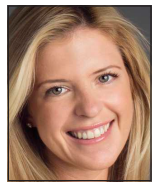


Putting a foot in the door

Dear Annie: My daughter is a sophomore in college and is starting to apply for summer internships. She's a great student — all A's and B's — and a hard worker. She wants to work in the film industry, so most of the places she's sending her resume are media companies, film studios, advertising agencies and the like. My good friend of 25 years, who is like an uncle to my daughter, is the head of production at one of the top ad agencies in Los Angeles. He said years ago that if my daughter ever needed a job, I should let him know, but he hasn't brought it up lately.

put my friend in an awkward position, and if my daughter did get the job, I wouldn't want her colleagues to resent her because she got the job through a friend of the boss's. — *Mom With Connections*

DEAR ANNIE



Annie Lane
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Dear Mom: Yes, you should absolutely take advantage of that connection and ask your friend whether he has any open internships for which your daughter might apply. She is new to the industry, and this "uncle" could serve as a great professional mentor. Just be sure to bring it up with him in private, when your daughter isn't around. As long as it's just you two, you won't be putting him in an awkward position. He can always say no.

At the end of the day, you're just trying to help your daughter open that door and get a foot in. What she does once she's inside is totally up to her.

Dear Annie: This is in reference to "Concerned Grandmother," who has a grand-

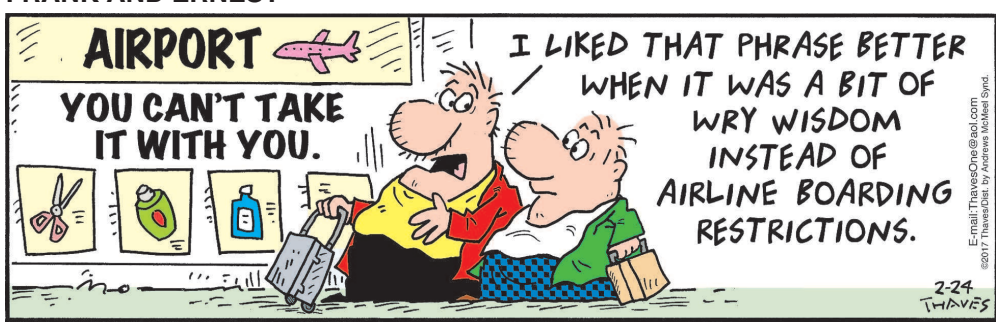
daughter who does not like to be touched by other people.

Your response was right when it comes to the fact that people should be respectful to others and not touch them without asking. However, I am concerned about why the granddaughter is so frightened. Perhaps she has been harassed by someone. Maybe she has not been taught properly about physical contact. Could it be that she actually wants to say more? This may be a time to recommend professional guidance.

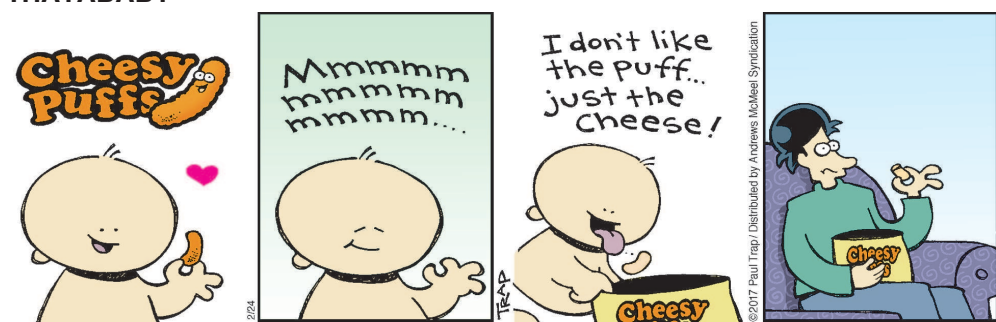
As a 69-year-old grandma, former day care provider and school paraprofessional, I feel the communication that the granddaughter and grandmother are having is a big start to helping her find a happy medium with respect to the problem. May they find strength from each other in learning how to deal with the situation. — *Barb*

Dear Barb: You make a great point. I'm passing your letter along to "Concerned Grandmother" so she can go about getting to the root of her granddaughter's problem.

