

CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



The horrible events that unfolded at Rest Stop 97 would be talked about for decades to come.

Woman can't make break from affair

Dear Abby: I have been dating a married man for 30 years. Our relationship started a few months after he got married.

I know it was wrong to begin the relationship, but it started just as a way for me to get sexual experience.

For him, I think he was infatuated with the idea that a younger woman found him attractive.

I asked him out knowing he was married, thus safe from expecting a commitment. I don't think either of us expected our so-called relationship to last this long.

I have dated other men (who knew nothing of him) and gave birth to a child (not his), so it's not like he's the only man I see. (Of course, he knows I date other men.)

Many times I have thought about ending our affair because I feel guilty, and sad for his wife.

My problem is our conversations are intoxicating, our kisses, touches and lovemaking are like no other. Must I stop seeing him? Or



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DEAR ABBY

do you think what others don't know won't hurt them? — *Can't Stop Seeing Him*

Dear Can't Stop: The problem with the rationale "what others don't know won't hurt them" is that, at some point, the truth usually comes out.

And when it does, there are usually plenty of hurt feelings. Frankly, I'm surprised your lover has been able to keep you under wraps for 30 years without the two of you being spotted somewhere.

If you are truly sad for your lover's wife, you should end the affair. However, because it has taken you three decades to discover your conscience, I somehow doubt you will.

Dear Abby: I'm an asexual woman in my 20s, and I feel misunderstood. When I "come out" to people, they usually make a rude or vulgar comment. "Asexual" is the accepted term for people who are sex-repulsed or who don't experience sexual attraction. I fit both of those definitions.

People want to know what's wrong with me: Is it a hormonal imbalance? Was I molested? Am I secretly gay?

One man even suggested that sleeping with him would "fix me!" If it comes up around family, they always suggest that someone will come around and change my mind.

Abby, is 25 years old too young to know for sure that I don't want to have sex? How can I respond to these rude comments? — *Ace in South Carolina*

Dear Ace: Twenty-five is definitely old enough to know for sure whether you have a sex drive — or not.

Because you are open about your lack of interest in sex, you should not become defensive if someone asks an ignorant question about it.

If the person asks if it's a hormonal imbalance, the result of having been molested or if you are gay, all you have to say is, "Nope, nope and nope!"

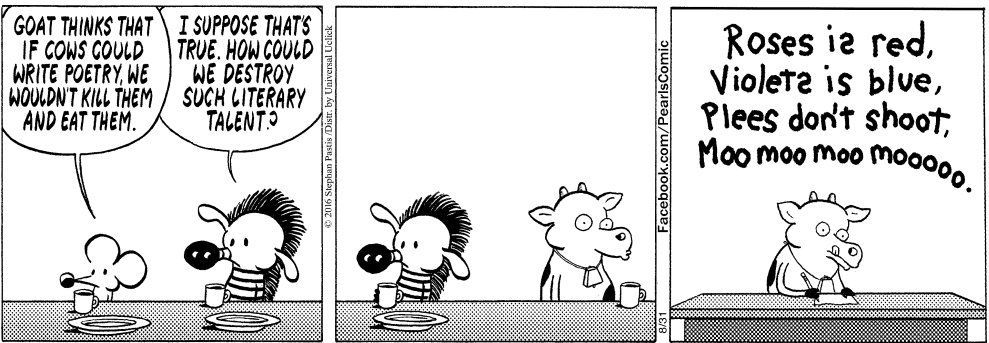
As to the man who confused his member with a magic wand, "No, thanks!" would have been a polite response to an obviously deluded individual.

