

Marriage reveals true colors

Dear Annie: I have been married for one year to a classmate whom I reconnected with at our 50th high school class reunion. While he was courting me, he seemed perfect. He spent money on me, bought loving cards, bought flowers, took me to restaurants and fancy hotels. You get the picture. He continued to court me until I agreed to marry him. It wasn't too long after we married that I noticed him getting up in the night to watch TV. When I would enter the room, he would switch channels. I got wise and started checking the "recently viewed" section and saw that he's watching porn. I called him out on it, but he doesn't seem to think it's any big thing. I think it is horrible, and I was raised to think it is sinful. I'm hurt, but what am I to do?

DEAR ANNIE



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ited with his own mom more while she was alive. But I got wise again and shared his phone location with mine and saw that as soon as he dropped me off at the airport, he drove straight to a strip club, where he spent several hours. When I returned home and asked him about the most recent time he had gone to a strip club, he got defensive and wondered why I would bring that up. I told him I was curious, and he then lied to me and told me it was in the 1980s.

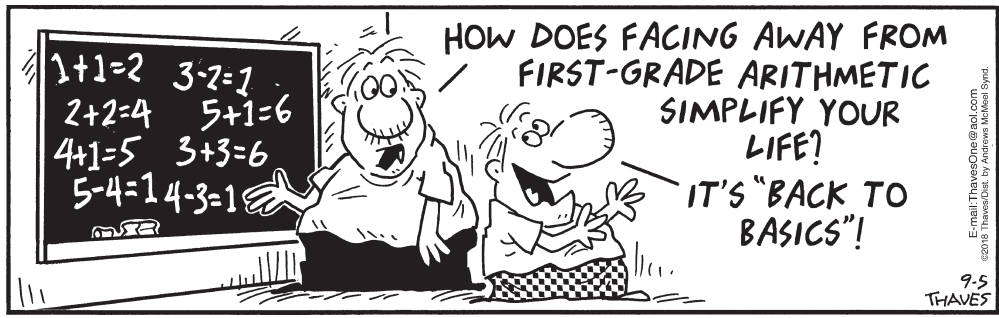
Next, I found out that he had sneaked money out of our safe while I was gone. When I asked him about it, he lied again and said he hadn't. When I told him I had counted the money and some was gone, he got very defensive and said he had just wanted money to spend while I was gone and hadn't wanted to keep receipts so I wouldn't know where he had spent money. This guy

is very tight with his money now that we are married. He writes down every penny I spend. I have to give him all my receipts. On our anniversary, he gave me a used card. No more fancy cards or flowery words, nothing.

I am hurt and wonder what I should do. Do you have any suggestions for me? — *In a Quandary*

Dear In a Quandary: This man worked some mean magic — projecting the image of a charming, thoughtful, affectionate partner and marrying you before you had the chance to realize that was a mirage. This is just year one; who knows what other sordid tricks he's got up his sleeve? The surest way out of this quandary is to get out of this marriage. If you want to try to make it work, you two will need couples counseling, and he needs to be willing to seek help for what seems to be a sex addiction. You might benefit from going to a meeting of S-Anon, for the friends and family of people with sex addictions (<https://www.sanon.org>).

