

CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"So, the best way to teach you about my job is to do a little demonstration."

Spouse's snooping reveals lack of trust

Dear Abby: My wife used the search feature for the Ashley Madison emails and discovered an old account I had signed up for before we were together. I had forgotten all about it. When she brought it up, I panicked and lied because I was embarrassed, but immediately told her what it was. She was upset, but I explained the situation and that I hadn't even thought about it since we have been together.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

Now I feel hurt that she didn't trust me and felt the need to check, using the guise that "some emails were hacked." But she didn't check hers, just mine. How do I get over it without starting a huge fight? I am now more irritable and closed off, and this is hurting our marriage. — *Hurt in Pennsylvania*

Dear Hurt: Rather than avoid a fight, tell your wife how hurt you are that she felt she needed to check up on you, and insist this be discussed with the help of a licensed marriage counselor so you can both lay your cards on

the table. You need to understand why your first instinct was to lie to her, and she needs to level with you about why she felt compelled to see if you were in that database. There are times when a confrontation can be healthy, and this may be one of them.

Dear Abby: Our beautiful, talented teen daughter started cutting several years ago. She is getting help for her depression and the bullying that contributed to it, but she no sooner lets one set of cuts heal than she makes more. Sometimes I think she does it to try to limit people's expectations of her.

Abby, we talked to her about drugs, sex, distracted driving, all the things we thought were important, but cutting wasn't even on our radar! We have now learned cutting involves more than 14 percent of young girls, and to some degree is a social issue, in that they learn about cutting as a coping mechanism from each other. At a young age it can seem exciting, edgy and rebellious.

Please advise other parents to talk to their children about this, and please, ask for feedback from people who are former cutters. She may listen to what they have to say, as opposed

to her dumb old parents. — *Heartbroken Mom from Anywhere*

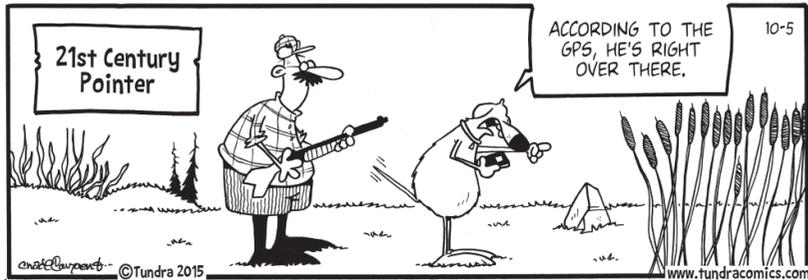
Dear Heartbroken: If your daughter is under a doctor's care and continuing to harm herself, it's time to consult another one because this one hasn't addressed the root of her problem. If readers who have conquered a cutting addiction would like to chime in on this, I will either print their comments or forward them to you.

Dear Abby: A few days before my boss's wife gave birth, her father was tragically killed in an airplane accident. I want to congratulate my boss and his wife on the birth of their daughter, but I also want to pay respects to her father's passing. What is the etiquette in this case? — *Happy and Sad in Italy*

Dear Happy and Sad: The most diplomatic approach would be to send your congratulations and your condolences separately rather than try to combine them.

