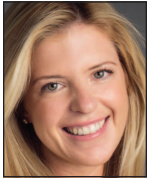


Creepy vacation behavior

Dear Annie: My family (my husband, our young kids and I) vacations with two other families once or twice a year. My husband went to school with the other two husbands, and they are best friends. I have developed great friendships with their wives, and our kids are all similar ages and get along.

DEAR ANNIE



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We have a great time, but one of the husbands always finds a way to make me uncomfortable. During our most recent vacation, while we were saying our goodbyes and loading up the cars, he grabbed my breast as he pulled me in for a hug. I was stunned and immediately pulled away. He quickly turned around and went on to hug everyone else as if nothing had happened. I debated whether to say anything, but I let it go. However, this violation keeps eating at me. (The other time he made me feel uncomfortable was when the adults had all met up for a long weekend. While dancing at a concert, he came up behind me and starting grinding against me. I thought he was joking and laughed at him, but he continued until I left the dance floor. He did this when his

wife had gone to the bathroom and my husband was getting drinks, so I think it was purposeful.)

If I told my husband, I'm sure he would cut off his friendship with this guy. I'm torn because I would hate to see my husband lose one of his good friends and for us to lose out on these otherwise great vacations.

I backed out of the most recent adult vacation (claiming our baby sitter had bailed) because I just wanted to avoid this guy. Yet in the wake of the #MeToo movement, why should I miss out on vacation time when it's this guy who is making me feel uncomfortable? I share everything with my husband, so keeping this from him is making me feel awkward.

Should I forgive these transgressions and keep them to myself or find a way to tell the guy to knock it off or let my husband know what's going on? — *Quiet for Now*

Dear Quiet for Now: It's not your job to protect this predator. Whatever fallout comes is what he's got coming to him. He's repeatedly made very conscious, calculated decisions to violate you. Our actions

have consequences, and he is no exception. Tell your husband what's up, and don't worry about his losing a "good friend." This man was never a good friend.

Dear Annie: I would like to offer an alternative viewpoint for "Child of the South." I think that sometimes we jump to conclusions about why people do what they do and then judge them on what we think are the facts. "Child of the South" is assuming her sister-in-law feels entitled. Though that may be the case, it may also be that her sister-in-law is embarrassed about the condition of her houses, or perhaps she feels that she doesn't cook as well as "Child of the South." There could be many reasons, but to get angry without knowing for sure could harm an otherwise excellent relationship. I hope "Child of the South" chooses a way to either talk with her sister-in-law or find a way to enjoy her company without the expectation that the hospitality will be reciprocated. Loving relationships are hard enough to maintain without destroying them by keeping score. — *Counting Blessings Rather Than Beans*

Dear Counting Blessings: I love your signature. Yours is an attitude we should all strive for. Thanks for writing.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you make a move, even when you don't really have to, but it's more exciting and fun than not making a move, there's a word for that — gambling. Call it what it is and either refrain from it or enjoy it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When things go wrong, many feel like cutting ties and isolating themselves, which is exactly the opposite of what needs to happen. Reach out, get together, help each other figure things out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's as though there's a casino in your head and many versions of you are seated at the table. "You're taking too big a chance!" says part of your mind. But the other part is thrilled with the odds.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just about all of us skewer our perception of the world to feel better about ourselves — a trick of the human mind that keeps people in the game. You're so focused on getting to the truth; you've no interest in fooling yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In relationships, the ratio of give to take is never going to be completely 50-50. Someone will always give a little more. It will work better if it's not always the same person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You make a promise, and then you keep it. So why shouldn't you expect the same from others? Relatedly, if you don't think a person will come through for you, don't ask them to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Call a truce on your inner war. You don't need to be harsh with yourself to get motivated. A gentle, compassionate inner voice is inside you, not being quite loud enough. Pay attention and

the volume will turn up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Empty your mind on paper then organize those bits into categories and lists. This will not only help you accomplish more with your days, but it will also help you find the pleasure in each activity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The beginning of a relationship sets the tone for how the whole thing will play out. You'll be understood completely even if you're not making perfect sense. How wonderful!

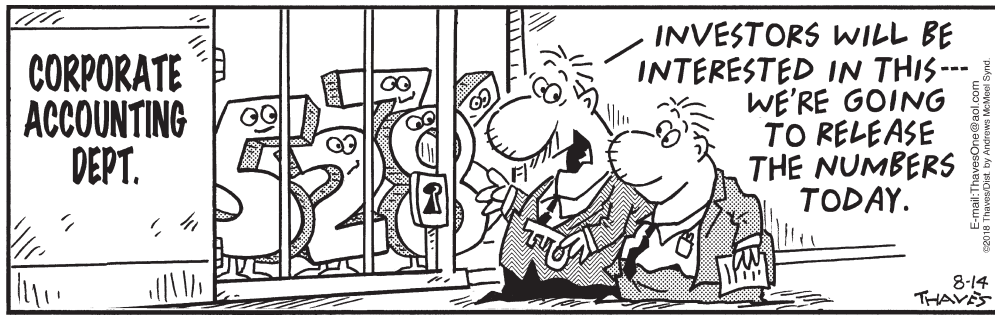
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To occasionally indulge gives the indulgence a special feeling. Do it too often, and the experience ceases to be a treat. It's a fine line, and one you navigate well today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Philanthropist John Ruskin suggested, "It is better to be nobly remembered than nobly born." While a birthright can certainly be an advantage, it's what you're doing with your life that will make your enduring legacy.

