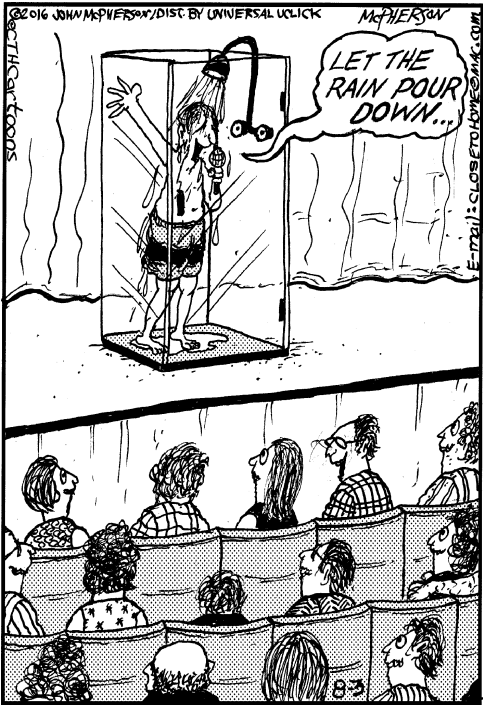


CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"Yeah, didn't you hear? He only sings in the shower."

Woman wants to end 10-year obsession

Dear Abby: I'm obsessed with having sex. Ever since I was 8 I've been having sex, and now I'm 18. I have a boyfriend I've been dating since I was 8, and we can't stop having sex. I want to stop, but he doesn't want to. I keep on doing it because he says if I don't he'll leave me. Please help. What do I do? — *Obsessed in Miami*



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

Dear Obsessed: There are worse things than losing a boyfriend who threatens to dump you if you don't have sex with him. Chief among them is having sex with someone because you have been coerced. Because you feel you are "obsessed," you may have what is called a sex addiction. Licensed psychotherapists treat people with sexual compulsive disorders, and self-help groups help individuals suffering because they can't control their sexual behavior. A 12-step program that has been mentioned before in my column is Sexaholics Anonymous, which originated in 1979 and is based on the same

principles as Alcoholics Anonymous. Its website is sa.org. Visit it to find a local meeting.

Dear Abby: Within the last year, I met an amazing man who is head over heels for me. We were married five months later, partly because he was deploying. I had always dated "bad" boys with commitment issues, but now I have a wonderful husband.

I'm now having to put the career I worked very hard for on hold. I love him very much, don't get me wrong, but all the drastic changes have me feeling confused and scared. I feel we may have rushed into marriage too soon. Regardless, this is where we are now. Any insight? — *Newlywed in Utah*

Dear Newlywed: To be honest, MOST people feel a degree of fear and confusion when they find themselves in unfamiliar territory. On the plus side, you have married a winner after dating a series of turkeys. Because your husband is deployed, you now have a chance to start evaluating various ways to apply your talents and experience with an eye toward restarting your career or finding a new one. If your husband intends to make

a career of the military, research jobs you can do regardless of where he may be posted.

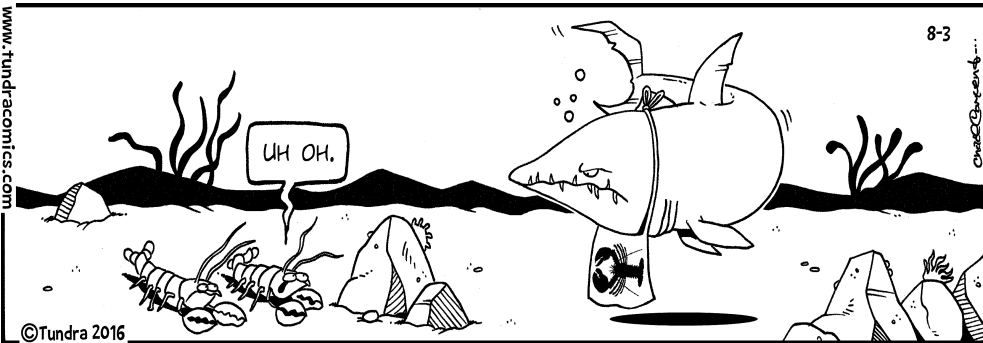
Dear Abby: My husband has ongoing relationships with two of his exes' daughters. One girl's mother is deceased, and he has been divorced from the other for more than 20 years. He allows them to call him "Dad" even though they are adults and he has been married three times over.

