

On tipping and driving drunk

Dear Annie: I saw the advice about tipping a hairdresser and the shampoo person. Thank you! What if your hairdresser also owns the salon? Does one tip the owner/stylist the same amount, 20 percent? — *Salon-goer in North Carolina*

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Dear Salon-goer: After the column about what to tip hairdressers, several people posed this question, and it's a good one. Previously, the wisdom held that you shouldn't tip salon owners, because salon owners would often charge premium amounts for their services. However, that's been changing. More and more, salon owners are charging the same rates as other stylists at their salons. With that change, it's become more standard to tip salon owners. When in doubt, tip if the person did a good job. Not only is it a kind thing to do; salons will remember that you're a generous customer and may be likelier to make accommodations for you when possible.

Dear Annie: I am writing this letter in behalf of the 10,874 people killed by drunken drivers last year. Your answer to "Trying to Do the Right Thing" reflects a common attitude toward alcoholism that confuses moral obligation and Alcoholics Anonymous theory.

Most people now accept that alcoholism is a disease, but that fact does not keep alcoholics from killing others when they drive. Though it is true that a spouse cannot usually threaten an alcoholic into certain behaviors, it is not true that a spouse has no responsibility. If a woman found out that her husband had a gun in his car and he was going to use it, would you advise her to turn her back and go to a meeting? No, because you would acknowledge that one has an obligation to the rest of society to interfere in behavior that endangers people's lives.

Every time a drunk person

walks out to the parking lot and drives away, all the people around the person chose to sacrifice someone else's family for their own comfort or because of a false sense that they couldn't have done anything. Each person has a responsibility to help protect innocent lives! Just because you have no control over the drinking does not mean you are helpless.

—Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth: Thank you so much for this important letter. In my response to "Trying to Do the Right Thing," I focused on the impact of her husband's drinking on her marriage, not on the fact that her husband is drinking and driving and endangering lives. Though I don't think we should seek to lay blame at the feet of family members and friends (that belongs squarely with the person who chooses to drink and drive), being powerless to control another's drinking does not mean being powerless to pick up the phone and call 911 if you know that a person is getting behind the wheel of a car while intoxicated.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Strategy will be required. Tending to all the little things that come up could distract you from what you really need to do. Step back and choose the tactics that line up to support your larger goal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People who talk a lot don't necessarily communicate a lot. But you know the difference between talking and saying something, and will find people with a similar style. Together you'll get things done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No one said human dynamics were logical. It is possible to admire someone you don't agree with, love someone you don't like and be attracted to someone who's totally not your type. It's complicated!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Common courtesies are often not as "common" as you might think. You'll find people to be either unaware of their infringement of the social rules, or going by a completely different set.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It may feel as though you and a certain gatekeeper are adversaries. You're not. You're two people addressing individual needs that may or may not coincide. You have to discuss it to find out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even if there's more pressure than usual, and a few other things going against you like, say, the weather or a lack of funds, it will still be a good day. In fact, these are just the sorts of obstacles that allow you to shine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'd rather be the bright spot in someone's day than the reason for their stress. Unfortunately, not everyone feels this way. Some people enjoy causing others stress. Avoid them!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It doesn't matter if the

group is large or small, diverse or unified, you know who you are and it is right to be exactly that person and no one else. You'll aim for the best version, of course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like water in a glass, everything in your life is moving toward a natural equilibrium. So you don't have to worry about the extremes, or even consciously moderating yourself. Relax. All will settle in.

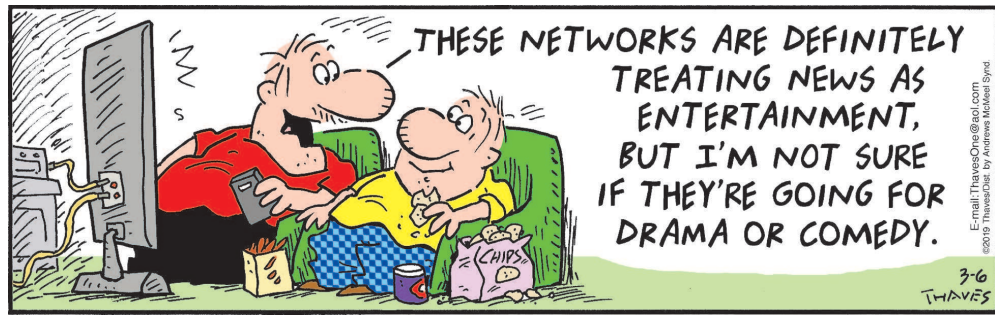
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In case you need another reason to be kind, nurturing and supportive of yourself, consider that when you're not good to yourself, everyone around you gets a lesser version of you, if they get you at all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though plenty of people in the world work harder and struggle more than you have to right now, the only struggle you can feel is your own. Take it seriously, but take your ability to rise above it even more seriously.

