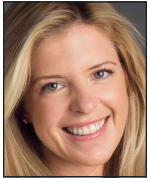


She has a heap of hate

Dear Annie: Years ago, we were friends with a beautiful young lady and her husband. He passed away several years ago, and she has never been the same since. Even though she is so beautiful on the outside, she is extremely jealous, and her insecurity shows through in a ridiculous manner, making her a very ugly person.

DEAR ANNIE



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She currently has a live-in boyfriend. One morning about a year ago, my husband and I wished her boyfriend "happy birthday" in a text. She saw this message and threw a fit. She smeared me on social media, saying I'm a horrible person. Her boyfriend sent us a message saying he knows she's "crazy," and he apologized for her behavior.

One day, I was in a local department store. I had a coupon, and I hadn't found anything I needed. She was the only person I knew in the store, so I asked her whether she would like to use my coupon. She screamed and said she would never take anything from me. The cashiers at the store were going to call security. I told them to just

ignore her. Honestly, I just look at her with sympathy and feel so sorry for her partner; he says he stays because of her grandkids. She is ridiculous, and the police have told us to make notes of anything and everything she says or does to us. I've never seen someone so filled with hate. Any suggestion on how to get "Crazy" to stop acting like a spoiled brat? — *Sick of It in Eastern New Mexico*

Dear Sick: This woman is a tornado, and you're crazier than she is if you think you can stop it. I truly admire your sympathy and desire to help her boyfriend, but if he elects to stay in the cyclone, there's not much you can do for him, either.

As for the lies she's spreading about you, anyone with a smidgen of common sense should be able to see that a person who posts long personal rants on Facebook isn't the most reliable source. She's only making herself look bad. Continue to keep your distance, and let her spin herself silly.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Frustrated in Maine,"

who hates it when servers ask whether he needs change. Are you kidding? Are the many who have responded to this topic — mostly using their delicate sensibilities as an excuse to tip less — kidding?

I have been a server for over 20 years. When I approach a table with cash neatly stacked on a check and ask, maintaining direct eye contact, "Do you need change here?" it is not a ploy for a greater tip. It is the fact that I haven't counted the money present before asking and, frankly, 20,000 steps into my night, would prefer not to take another 50 that are unnecessary. Please, people. We're not begging for a tip or scamming you. We are simply doing our jobs in the most cordial and unassuming way possible. Get over yourselves and the — God forbid — extra 2 percent you might leave.

By the way, where are all the other servers' responses to this? Please give us a voice. We've been hearing about it for weeks now, and you have voiced nothing from professionals, only "pet peeves" from patrons. Believe me, in an industry where I daily see the worst of selfish, egocentric human nature, they don't want to hear my pet peeves. — *Aghast in Arizona*

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everything does not have to be about accomplishing some goal. But if you're having trouble finding motivation, ask yourself to deliver a measurable result within a particular deadline. It will work wonders to get you going.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An attractive someone is on your mind. The effort you put into either forging this relationship or steering it in a new direction will pay off and make your life wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The projects that are on your schedule will be accomplished, while the projects that are in your mind will go unattended. The time and date stamp is what makes things happen.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a lot you'll do because it feels right. You don't need to know, with every little exchange, what's in it for you. But for some exchanges this is important. Otherwise, you won't be motivated to follow through.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're good company. Left to your own devices, you'll get on to some truly interesting pursuits and/or meaningful work. Anyway, it's better to be alone than to be with people you don't enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're concerned with making sure your time is spent doing something meaningful, don't worry so much about what you're doing. Meaning will be achieved by bringing a sacred quality of attention to any endeavor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Experts say that good relationships start with the one you develop with yourself — as if that's such an easy thing to get right. For many it's not.

If it's hard to change from the inside out, change from the outside in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A beautiful face isn't attractive to you unless there's also a fascinating brain behind it. You feel fortunate to know people who are as becoming as they are smart. Playing together will be the best part of the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before you can overcome your fear you must first be aware of what it is. Identify it and note its parameters. See how it's something that has attached itself to you, but it's not you. Peel it away.

