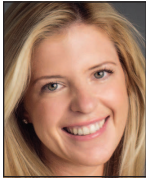


Revealing love too soon?

Dear Annie: A friend recently set me up with an amazing man. We have been dating for roughly three months. Every time we go out, we have so much fun. I'm pretty sure that he is the one. Last Saturday night was especially lovely. He told me to dress nicely and took me to a very fancy restaurant. We ate delicious food and laughed the whole evening. We then went back to my house to watch a movie. As we were sitting on the couch, I told him that I think I'm falling in love with him. At that point, he sort of nervously smiled and said he's having a really nice time getting to know me. Needless to say, I was very taken aback. I tried to just laugh it off. He still called me the next day, and we are resuming as though I never said the L-word. Should I bring it up again? Should I assume that he doesn't love me? Annie, help me. — *Beat Him to the Punch Too Soon*

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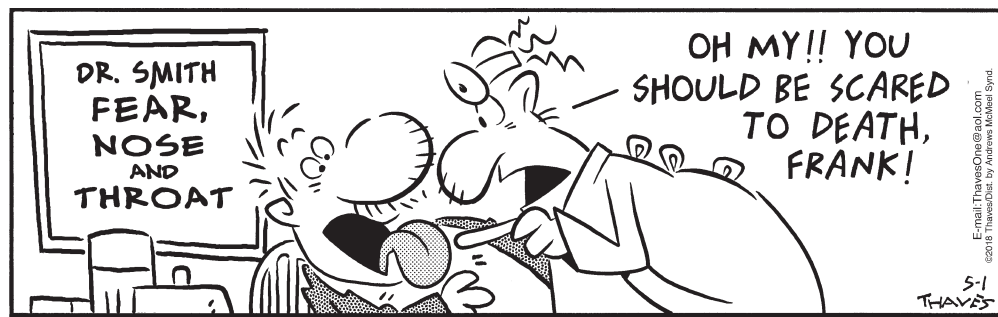
relationship a knockout, take a step back. It sounds as if you two have a wonderful connection that will continue to grow. Keep in mind that if telling someone that you love him too soon scares him off, then he was not the one. Better to learn that after three months than after three years. Some people are slower to express their emotions, and the fact that he is behaving as before is a very good sign. Give him time. Perhaps he'll surprise you and tell you soon that he loves you, too. Good relationships, like so much else in life, depend on a series of small successes achieved one day at a time.

Dear Annie: My husband persistently comments when he feels a person or a situation is gay. (I'm not sure how a situation can be gay, but whatever.) He is not homophobic and is all for equality for the LGBTQ com-

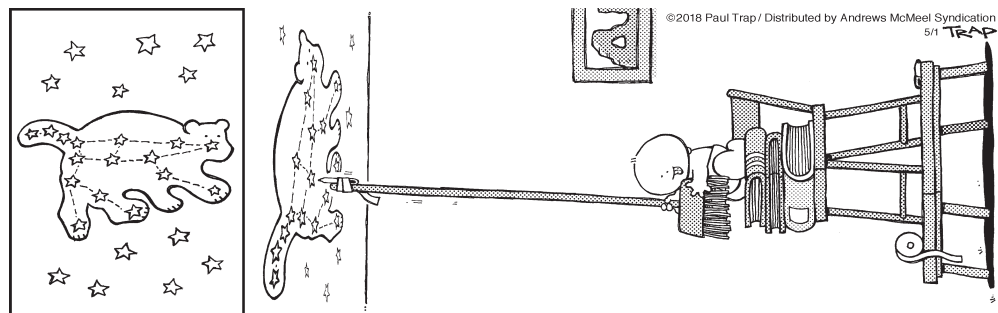
munity. But he keeps talking about how his "gaydar" tells him when someone is gay. Since the birth of our daughter, it's been getting more and more on my nerves. I don't care what anyone's sexuality is, and I don't want to listen to my husband's interpretation of it. He doesn't mention how straight other people are. When I tell him this commentary is unwanted (by me and our friends), he blows me off. What can I tell him to get him to understand that not everyone wants his take on sexuality? — *Annoyed and Trying to Help*

Dear Annoyed and Trying to Help: Tell him that these comments are not funny or insightful. They're also not a good example to set for your daughter. (She might be pre-verbal now, but she won't be for long.) If that's not reason enough for him, you might mention that constantly talking about other people's sexuality makes him seem uncomfortable with his own. Perhaps he should take some time to reflect on why he's so preoccupied with the topic.

