

# Bridesmaids didn't bring gifts

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: My daughter recently married for the first time. Her attendants were her three best friends. Their friendship goes back 20 years, and they still regularly get together for a girls' night out.

My daughter attended all of their weddings. For each, she hosted a bridal luncheon. At her rehearsal dinner, my daughter presented them with necklaces and earrings, and her groom gave the groomsmen specially ordered gifts.

Can you imagine my shock to find out that none of these best friends gave the couple a wedding gift? Only the best man and one groomsman (the bride's brother) came with gifts. There was nothing from the remaining groomsmen, who brought a date. This man has known my daughter since childhood.

One of these friends recently made the comment that she has a year to give a gift. The same comment was made by the mother of the groom, who also showed up empty-handed.

What is wrong with these people? My daughter said it's no big deal, but I know she is hurt. I cannot imagine attending any wedding without giving a gift to the bridal couple. Even a token present would

## Annie's Mailbox

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have been nice. Please give these thoughtless people an etiquette lesson. — *Appalled Mother of the Bride*

Dear Appalled: Take a deep breath. We understand your frustration, but you are making unfair assumptions. It is not written in stone that gifts be brought to the wedding, although it is preferable to send one within three months. (Thank-you notes need to be written as soon as a gift is opened.) We also believe it is best if guests send their gift to the house, rather than bringing it to the wedding where it could be taken or lost or the card separated from the package.

Please don't assume these people are ignoring an obligation to give your daughter and her new husband a wedding present. They deserve the benefit of the doubt, at least for a while longer. And under no

circumstances should you be riling up your daughter about her guests' generosity or lack thereof. These are her gifts and her guests, and she gets to handle the situation however she chooses.

Dear Annie: I met someone with whom I would like to be friends. However, she has a repulsive habit. She constantly sticks her thumb in her nose. How do I tell her to stop without being offensive? I otherwise enjoy her company a great deal. — *HFAR*

Dear HFAR: Your friend probably has no idea she is doing this and would be appalled to know that others are bothered by it. She most likely has some type of irritation that makes her reach to her nose frequently, and it may have become a habit.

The next time she puts her thumb there, and every time thereafter, you can ask very nicely whether she needs a tissue. If she says it itches (or anything similar), you can suggest she talk to her doctor or an ENT because you've noticed that it obviously bothers her frequently and could indicate something more serious. Don't be snarky about it. Be sincerely concerned. At the very least, she will be more aware of what she is doing with her thumb.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You honor timelines and commitments, and that's why you're such an integral part of your team. Without you, the goods wouldn't be delivered in as timely a fashion.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Sometimes sighing is an expression of letting go, and other times sighing is an indicator of psychic pain and longing. Right now, your sigh is one of relief. You did the work. Now rest.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You can take appropriate feedback, but you're not sure the criticism coming at you today fits that description. It certainly doesn't feel appropriate, and it's not coming from anyone who knows and has been there.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Regarding a certain female in your life: You have long forgotten the root of your anger. If that doesn't qualify for a good reason to let it go, what does?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll reach your destination as long as you have a specific point to aim for and a crew to help you get there. Today is for making strategic partnerships.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Listening intently is one of the greatest gifts you can give. You'll find it easy to do because you are so genuinely fascinated with the person who comes into your realm today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Is it easier for you to forgive an enemy or a friend? This is the question you'll face now, because you realize that to move forward, you're going to have to forgive someone.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll be teaching others, and you have a knack

for imparting your knowledge effectively. The trick is to make it as simple as possible but not any simpler than that.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** When you know you're right, you stay your course regardless of the danger, though you prefer to avoid peril when possible. When you're not sure, don't feel pressured to make a decision. Learn all that you can.

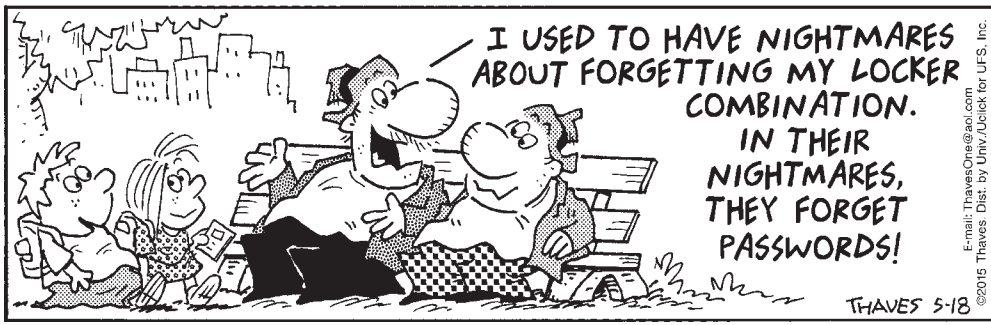
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Intentional or not, when people interrupt or break eye contact, it doesn't feel good to the other person. Knowing this, you give others a quality of attention that's stellar.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Some talk and others do. The person who can deliver on both the conversational and practical levels will be hard to find now, so decide what's most important to you.

