

Watch it, you idiot!

Dear Annie: My husband and I often take car trips together on the East Coast to visit family. When my husband gets angry at other drivers, his temperament changes completely from fun-loving to someone who is going to "teach people a lesson." He gives dirty looks and cusses them out. He thinks he's a great driver.

Anyway, today I told him he was being a butt to the other drivers. He became profane and told me what I could do with my opinions. I waited a few minutes before telling him I did not feel I deserved his language. He said he didn't care. I know that I called him a butt first, but was I wrong to say that I did not want to be in the car with him any longer? He refuses to let me drive.

I have been suggesting marriage counseling because he mimics me when he is angry, but so far, he is too busy. I have avoided being in the car with him as much as possible. He says I am being too paranoid and judgmental of his driving. I disagree. What do you think? — *Buckled Up*

Dear Buckled: Not paranoid, just smart. Your husband needs to address his road rage problem

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before he hurts someone with his aggressive driving.

Ask whether he'd be willing to let you record him in the car sometime. Then play it back to him a few days later, when he's at home and calm. For many people, it's enough of a wake-up call just to hear how they sound when they're in road rage mode.

I would also encourage him to seek anger management treatment before marriage counseling, as this seems to be less a problem between you and more a problem between him and himself.

Dear Annie: I am in my late 70s, and I am distraught at my friends who drive but are so infirm that they can barely move their legs or their necks. To see something to the side, they have to twist

their upper body because of stiffness in their neck.

But they all drive. There is no way their legs could quickly move up and over to their brake.

My plea is to the middle-aged child. Look at your parents! Assess their flexibility and alertness. Be their passenger if you dare.

Please take their car away when the need becomes obvious. It is only going to get worse. — *Scared of My Friends*

Dear Scared: Thank you for raising this important issue. It's understandable that after a lifetime of driving, people are reluctant to give up the keys, but after you turn 70, the risk of being injured or killed in a motor vehicle crash increases as you age.

The Department of Motor Vehicles suggests the following:

- Exercising regularly to increase strength and flexibility.
 - Asking your doctor to review medicines to reduce side effects and interactions.
 - Having your eyes checked by an eye doctor at least once a year.
 - Driving during daylight and in good weather.
- Stay safe out there.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may sincerely know you are right, but that is not the point. Being right doesn't automatically protect you. You still need to prepare yourself for possible opposition and other incidents that could happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Maybe it's too early for a rest from commerce and travel and business of all kinds, but it's not too early to plan one and prepare for it. The dormant periods are important to your well-being. How are you going to make it happen?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just because you passed this way before does not mean that you are regressing. Think of this as running laps. Each repetition makes you stronger, helps you grow faster and counts toward your general progress.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The visiting will be better when you use the time between visits to better yourself. That's the time you practice, hone your skills and fine-tune your image. Challenge yourself to show up even stronger next time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Right now the fruit of your labor is a lot like a watched pot. It will seem not to ripen while your eyeballs are on it. Back off. Let time and the sun do their job while you plant elsewhere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Men have gone mad from anticipating what stays out of reach for too long. Perhaps it takes a bit of madness to keep going past a certain point. Is it really worth it? Much depends on how much you value the prize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's humor in the situation. In order to see it, though, one would have to have the funny kind of mind that needs the laughter, looks for it, finds it and is

released by it. That's you!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Groups and crowds are not the same thing. The few behave differently than the many, and different rules apply for managing them. And yet, what you get right on the small scale today will definitely work when you scale it up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The small rubs of life can be more detrimental to your happiness, health and well-being than big events. Coping is a lifestyle issue. Build a reliable set of go-to strategies for dealing with daily stresses.

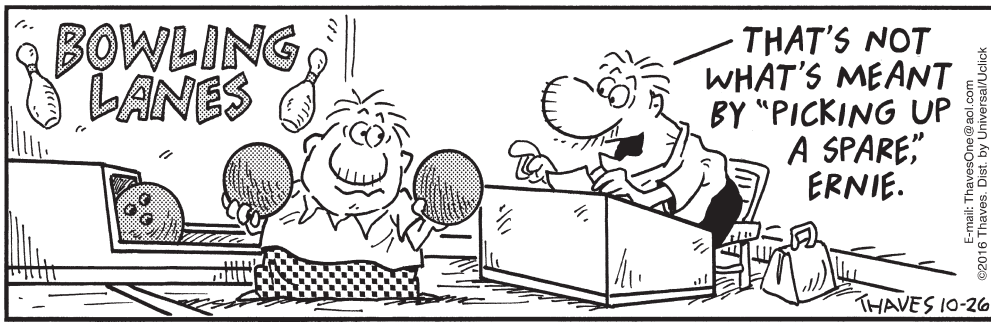
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you don't lunge for the brass ring, no one will know you want it. But if you lunge for it too hard, you'll throw yourself off balance and fall. Core strength is needed here for a graceful, controlled grab.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An emotional weather front may seem like an uncontrollable natural force — nope! It's the air currents that carry the weather. You're an air sign. Blow a little and the storm moves away.

