

Facebook invites cause confusion Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: I am a 27-year-old woman and have been verbally invited to a few weddings this year. For one, we were told to "save the date" a year in advance. I never received an actual invitation and their wedding was last weekend. The pictures are popping up on Facebook.

The second wedding, the bride and I were close, then had a falling out, then sort of made up and she expressed verbally that she wanted me to attend her wedding. I have dinner with her every few months, but neither of us has made a big effort to spend more time together. Her wedding is coming up soon. Last month, I saw her "save the date" photos pop up on Facebook, but I did not receive one personally, nor have I received an invitation. Am I required to attend? I honestly don't want to.

The third invitation is for a couple that I am good friends with. The groom recently texted that he expects me to be at their wedding in September, but I have not received any "save the date" or invitation yet. The bride made a Facebook page last year and said if people wanted to come, we should send her our address-

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es. Should I send her my address now or is it too late? I originally thought it was just for her family.

Is everything done on Facebook now? Does no one send out paper invitations or keep a guest list? What is my responsibility when a person verbally expresses that I should attend, or posts something on Facebook saying I should "come to the wedding"? — *Invitationally Challenged*

Dear Challenged: We can understand your confusion. Paper invitations are still appropriate. A "save the date" notice is not an invitation. A verbal expression is not an invitation. Facebook notices are unreliable and informal, but if the bridal couple considers this an invitation, you may, also. And someone who says, "Send me your address if you want to be invited," is too lazy to acquire your

address and send a personal invitation. She expects her guests to do all of the work. But if you want to send her your address, even at this late date, that is entirely up to you. And of course, if you don't wish to attend a wedding, it's perfectly OK to RSVP with your regrets.

Dear Annie: This is regarding the letter from "Outraged Mother," whose birthmother was reposting pictures of her children on Facebook without permission. The one suggestion you didn't mention is to drop social media and share photos via text with close friends only.

I assure you my life became much better after I did exactly that. Social media was fun for a short time, but then it seemed to become a competition about who had the better lives, then a way to communicate passively, and then I watched marriages get destroyed. Some things are meant to be private. (Love your column.) — *J.*

Dear J.: Not too many people are willing to disconnect from social media once they have learned to depend on it for updates about friends and family. We commend your self-discipline. (And thank you so much.)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The difficult people don't scare you. You see the good in them and find a positive way to interact. This is why in the future they will want to deal only with you. You'll turn them into fans and clients.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You let people know up front what they are getting when they get you. Just be careful. With the flaws, or "quirks" as you like to think of them, out in the open, someone is likely to fall in love with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You haven't been saying "I love you" as often as you'd like, and this is because your nearest and dearest don't always behave in a way that inspires such a proclamation. Say it anyway, if only to change the trend.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The good thing about getting very far off track is that it has a way of galvanizing you to get back on track. Today you'll feel determined to return with new zeal to your mission.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The spending money is sizzling in your pocket, and the day brings worthy choices, too. Whatever deal you are offered, apply your famous charm as you ask for a better one.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't agree to disagree — keep talking your ideas through. Compromise will be lucrative. The agreement you come to together will be better than the one you originally had alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll keep company with talented people, and that makes you want to practice and improve your own bag of tricks. The command you have over your gifts is more important than

the particular gifts you have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Exercise is a miracle drug. It will do wonders for your body and even more for your mind. Bonus: It doesn't hurt your love life, either. Get back on track with your routine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not that the stress doesn't get to you — you feel it, all right. It's just that you've learned what kind of good comes from panicking (none whatsoever). You'll tap your talent for discovering serenity in unlikely places.

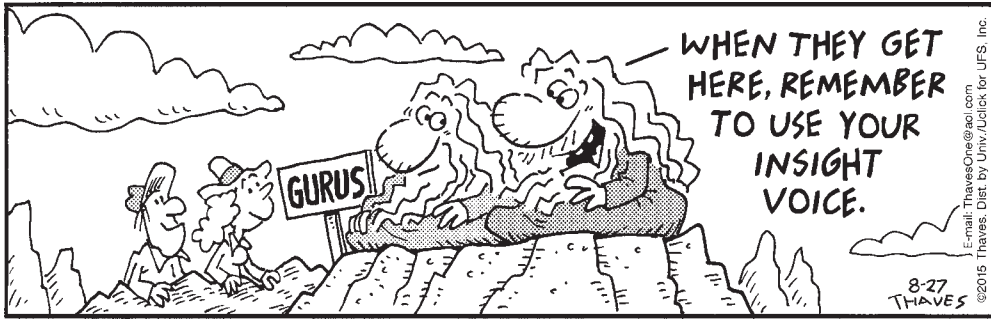
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tomorrow, the cat will be out of the bag, the beans will be spilled, the rooster will crow, and the bubble will burst. Because you know the text will be irretrievably sent, today is the best day to consciously craft it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A goal that no one knows you have will be the most exciting one of all to work on today. The secret status of this aim builds up that mischievous part of you — irresistible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ambition alone can't take you where you want to go; diplomacy is crucial. Don't know what the others want? You won't come up with a successful strategy until you find out. Ask outright if you have to.

FRIDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 28). What you put your money into is the least of your investments in 2016. You'll attract support from those who understand that relationships are the true wealth in your life. When your time and attention help your personal life grow in satisfying directions, you'll be on top of the world. Leo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 31, 45, 17, 1 and 48.

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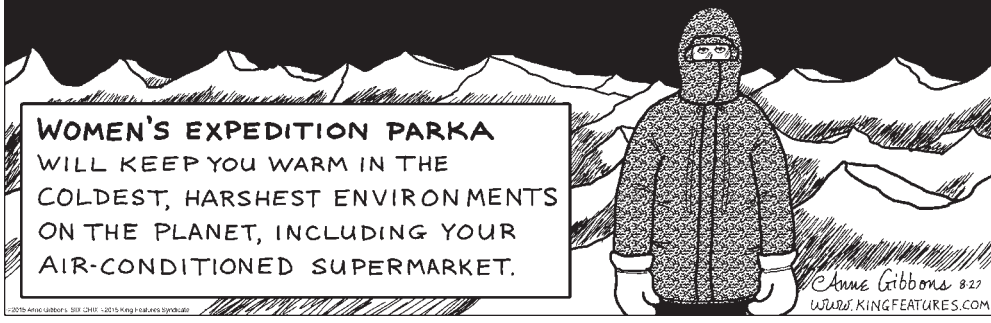
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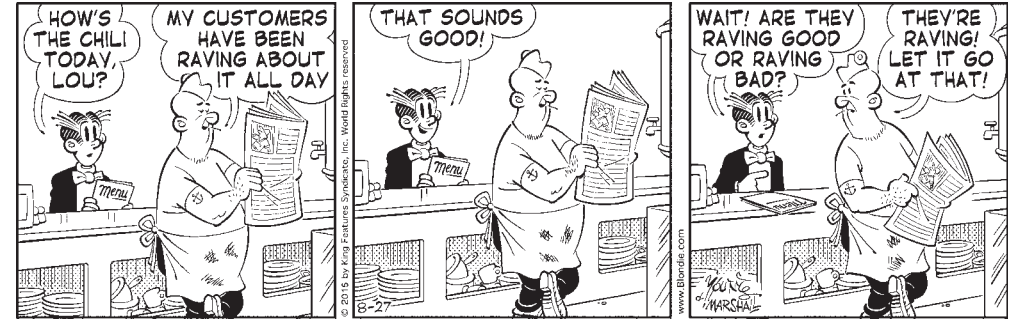
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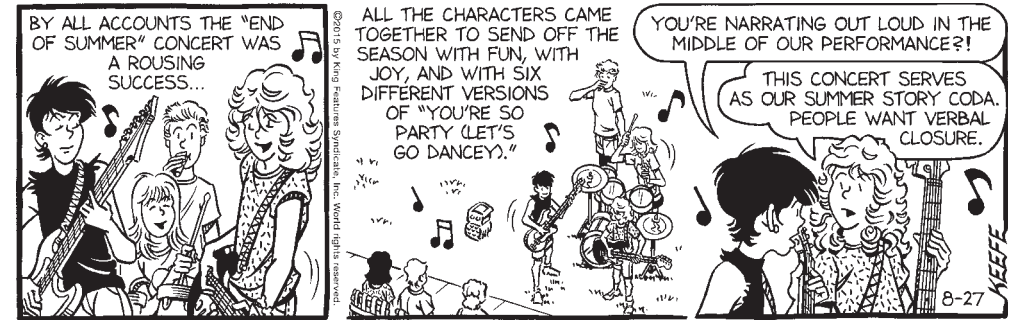
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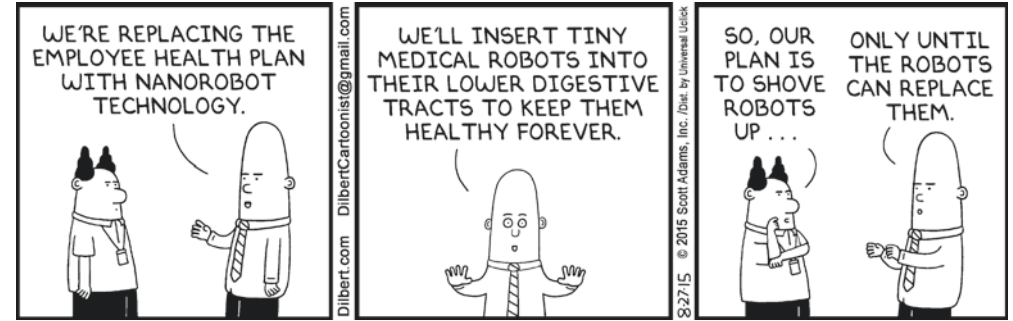
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