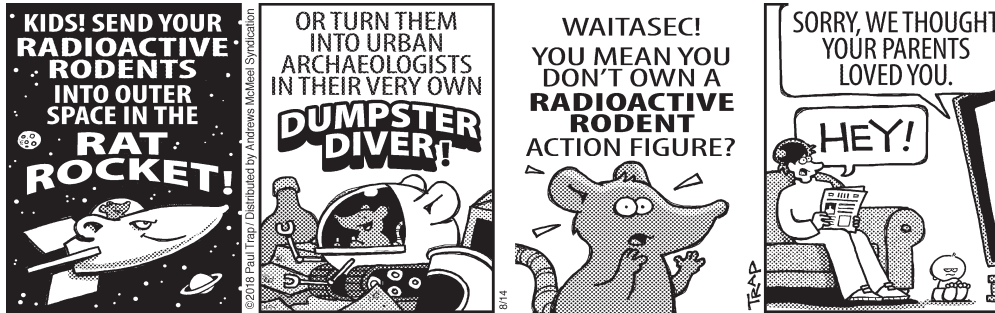
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are able to turn a mistake into an opportunity for you and yours. So maybe it wasn't a mistake after all. And there is no bad luck today either, only different kinds of good luck.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 15). Anticipate rapid-fire improvement over the next four weeks. You'll get to a new happiness level. Your financial and social status will climb, but it's not what makes you happy. Contribution is the source of your good feelings, and the more you give, the more you have to give. November and May show fortuitous travel. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 22 and 14.