I don't understand why he has allowed this to go on, but he blows me off when I bring it up. Am I being petty for having concerns, or should I just let them be? — *Concerned Spouse*

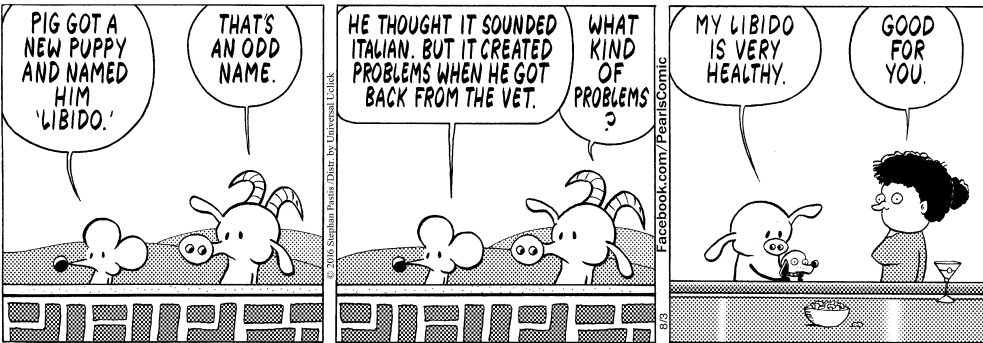
Dear Concerned: Yes, you are being petty. Your husband may have been the most stable and loving parental male figure in those women's lives, which is why they still call him "Dad." Their relationship should not diminish the one he has with you, unless you make them feel unwelcome because of your own insecurity. So befriend them, and I predict you will reap big dividends.

