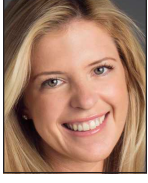


Upset by a shocking kiss

Dear Annie: My husband and I went out with another couple for New Year's Eve, "Bob" and "Sheryl." Bob is a long-time friend and has been seeing Sheryl for the past year. Here's the issue: After the clock struck midnight and everyone was sharing well-wishes and kisses and hugs, Sheryl decided to put her tongue down my husband's throat and plant an extensive kiss on him, all while Bob and I were right there! Granted, there definitely was alcohol involved, but I don't lose my faculties and forget whom I came with when I drink.

DEAR ANNIE



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I, in turn, stated that she had crossed the line, gathered our things and left. She attempted to say she was sorry upon our departure; however, I just couldn't stay the rest of the evening knowing she did this to our friendship. My husband had no idea what was happening and felt he didn't encourage this behavior. He had been seated by me the entire evening.

ken about it and things are just awkward when we run into them in public. I'm so sad that our friendship with Bob can be no more, because he remains with Sheryl. How should we move past this transgression? Or is it just avoidance from here on out? — *Betrayed in PA*

Dear Betrayed: Wait it out and let this situation resolve itself. Be polite when you run into Bob and Sheryl, and don't go around bad-mouthing her. I have a hunch that if Sheryl is kissing married men in front of Bob, by next New Year's Eve she'll be out of the picture.

Dear Annie: I think you left out options for "Safe Driver," the woman who said texting should be OK when stopped at a light and whose husband thinks it is never OK to text while in the driver's seat. She asked you to give your opinion. I have to say that although sitting at a light in a running car doesn't take a lot of attention and your advice seemed to be written by a law-

yer, I understood your picking the husband's side. What I don't understand is that apparently her husband is in the car when she does this. So aren't they in a partnership? Can't he look out for incoming disasters or for the light to change while she texts? And why can't he ever just text for her? It doesn't seem as if this needs to be a question of who's right. Rather, it's a question of how to help these folks get along and be safe. I do agree that pulling over is reasonable, but with these other alternatives, why bother? And if her husband isn't in the car, she is an adult and knows the legal risk she is running. — *Bea in Maine*

Dear Bea: Having Hubby do the texting on her behalf is a great, easy solution when he's in the car. When he's not, I still strongly advocate that "Safe Driver" not touch the phone. Yes, she is an adult and knows the legal risk she is running. But she's not just making a decision for herself. She's also making a decision that will affect the safety of everyone else on the road around her.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The nature of love cannot be defined in one way that suits every person. Due to its intangible and mysterious qualities, it is impossible to love accurately. Strive instead to love fully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love cannot be taught on a chalkboard or in a video series. Sure, one can pick up a few tips here and there, but the only true teacher is experience, as filtered through the heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not that you love but how you love that matters today. Your living example will kindle warmth and joy as well as inspire others to show love in action.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's easy to pour water from a pitcher to a jar. Filling a jar from an open fire hydrant is hard. Quantity and force come with containment challenges, just as your more passionate feelings do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your sincere curiosity and pure desire to focus on others has you utterly unselfconscious, thereby confident — and, it follows, completely irresistible (though oblivious to the fact).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you love someone, you want that person to have every good opportunity you've ever had and more. That's why you'll show affection by opening doors for another, literally and figuratively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may not be entirely sure what you're getting into, but there's no question that you're surely getting into it. As author and illustrator Lynda Barry observed, "Love is an exploding cigar we willingly smoke."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The heart's logic is multidimensional math, impossible to understand from but one plane of existence. It can't be checked with a calculator, but don't worry; if you feel that it adds up, it does.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Laughter is a form of love you revel in now. It signals agreement. It signals an understanding of another person's intelligence that goes deeper than usual. Your favorite people are the ones you laugh with.

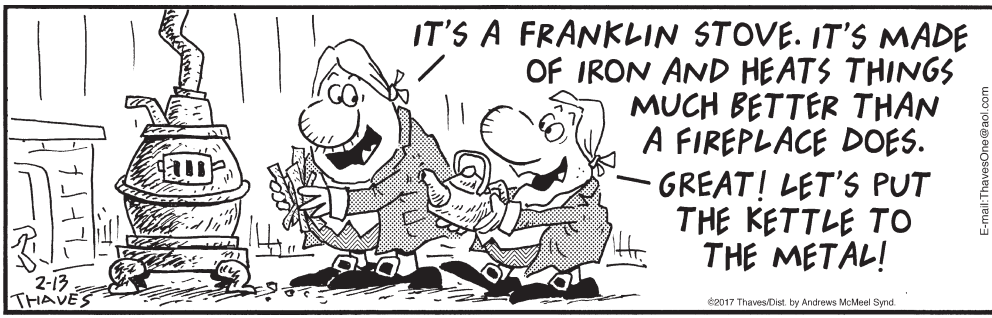
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Taking love slowly isn't just for the very young and the very old. It's also for those who care to soak in every detail, savor moments and weave a magical experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's much you could do independently (with great ease) that you will instead choose to do with another (with great challenge) because it's an interesting and fun bonding experience.