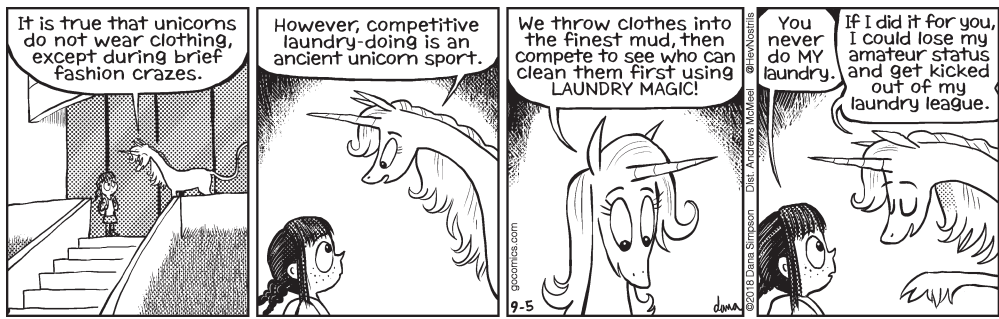
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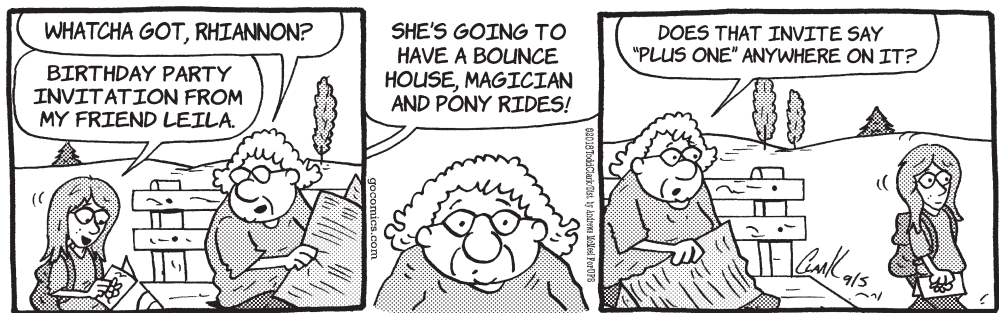
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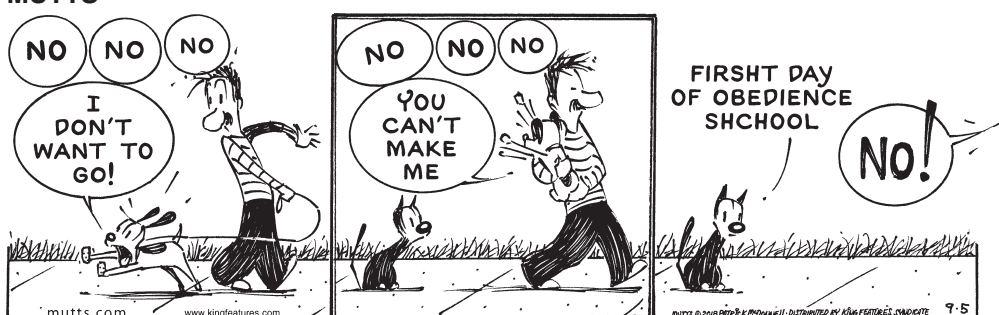
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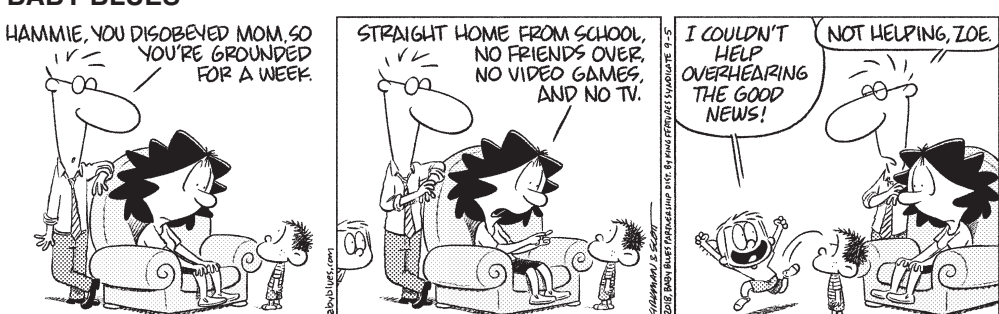
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've been wronged by people who didn't mean it, didn't realize what they were doing and never intended to hurt you. Still, you get to decide whether or not you're going to let them make it up to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life has been happening in your desired time frame lately, but this is an anomaly and not something you should expect to continue indefinitely. For instance, today's loopy events will change that rhythm in a fun way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Can you embrace what you do not prefer? The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche lived by the concept of amor fati. Latin for "a love of one's fate," and you might do the same today, accepting all that is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can relax and know that the things that happen today do not require a response, only an observance. It will be important to see what is there, and unnecessary to comment on what is not there.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A toolkit that consists of only a hammer is not a "kit" at all. Add a saw though, and maybe a screwdriver, and you're in business. Mental and emotional toolkits require the same kind of diversity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Each and every environment has challenges and opportunities. Embrace the full spectrum of what it is and you'll be somehow more alive than the people who only see problems or only see benefits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The best things will take time, and the amount of time won't be something you can anticipate. So relax, stay open, and don't expect immediate results, only good ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easy to see that people on precarious perches should not reach, and people in holes should not dig. But what's not so readily apparent is what people in the middle should do. Something. Anything. Challenge stability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone in your lineage crawled out of a cave and got to work on creating civilization. You'll echo this accomplishment in your own way with what you take on today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though it may feel as though you've lost control of a situation, there is much good that can come of this. So what if you're not in charge? That doesn't mean you're not benefiting from all that's going on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've had your time to follow and now it's time to lead. Fair warning: Leading won't be all glory today. It's mostly responsibility. And for today, if it feels hard, or even relentless, that only means you're doing it right.