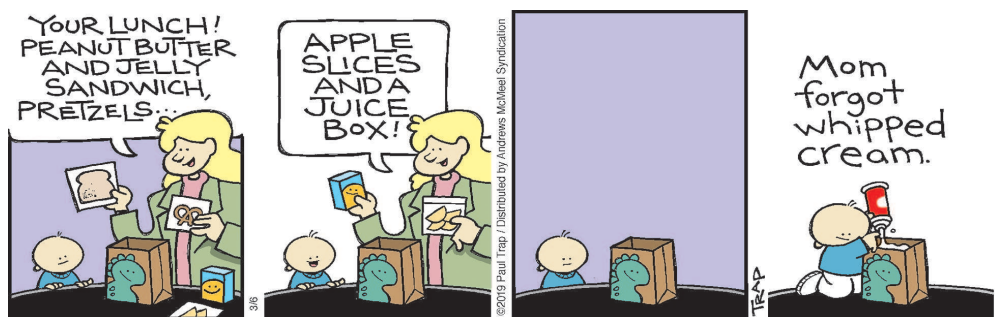
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're so accustomed to doing that not doing may be much harder for you. However, inaction is a key part of your success cycle. Growth will happen in a state of rest. Pause and let success catch up with you.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). You will accomplish amazing feats in the following manner: An enthusiastic start followed by boredom and an urge to stop, followed by a conscious decision to muscle through. Tenacious, you'll find the next level — accomplishment, fortitude, character development, power, mastery and rich reward. Kudos! Aquarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 39, 2, 35 and 17.

