

Grade school remembrance

V-Day was more fun as a kid

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At about this point each year, I think back to some of my more poignant Valentine memories.

It's always nice to look back and realize that I haven't been completely inept at having a special Valentine; after all, in elementary school everyone was my Valentine, or so it seemed.

I can remember it now as if it were only 13 years ago. Actually, it was 13 years ago. It was second, third or maybe even fourth grade; things tend to blur together after awhile. Being in class everyday with 25 other kids, all of whom were, of course, my best (and only) friends so it seemed, I had to do something special for Valentine's Day to show them how I felt.

I had my mom drive me to the drugstore so I could check out the big Valentine's Day display. It was enormous.

There were huge candy boxes, stuffed animals and what must have been a million cards to choose from.

What would be the right choice? What if I bought everyone a box of candy, or Valentine bear? Would that be enough? Nothing could be



And then the cold sweat came over me. I realized I was giving a Valentine to everyone

Love is a snowmobile racing across the tundra; suddenly it flips and pins you underneath. At night, the ice weasels come.

— Matt Groening, attributed to Nietzsche

enough, I thought. What would I do?

"Here is the perfect thing," said my mother. She held out a box containing a whole bunch of small Valentines, complete with envelopes.

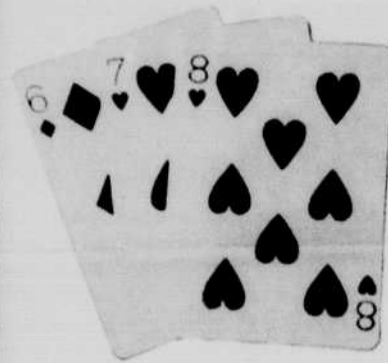
meant everyone — girls too, even the ones I couldn't stand.

Mom must have known how I felt. "You can't exclude any-

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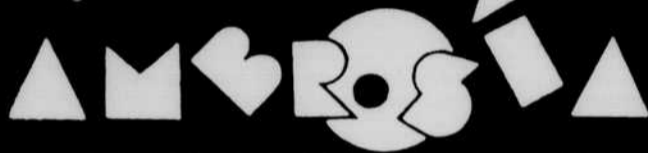
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