

That ain't good English

Dear Annie: I have been attending a local church for about a year, and although I am very shy, I have come to care a great deal about some of the people, especially my pastors. I have noticed that on the church's official website, there are quite a few typos and oddly structured sentences. I would love to offer a couple of hours of my time to fix up those mistakes to make the website look more professional.



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Do you think this offer would be considered offensive? If not, what would be the best approach for me to take? — *Wanting to Help*

Dear Wanting to Help: You're not just a congregation; you're a community. And your desire to contribute to the community is admirable. Approach the pastor with whom you're closest and let him or her know that you would be happy to donate your editing services to the church's website. I imagine that the pastor will welcome the offer, as the more polished the website is the brighter it will allow the ministry to shine.

Dear Annie: I believe that my mother has obsessive-compulsive personality disorder. She shows

every sign and symptom of the disorder. I have tried telling her this several times. Like most people with OCPD, she fails to acknowledge that she has it. She wants absolute control over everything under our roof, including me. That has put real strain on our relationship. Seeing as she has failed to listen to me every other time I have mentioned it, do you think giving her a book on OCPD as a birthday present would be too drastic? — *Not Being Heard*

Dear Not Being Heard: Communication is a two-way street, and it sounds as if you've got closures in both lanes. As much as you feel that your mom is not hearing you, she probably feels equally that you're not hearing her. If you gave her the book at this point, it would only make her more defensive and less willing to listen. She might be likelier to accept a diagnosis from a licensed therapist, so you can encourage her toward seeing one. But at the end of the day, she's her own person. You should no more try to control her than she should try to control you. Establish boundaries, and if circumstances permit, consider getting your own place.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). New ventures always come with a beat or two of bedlam. The confusion and chaos only add to the fun! So take a breath and head in, expecting that it won't be perfect but it will be an experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Obstacles are necessary. Otherwise, there's no game. Catapult over them and you'll build up your strength. Push against them and you'll build stamina. Rub them out and you'll wind up polishing your work to the brilliance of a jewel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those who reach adulthood unwounded; they are the exception, not the rule. Time usually makes its marks. You'll connect with someone over the scars (either inside or outside) that show what you've survived.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Avoid people and situations that test your knowledge. It's better to gravitate toward those who like how you think instead. To know is to ward your mind to learning. So don't know. Stay curious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's risky to talk to strangers, but you're fearless today, so you'll reach out and expand your circle with an introduction or two. You're a magnet for interesting people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You embrace life's lopsided nature. You'll be intrigued by people, ideas and places that seem a little off. Also, you crave novelty these days, so if it doesn't look like anything you've experienced, you'll want to sign up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Magicians know that children can often figure out tricks that adults don't. Why? They make fewer assumptions. They're more open to randomness. They notice more details. Today you'll be like a

child whom no one can trick.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). We operate on what we've seen to be true. But sometimes what we've seen is only part of the truth or is actually more of an anomaly. Leave room for doubt. Being wrong happens. Defending wrong — now that's just wrong!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Go mingle in a new place. At the very least, you'll have a fresh experience and story to report. But you're even likelier to find love, friendship, adventure, work or all of the above.

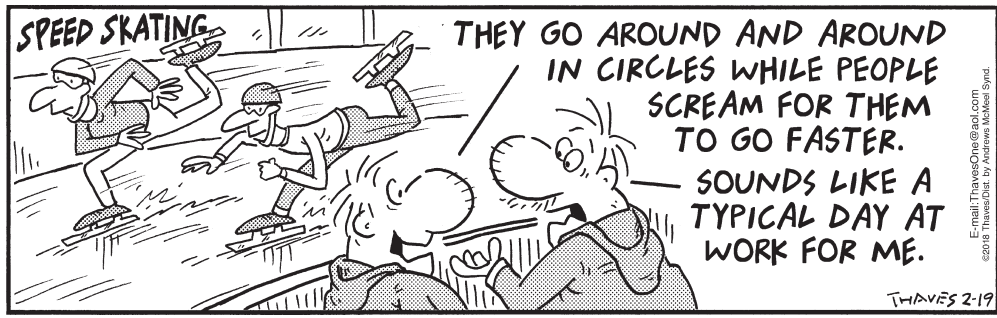
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Anyone can give others the benefit of the doubt, but you'll take it into radically generous territory, giving total trust without hesitation. If they have ill intent, they'll go elsewhere; your kindness takes the fun out of the swindle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your attention actually makes the other person fascinating. The person was interesting to begin with, but his or her story becomes great because of your unique brand of curiosity.

