

Pesky parking problems

Dear Annie: My next-door neighbors and their kids (who are adults) always park in front of my house and don't leave enough space for my car. The family owns four cars, but there is sufficient space in front of their home and in their driveway. We have a narrow driveway (no garage), but my husband parks there because otherwise, I'm blocking him.

I asked that if they do plan to park in front of my house, then they at least leave enough room for my car. They rarely do, so I have to knock on their door and ask nicely that they move their vehicle. They either ignore me or say, "I'm leaving in 10 minutes," expecting me to wait.

Last night, when I got home from work, I saw one of their cars smack dab in front of my home. Again, I knocked on the door. They said that they couldn't move it because it had a flat tire, and that's where the tow truck dropped it. It wasn't until I got into my house that I wondered why they had the tow truck put it there to begin with.

This time, I said, "I have always been patient, so I'll make a deal with you. When your car gets fixed, I'd like you to park it

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in front of someone else's house for one week. If they don't tell you to move it, you can park in front of my house and I'll never tell you to move it again." He just stood there and smiled.

Am I wrong to ask them to always move the car? — *At My Wits' End*

Dear Wits: You have tried to be a good neighbor, but they are not cooperating. And you have no guarantee that other neighbors will object to having that car in front of their home, or that the car owners will tell you the truth about it.

Your problem is, the street does not belong to you, and you have no control over who takes the spot in front of your house. If the neighbors block your driveway, you are entitled to call the police and have them ticketed or

towed, and we recommend doing so. But otherwise, you can only park in another spot or ask your husband to park on the street so you can have the driveway. Sorry.

Dear Annie: In your answer to "Know Better," you mentioned that there are ways to verify someone's photo online — as well as those flowery, romantic statements used on online dating sites.

Please tell me how to do that. I, too, have met a man on a dating website who seems too good to be true. — *Noreen in Nebraska*

Dear Noreen: Your best bet is to upload a photo to Google Image search. Some scammers will use pictures of models or other attractive people found online. Google will tell you whether or not that photo has appeared in other places. It is not foolproof, but it can help. (You also can upload those "flowery, romantic statements" to Google or a similar search site to see whether they are from a piece of poetry or other published material.) Also check out romancescam.com for more information on this type of problem.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are so focused on what you need to improve that you forget to be confident in what you've already accomplished. Give yourself more credit. The world needs what only you can deliver.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel like you should be further along than you are now, which will serve as motivation. You're actually in the perfect place. Things are moving; it's just hard to see right now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone has already gone through what you're going through now and has just the kind of help and advice you most need. So why try to invent a solution when you can borrow one that will work just fine?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll dance around a hot topic. It's hard to speak about it and even harder to be silent about it. Just know that your feelings on the matter are normal and do your best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are fights to fight, struggles to endure, weapons to reveal — and yet your choice may be to artfully surrender instead. This surrender is not a last resort. It's an act of love, devotion and faith.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Success will happen in milestone markers. Place your goal beyond the thing you really want and there will be many reasons to celebrate whether or not you achieve the far-flung aim.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Without pressure and heat there is no diamond; that's something to remember as you weather the extremes of the day. Keep thinking about the reason you're doing this — the jewels

that are being forged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fitness trackers now come in beautiful designs. Stretchy batteries are used to power smart clothing. People are increasingly wearing technology. You'll have fun with a trend today and enjoy being an early adopter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your talent for fantasy will be emphasized. Let your fantasy command you and you'll be unhappy. Stay in command of your fantasy and you'll be a great and satisfied artist.