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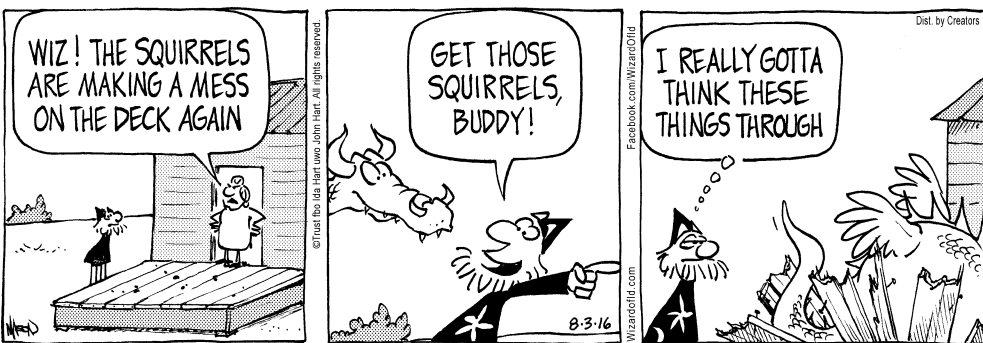
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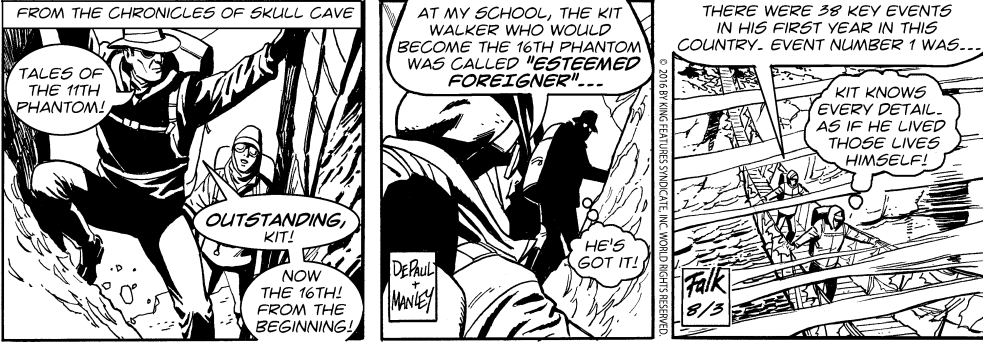
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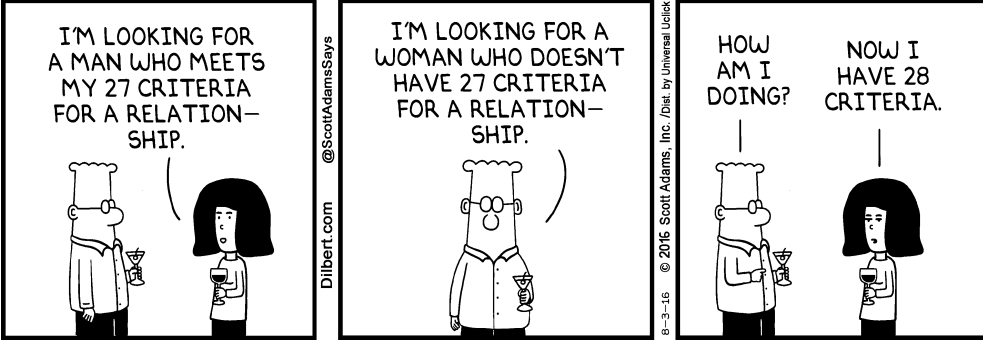
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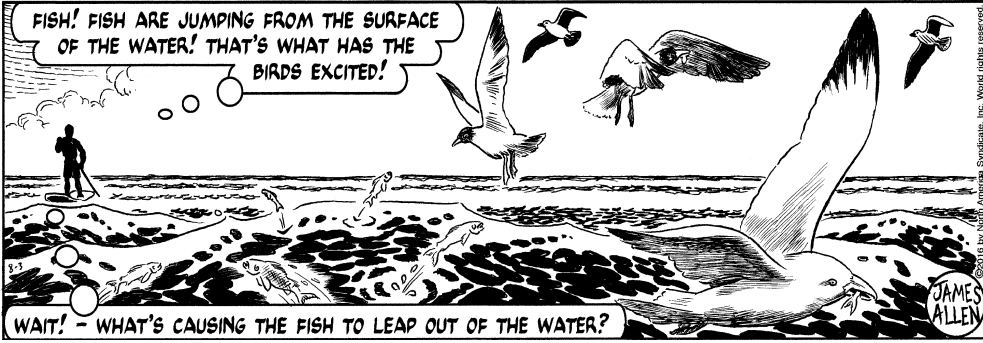
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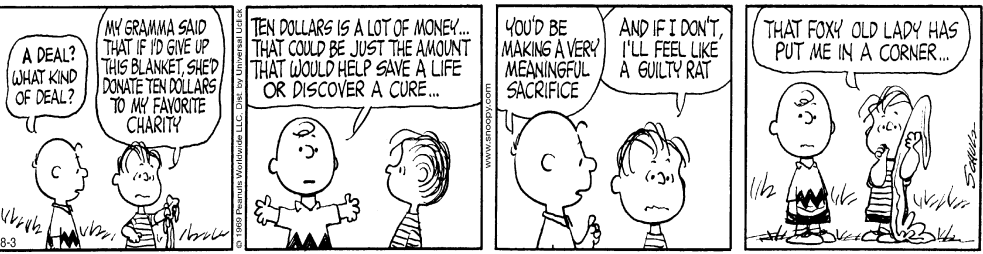
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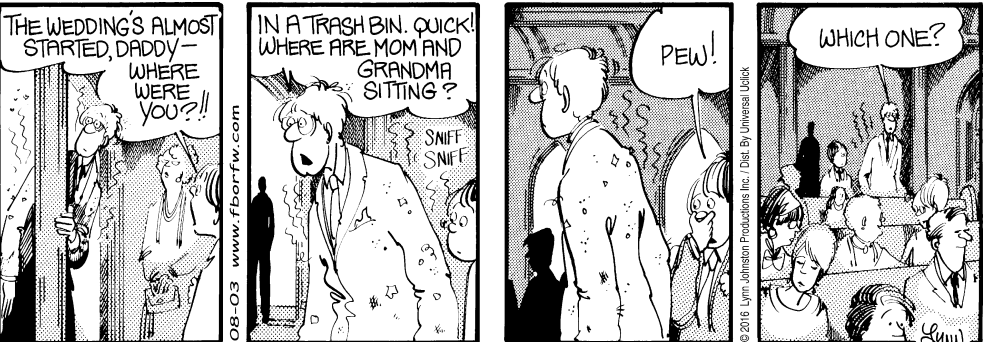
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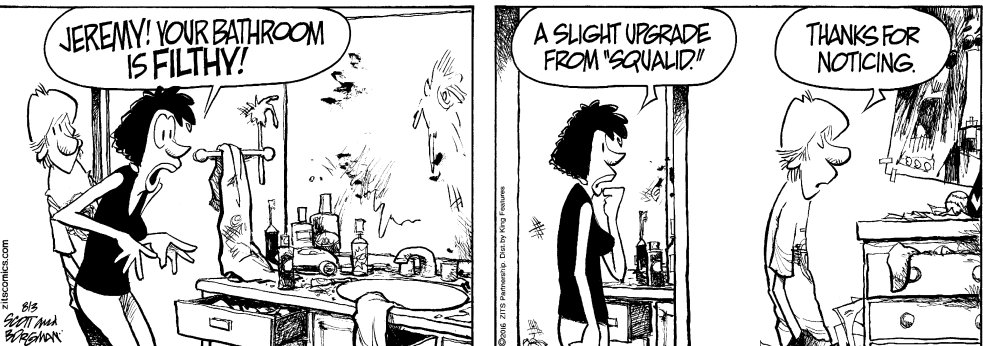
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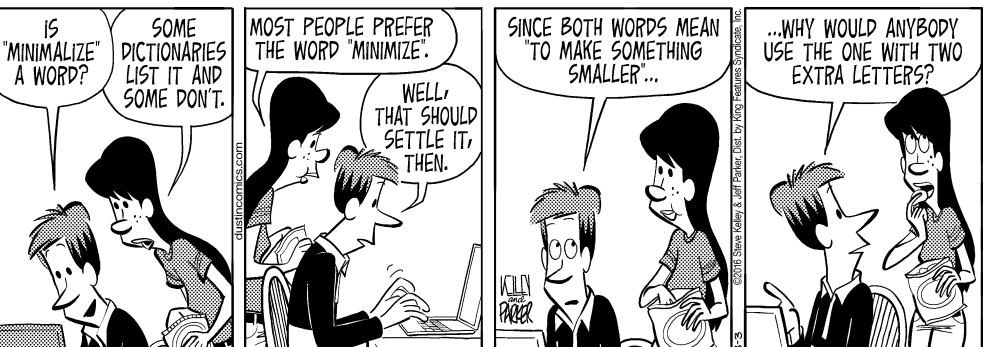
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Daily Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your life is controlled by an extremely powerful force — you. So why does someone seem to be pulling the strings? One fix would be to just to cut those strings altogether. The attachments make things complicated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Believing it's possible to have something big will automatically increase your chances of getting something big. So will your application of practical solutions and daily vigilance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Allow for the obstacle. Spend time thinking about how you'll handle it when it, or its cousin obstacle, finally shows up. Something will happen and it will set you back or make you late unless you deal with it in the hypothetical first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People show the parts of themselves they want you to see. Your ability to see past the facade and accurately predict a particular human nature will make you a great leader.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Time doesn't need to be managed. Time does a good job of being consistent without any help. All the activities you're trying to stuff into those hours — that's where your focus can effectively change outcomes and improve results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're friendly and inclusive and yet still careful about forming new friendships, because you want to make sure

you've the time and energy to nurturing the relationships of your inner circle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The task at hand will require equal parts restraint and enthusiasm, a ratio you should, given your balanced nature, hit rather easily. You'll help the others figure out what exactly to do and how much is just right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). By now, your pattern is so predictable to you that you're astounded when those close to you don't seem to know what's coming next. Shouldn't they pay more attention? Consider doing something surprising to capture it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're the "fun one" today and this social responsibility will come with phone calls, logistics and demands on your attention that will, luckily, be a pleasure to fulfill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make moves on what you want or someone else will; given the competitive feelings you've had lately, you probably wouldn't like how that might go down. Use it or lose it. Put a "ring" on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that mediocrity only recognizes itself, while brilliance recognizes a full spectrum of talent, intelligence and beauty in the world. You'll see and be seen for your unique gifts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The line between business and friendship will be seemingly blurred; however, do not mistakenly think that this means no one is keeping track. When it comes to money, everyone keeps track.



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