

Super loud lovemaking

Dear Annie: The couple who live in the apartment next to mine are, well, noisy. Today I could hear them being intimate several times — loudly. I've heard other people in the building giggling about it, too. I don't want to get management involved if I don't have to, but this is a little ridiculous. Would it be reasonable to slip a note under the loud neighbors' door, nicely asking them to be considerate of the other people in the building? If so, what sort of language should I use? I don't want to be rude or overstep, but they are so loud. The guy sounds as if he's in pain, to be honest. They must know that other people can hear them! — *Noisy Neighbors*

DEAR ANNIE



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this issue. Apparently, there are a lot of people who don't realize others can hear them or just don't care. Let's give your amorous neighbors the benefit of the doubt and assume it's the former.

Though I'm usually all for face-to-face discussions to work things out, in this case, anonymity is kinder for all parties involved and will spare you all the embarrassment when you bump into each other in the laundry room. So a polite, anonymous under-the-door note, as you proposed, is the right approach. Let them know the walls are very thin and you'd appreciate it if they could try keeping things down. If they don't turn down the volume after that, then you can hand this unpleasant situation over to building management.

Dear Annie: I live with two other women.

I'm the one who handles utility bills; they're in my name. Every other month, when they come due, I text my roommates to let them know how much we all owe. They send me the money via an app. Without fail, one roommate, "Tracy," always rounds down to the nearest dollar when sending me money. So if it's \$82.64, for example, she just sends \$82. Sure, it's only 64 cents, but it's the principle of the thing. Shouldn't she be sending me the full amount? Should I speak up or just deal? — *Shortchanged*

Dear Shortchanged: Your roommate should be paying you the exact amount, especially because of how easy it is to do so on an app, but it's a few nickels and dimes — hardly worth your peace of mind. If she's a good roommate in all other respects, try to let it go. Consider that 50 cents or so your monthly donation to the Being a Bigger Person Fund.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It may seem as though you're not so much for a cause as you are against the opposition to that cause. Whatever you can do to keep the balance will be a fortunate move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's been said that 80 percent of success is just showing up. But what the saying leaves out is: When the showing up happens 100 percent of the time, the rewards of success grow exponentially.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're on Earth; your friend is on Jupiter. Standing on Earth is possible, whereas, for a carbon-based creature with mass, standing on Jupiter is not. What reality can you bring to the situation to enable you to stand together a while?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You enjoy what you can do very well, and you can do very well what you enjoy. This cycle just keeps turning throughout your day, which will be most auspiciously focused.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't realize it, but if you stop and think about it — really tally up the evidence — you'll learn that you've been needlessly selling yourself short. You're enough just as you are. Take this statement with you into the new year.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll build on your accomplishments in the new year, even though, right now, you may be forgetting what they are. That's why you should list them and look at the list often — a private ritual to boost your confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you have the energy but not the time, rearrangement and reordering will help you. If you have the time but not the energy, rest and recuperation will help you. Both time and energy?

Count yourself among the fortunate!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're working on a victory. Maybe it started out as a victory for you, or for your group, but it's grown into something much bigger. If you succeed, then it will be a victory for humanity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Get on track and stay there. Know what brings you joy and head into that area with the full fire of your spirit. Don't even bother with the rest today. Kick this year off to a memorable start.

