

# Annoyed at a band concert

**Dear Annie:** I had something happen this weekend and am wondering what the solution should have been and who was in the right. My friend and I flew to San Diego from Indianapolis for a fabulous concert featuring three great bands. We spent quite a bit for our tickets, flights, hotel, car, etc.

Unfortunately, there was a woman sitting in front of us who stood the entire time (except for maybe the last 30 minutes — probably because she was so drunk). She danced and flailed about. She was blocking three people's view. The concert was 5½ hours long.

After the last band had played a couple of songs, I tapped her on the back and patiently said, "You probably don't realize it, but when you stand up, you are blocking three people's view." She said, "Too bad." I said, "We spent a lot of money on these seats and would like to be able to use them." She said, "So did I." I said, "We flew halfway across the country for this." She said, "So did I, and I'll stand up if I want to. I don't care if you all can see or not. Not my problem." There were no

ushers around to help. I was amazed someone could be so inconsiderate.

Should we all have had to stand up the whole time? I didn't think that would have been fair to the people behind us. This concert was attended by mainly "older people," baby boomers. What do you think? Is it OK to stand the whole time for a concert? — *Baffled and Hurt*

**Dear Baffled:** The short answer is that it depends. The long answer involves considering a few factors. First is the type of music. It would be bizarre to stand at a symphony, but it would be almost as odd to sit for a DJ playing dance music.

Second is the seating arrangements. If seats aren't assigned and people are free to move around, obstructing someone's view by standing might still be rude, but it's not the slap in the face it would be if the person were stuck there.

Third (and most important) is what the people around you are doing. If most of your neighbors are standing, stand (or sit, but don't spend all night glowering about it); if most of them are sitting, sit. Attending a concert is a social experience, and sometimes you just have

to go along to get along. The best audience members, like the best performers, know how to read a room.

**Dear Annie:** I can relate to "Love Is the Answer," who does not want to visit loved ones when they are in pain or dying. I have a very strong visual and auditory memory. I can describe my elementary classrooms and classmates of 50-plus years ago in great detail, right down to the bulletin boards the teacher put up and who mispronounced "synonym" as "cinnamon." And while I remember many happy times with my parents, the memories of their physical declines and the sounds of their final breaths are painfully clear, as well.

I've been accused of sheltering myself too much for avoiding experiences that I feel would be too intense. The truth is, visual and auditory memories stay with me forever, so I need to protect myself when I can. Others may see it as refusing to face reality, but it is actually mental self-preservation. — *Out of Sight but Never Out of Mind*

**Dear Out of Sight:** I was unaware that some people have such intense sensory memories. Thanks for adding even more depth to this conversation.