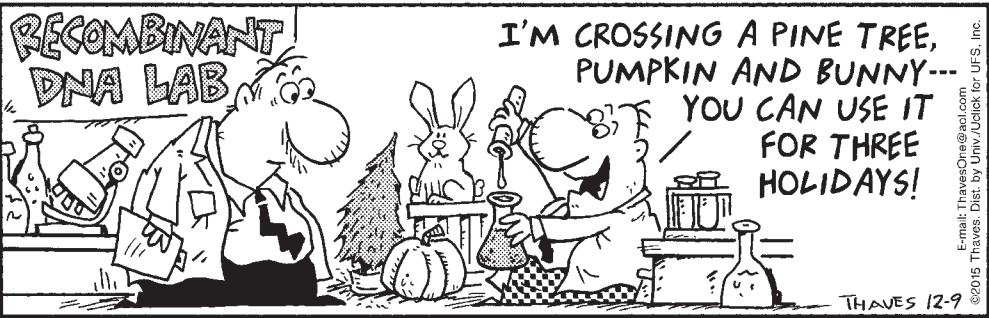
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some count loving amongst the hardest of human tasks. Maybe it's a matter of timing, because today the loving choice comes so automatically to you that you've no idea how anyone could think that love is hard work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Examine and re-examine your thoughts, especially the ones that are holding your back, keeping you down or just generally getting in the way of you being all you want to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It will be better to tolerate a small amount of boredom or discomfort. Really, this won't last long. By trying to avoid it, you could make things worse, as short-term pleasures bring long-term consequences.

THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 10). There's a cosmic prize hanging in the balance, and you're just the one to take it home. A lump-sum payment made to you in January will alleviate a financial stress. March will bring improvements to your business. May shines a spotlight on your talent, and you'll move up in hierarchy, too. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 4, 26, 31 and 49.

