

80-year-old groped on date

Dear Annie: I am a widower in my 80s. I recently was introduced to a widower who seemed friendly and had a good sense of humor. He asked me out for dinner and the conversation went well. But when he took me home, he kissed me and grabbed my breast. I was absolutely not expecting this from a supposedly "nice" guy, and especially not on a first date. What on earth would he expect on a second date?

At my age, I am not looking for a romantic or physical relationship. I should have slapped his face for being so forward, or at least let him know it was not appropriate.

This man has called several times since then, but I will not answer the phone because I don't know how to tell him that I don't want to accompany him anywhere ever again. I have many widowed lady friends, and we get together often for lunches, movies, etc., and I am perfectly happy with that. I don't need to feel uncomfortable in the presence of a man who can't keep his hands to himself. How can I get him to stop calling me? — *Lonely, Not*

Annie's Mailbox

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Dear Lonely: Please be honest with this lothario. Tell him you were highly offended by his vulgar display at the end of your date, and you are not interested in seeing him again. Add that you are not looking for a physical relationship and he would be better off with someone who is. We suggest you write these words down, practice saying them, and then read them to Mr. Inappropriate when he next calls so you don't stumble or become flustered. He deserves to know the truth, and you deserve to be left in peace.

Dear Annie: Would you clarify the difference between hoarding and being a filthy pig housekeeper?

Hoarding, to me, is filling

your home with stuff that you cannot part with. It has nothing to do with keeping a house clean. After getting a few glimpses of hoarders on TV, I don't understand how this can be called "entertainment." Who would allow their home to be filmed for all the world to see? I believe these scenes are staged. This sick curiosity, spoon-fed by the networks, is but another example of society's downfall. Any comment? — *Disgusted with Programming*

Dear Disgusted: Hoarding is a form of mental illness, and we agree that it should not be displayed for public amusement. Nonetheless, as long as people watch these programs and advertisers pay to promote their products on them, they will continue. The upside is, such programs bring awareness to the public and, in most instances, these homes are professionally cleaned and the inhabitants receive therapy. It is not filmed without their agreement. While some scenes may be staged, we can assure you that hoarders actually do live like this. It's terribly sad.

Tomorrow's horoscope

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you speak up, you'll get the attention you seek. Maintaining the attention will depend on how well you know and serve your audience. Your allies: Sagittarius and Pisces.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's weird, but you're so busy now that you might have to schedule unscheduled time. It's important for your well-being that you do. Otherwise the world will quickly get in your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be in the mood to investigate and dig deep. Just be careful where you put your shovel. When you're digging in garbage, you get what you get (likely, more garbage).

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your open-minded views don't seem the least bit out of the ordinary to you, and yet there are others in your midst who have remained (inexplicably) immune to the harsh realities of the world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stuff that was here when you were born seems like normal stuff to you. The stuff coming in now ... well, it's all exciting and fun and new. It's also a potential income source.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The concept of "enough" will come into play. What's enough, and what's not enough? You and a close loved one may disagree on the matter, and that will be the major conflict of the day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll share in another's suffering. They'll find it comforting to know that they are not alone and that they don't have to act as if they are feeling any certain way. Whatever reaction they are having, you will make it seem OK.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've witnessed many walking the same path you now traverse who were ultimately diverted from their goals. Learn from them. If need be, put on a horse's blinders and keep looking straight ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Civilized society began with mud used as a writing tool. Whatever you are up against, just know that there is a way to proceed, even if you have to create the needed tools.

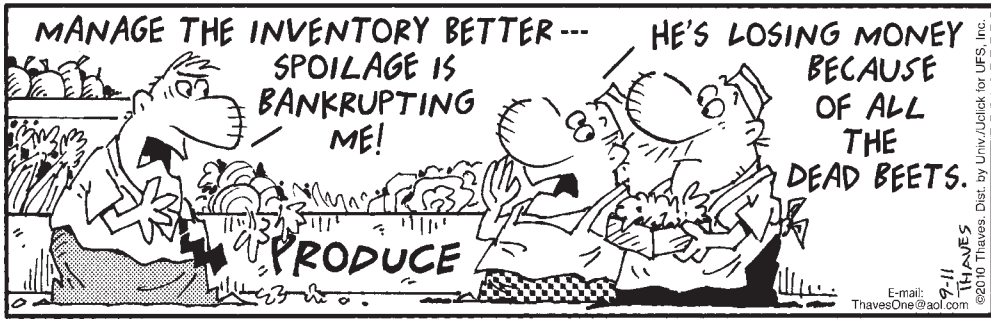
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have the charm of a fairytale character. With a sparkling smile and an air of magic, you spread joy and take great delight in filling out the plot by following your heart to its inevitably good ending.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Things won't go nearly as planned, but that doesn't mean all is ruined. Try to see unexpected twists of fate as lovely surprises instead of as a cosmic scheme of practical jokes.