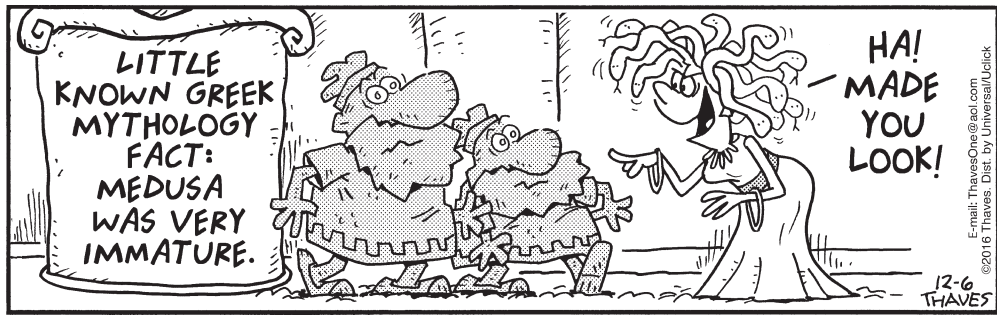
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't control what other people find interesting. Instead you'll learn more about it and use this knowledge to your advantage, fashioning your message to make it compelling to your audience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Blank spaces beg to be filled. Filled spaces, like full elevators, are repellant to newcomers. Take a deep breath and figure out what you need to give away in order to invite fresh energy.

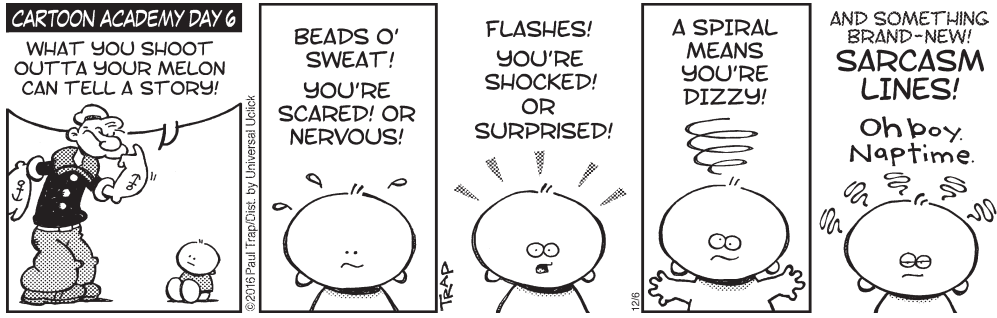
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Pop artist Andy Warhol once remarked that two people kissing always look like fish. Kissing that happens this week will lead you to a feeling of being caught.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 7). You've felt, at times, that you were at the mercy of the fates. But this year you can see how clearly your decisions create your successes in life. July and September are months of rapid personal growth and financial luck. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 2, 22 and 15.