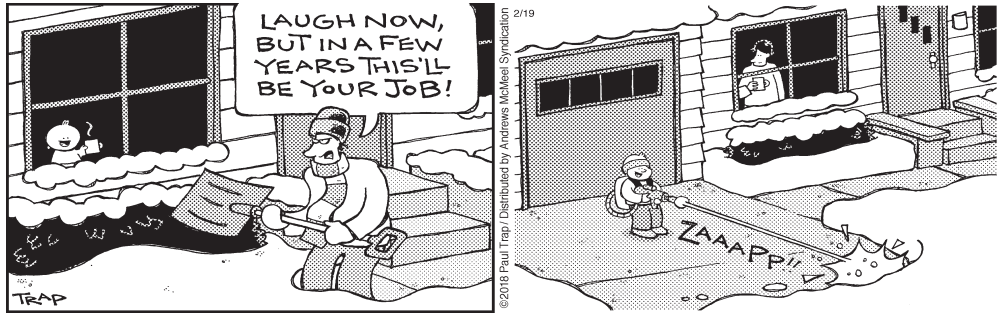
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You dislike social situations in which you're expected to network, schmooze and sell. You see life as a creative process, not as a series of trophies. Don't worry; many will find your approach appealing. Show up and just be you.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 20). The objective still seems far off, and you're not even sure how you're going to get there, but that's all part of what makes this year so magical. You sweat and toil for some successes, and others happen by sheer miracle. With a ripple of kindness and effectiveness, you'll make a difference in the lives of many. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 44, 19 and 3.