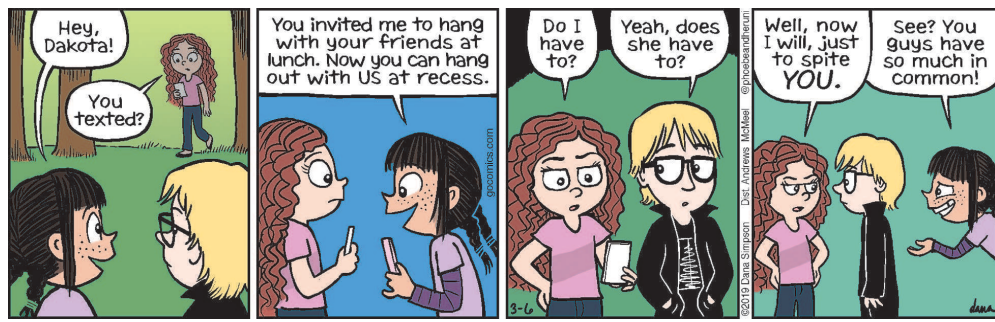
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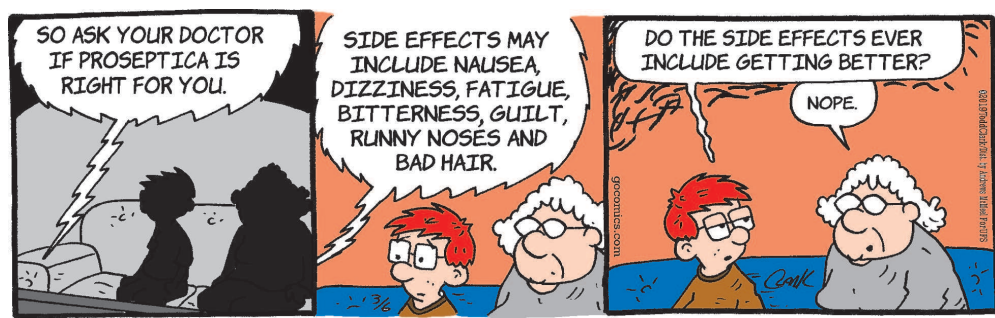
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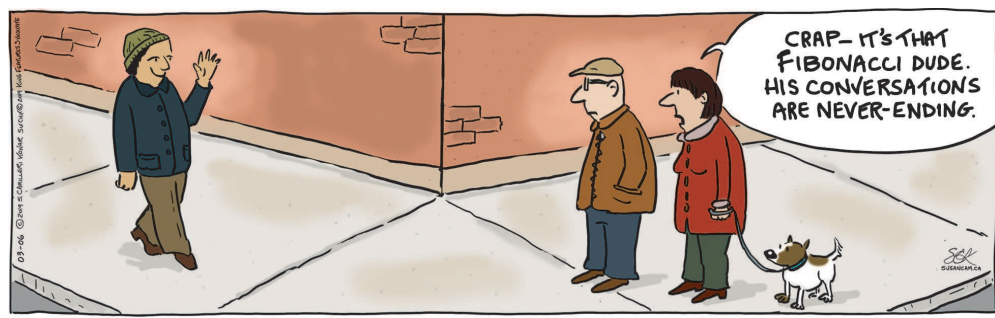
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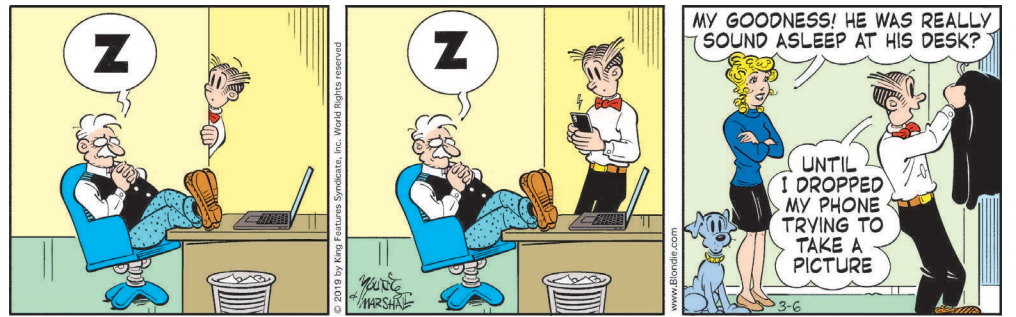
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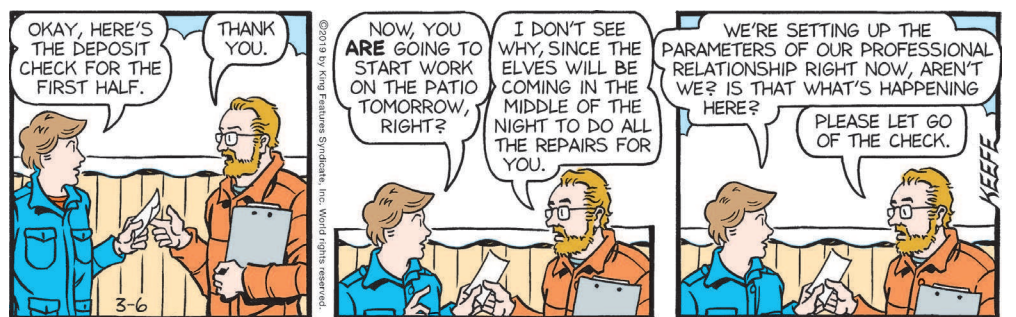
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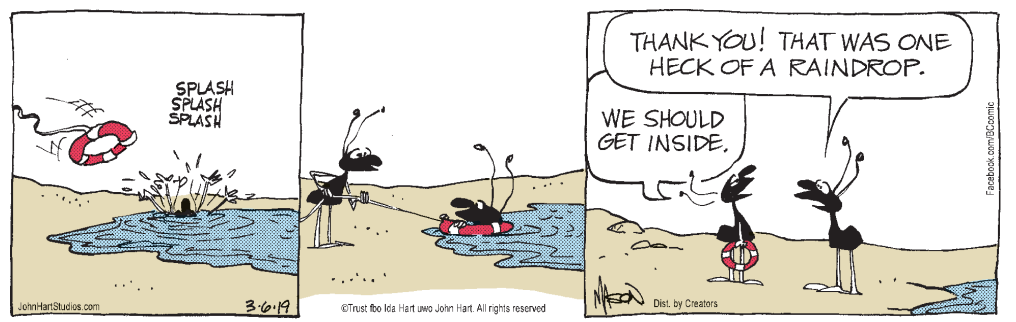
