

# Drama over television shows

**Dear Annie:** Both my wife and I work all day, she as a police officer and I as an accountant. When we get home, we eat dinner together and then sit in front of the TV for a little down time. The problem is that what she wants to watch to unwind is very different from what I want to watch to unwind.

She loves short funny shows, such as "Two and a Half Men" and "How I Met Your Mother." I, on the other hand, love dramas. My favorites are "Homeland" and "Game of Thrones."

Every night, I sit on the couch looking forward to one of my favorite shows, and she insists that we watch one of hers. She says that my shows are too serious and that being a police officer, she sees serious stuff every day and she just wants to laugh. She has a point, but I'd still like to watch my own stuff. I have been giving her her way lately, but I am starting to feel resentful. — *Missing the Drama*

**Dear Missing:** Sorry, but there's not much drama in my response, as this has an easy solution. Just compromise. Alternate nights. You pick one night's programming; she picks the next.

If you both really can't stand watching each other's shows, you

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could invest in a second TV or, better yet, head to the library. There you'll find plenty of great stories (such as the novels on which "Game of Thrones" is based). You could get lost in an epic book while she de-stresses with some comedy — worlds away but happily together.

**Dear Annie:** I met "Meghan" at our children's school five years ago, and we've been close friends ever since. When we met, she had just finished treatment for stage I breast cancer, and since then, she has been cancer-free.

The other day, she told me she was unable to work with me on our kids' school project because she had a doctor's appointment. She said it was just a routine thing but was very vague about it, and I could tell she didn't want to talk about it. I began to worry that something was wrong,

and at the same time, I felt hurt that if something was wrong, she should have wanted to share it with me. — *Worried for My Friend*

**Dear Worried:** Have patience. For all you know right now, it really is just a routine checkup, and I hope that's the case. But in the event that it's not, don't be offended that Meghan didn't reach out to you immediately. Health is an incredibly personal thing. Part of being a good friend means allowing her the time and space she needs to process things, trusting that she will come to you when she's ready. In the meantime, be understanding, empathetic and the world's best listener. That's how you can let her know you'll be there when she's ready to talk.

**Dear Annie:** I want to write in response to "A Wyoming Teacher," who does not feel teachers should be expected to write thank-you notes to students for gifts.

I feel that part of my job as a teacher is to teach students social norms and conventions. I believe in writing and mailing thank-you notes for students' gifts, even the half-used bottle of nail polish one of my second-graders gave me. Children love getting mail, and they learn from example. — *Teaching by Example*

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll run into people you know in places you weren't expecting to see them. This will present an interesting conundrum — nothing you can't handle, of course.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your job goes better when your loved ones have your back at home. If you're distracted by domestic details and responsibilities, you're not likely to put in your best performance. Delegate.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The ones who need you will really need you today. In fact, whether or not you want to be, you'll be among the most needed. Well, they couldn't have chosen a more qualified candidate!

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's a little like you're being forced to act like you're having fun. Roll with it, and then don't be surprised if all this acting becomes the truth. This is what Hollywood is built on!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's the small things that will matter most to you today. To be able to count on someone, a secure relationship with a person who makes you laugh — that's a little slice of heaven.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It's hard to believe if you don't really live there, but it's absolutely true: Some places are populated with cheerful people. Cheerful! Really! Go looking. This is the existence you deserve.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You will let them all know what you think, but you'll do it in such a cool way that they might assume that they've come up with it themselves. They're not trying to rip you off; they just really admire you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** If you said yes to everything, your life would be cha-

os. But you can safely say yes to the thing that's offered today. This one is too good to miss. Bonus: Your new priorities will order themselves.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You'll attract good people. Givers. People who are naturally drawn to relate in a friendly, cheerful way. These are the ones you'll keep coming back to. Commitments are a no-brainer.