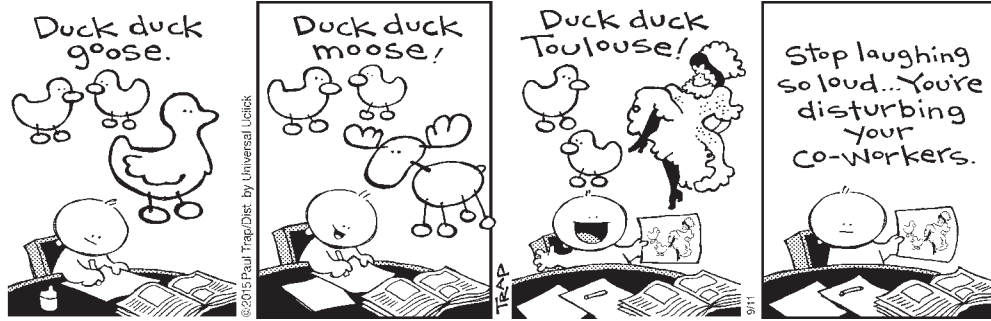
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The miscommunications, long lines and unanswered calls could actually be a wonderful thing for relationships. Some bonds could use a little shakeup — it's a fine way to find out how much one party appreciates the other.

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 12). You may not realize this, but you are always moving. This year is best characterized by a blur. The next three months show you learning, growing, adapting, becoming the person you wanted to be. 2016 will be an adventurous year. Most people don't have a passport — do you? Get it ready! Aquarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 39, 22, 21 and 15.