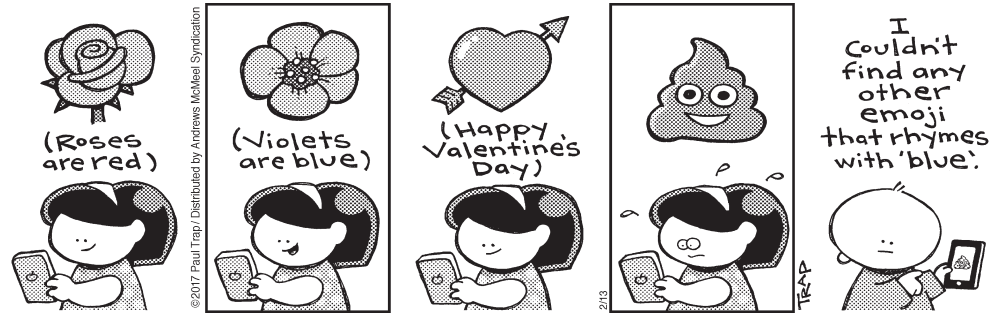
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). For you, love is not about perfect agreement, or even occasional agreement. The best relationships won't duplicate your qualities, opinions and skills so much as complement them.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 14). It takes a truly sophisticated intellect to hold opposing views in mind simultaneously: That's you. You've also a profound wisdom that prevents you from wasting time with meaninglessness. Fresh inspiration and love comes your way in March. Hard work and study will start to pay off in May, and the trend will continue. Pisces and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 24, 38 and 16.