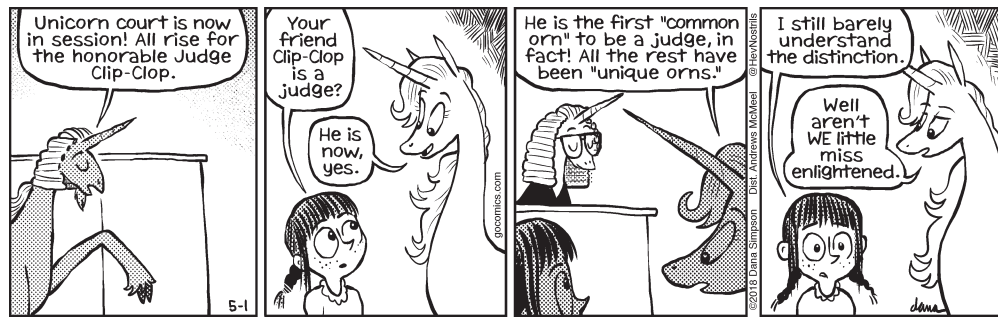
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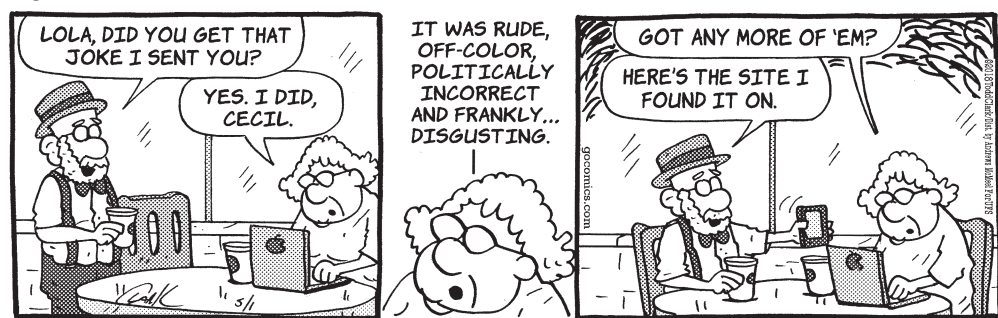
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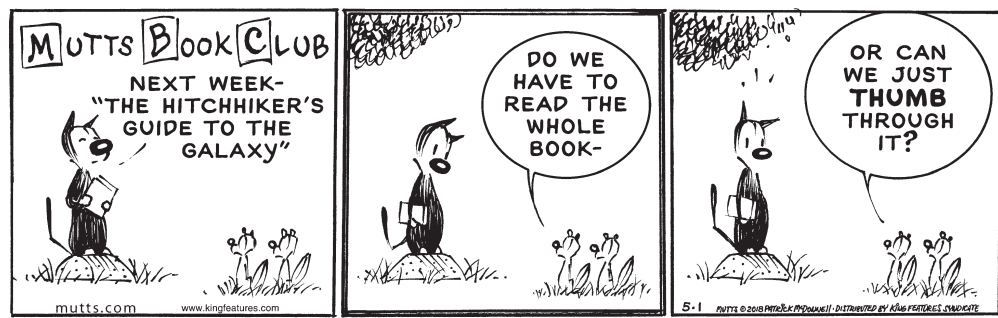
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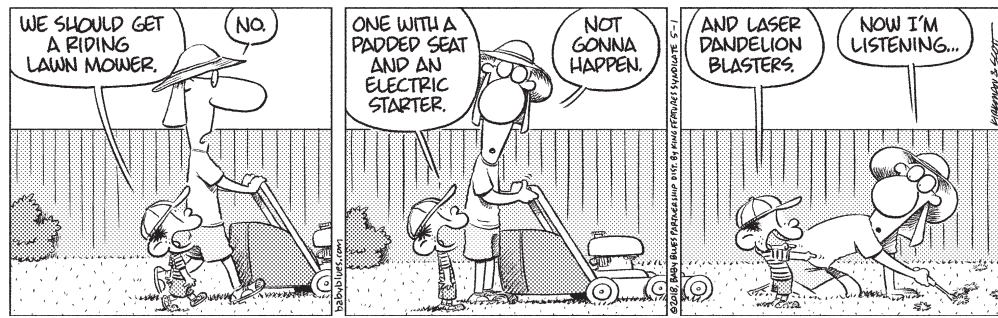
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are people you keep returning to over and over in one form or another. It's as though all of the turns eventually lead you back to each other. Your thoughts, intentions or lives will once again intersect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The reason you're not sure you want to leap at the chance for more power is that you realize the implications. To accept authority over others is to accept responsibility for their well-being.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many people have the courage of their convictions without ever checking to make sure that they are indeed in the right. Not you. You'll put it to the test. If you have to fight, you want to be sure you're fighting for the right side.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Perhaps the idea of a peaceful world is too far into fantasyland to be a reasonable possibility, but what about peace in your own heart? Whatever is keeping that from happening, it can be overcome.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In an effort to be understood, some will explain so much of the process that it actually makes things a lot more complicated. As you go about your day, seek simplicity. Simplicity needs less explanation, not more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're conscientious and you want to help, so you think about what you're going to say. Maybe you don't need to worry so much about this. The right words follow the right thoughts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a point in which the knife cannot get any sharper. If you keep sharpening it past that point, it will blunt. Know when your work is done, and then don't