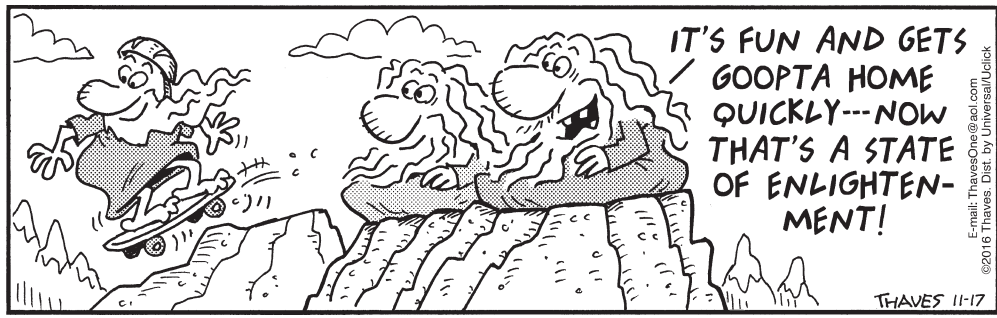
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Why do you spend so much time in another person's world? That's easy: love. This is what people who love each other do. They try, really try, to understand each other.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your influence over others will be profound today. Your thought waves will affect the stranger passing on the street, the clerk in the grocery store and the person picking up your mail, as well as those individuals in your inner circle.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The wealthy American industrialist J. Paul Getty said that if you can actually count your money then you are not really a rich man. If this is true, you'll cultivate a sense of prosperity in yourself by simply not counting.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 18).** This year, when you're happy, you're ecstatic. You'll do your best and give your all to the relationship that makes your life sing! Work improves in January, and you'll add a new skill set to your arsenal. March is your chance to trade out a tired aspect of your life for new purpose. Children make you proud in May. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 43, 14, 3, 33 and 13.