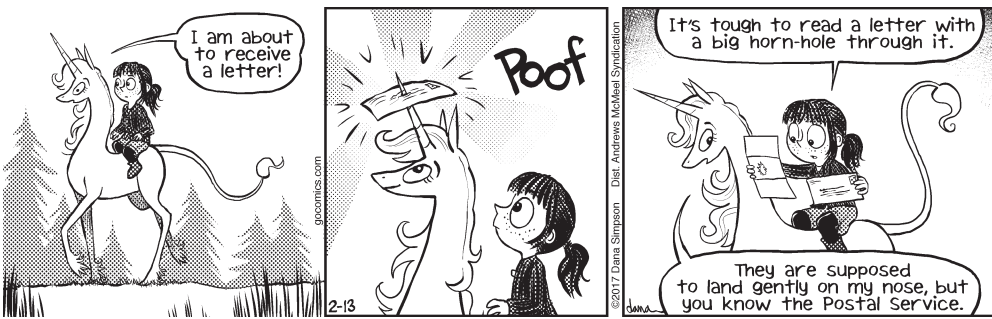
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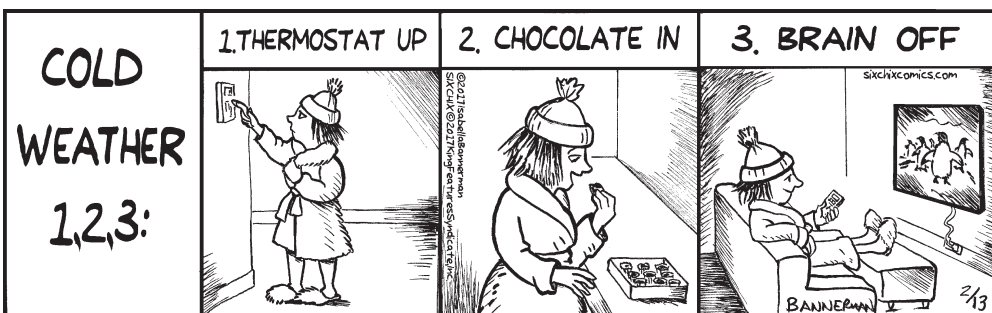
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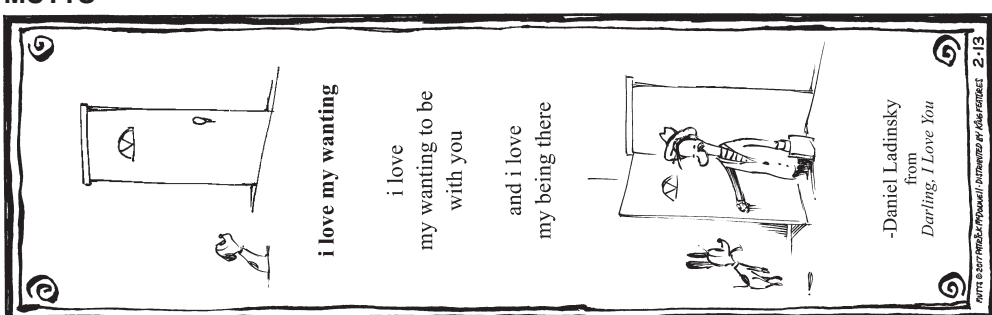
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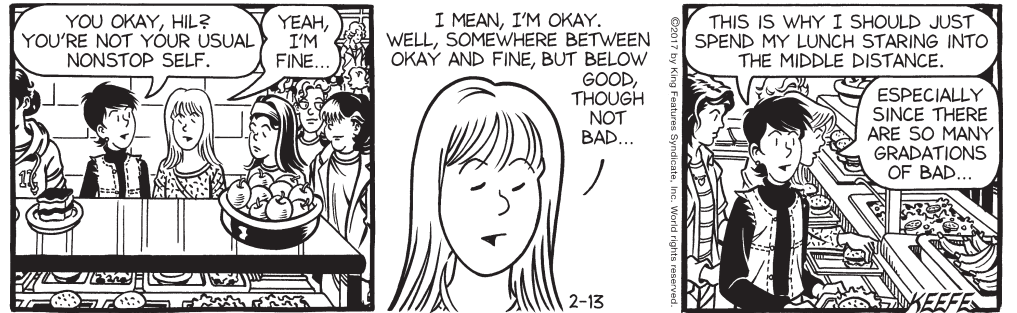
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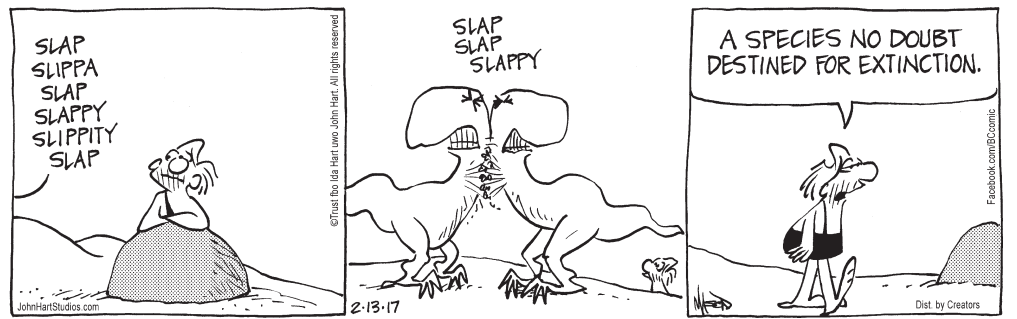
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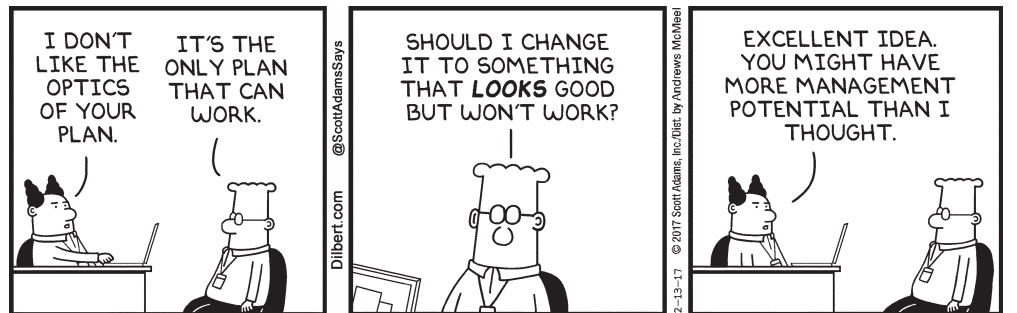
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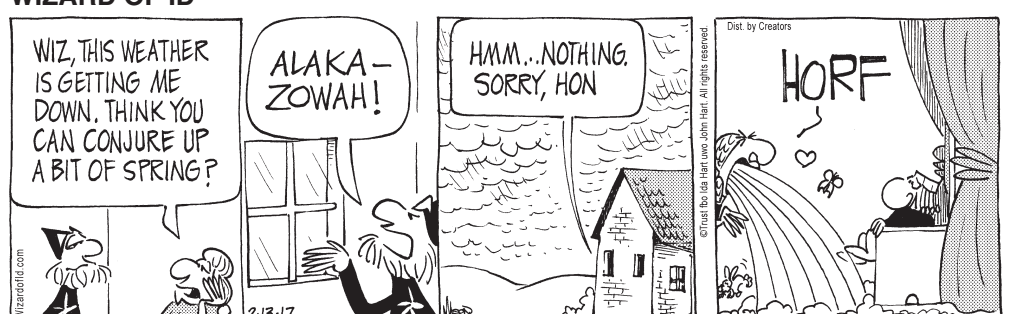
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