work past that point.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are things you would like to be certain of, but even if you were, it still wouldn't bring you the security you seek; it would give you only the illusion of security. So consider letting go of your questions and the need to predict life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People sometimes oppose one another without knowing why and then look for faults and other reasons that will delegitimize the opposition. It's a game. Take the high road. Don't play.

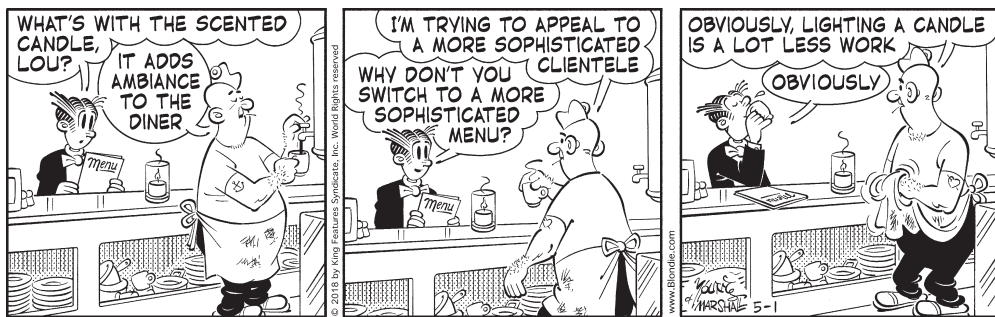
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've had advocates and champions in your life, so you know what the role is and how it's best played. Take it on for yourself today. Be the support you need and deserve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relationships get interesting -- and maybe even spectacular. This is, in no small part, because of your expectations. You either didn't know what to expect or weren't expecting much, and now it's all a delightful surprise.