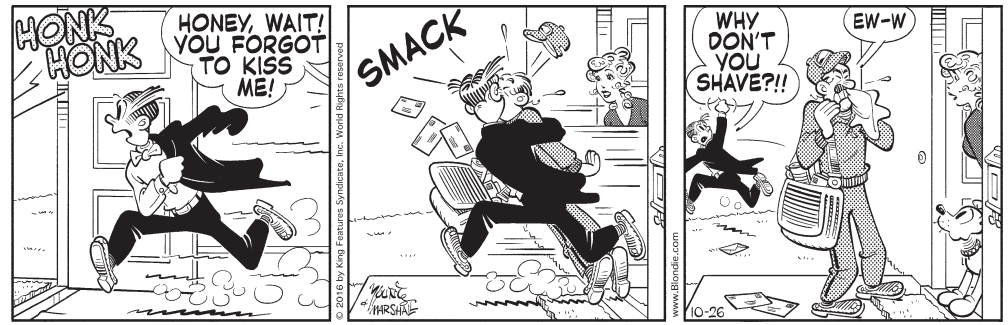
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no such thing as a pattern of one. The first time something happens it is difficult, if not impossible, for you to see that it is part of a cycle. The second time brings awareness, new questions, and the comfort of repetition.

THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 27). They think you're working strange magic, but really you're just starting to get an awesome result from the years of practice you've put in. Somehow you'll produce without effort and manage without meddling. Because of this, you'll be promoted. There's love all year, but in November and May it colors your whole world. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 21, 35 and 19.

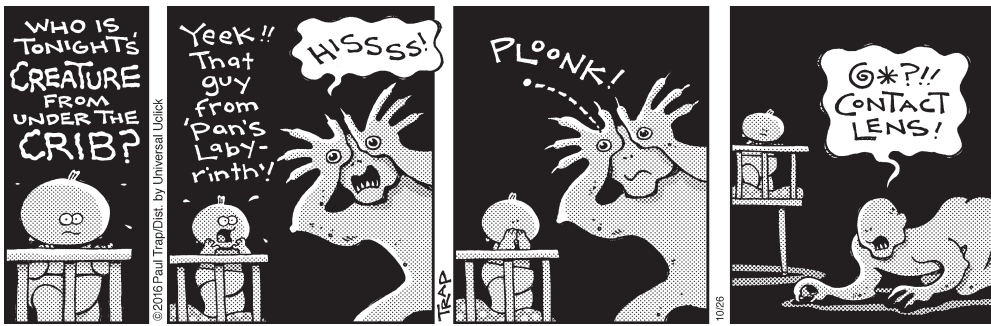
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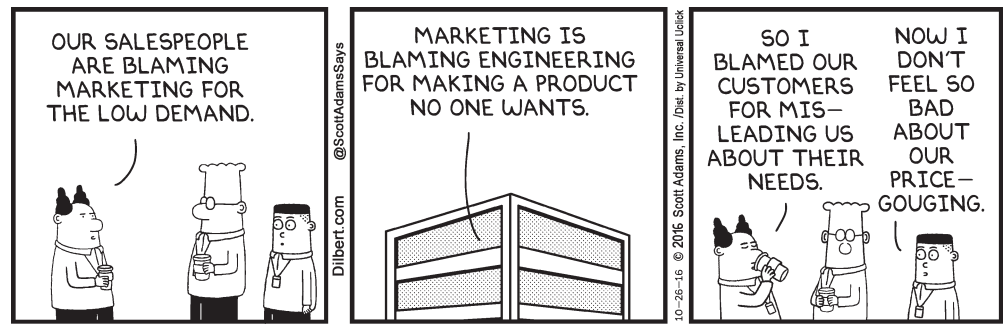
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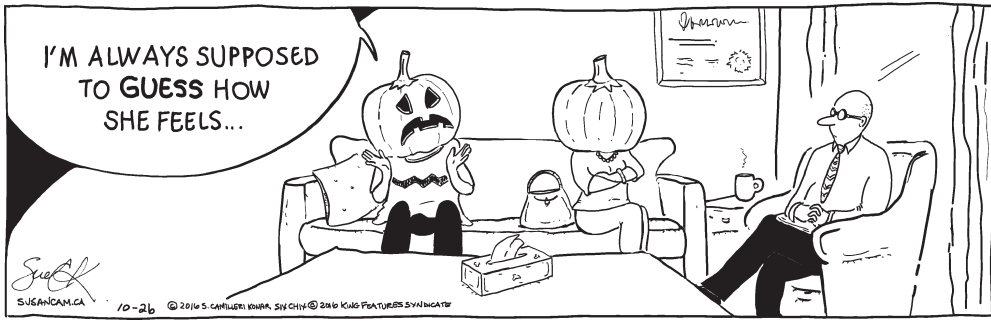
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