

Crush sends mixed messages

Dear Annie: While in high school in the late 1970s, there was this guy, "Scott," who had a crush on me. Nothing transpired back then, so fast-forward 30 years.

A month ago, I received a Facebook friend request from Scott. Of course, I accepted and found out he and his wife are separated. I also looked at his friends' list and noticed he had friended a few other people, including my sister. I didn't think much about it at the time. I knew that my sister had a new boyfriend, although she claimed I didn't know him.

For the past three weeks, I have been receiving his Facebook messages. He said that I looked good, and I thought maybe he wanted to rekindle the crush from high school. But I noticed that whenever he would log off, my sister would also log off. It turns out he's been seeing my sister, who lied that I didn't know her new boyfriend. She just broke off a relationship in November with a guy from my high school class, and now she is on to another one.

In his last message to me, Scott told me he was seeing my sister and hoped I was OK with it. Annie, I barely spoke to the guy in high school. Sure, we dissected a frog

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together in biology class, but that was about it. He waits 30 years, adds me as a friend and sweet talks me, but dates my sister? Was he asking my permission?

I don't understand this. I didn't respond to his last message and I unfriended him. I felt he was fishing on Facebook for a new girlfriend, and my sister took the bait. Was I reading too much into these messages? — *Totally Confused in Indiana*

Dear Indiana: We can understand the confusion over what seems to be mixed messages, but this isn't worth getting your hackles up. It's been 30 years since high school. He can date anyone he wants, including Sis. Yes, they should have been upfront about it instead of making it seem sneaky and dishonest. But really, who cares? Wish them both well and then forget about it.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Momzilla's Mother," whose daughter was so overprotective that she monitored which shampoo Grandma could use on her child. You were spot on when you said the granddaughter will eventually bring her mother's overprotectiveness to an end.

My mother was a Momzilla, and convinced I was in terrible danger unless she supervised every minute of my life. By the time I was 12, I had developed myriad ways to hide my activities from her endless obsession. She deprived herself of ever knowing me as an individual and lamented the "loss" of my love until the day she died. Because I had so much going on that she was unaware of, I didn't feel I could come to her for advice, and as a result, made mistakes that have haunted me for years.

Momzilla is setting herself up for future bitter disappointment. But if anyone has found a way to make such a person aware of the damage she's doing to herself and her daughter, I've never heard of it. — *Momzilla's Daughter*

Dear Daughter: How sad for you and your mother. We would like to think that Momzillas everywhere will read this and consider it a wake-up call.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). This new world you come across — well, it seems to have been in fine working order before you arrived. Nonetheless, it will not work nearly as well unless you take part in its future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you're around people who "get you" you don't have to be big and obvious. All you have to be is you, paying attention and calling it as you see it. What a relief!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need an adequate form of creative expression. Which form is adequate? The form that prevents you from misdirecting all your wonderful, imaginative energy into places where it can't be productively utilized.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Success brings happiness; happiness brings success. This is not always the case, of course — all the more reason to celebrate these times of simple, elegant, universal reciprocity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're moving into a gray area in a relationship. This is a good place to be, though you must also be bold. No more reliance on the rules and standards that put you there. You'll now be making up your own guidelines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Political unrest isn't just for countries. You'll feel it in a small corner of your daily life. Note: You can stand by the principle of a thing without giving your vote of approval to the leader.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a mild tone to the day, and the best order business is to simply enjoy what's good, be patient with what's bad and save the big guns for the things that need big-time obliteration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No one in

this world makes it alone. You may not be 100 percent satisfied with the help you are currently receiving, but you appreciate the help anyway and give heartfelt thanks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll promote good luck and good will by being prompt, or, even better, early. It may sound a bit shallow, but your ability to show up organized, well-dressed and cheerful will advance your purposes.