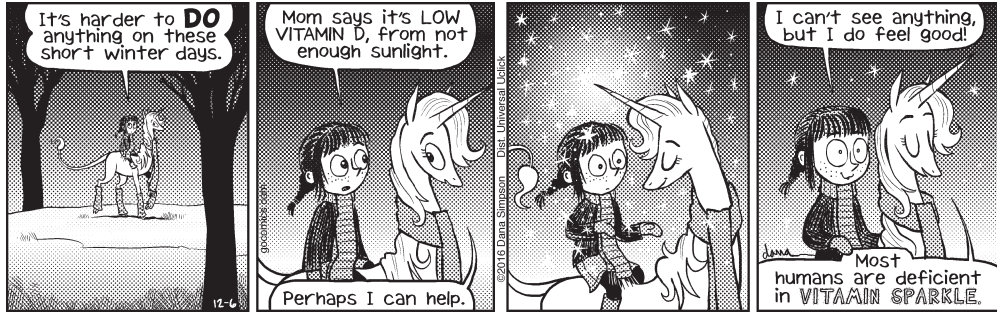
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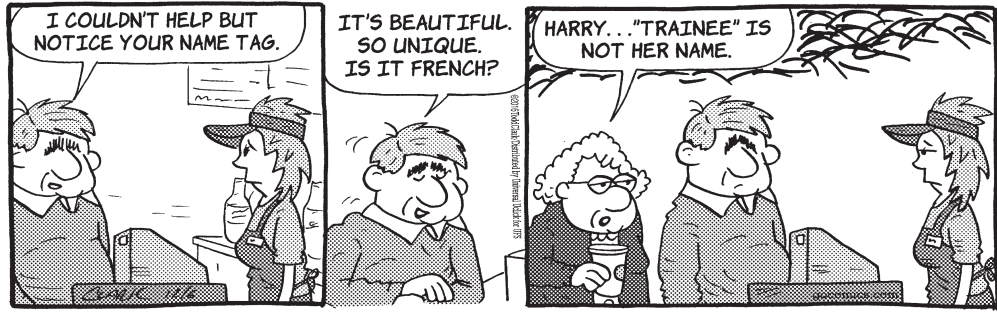
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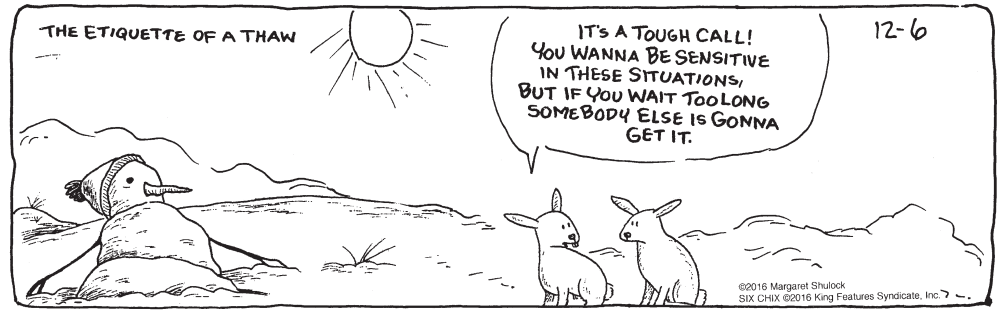
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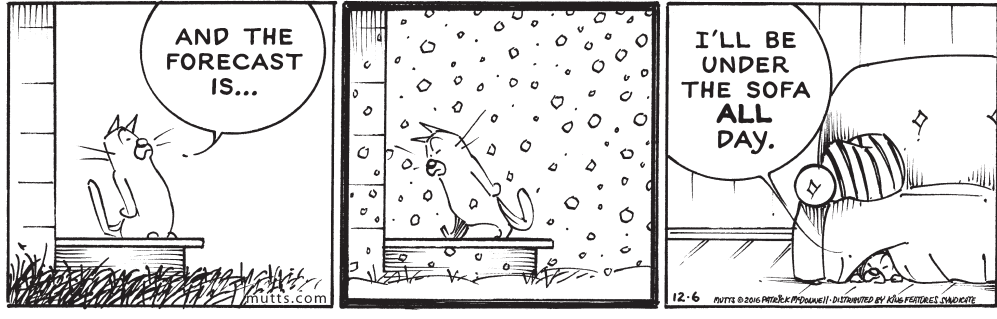
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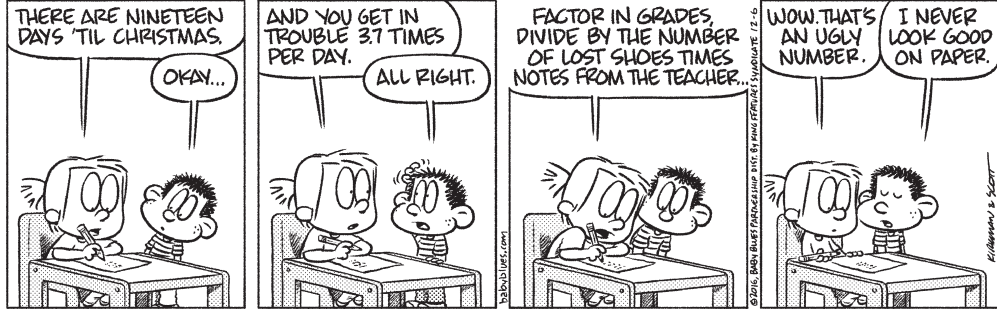
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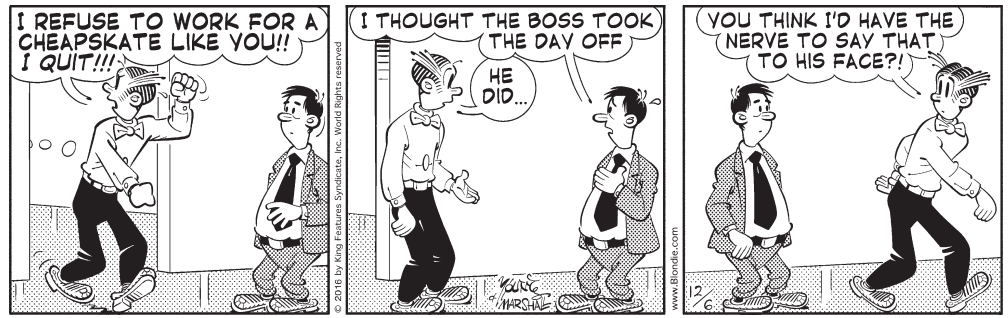
