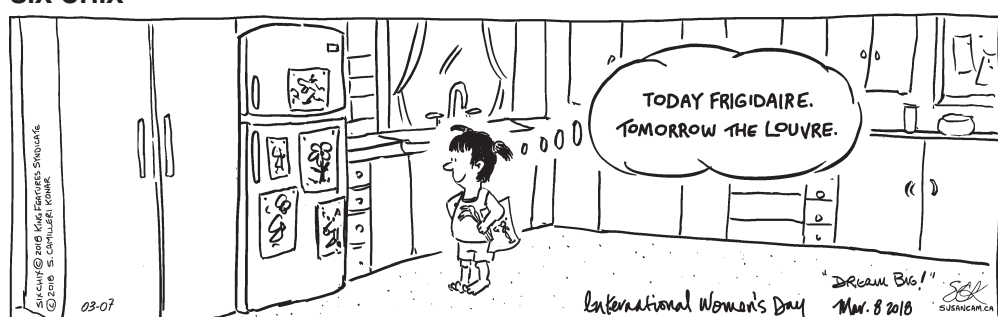
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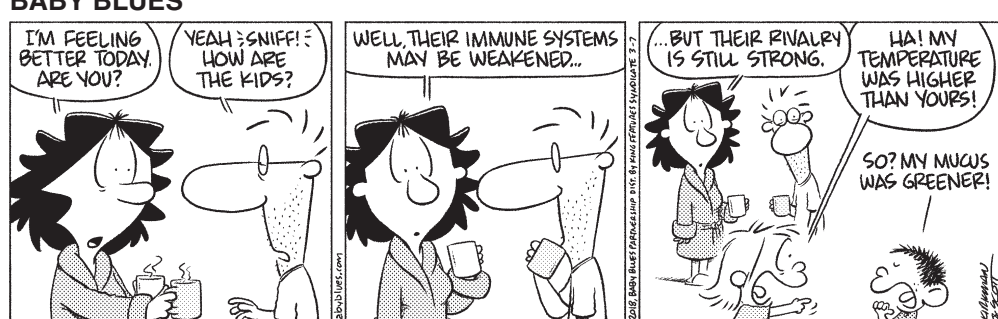
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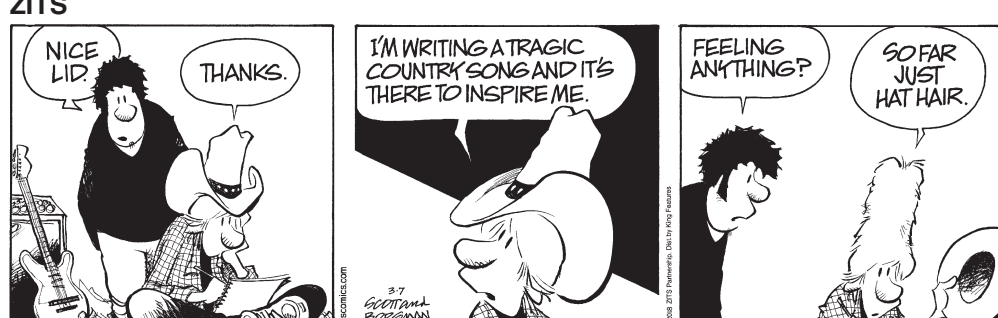
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Every five seconds a wave licks the cliffs. In a billion years there's a sandy beach there instead. Don't underestimate the power of soft but consistent force.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your choice of focus will make all of the difference. This will be reflected in your choice of topics. Stay away from rehashing old arguments, issues that have only two clear sides and problems that have no solutions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You see three to 10 options where the ordinary onlooker sees only one. The wonderful thing is that you get to feel more and experience more because of this. It comes at a price, though: The others may not understand you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Words are the resources you most need today — the magic articles that make life easier and better. You'll need words that make something unpleasant sound pleasant. You'll also need words that are only understood by a select few.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll find that you appreciate relationships more because you understand the problems people have and how they solve them. The things that unfold today will add dimension to your understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you read, view or listen to will matter. It won't define you, but it will influence you and what others think of you too. Choose your entertainment as carefully as you would choose a meal in an expensive restaurant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Think the best of people. Maybe you'll be wrong sometimes, but it's a kinder way to be wrong. You won't feel bad about it later. If you think the worst and you're wrong, you'll have to stew in your own cynicism:

How unpleasant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Emotional pleasure is only one aspect of the enjoyment of a thing. The more you know about how it's put together, the more you appreciate it. Turn up the intellectual awareness and the pleasure gets turned up, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today you're like a lawyer whose duty it is to defend an innocent person. No matter how passionately you believe in the defendant's innocence, unless you can prove your case with sound evidence, your client will be sunk.