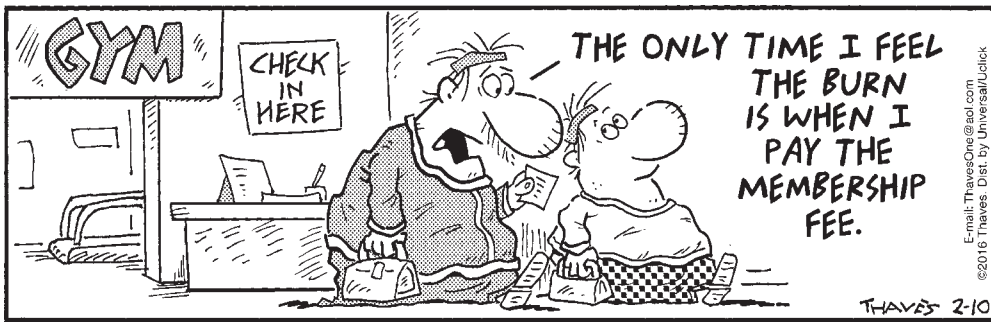
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't ask for more responsibility, as you'll only resent it later. The casual favors you do because you want to or because you said you would are enough for now. You're enough without doing those things, too — just sayin'!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Trying your best, working together, winning and losing graciously — all things learned through team efforts. If you're not part of a team right now there is no time like the present to get in one!

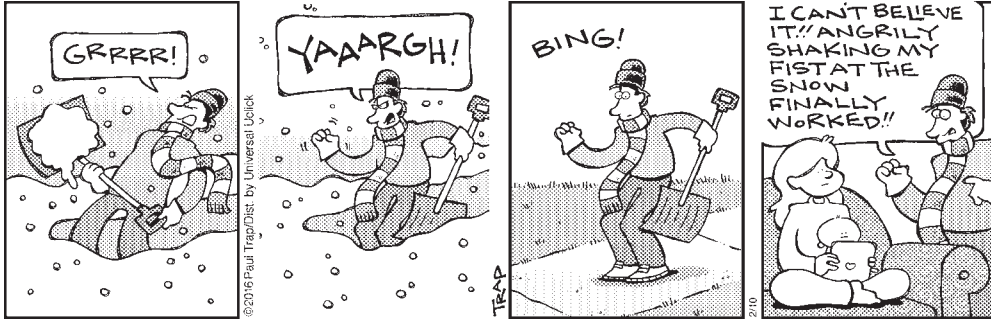
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The powers that be will keep piling on the work as long as you keep acting like you can take it. Go on and get down to business. "Dull boy" or not, all work and no play just might make you rich.

THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). All those good and practical ideas come out of genuine need to take care of your own. You don't even care if they reciprocate: The role of "provider" is so germane to your agenda. However, reciprocate they will this year — and then some. Your true wealth will be the heaps of love lavished on you for the next 12 months. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 30, 9, 22 and 10.