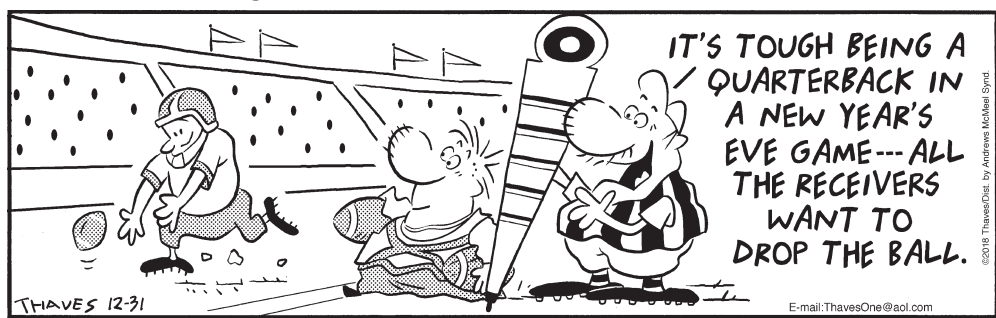
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your senses allow you to perceive this beautiful world, and you'll find they are heightened by first-time experiences. It will be very lucky to put yourself in a brand-new situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A collection of interesting tidbits does not a story make. But you can, and will, turn it into one. You'll be your own publicist, arranging the facts in such a way as to build interest in all you have to offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Push into the new year with boldness and optimism, focusing on what you want and leaving no room for what you don't want, which will fall quite naturally and easily away.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 1). The symbolic ritual of making a birthday wish will launch you into your next incarnation with a solid sense of purpose. You're willing to do what it takes to make this wish happen, and you'll be flanked by loyal partners. Also this solar journey: an excellent financial opportunity, domestic beautification and winning teams. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 38, 32, 1 and 50.