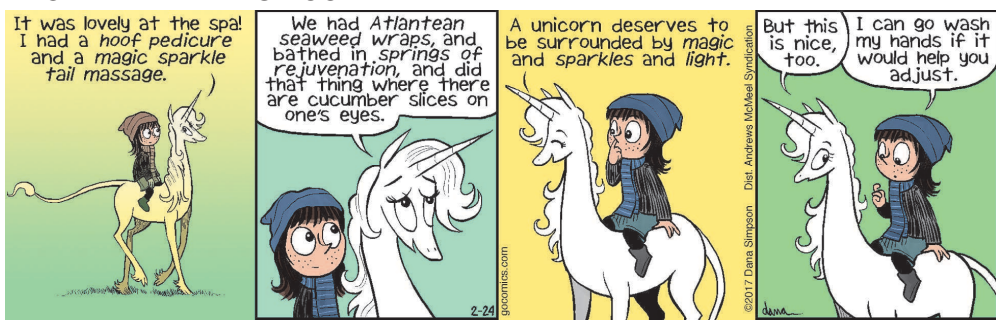
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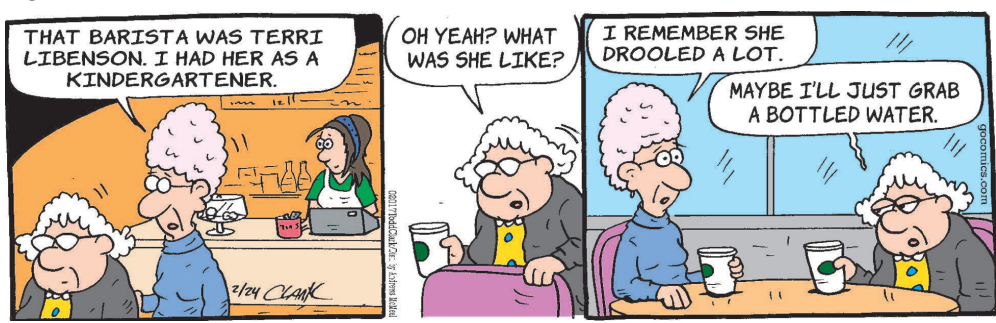
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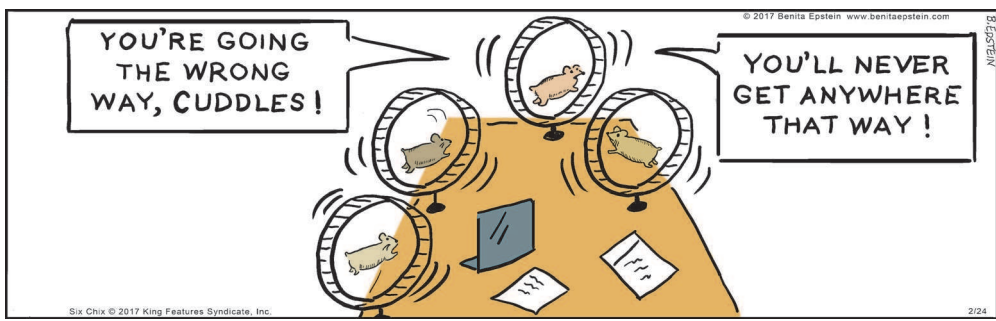
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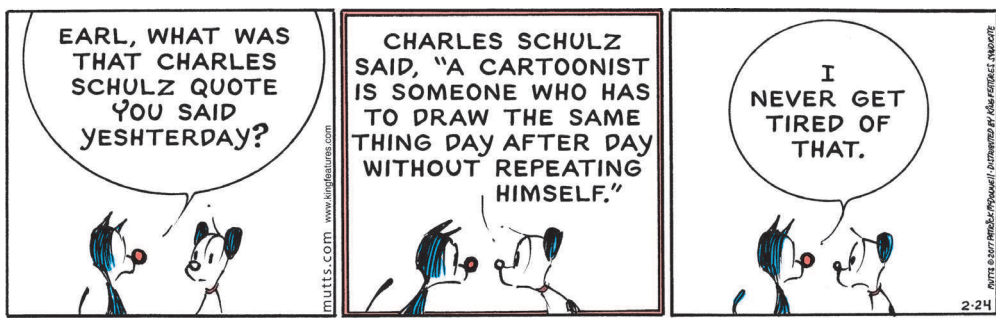
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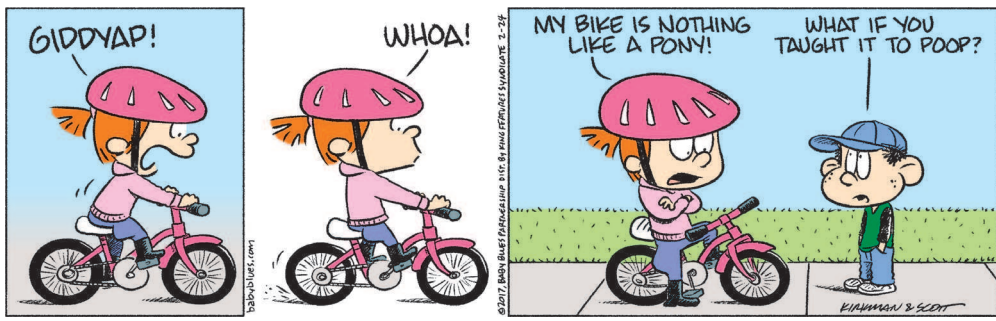
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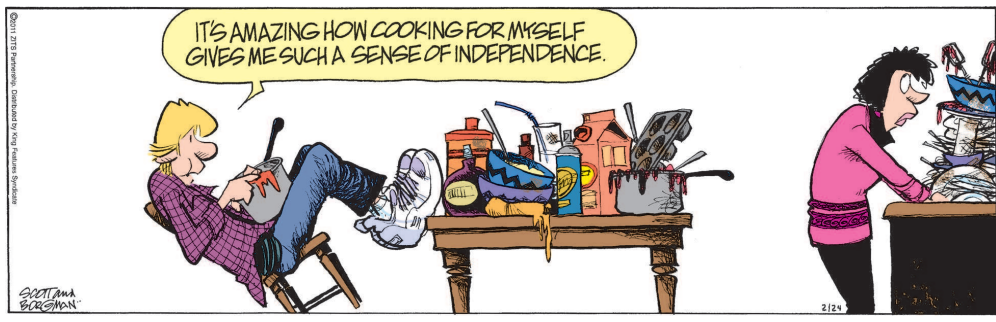
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One person's "in order" is another person's "out of control." It's not true about every day, but today you'll do well to work with people who share a similar style to your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If the people who think about changing the world would think about changing themselves instead, they might actually accomplish both scenarios. Keep it personal today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not that you tolerate dullness better than others, it's that your bright, curious mind finds much to grasp onto where others cannot. The day will bring you fascinations and delights.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is impossible to connect with others on a deep emotional level for a long period of time without getting hurt. That's part of it. If you don't know that love hurts, you don't know love. Be brave.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Experience and wisdom are connected, but don't make the mistake of thinking that just because a person has some life and years under his belt that he is wise. It doesn't work for everyone. Assume nothing; stay aware.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People feel good around you. Your humor is stellar. The reason you make people laugh today is that you tell just enough of the truth. If you told too much of it, you'd make them cry instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The poet William Wordsworth was right when he said that "nothing can bring back the hour of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower" and yet you'll find something equally radiant in today's experience if you look for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe there's security in certainty, but it's also essentially unattainable, so why try so hard? You can never know what the other person is feeling. Besides, if you did know, you'd be bored. Uncertainty keeps spontaneity alive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who knew you back then need to catch up a bit in order to understand the you of today. Don't be surprised if they get it wrong a few times before they get it right.