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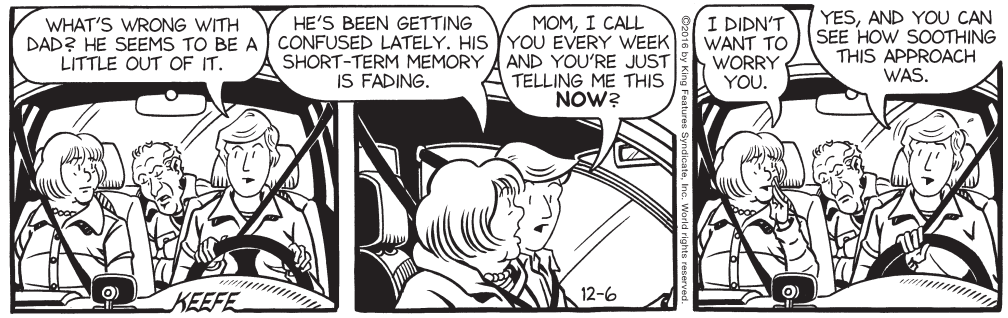
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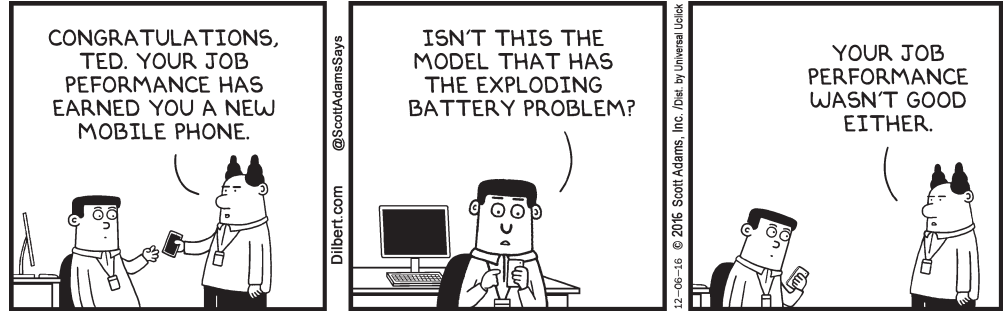
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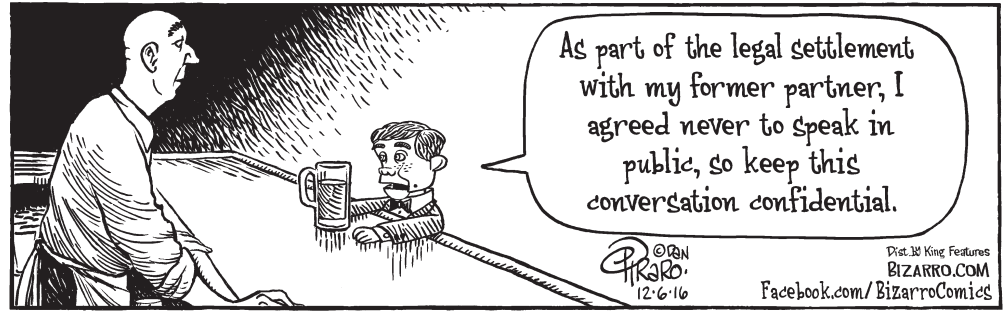
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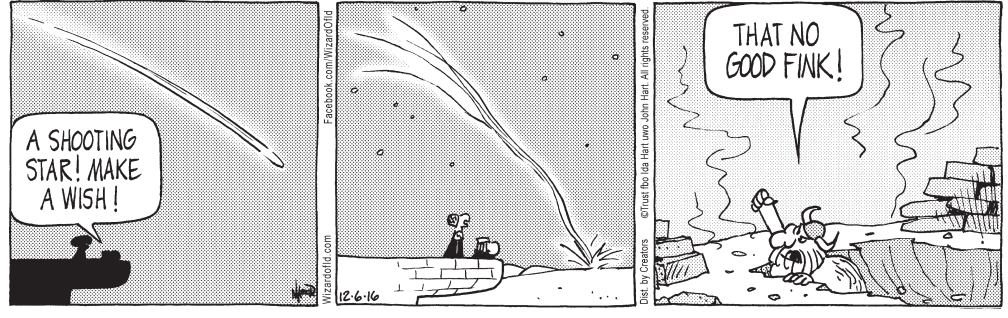
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