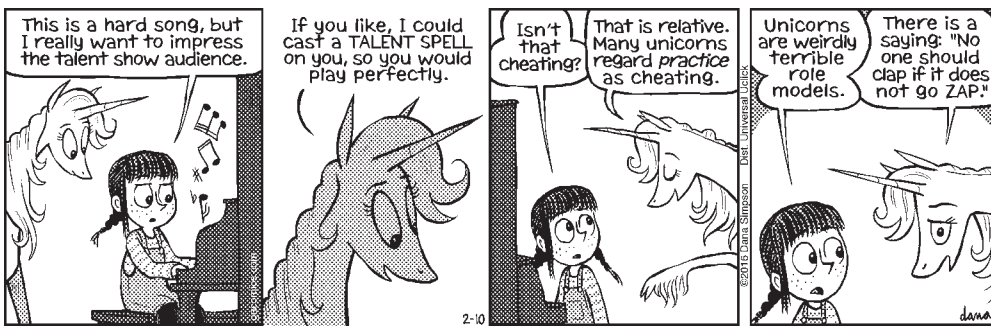
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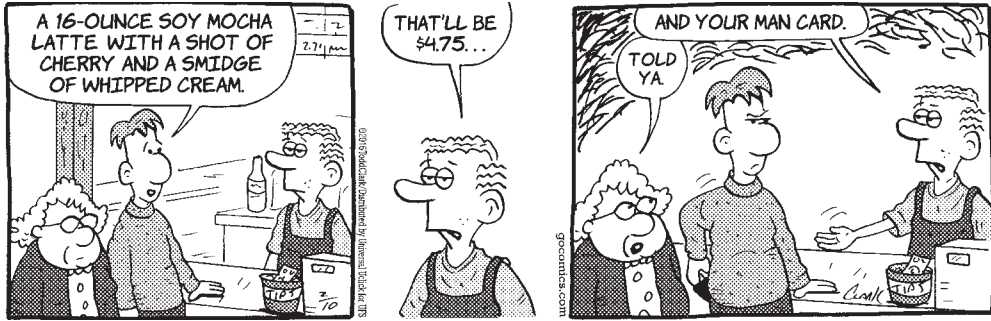
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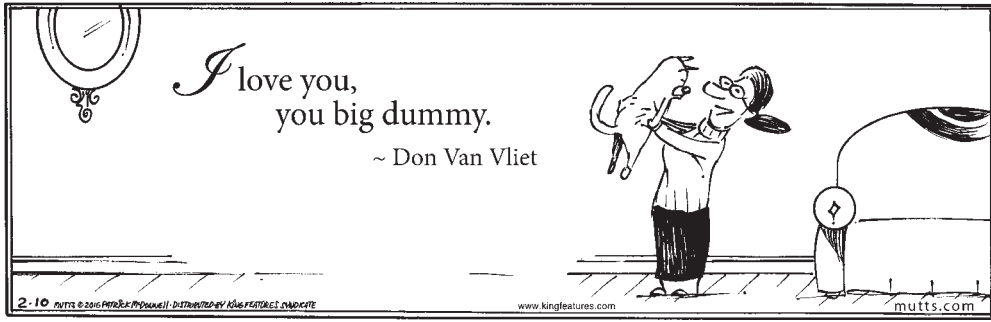
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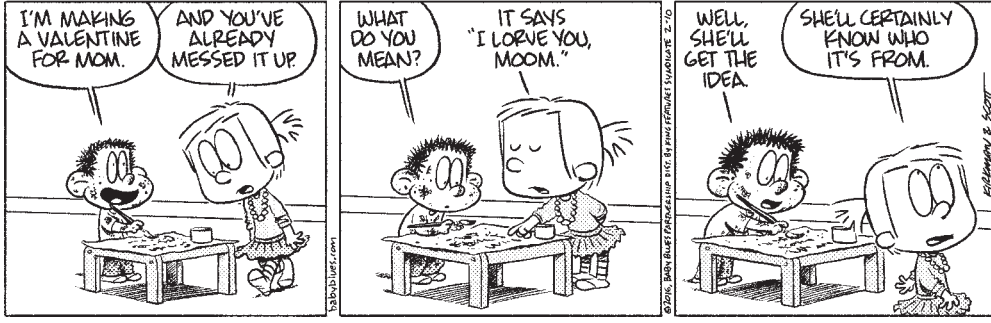
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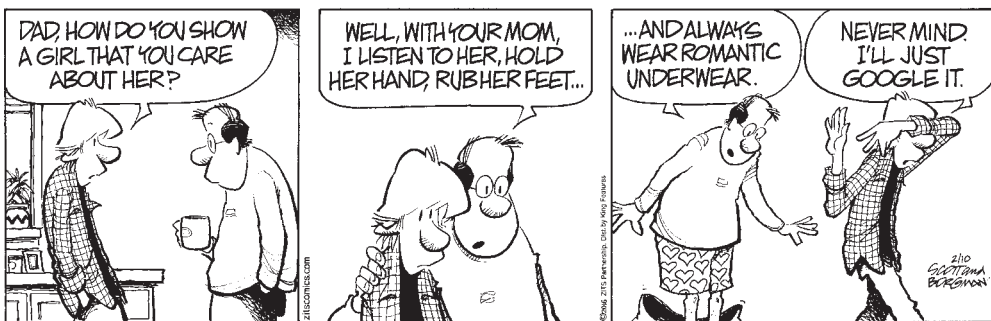
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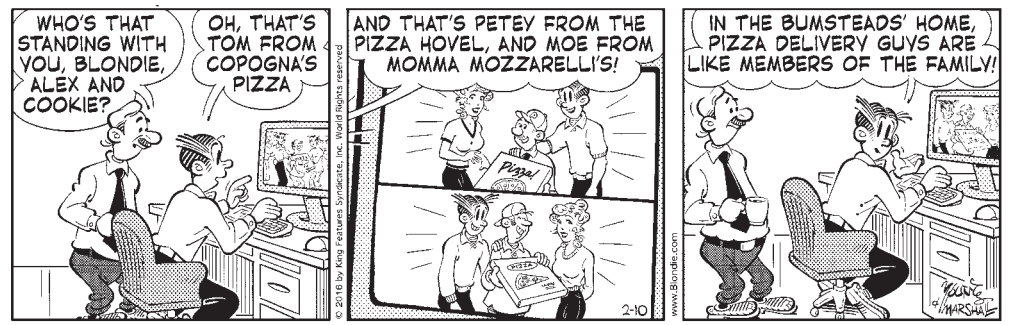