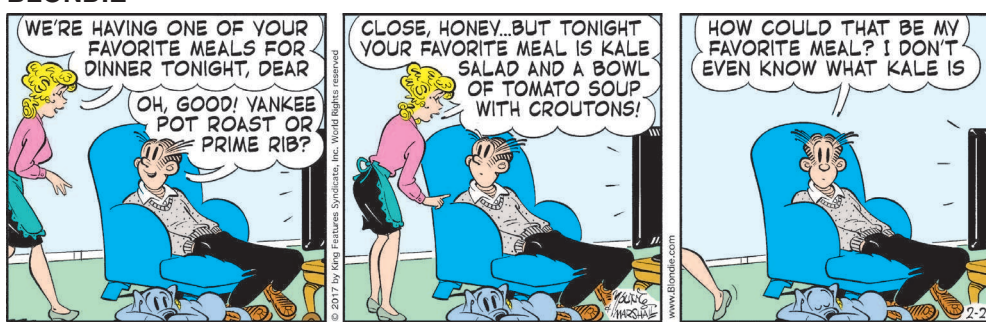
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you win, celebrate. If you lose, celebrate in a different way. Everyone misses from time to time. Defeat is a test. Will you get back up or will you lose heart?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give a thought to how the other person might be feeling, where he might be coming from, where she might be going. This is selfless, but it's also smart. He could be plotting something.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll never look back at your efforts and regret giving too much or working too hard. Do more than you get paid for now and later you will get paid for more than you do.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 25). The mastery of life skills will happen in roundabout ways. You keep doing your best, modifying that, doing your new best, modifying again, and improving in many areas at once. There will probably not be a clear-cut goal until April. Then, inspiration and motivation are extremely strong. You'll build in July. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 4, 29, 35 and 14.