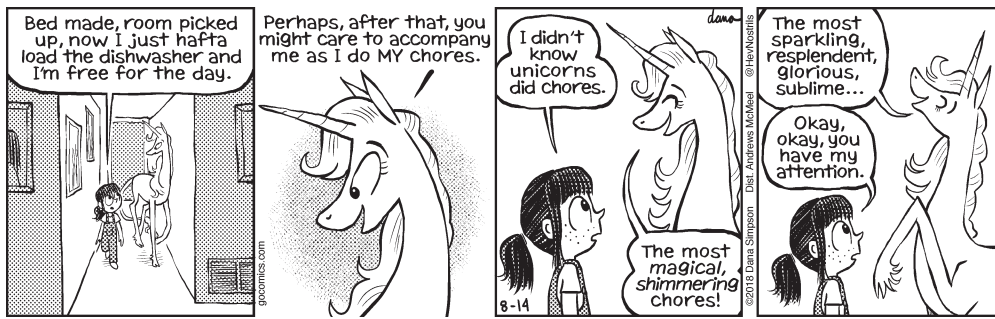
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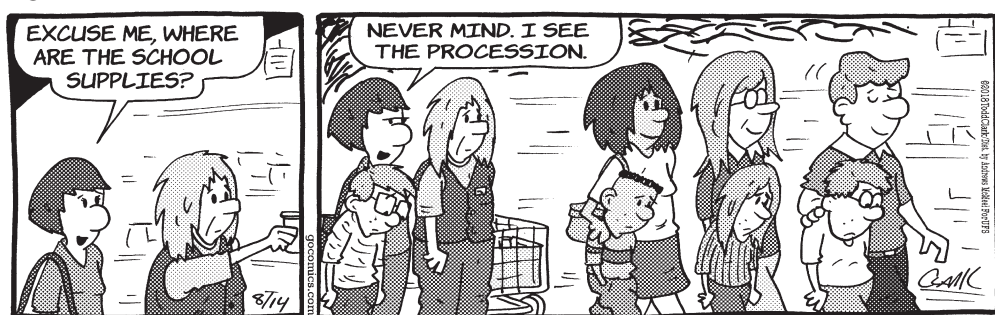
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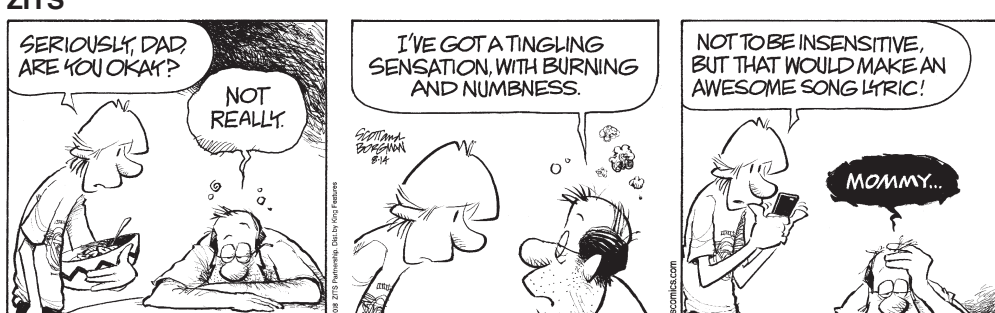
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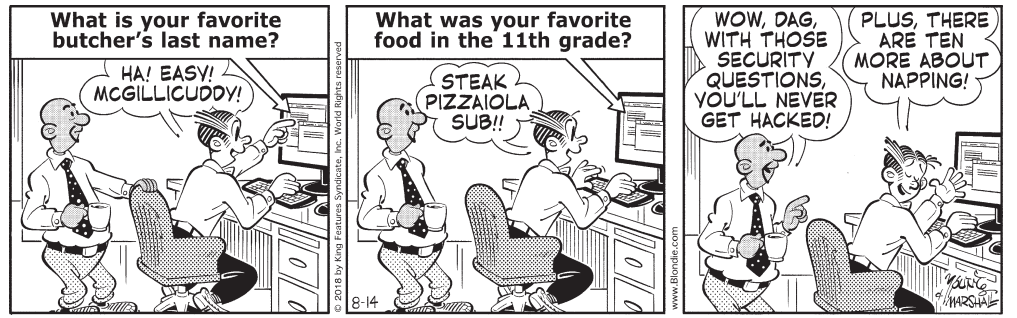
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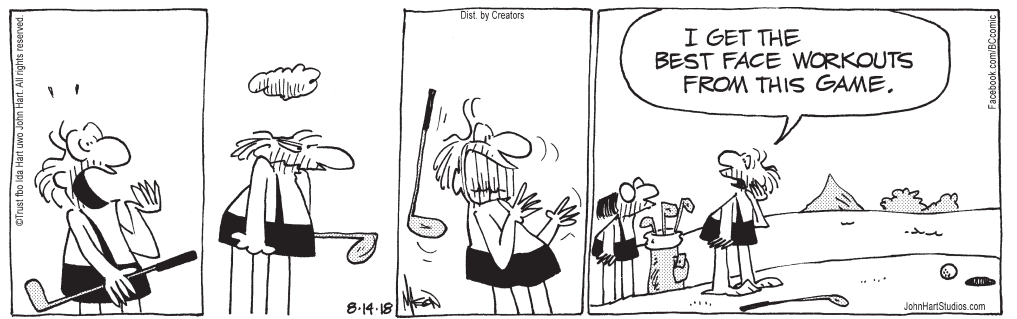
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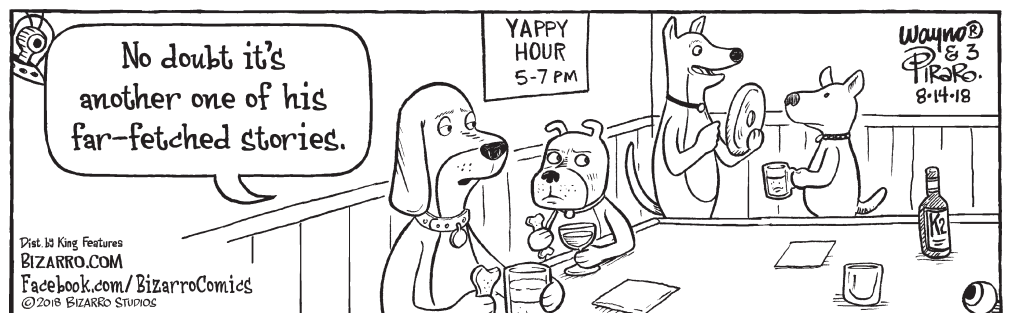
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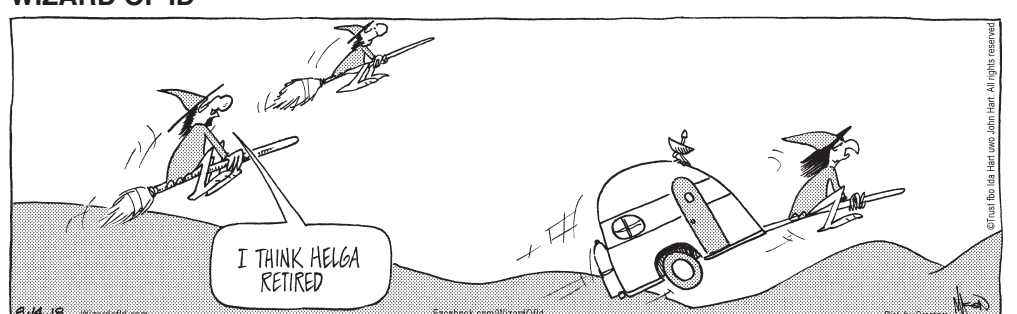
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