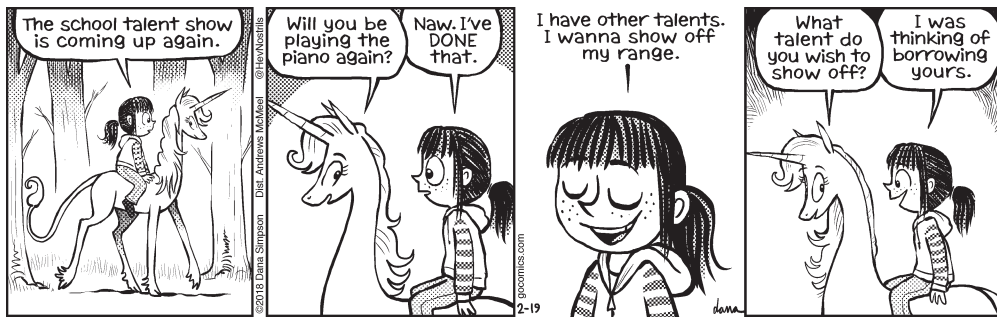
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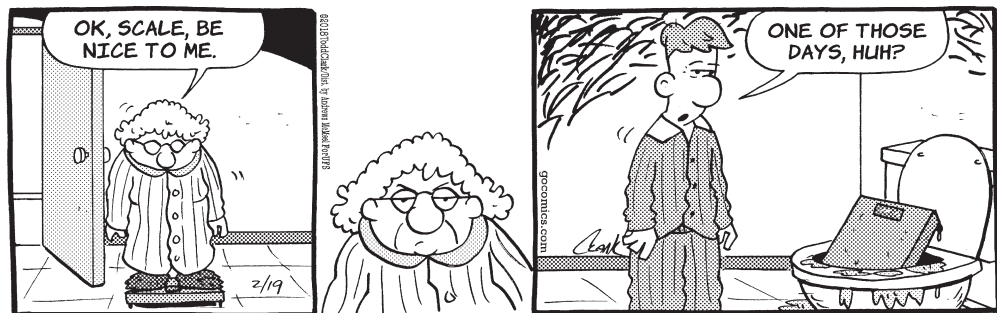
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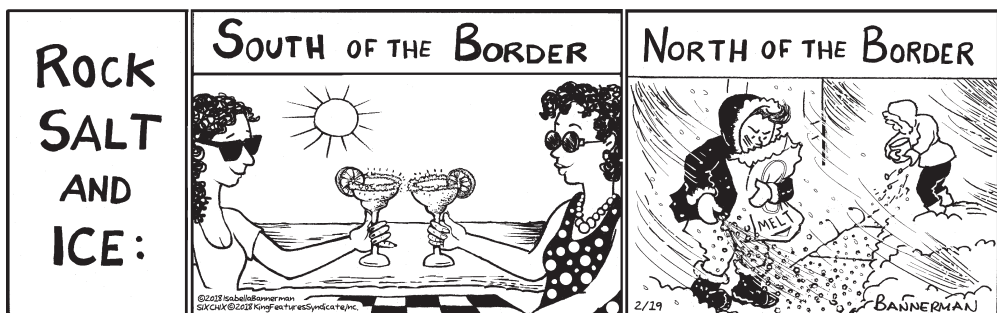
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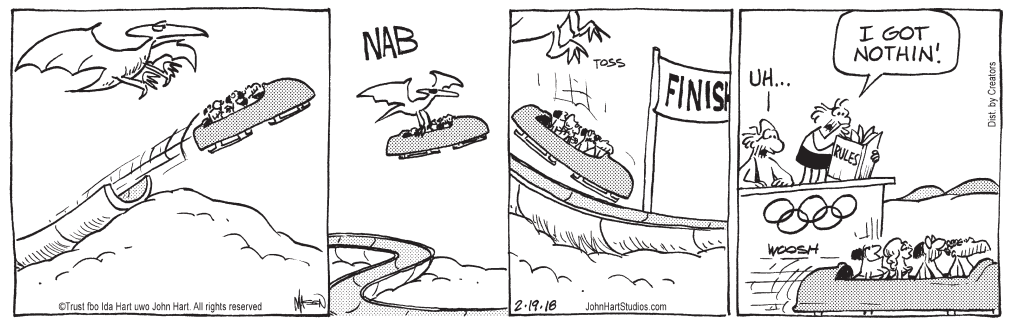
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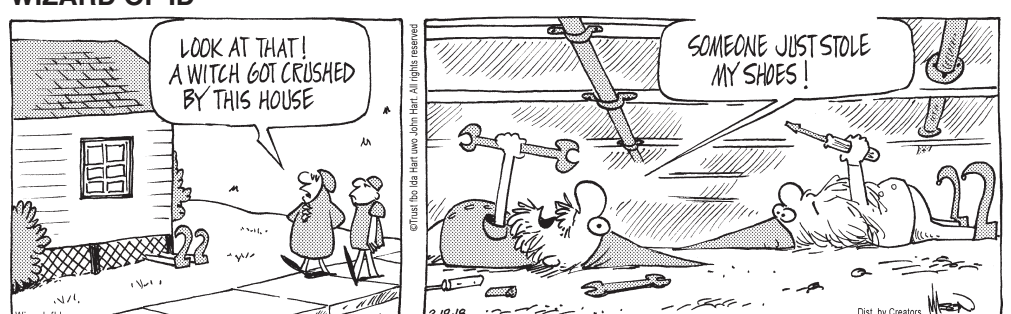
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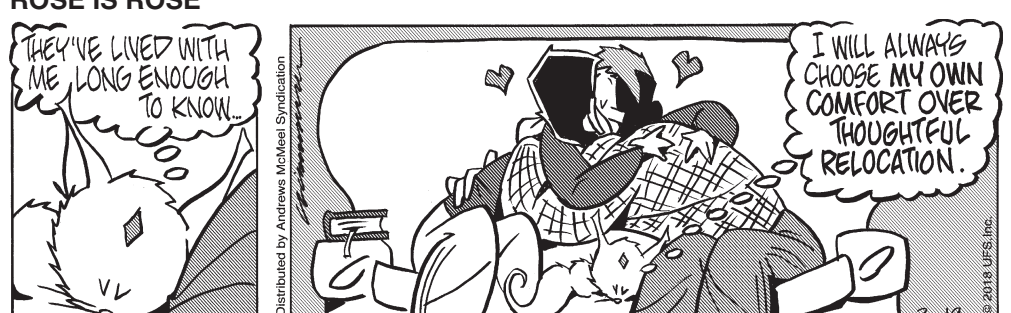
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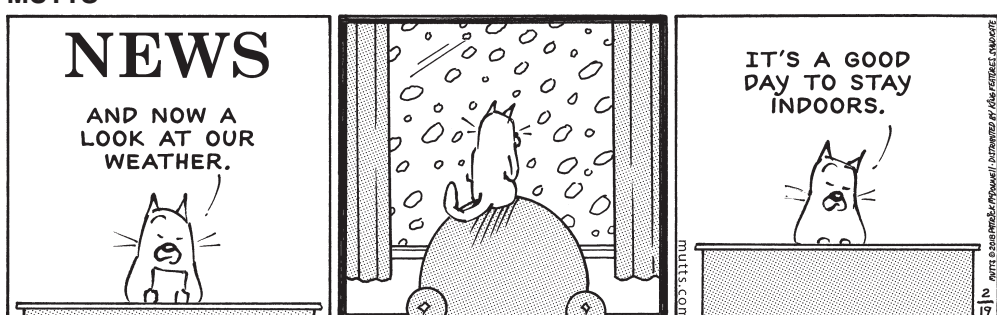
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