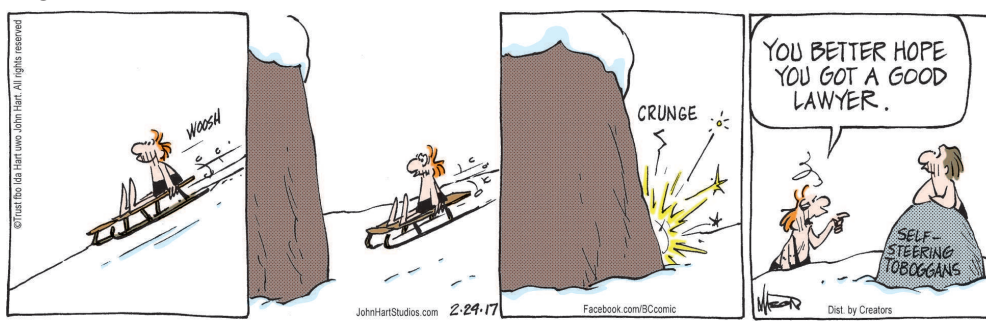
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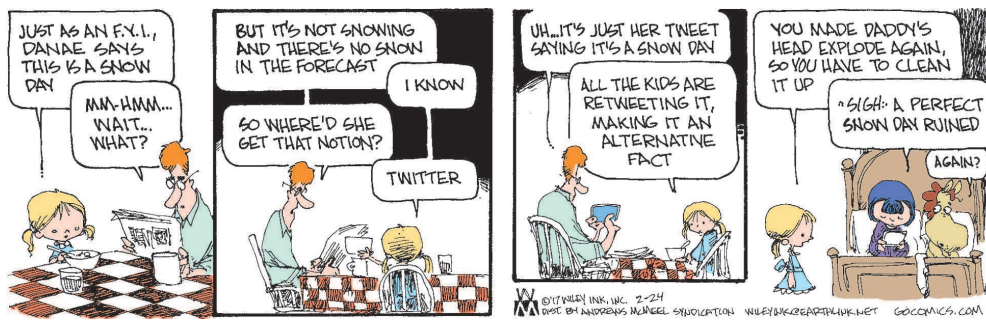
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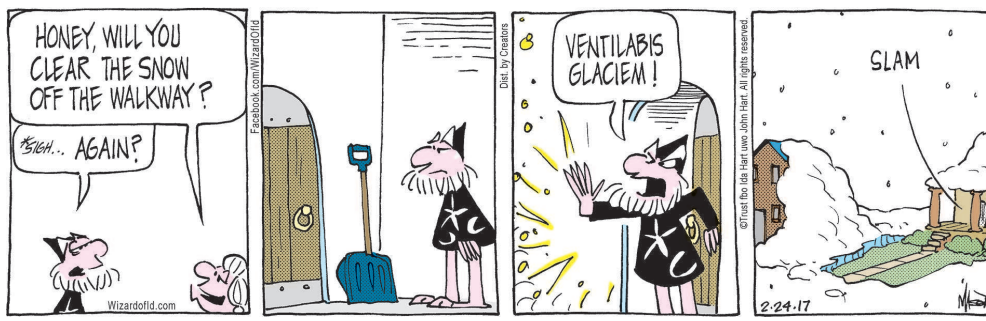
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