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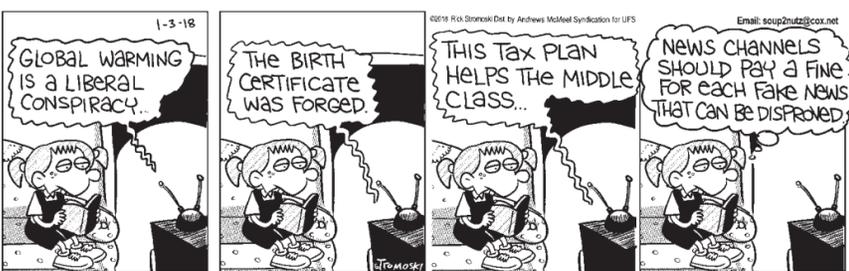
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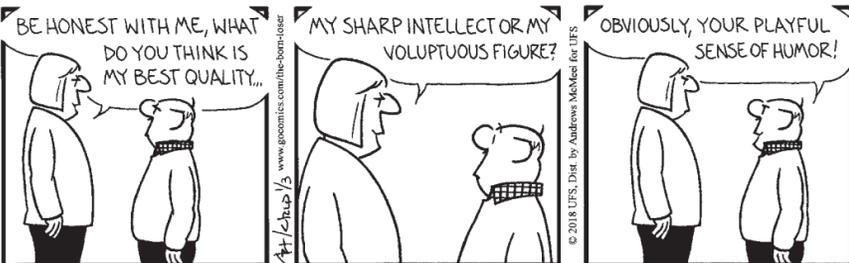
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SENSE AND SENSITIVITY

By Harriette Cole

Parents consider raising grandchild

DEAR HARRIETTE: My daughter just told me that she is pregnant. She is a sophomore in college, and she has been on a fast track in her career. She does not want to have an abortion, but she has no money, and the father is not interested in being involved.

My husband and I want our daughter to complete her education. Otherwise, how will she be able to take care of this child? We are debating what to do.

We are just now enjoying being empty nesters, but we wonder if we should take the baby and raise it until she finishes school and gets a job. Or she may put the child up for adoption. We are so torn about giving the baby away. It's all so difficult. What do you recommend?

-- Baby Talk, Cincinnati

end up being primary caregivers for years. If you are up for the challenge, go for it. But remain clear with your daughter so that she honors her end of the agreement.

DEAR HARRIETTE: Recently, someone sent you a letter asking how they could mention to their friend that their child has bad body odor. I just wanted to mention that sometimes children can be put on medication that helps with body odor and excess sweating when normal deodorant is not enough. A consultation with a dermatologist can be helpful in determining which medication is the best.

-- Concerned Reader, Colorado

DEAR CONCERNED READER: Thank you for your recommendation. It is generally wise to check with your doctor if your body begins to do something unusual. With children, especially as they approach adolescence, many hormonal changes occur, including the onset of body odor.

In some instances, bathing more mindfully helps, as can deodorant. But checking with a doctor is smart to ensure that there are no medical problems and to find out if there is a simple solution outside of the normal options, like deodorant, to solve the problem.

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ACROSS

- Short message
- Rub the wrong way?
- Veering, as a rocket
- Dorm companion
- Kitchen gadget
- Get started
- Raccoon face
- Adherent
- Electrical unit
- Tough it out
- Driving hazard
- Mackerel cousin
- Sponsorship
- Take potshots
- Intimidate
- Thoughts
- Beeper
- Little women
- Carbon 14 job
- Pigskin prop
- Workout venue
- Court dividers
- Horror flick menace
- Moon stages
- Marzipan nut
- Catch some rays
- Piece of lumber
- LGA postings

DOWN

- California wine valley
- Has debts
- Fiddling with
- Map dir.
- Web suffix
- Freight train stowaway
- Memsahib's nanny
- Steadfast
- Cartoon shriek
- Kippur
- Football field
- Nostalgic fashion
- Periscope's place
- Like Russian dolls
- Naval officer
- Flit about
- Jump
- Water, in Baja
- Huffy
- Stadium section
- Fiery gem
- Dangerous curve
- Came unglued
- Shoat's home
- Mischief-makers
- Ring the bell
- Ms. Peel of "The Avengers"
- Black, in verse
- Is, to Pedro
- Drinks with scones
- Job application info
- Nuke
- Squid's weapon
- Outcry

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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