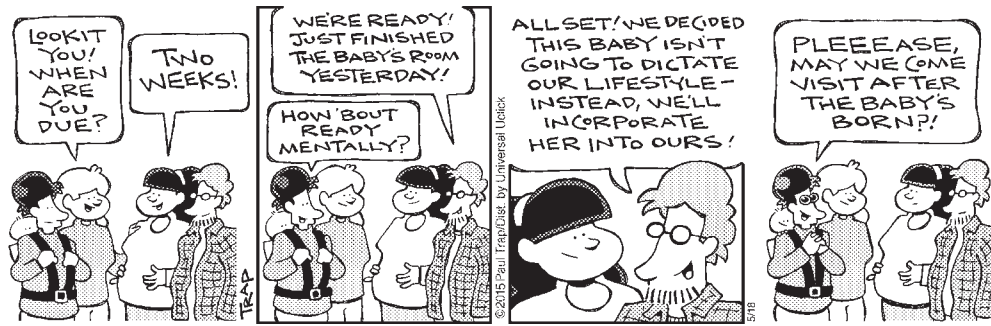
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Keep an open mind, because if you stay somewhat flexible, your plans are likely to give way to something bigger. A well-timed collaboration will yield results and be worth the patience it takes to pursue.

**TUESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 19).** Beautiful scenery and fun activities are part of the picture, but people are what matter to you most of all. Your social graces are part of what catapults you to the top of a mountain in June. June and July are your best travel months. August shows you giving it back and paying it forward. September is a time for emotional growth. Scorpio and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 12, 39 and 5.