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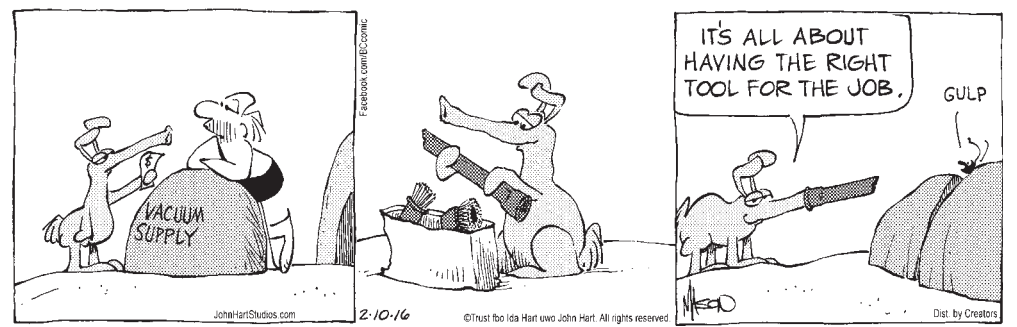
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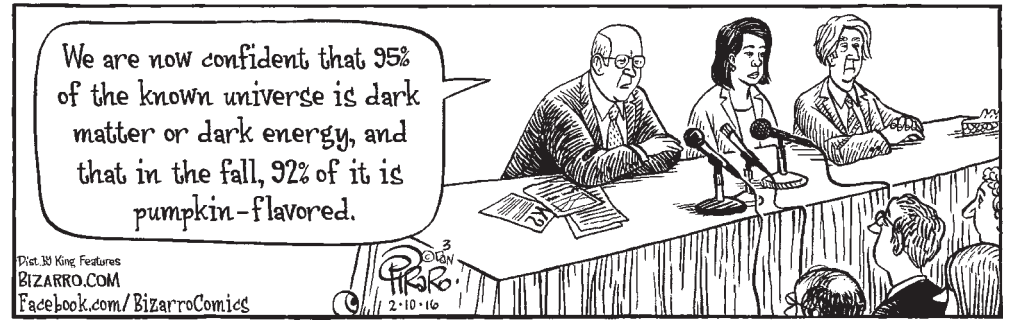
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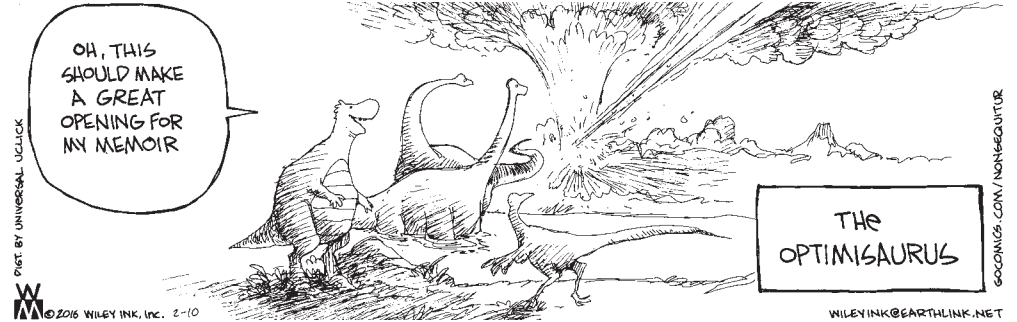
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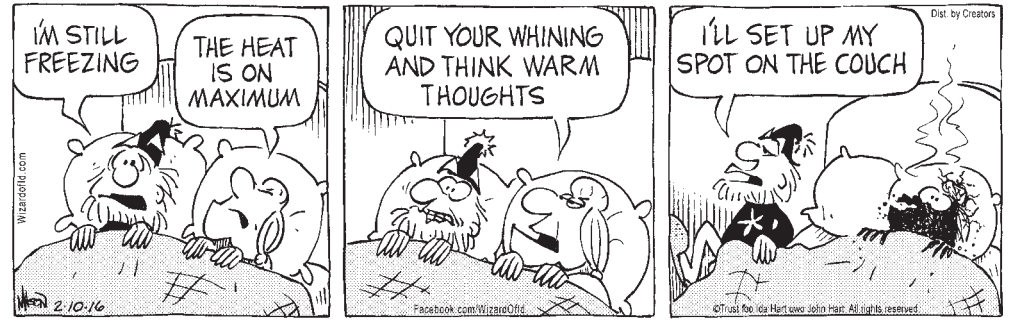
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