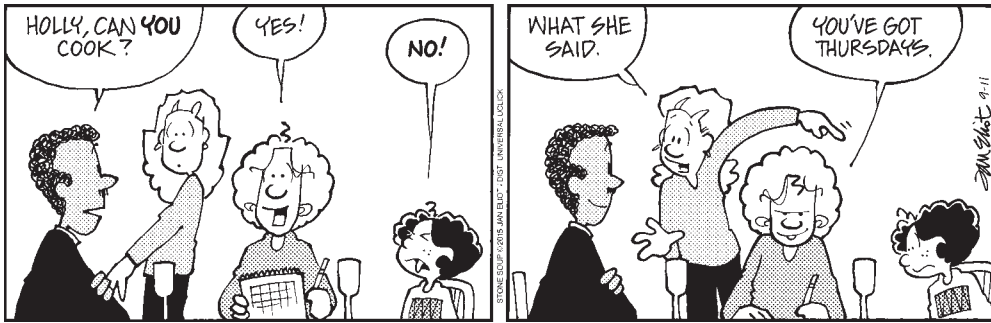
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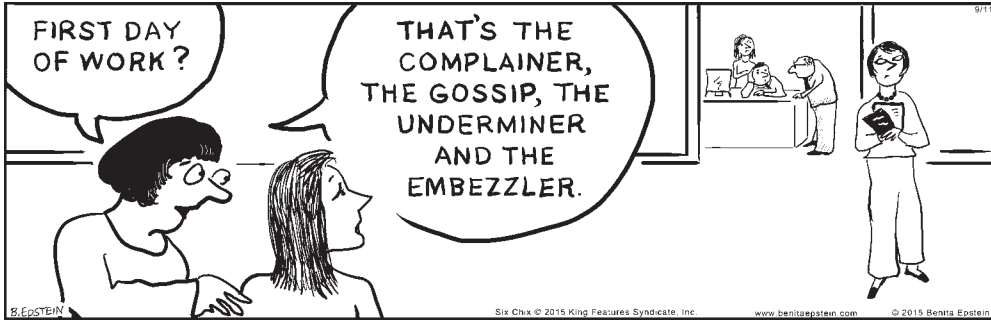
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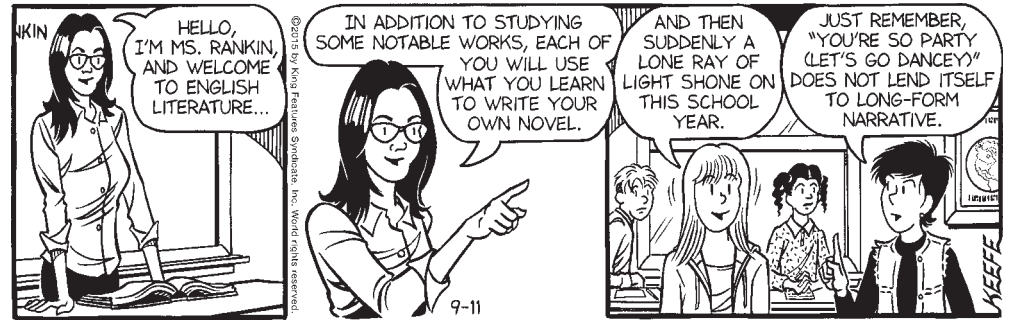
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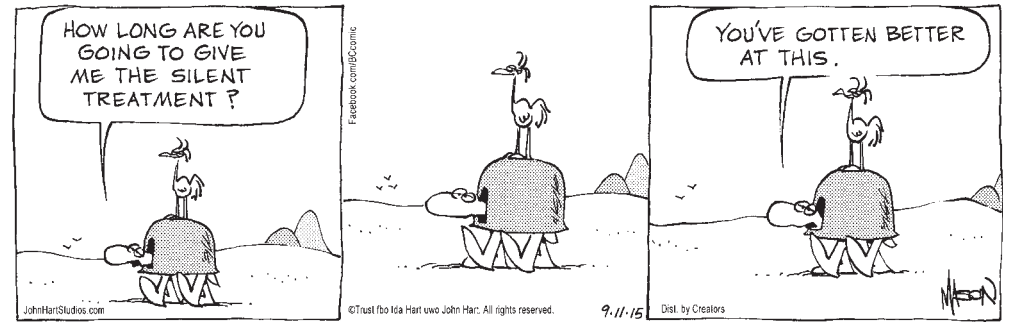
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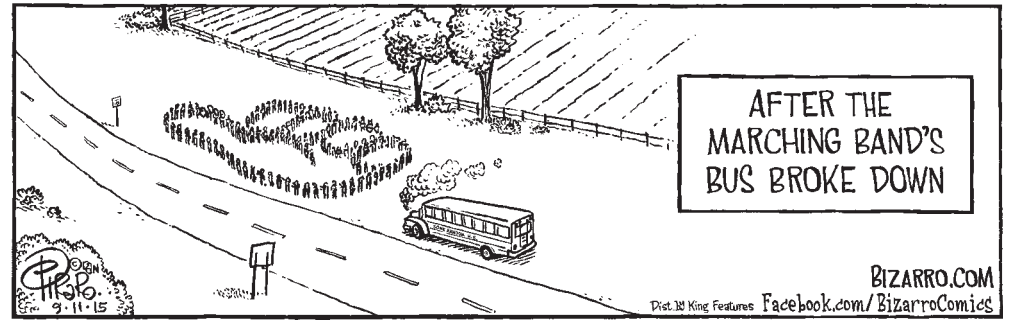
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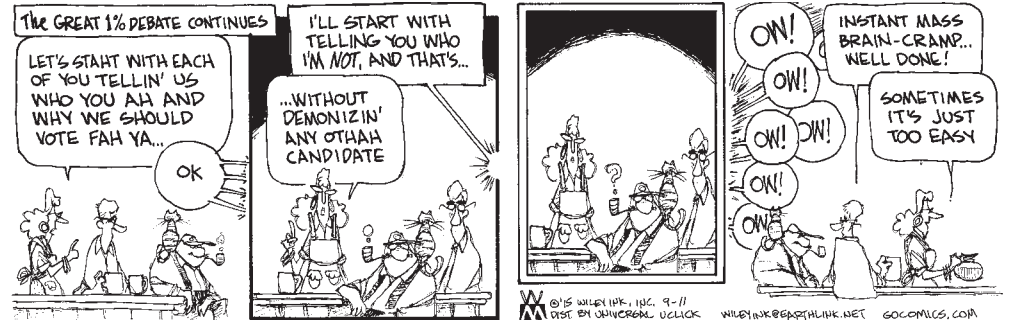
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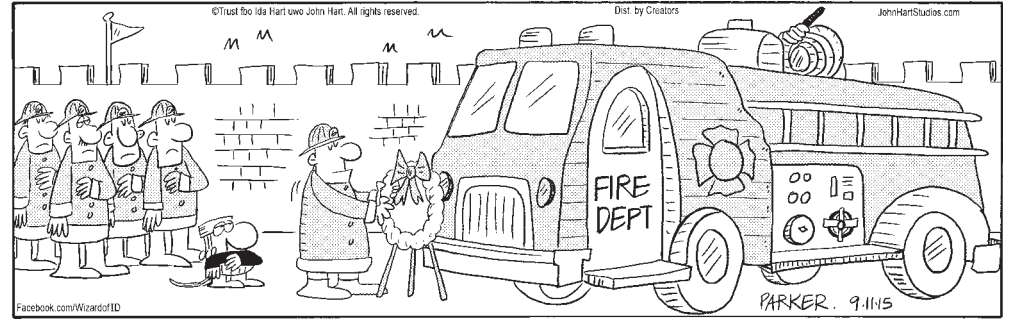
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