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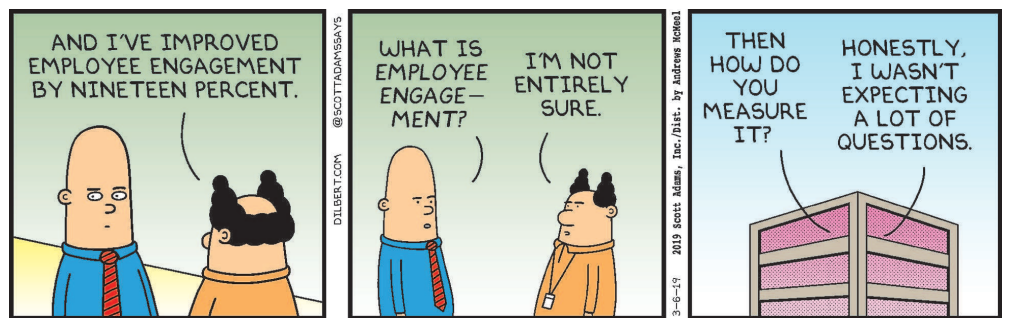
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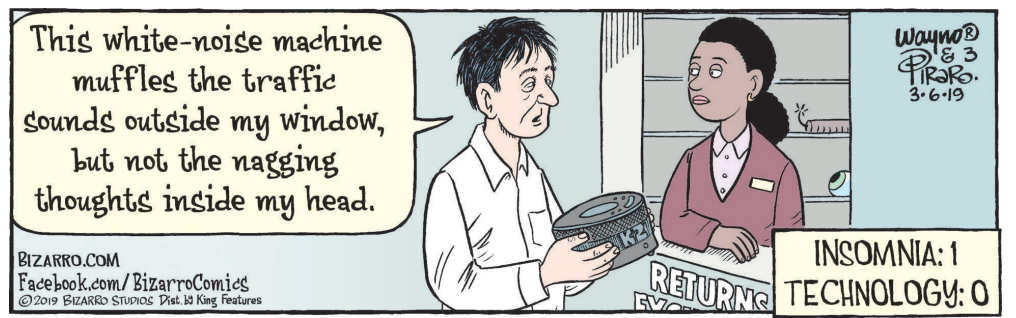
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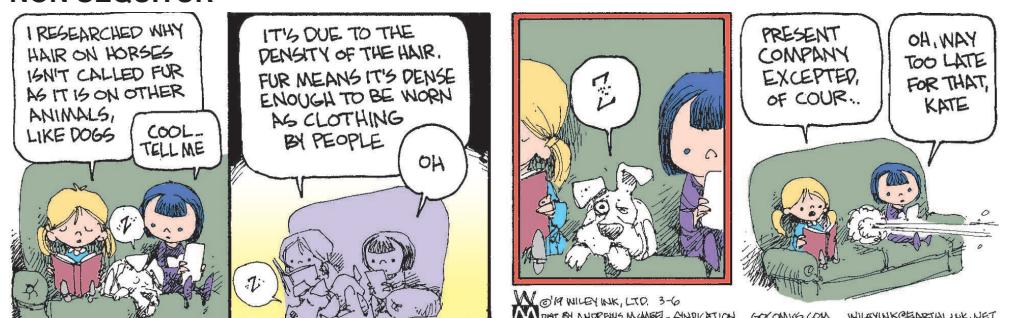
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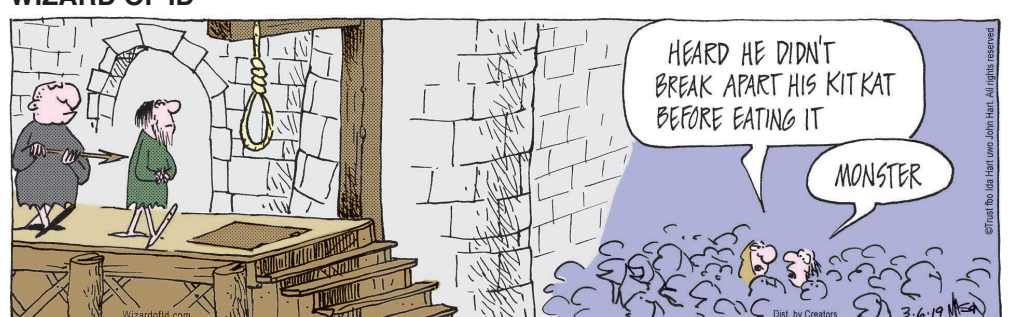
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