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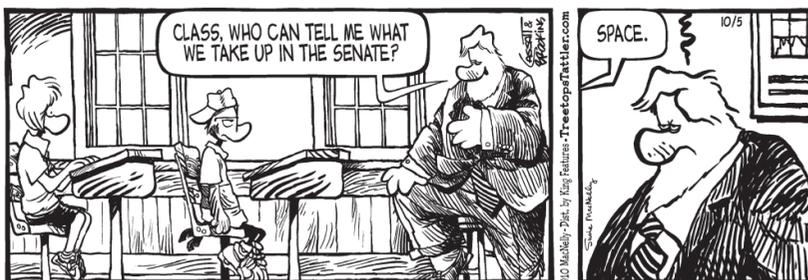
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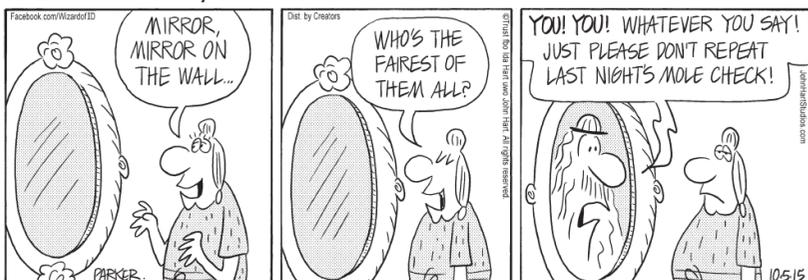
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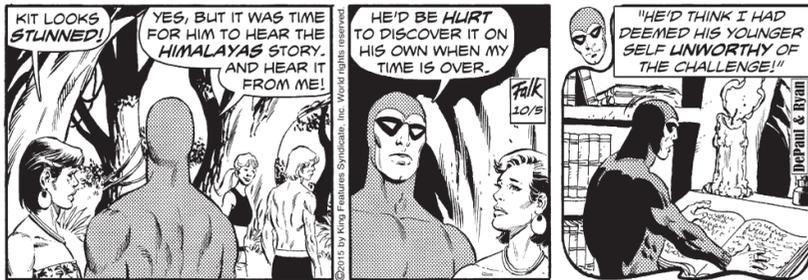
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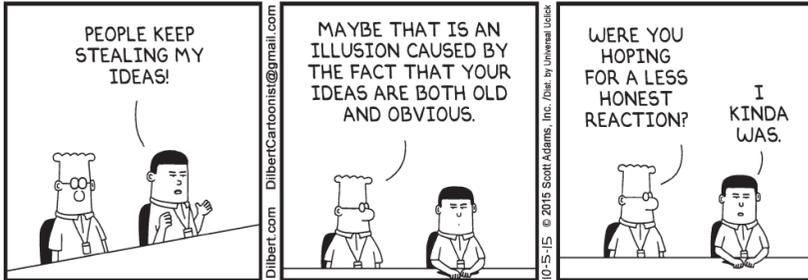
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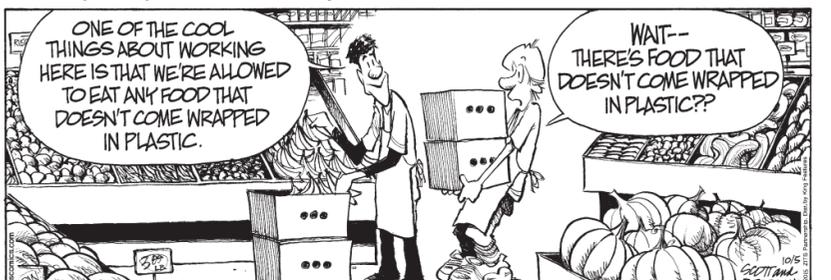
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Daily Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is likely that the amount of freedom your current path affords you is less or more than is good for you. Some limits will serve you well, while you find too many limits to be suffocating.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In light of the fact that your past worries haven't come to fruition, why not take a break from indulging those current worries? If you miss them, you can always pick up worrying again in the future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) While trying to keep that insatiable curiosity of yours fed, you've acquired quite an impressive amount of useful knowledge. Your policy to share only with those seeking information will make interactions all the more satisfying.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You leapt into a relationship with both feet, experienced a wonderful, mutual excitement, and subsequently didn't see each other again for several weeks. This is a natural pause. Don't worry so much.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It is especially challenging to be patient with yourself while learning when you have people around you who are more experienced. Don't let that stop you from going forward with a consistent effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) However you distract yourself with minor tasks and issues,

there's a big problem waiting to be addressed. Take a breath, find a friend, and dive in. You can handle this.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Sure, you have it better than most, and yet these comparisons are not really helping you handle the pressures of your life (which, by the way, are not so easily dealt with.) You deserve and require relief.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) You've ridden this pattern through a few times. That's why, for you, the day-to-day details are like little crystal balls in which you can see what's coming next. All you have to do is look.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You try to take the best action at the best time. Personal gain is not your goal. This is about bringing your life into alignment with what's best for all, you included.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's the tendency of earth signs like you to have such a healthy respect for the tangible that you sometimes doubt that intangible things really exist. Today's evidence quells that doubt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) If you only spent time with people you liked, you wouldn't have half the brilliant personality you do now. Still, is it too much to ask for one day of just your favorites?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) When you believe that all events reflect and influence other events, it will be very difficult to look at today's strange unfoldings as mere coincidence.



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