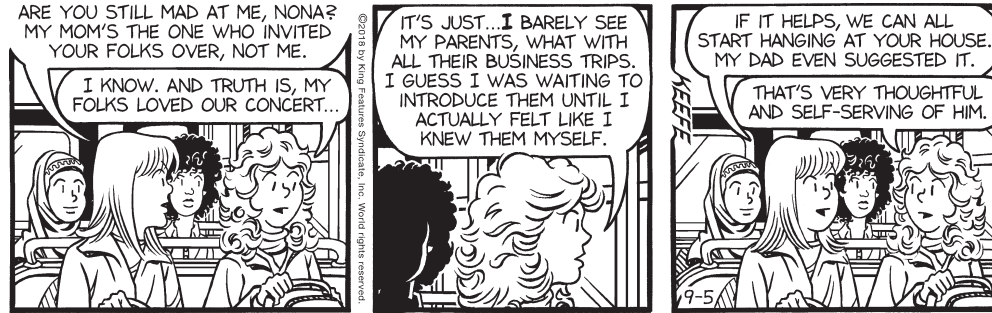
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your creativity sometimes feels like a burden as it steers you toward choices that others don't understand — choices with no immediate or obvious gain. Follow your creative whims. This is your depth in action.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 6). The highlight of the next month is when you make someone's life better. The generosity splashes back at you. Many nights of fun and friends happen before the end of 2018. One key conversation will start a life-changing project. A January investment will pay off big. A certificate will be presented to you in May. Capricorn and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 44, 48 and 1.

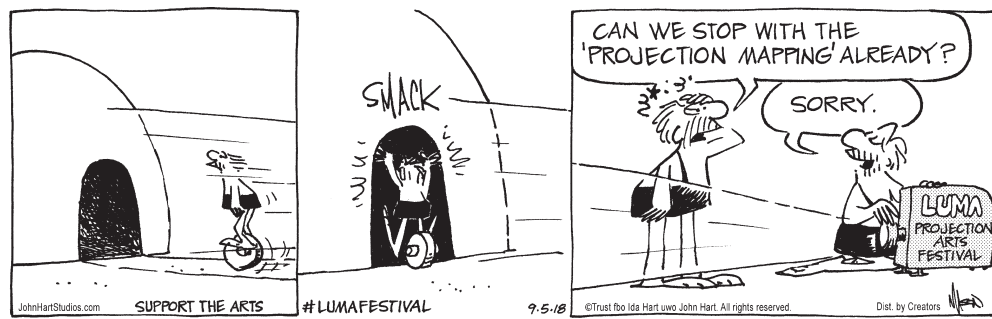
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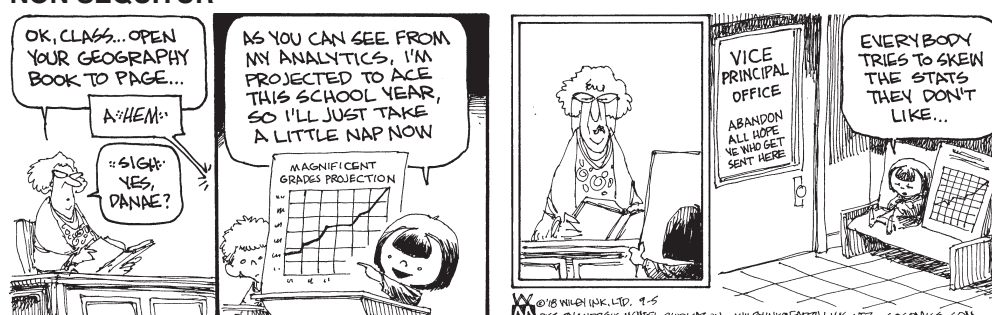
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