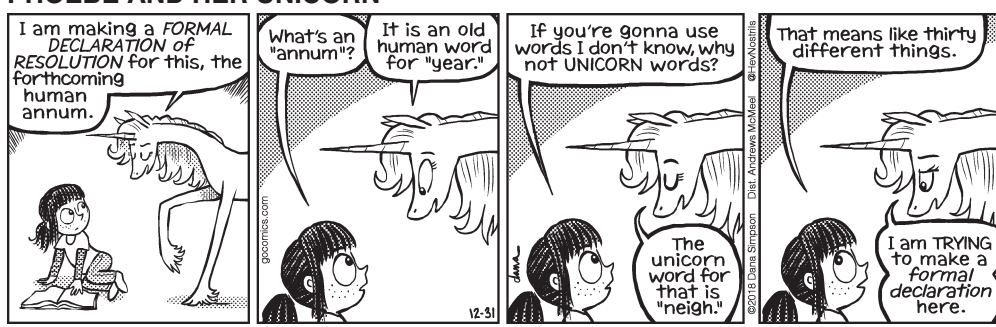
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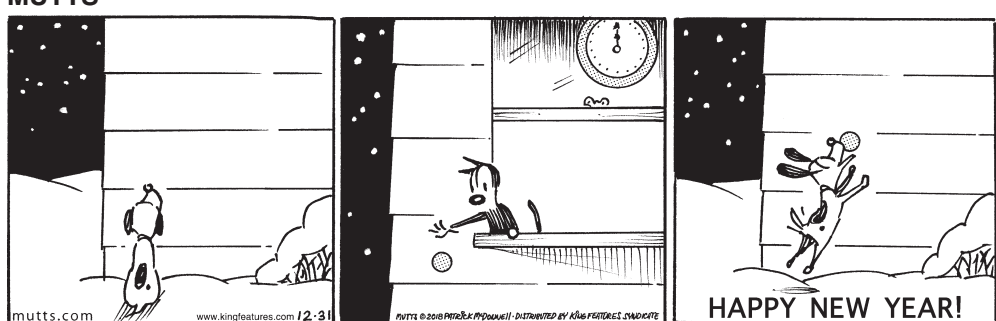
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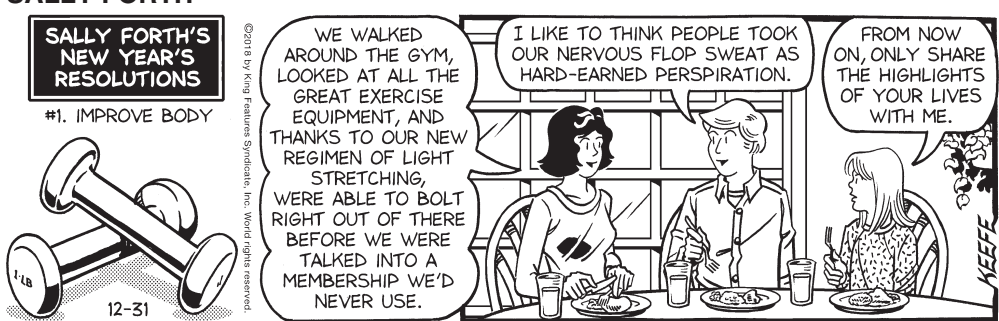
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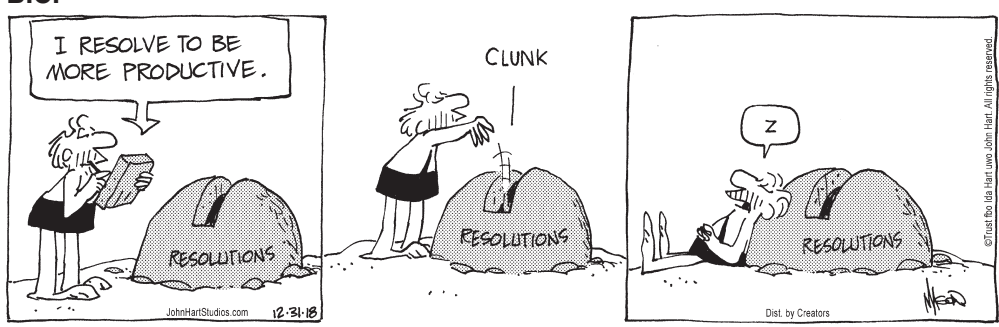
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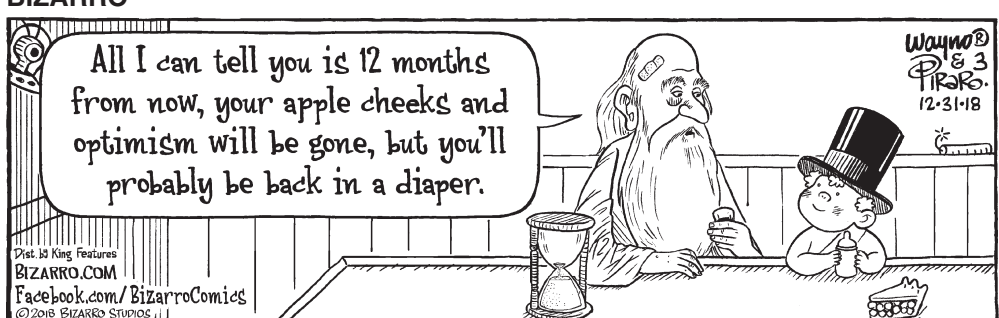
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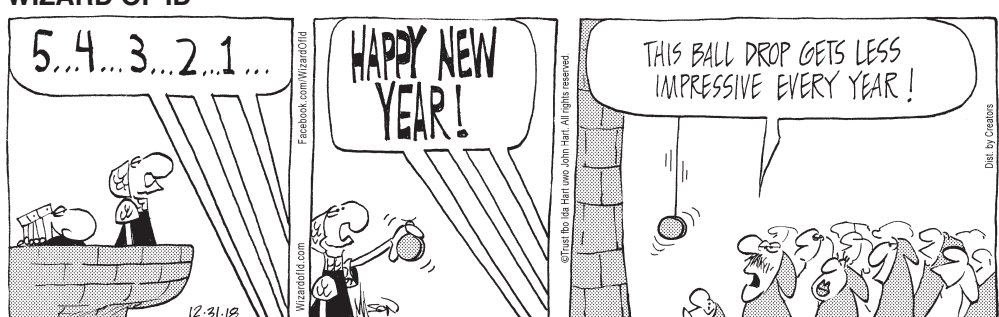
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