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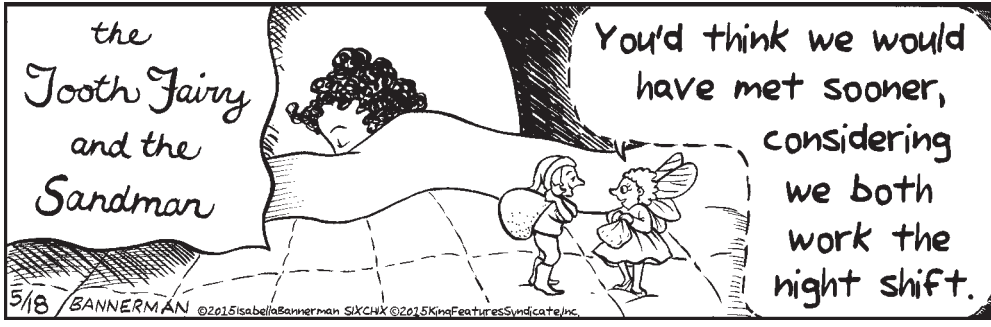
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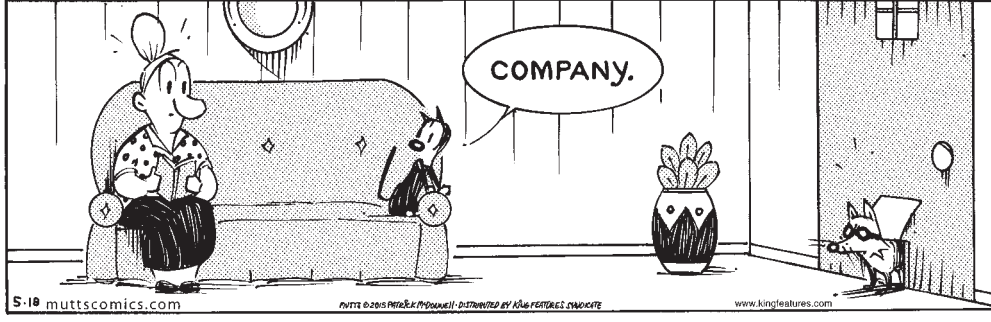
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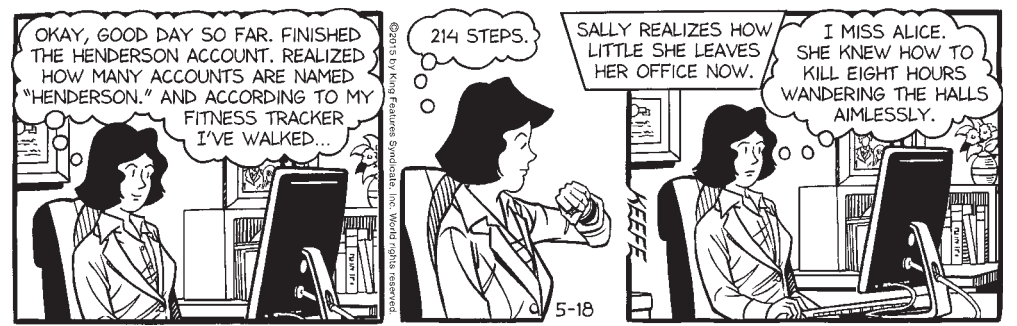
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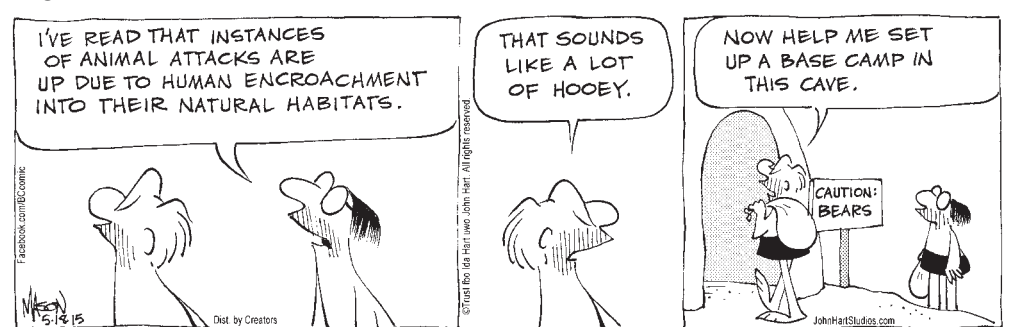
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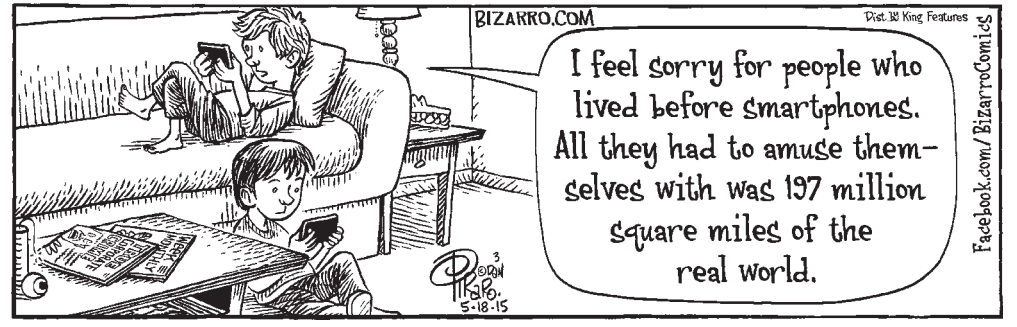
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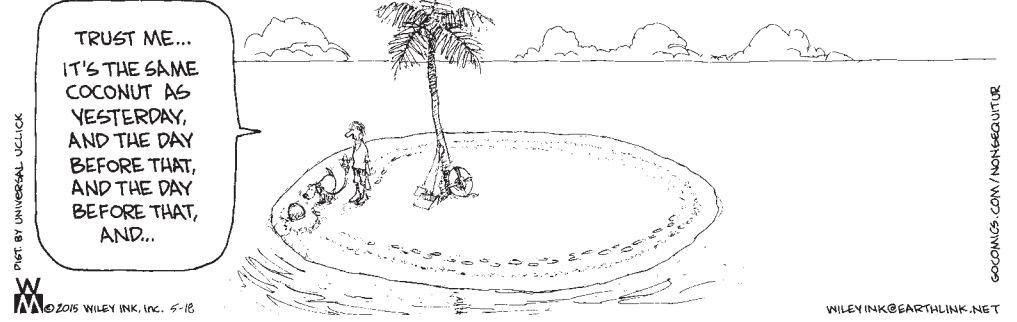
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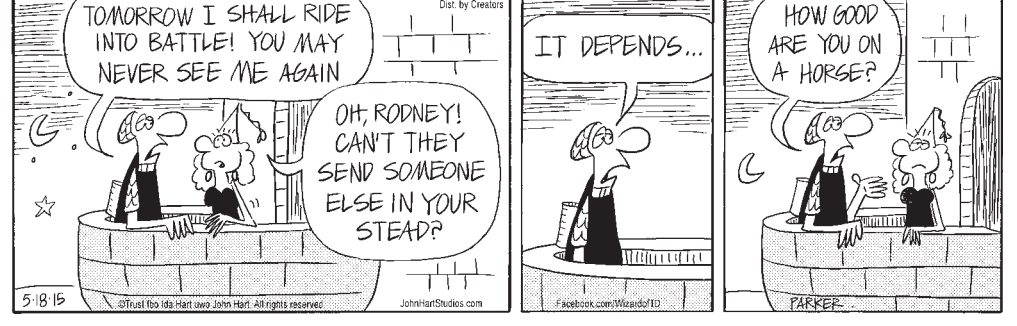
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