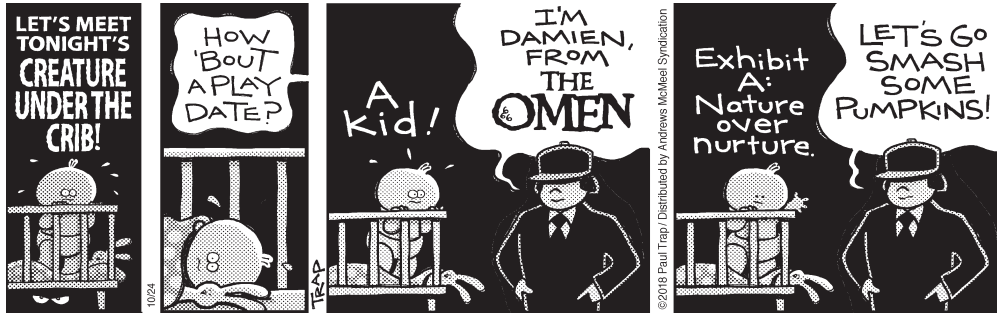


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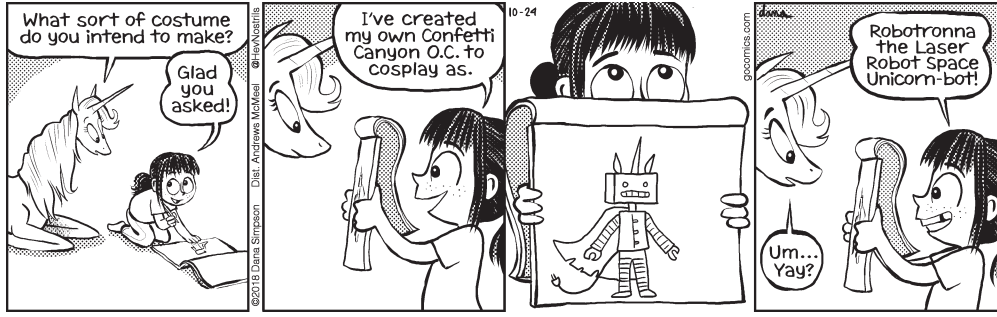
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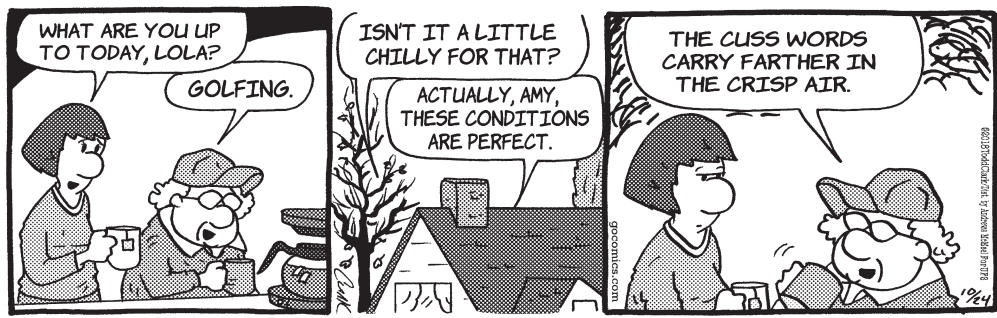
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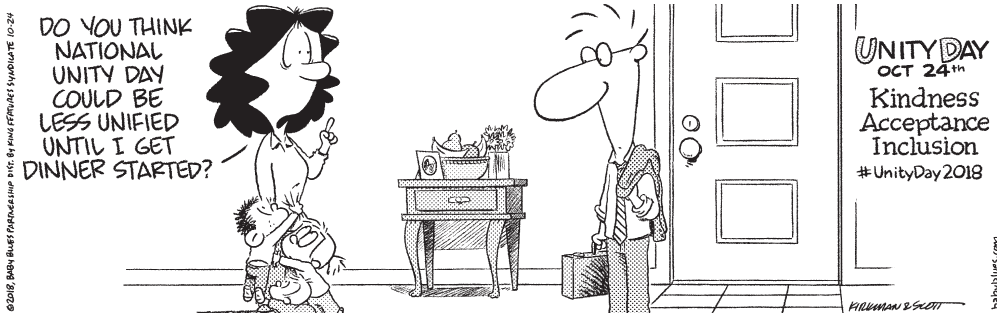
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You know what you can do, and you're confident in that. Since you don't need others to validate your worth, you may forget to validate theirs. But here's the thing. Other people need to hear it. Give acknowledgment freely.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Look around and you'll notice that this place wasn't in your life plan. In fact, you couldn't have imagined you'd be here, and now it seems like the most natural fit that could be. Trust that fortune will favor you similarly in the future.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** People open up to you whether you want them to or not. You'll hear secrets. You'll hear stories that don't make sense. But that's OK. You'll form an opinion based on what you feel, not what you understand.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** While it would be foolish to launch your ship straight into a storm, it's also true that there's always a storm out there somewhere. Those who wait for calm seas everywhere will never launch.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The meal can start a lot of ways — with soup, a salad, a cheese platter — but it almost never starts with candy. Maximum sweetness is something to work up to because there's nowhere to go from there.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** A fun friend would be thrilled to monopolize your afternoon, and if you take this route, you'll have the kind of good time that will make you wonder why you didn't do it sooner.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Would you rather be weak and look strong or be strong and look weak? Don't answer — you're too smart to commit to one look. You play each situation as needed, and you let neither

pride nor modesty get in the way.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** What looks pretty in pictures may only be happening in the instant of a camera click. Can it be sustained over time? This remains to be seen. Keep the principle in mind while you peruse today's images of so-called real life.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You know that you are enough just as you are. You don't have to prove yourself by showing what you can do or spending lavishly. If you chose to do these things, it will be out of enjoyment, not insecurity.

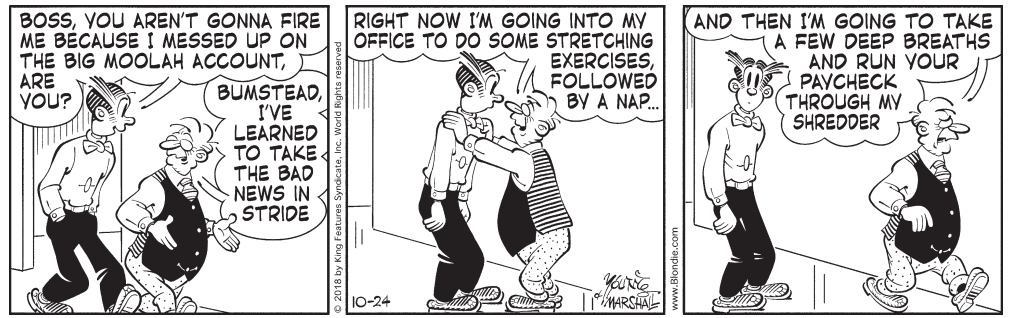
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Those on the inside seem to know more than those on the outside, but this is only a social illusion. You can be a part of any group you want to be a part of today. Introduce yourself.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're building something new. Without firm, hard, strong principles, this thing can't stand. You also need open clearings for light, air, and a good flow of people and ideas to come in and out.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Someone who believes in you and encourages you — this is no small luxury to have in your life. Many never get this and live without feeling particularly understood or valued. Celebrate your supporters.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 25).** The solar year will be marked by your determination and tenacity. You'll apply it mostly to things outside of the personal realm, and your love life and relationships will naturally fall into place. Know what your work is worth and be sure to charge that and you'll be well on your way to a financial goal in 2019. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 29, 48, 13 and 20.

