

# Schedule doesn't suit her

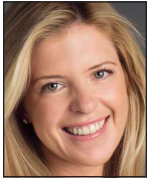
**Dear Annie:** I will very soon turn 68. I was with my ex-husband for 42 years before we divorced eight years ago. I dated several men in the first four years, but four years ago, I connected with a man I had dated in high school.

We spend three nights a week together and a little of the day after together. Very rarely do we vary from this schedule, which is his choice, not mine. Fortunately, we only live about 10 minutes apart, but I do all of the traveling, except when I had surgery recently; he came to my house those evenings for two weeks. We always have a great time together and laugh a lot. I love him very much, and I'm pretty sure that he has strong feelings for me, although he doesn't say it.

Here's where I need help. We've skirted the idea of living together several times. I would love to move in with him. This morning, I made the remark that if I sold my house and he would move with me, I'd move to a warmer location. He then said we

could never live together because we are so different. The only difference he gave was that I like people and he doesn't. He said that after having a family for 41 years, he enjoys being alone. When he's

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by himself, he says he's with "all of (his) friends." I'm sure he means his TV, cans of beer and packs of smokes.

I can't give him an ultimatum, because he would just laugh and dig his heels in, and I don't think I could follow through if I said, "We have to live together, or we're through." I don't really enjoy living by myself, although there are some good things about it. My daughter lives an hour from me and would love to have me move closer to her and her family. I'm going to put my house up for sale this year, and I was wanting to stay in my area as long as I am in a relationship, but after our conversation this morning, I'm beginning to think I should look to the future and move closer to my daughter. I don't want to give up on this man I love, but I can't see myself, in

five or 10 years, just spending a few hours a week with him. Feb. 12 marked our fourth anniversary; ironically, it's the same date we broke up on in 1964. — *In a Quandary in PA*

**Dear Quandary:** It sounds as if you have codependent tendencies and you're allowing a fear of being alone to drive your decision-making. Be honest with yourself. What do you really want out of a relationship, a few hours of comfort and familiarity each week or loving commitment from someone who wants to share a life with you? I think you want the latter but are afraid to ask for it. You shouldn't be.

Find the self-confidence to deliver that ultimatum — "Either we move in together or I'm going to have to move on" — and really mean it. If he's not willing to commit, then I think you really should move closer to your daughter. She will always be there for you, offering unconditional love. And you sound like a charming woman; I'm sure you'll meet another man in your new town, one who wants the same things out of life that you do, and you'll be so glad you didn't settle for second best.

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Contributing to the peace of the world will not require a grand gesture, just a little tolerance. Here's one sample recipe: 1. Leave well enough alone. 2. Don't fix what isn't broken. 3. Mind your own business.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll have to spend some money to go to the next level in a study, hobby or project. Is this really an expense, though, or is it a worthy investment in who you are?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's going to take an unrelentingly positive attitude to push through these early stages of a difficult project. Soon enough, you'll be able to quit manufacturing cheer, because you'll have enough actual positive reasons to continue.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You're innovative in your attempt to solve problems big and small. Right now, while you're busy doing it, there's someone out there saying it can't be done.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You can't take people at face value. The quiet ones might be concealing big emotion; the sweet ones can have a delightfully wicked edge; the funny ones get sad; the sad ones get funny. You wouldn't have it any other way.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** What you love will reward you for loving it. Try it and see. Also, be mindful of your loving style. Try to match it up with the preferences of your beloved over your own.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** As the world becomes increasingly litigious the contracts made in conversation seem less important to some. That's why people who keep their word are superstars of good character.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Those with beautiful superficiality may also have deep beauty. Give it whirl and find out. You'll sense the true depth of a person inside five minutes of conversation.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Today will bring a series of inspired blunders and, like a skilled detective (Clouseau or Colombo), your unassuming ways will allow for the solving of a mystery.

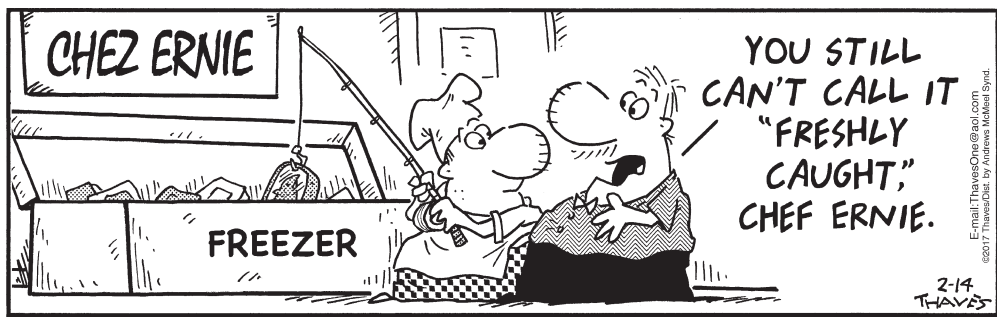
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You may know experts and gurus, but your own personal history is by far your greatest teacher. Future success will depend on today's review of what you did right, and what you could have done differently.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You decided upon a particular goal long ago but never could quite figure out how to fit the steps toward accomplishment into your life. That's because the timing wasn't as good as it is now. Try again.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You could change history just by saying yes. It follows that you can also change it by saying no. Today brings the rare black-and-white decision. Only say yes if you can say it emphatically.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 15).** You are the one who matters most to someone. Knowing that you have unconditional love and support gives you courage to do difficult things. You'll choose what you think is right, not what they pressure you to choose, and this sets off a chain of liberating choices. You'll love the development in April. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 38, 9, 11 and 40.