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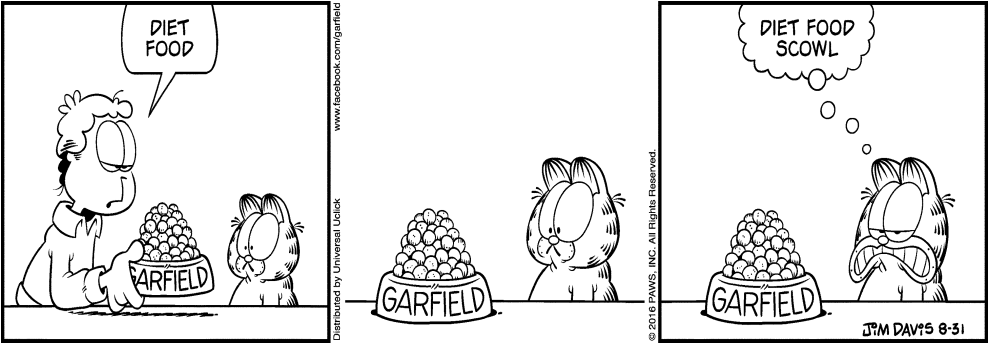
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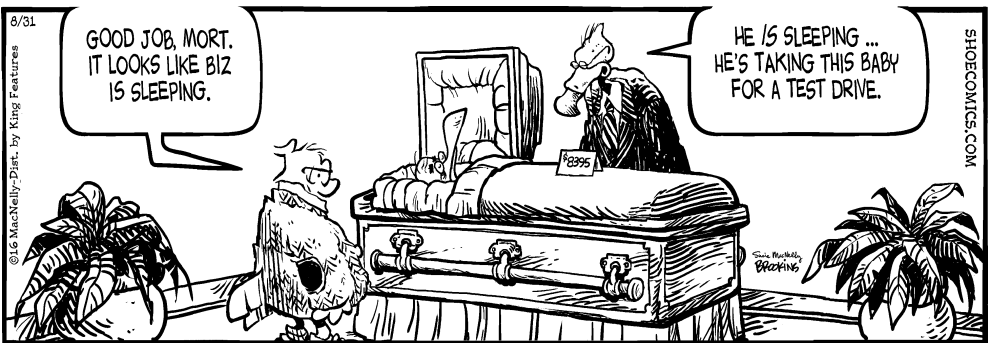
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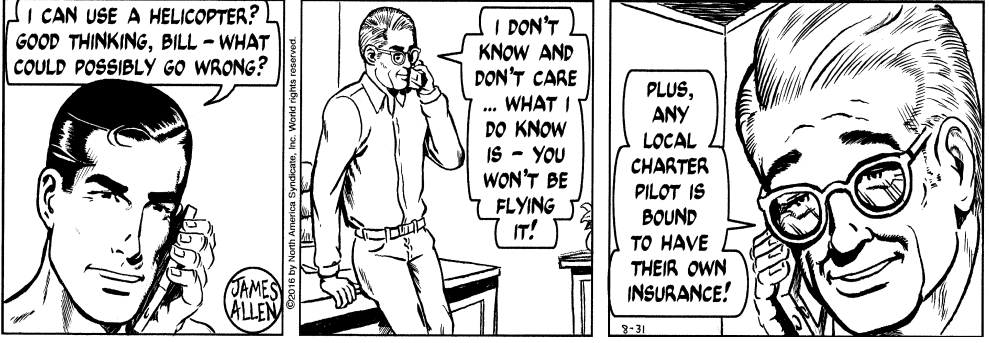
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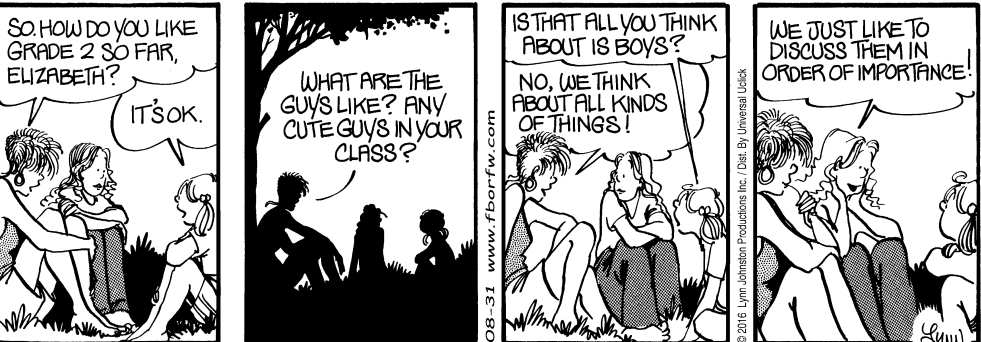
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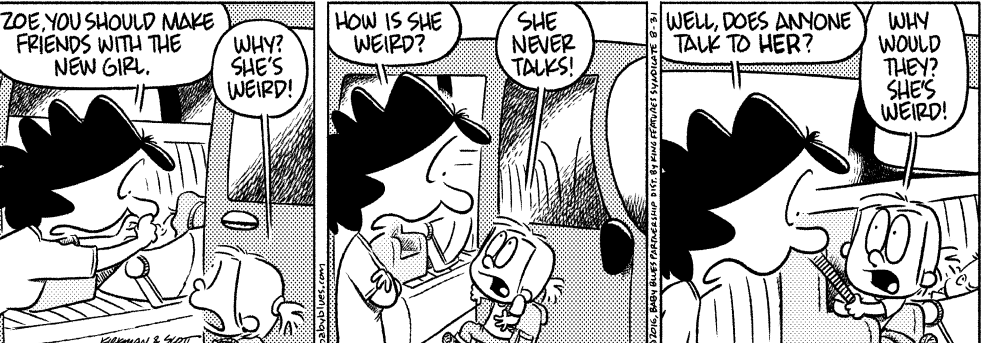
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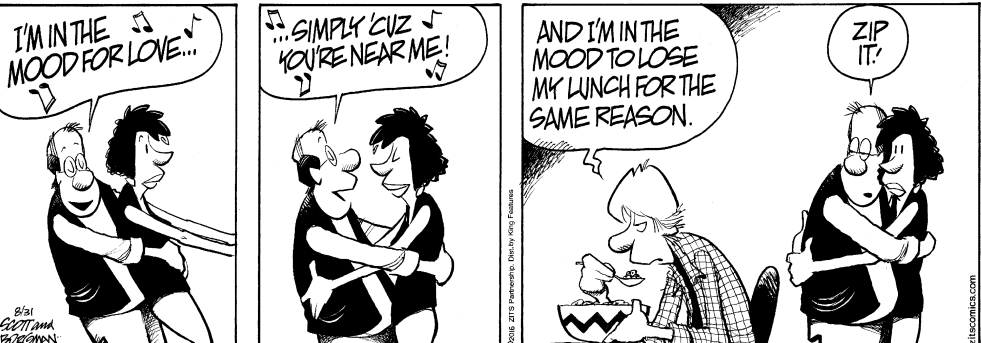
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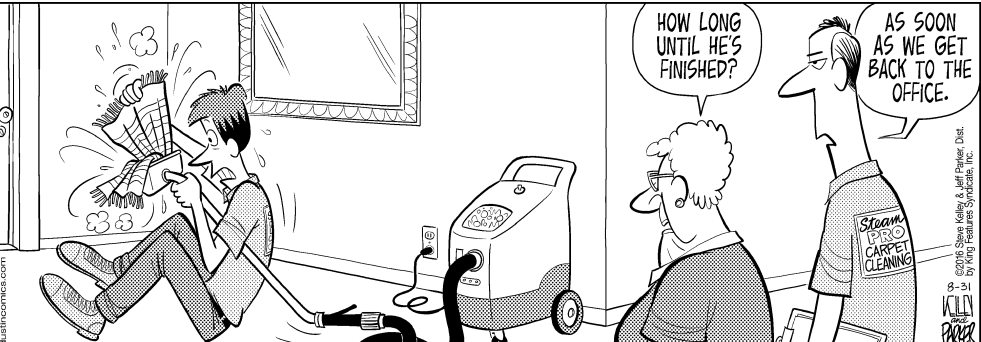
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Daily Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone needs your agreement in order to move forward. The question is: Can you give it in good conscience? Politically it may help, but something about this is setting off alarms for you, and you'd be wise to heed the warning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't have to be the best player on the scene to get in the game and have some fun. With your stellar attitude and sincere respect for the game, you'll do well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Each environment has its own language. There's a benefit to using the same vernacular as those around you. This translates to dress, as well. Some degree of conformity is polite. Don't worry; you'll still be you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). By pursuing your wide array of influences and interests, you've enhanced your chances of striking up a fascinating conversation or connecting in some small but meaningful way with a stranger.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There won't be time to talk about what you're going to do. Lead the way; do it. It will be obvious to you which actions will lead to health and prosperity and which are just superfluous nonsense, counterproductive or destructive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Do not invest in the broad education of the "what" today, because everything you need to know is in the details of



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"how." The one who can give you specific help will open new opportunities for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You revel in your Venus-ruled advantages but will also benefit from adopting some of Capricorn's powerful attributes today — namely having to do with the shrewd management of people and money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Seeing clearly gives you the optimum advantage so you can quickly get where you want to go. Your cosmic gift of the day is excellent spiritual visibility that comes by way of a bright, nearly enlightened ally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). That thoughtful gesture you received a time ago still sticks in your mind as one of the more special things that someone has ever done for you. You'll get an idea today as to how to pay it forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). All couples are weird. People make each other happy for reasons often mystifying to everyone outside of the relationship. You're in a position to either tolerate someone's relationship or (futilely) object.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). True love is almost impossible to hide. Passion burns just like a mountain on fire: Don't be surprised if people smell it and see it from miles and miles away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There will be a stall in the action. Sweet! This is your lucky break. It's exactly the pause you needed to shift into a higher gear and take off rocket-style. Seize the day.