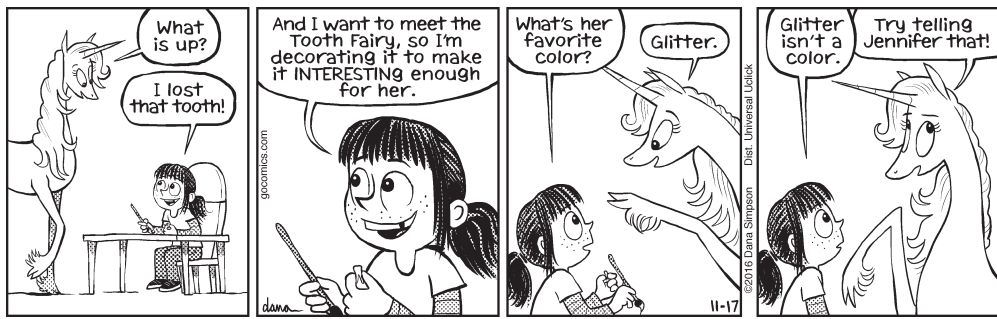
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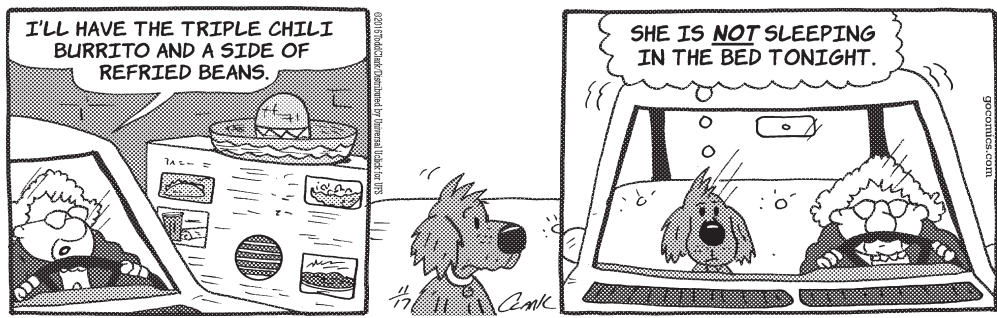
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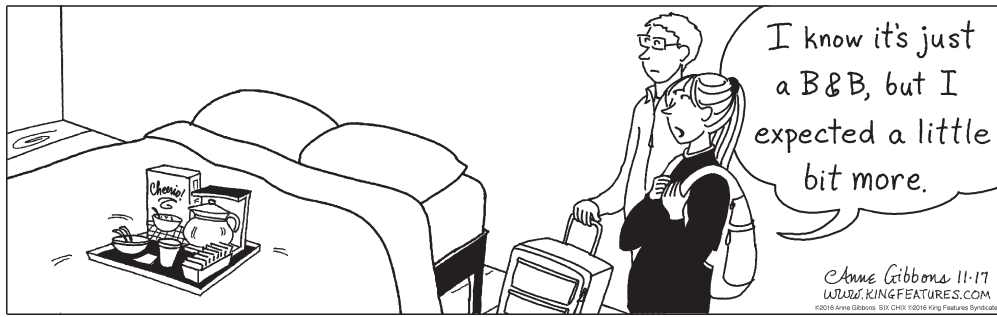
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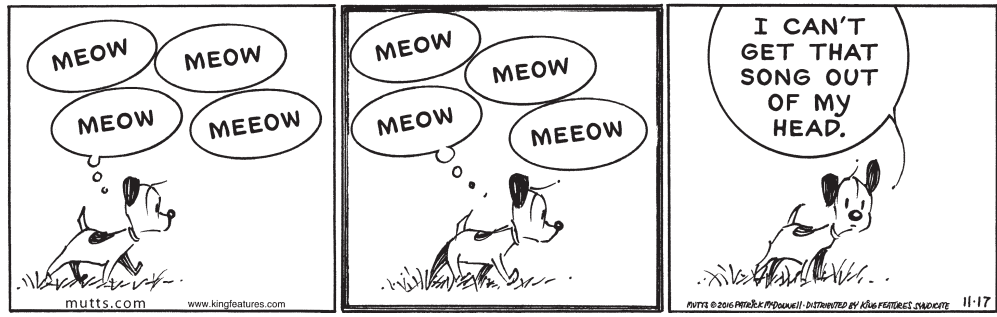
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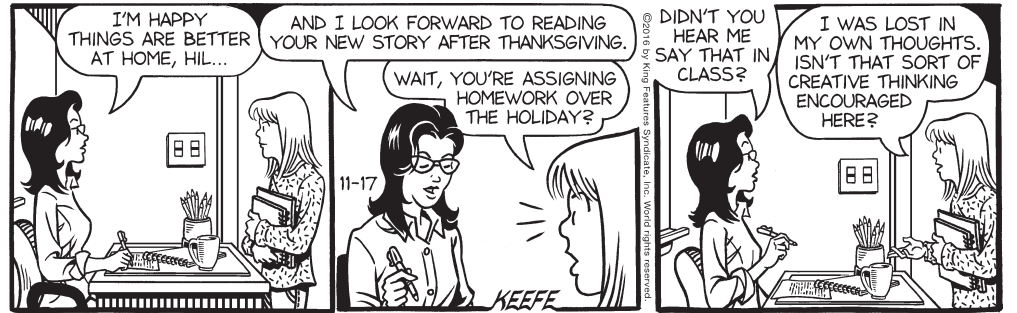
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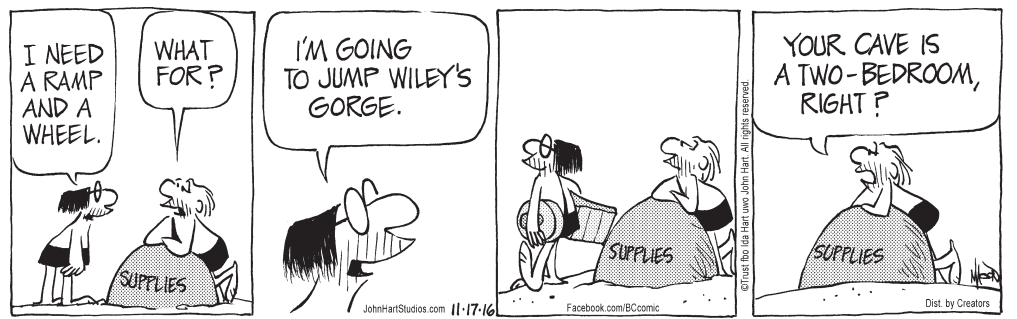
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