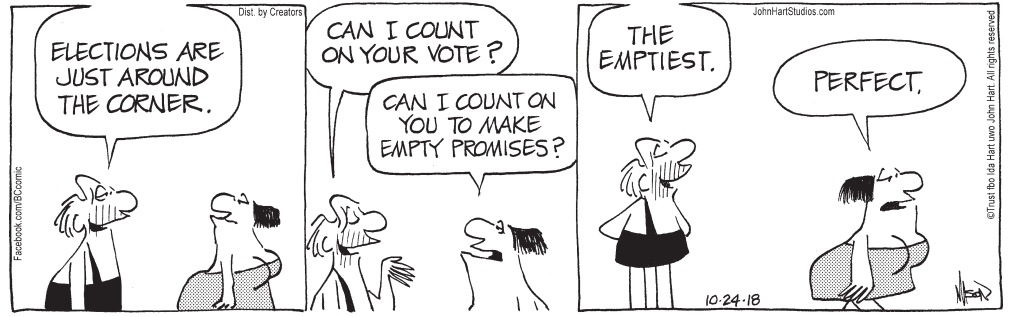
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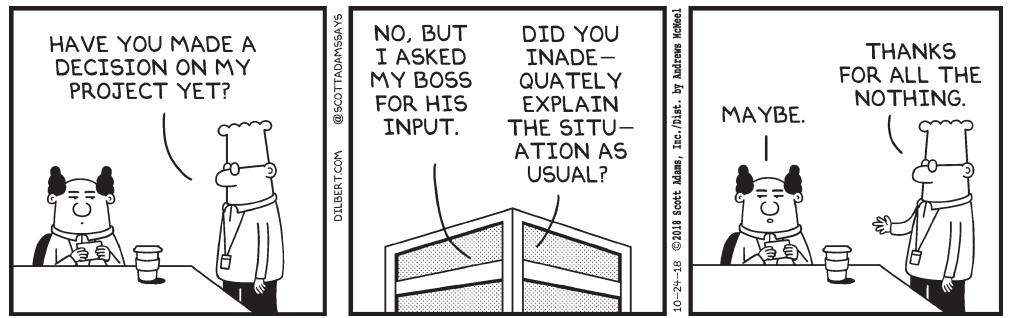
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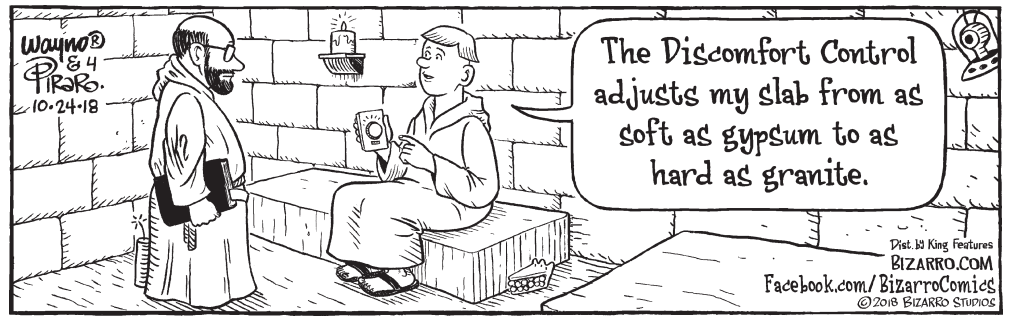
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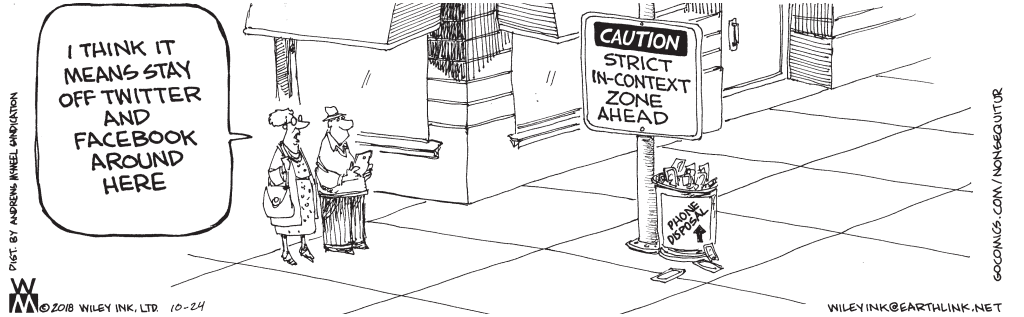
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