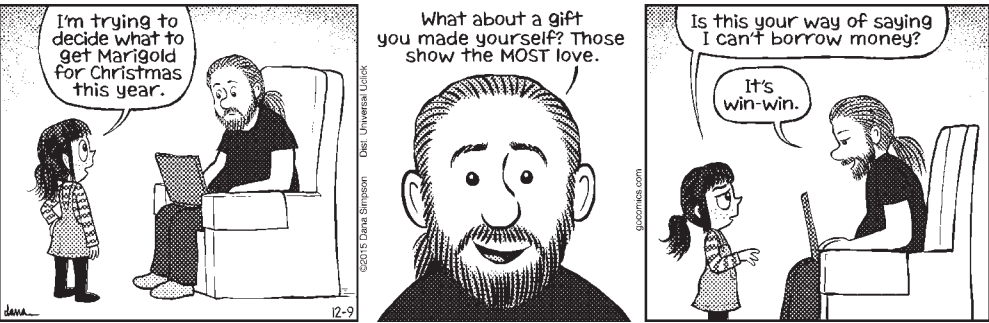
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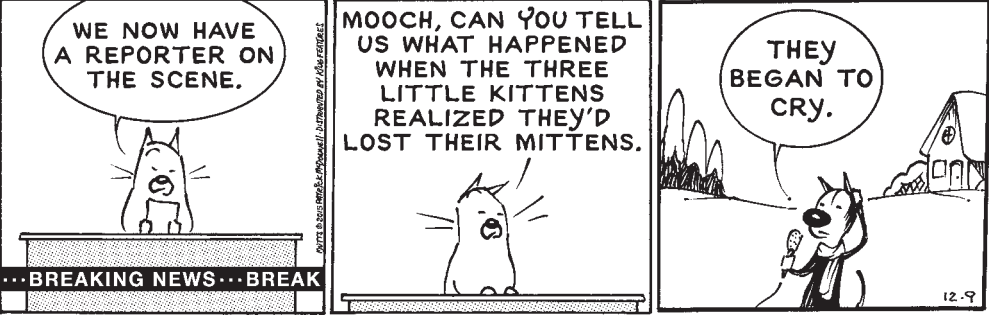
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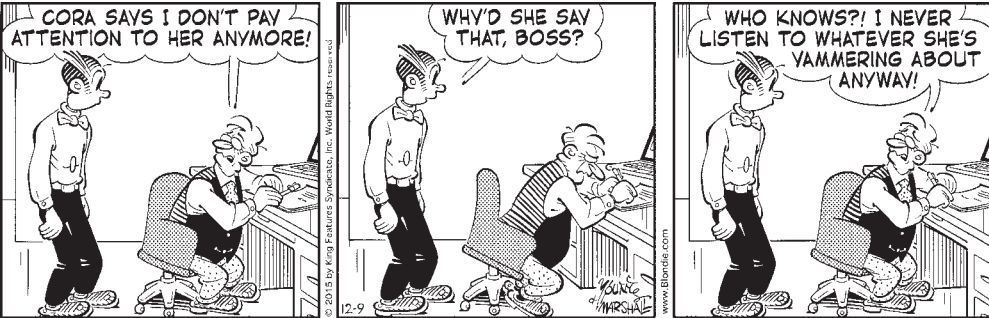
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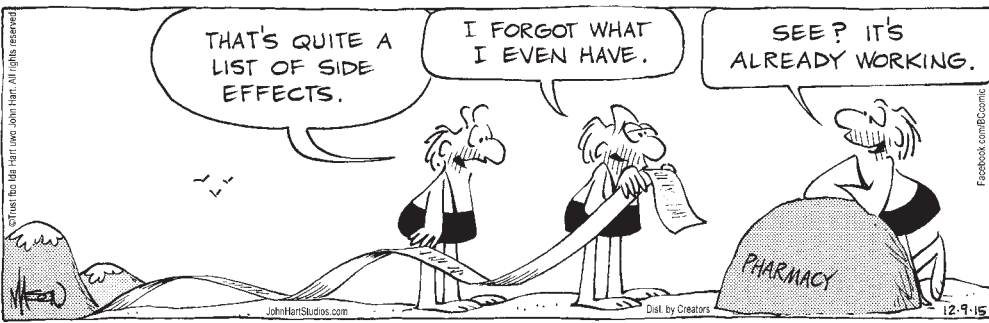
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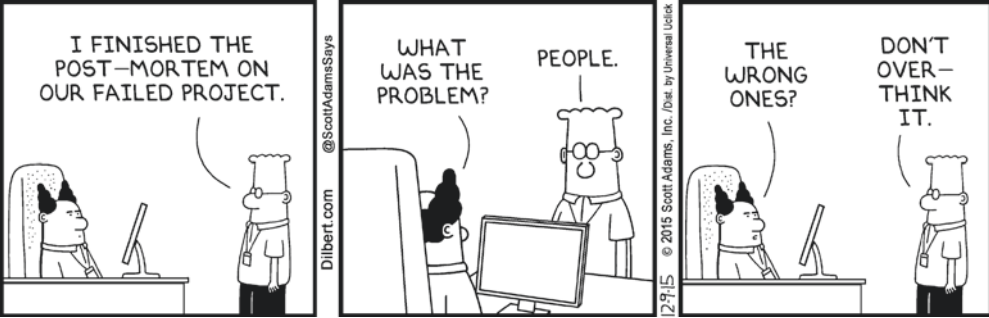
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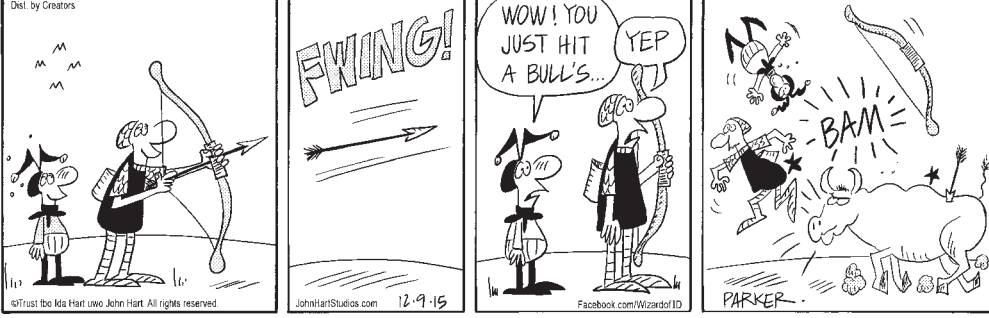
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