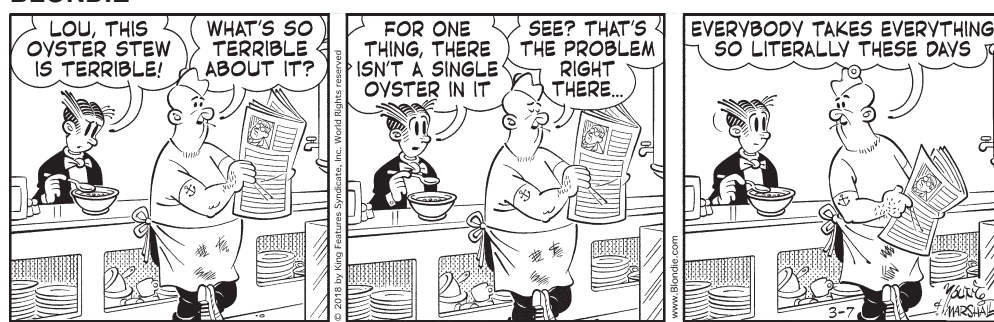
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The times ahead will be rife with lucky misunderstandings, fortuitous mistakes and gloriously enjoyable inconveniences. Knowing this is true, you'll approach with an open mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you look around today, you may decide that you're not like these people. But you do share a common dream, a common thread. It's unspoken, and you probably won't speak of it anytime soon, but you'll live in it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll sharpen your critical thinking skills. This is an important part of becoming a more discriminating, articulate, intellectual and sensitive individual. Oh, the rich rewards to this! And there will be no going back.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (March 8). A transition will put you in an exceptionally lucky starter position. Open spaces become inhabited; open blocks of time fill with exciting people and places. Touch home often to keep grounded. A promise is made in May. June and October bring opportunity for profit and investment that leads to future wealth. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 33, 2, 25 and 17.

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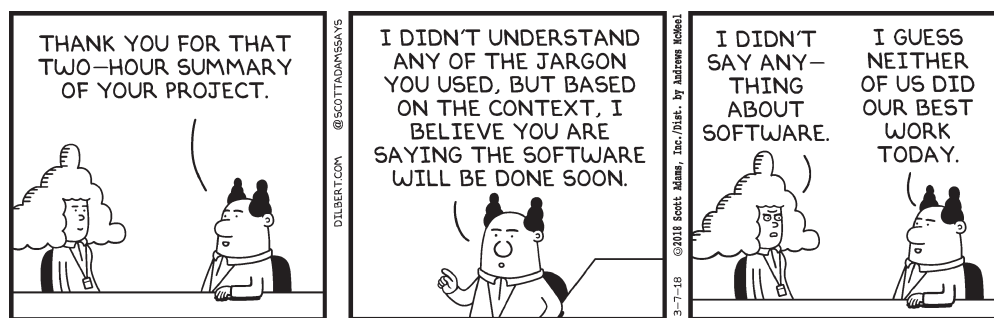
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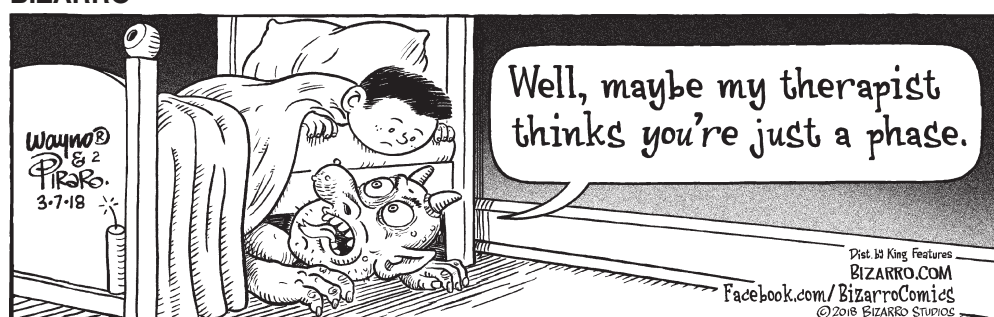
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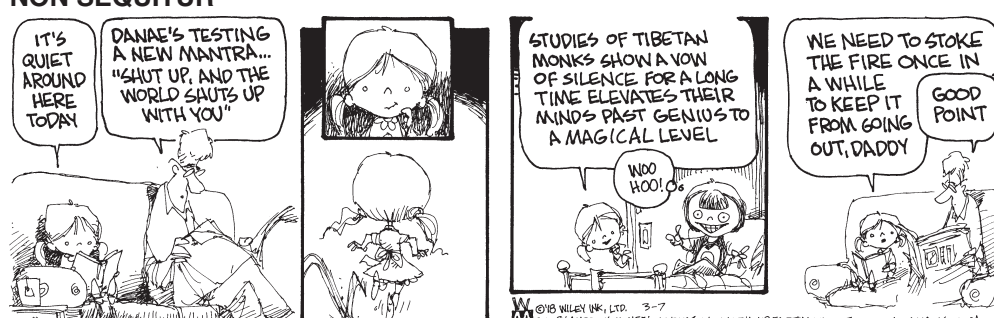
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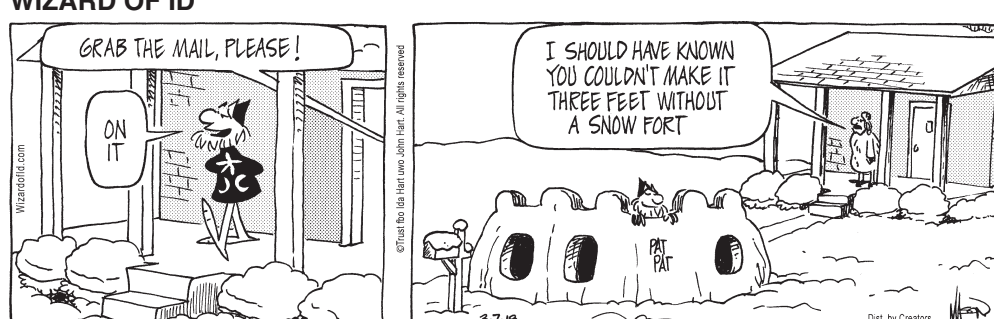
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