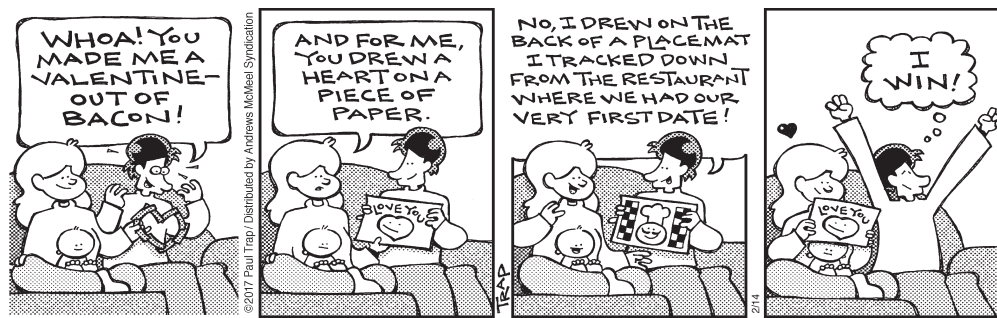
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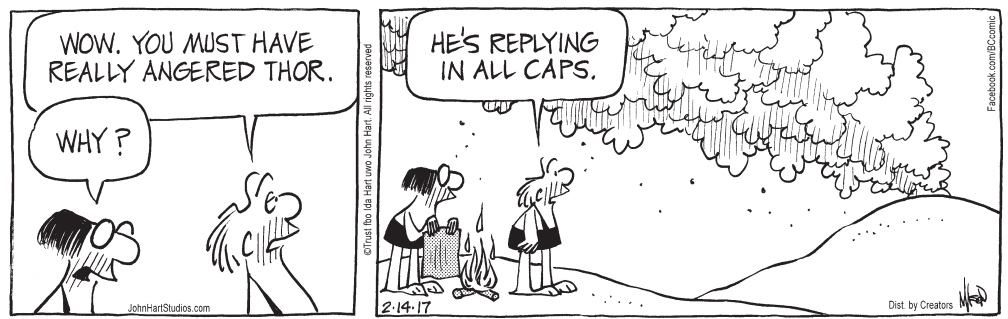
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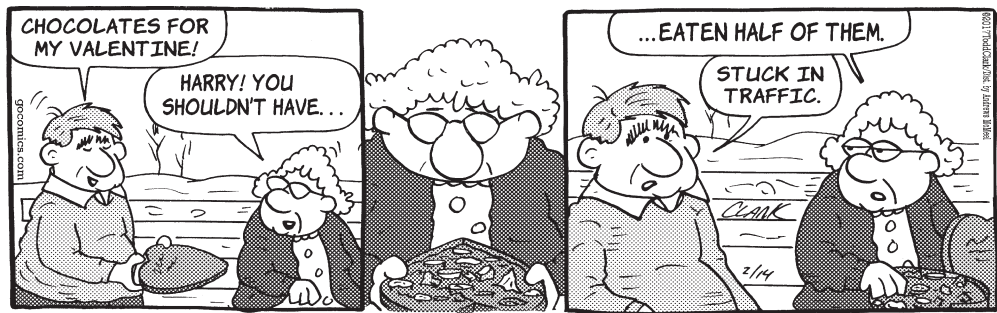
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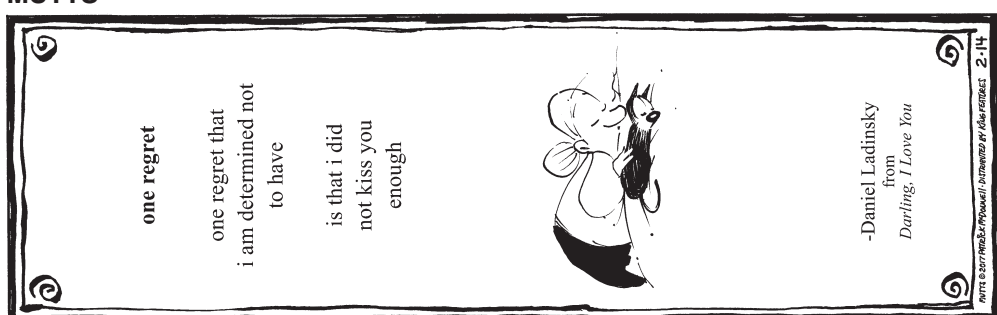
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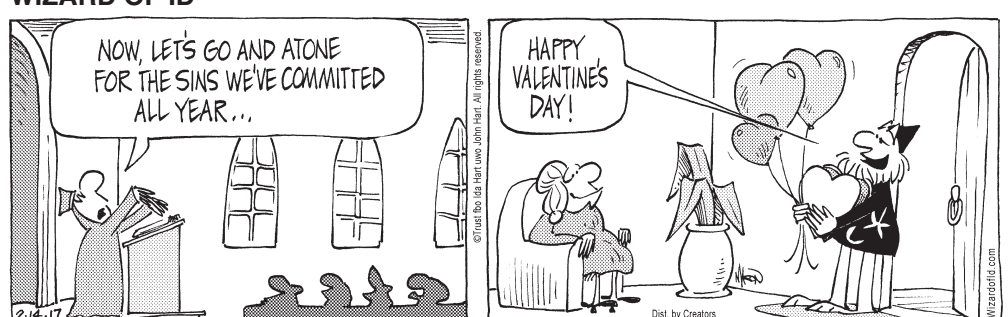
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