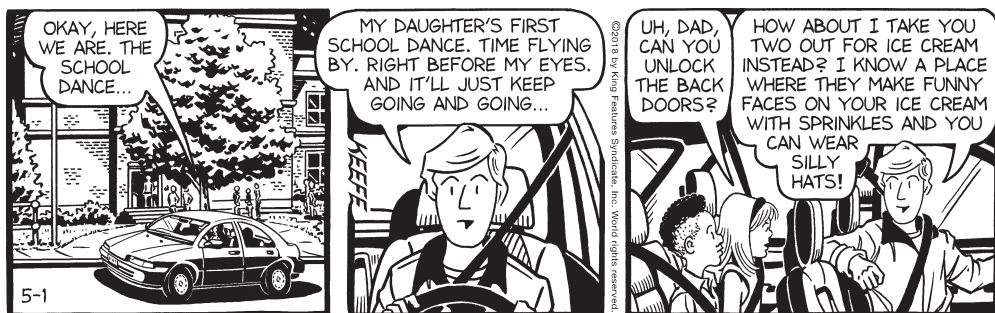
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a coin toss feel to the day. Though you're interested in the outcome, you don't have a preference about which way it lands. You don't mind what happens because you're covered regardless.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 2). Your greatness requires nothing more than what you already have. Polish that and you'll wind up shining brighter than ever. A special relationship will improve your domestic flow and your health, too. Deals will favor you in July and November. Because you do well on a test, new opportunity opens in September. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 39, 1, 25 and 40.

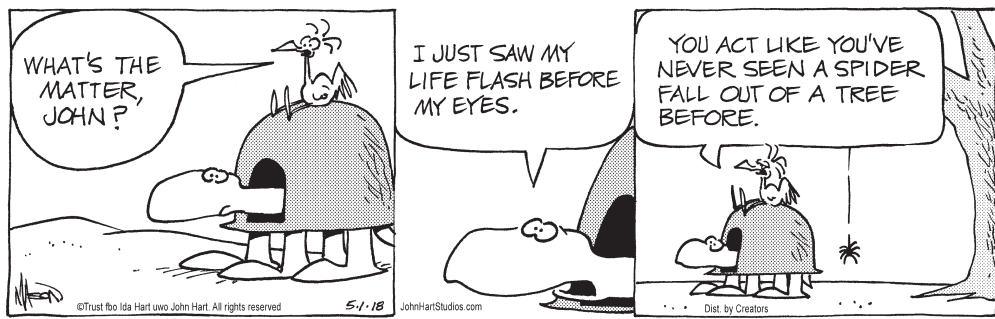
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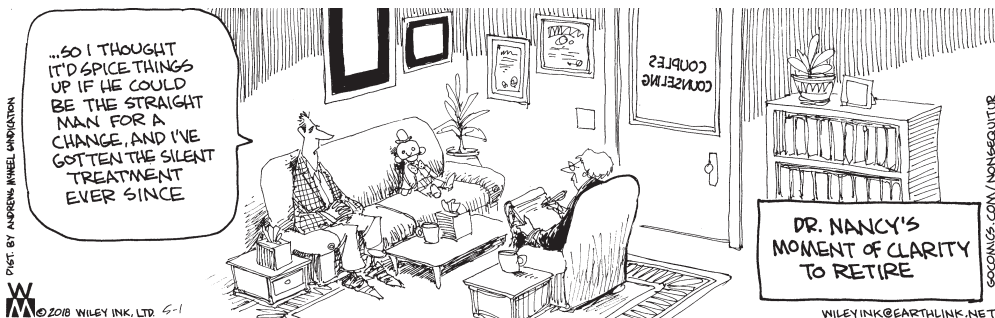
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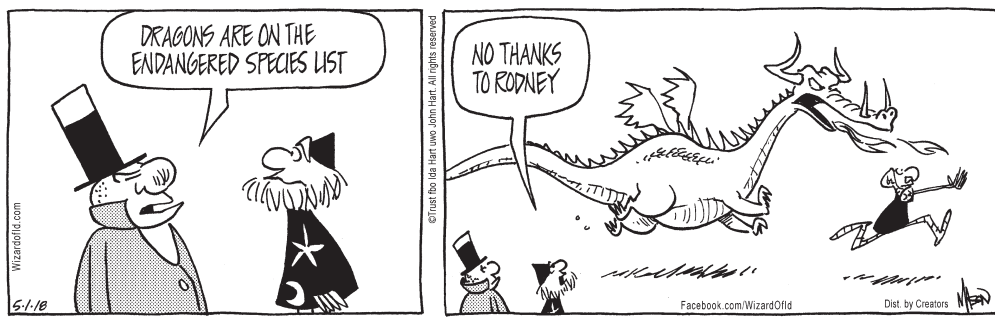
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