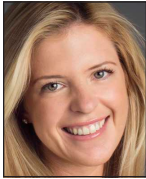


Youth are willing to serve

Dear Annie: Young people are ready, willing and able to tackle the world's most difficult challenges, yet they are vastly under-represented as active citizens, decision-makers and leaders. From the preschoolers in Arizona collecting canned goods to combat hunger to the high schooler in Virginia creating STEM clubs for women and girls to the middle schooler in Alabama saving the state's monarch butterfly population, all of these remarkable youths have a common goal: to raise awareness and solve the problems facing the world today. Today's social and environmental problems are immense; we need young people to create solutions to real-world problems now.

DEAR ANNIE



Annie Lane
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Please let your readers know about Global Youth Service Day, which occurs from April 21 to April 23 this year. During this three-day event, thousands of community partners in the United States and 125 countries will activate millions of young people to strengthen their communities. Global Youth Service Day recognizes the solutions that young

people are bringing to the world's most pressing issues 365 days a year. When given the opportunity, young people are great assets and resources to their communities, providing unique perspectives and skills. Youths who are engaged as active community members are likelier to grow up to volunteer, vote and donate to charitable causes. Research shows that when youths engage in quality service and service learning projects, they strengthen their leadership skills, increase their academic engagement and develop vital career and work-force readiness skills. These outstanding youths demonstrate that young people are leaders and problem-solvers today, not just the leaders of a distant tomorrow.

For more information, readers can visit <http://www.yusa.org/gysd>. You can also find us on social media — @YouthService on Twitter and at <https://www.facebook.com/youthserviceamerica>. — *Steven A. Culbertson, president and CEO of Youth Service America*

Dear Steven: I couldn't agree more. When young people are

given the opportunity to help their communities thrive, they thrive, too. I encourage all my young readers to celebrate Global Youth Service Day this weekend and find ways to keep shining all year long.

Dear Annie: This is regarding "Charged-Up Spouse," the aggravated man whose wife is constantly using and misplacing his phone chargers, resulting in ongoing and frustrating searches. I have, I think, the definitive solution: He should look into a "key-finding" device. There are many inexpensive paging/tracking devices available today.

The receiver is typically attached to your key ring and emits a loud beep whenever the transmitter is activated. Though these are often marketed for finding keys, they can be used for any item. In this case, the receiver would simply be affixed to the phone charger instead of to his car keys. And unlike the colored tape option, this solution would not require that the missing charger be within his actual line of sight. I've used these devices myself, and I have found them consistently effective and reliable. — *Mike K.*

Dear Mike: A modern solution for a modern problem. I like it.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once you figure out that you're not going to get what you need or want from the situation, move on. Don't wait, argue, negotiate or give it another chance. What you want is just around the corner. Head that way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a lot of futility in mental exercises such as weighing the options, delving into the history and considering other assessments. Skip it. Get down this: Do or don't do. Your gut will tell you. The only way to make things happen is to act.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Communication is like music; it's as much about the spaces as it is about the words. There is a good kind of silence and a bad kind. The bad kind is awkward. The good kind is attentive and purposeful, and it may even mean love.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're totally focused on getting through your work, which happens to also be a lot of fun for you today. Research will be part of it. Go for the story behind the story. That's where the gold is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). With the current state of Mercury, it's hard to avoid taking information out of context or reading too much into things, but do try. Also, go to the source for your information wherever possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your experience has taught you quite a lot about what to expect from situations like the one you face today. And yet, this one is slightly different. Reserve your judgments for later, as you're likely to be surprised.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be focused on developing your skills. This is a better way to spend your time than trying to make something happen that is clearly not working.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your lifestyle is not for the faint of heart. It takes strength to handle responsibilities and deal with the needs of those around you. You will rise to the occasion in every way, though it does come at a cost.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Diversity makes a group strong, and differences of opinion will be half the fun. As long as people respect one another and don't invest too much identity in being right, it will all work out today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tell people what you like about them. Mutual admiration gets a friendship started. Over time, this casual relationship is sure to blossom into something more substantial.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll pinpoint the culprit keeping you from being organized. More than likely, it's a desire to get more things accomplished in a day than is reasonable to expect, thus causing the unfinished activities to pile up.

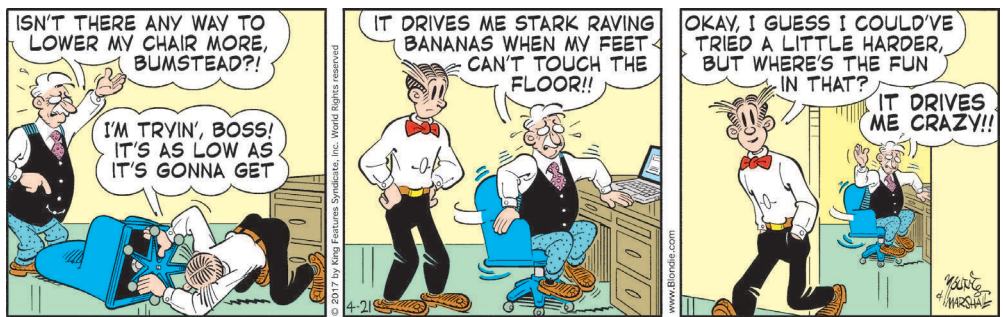
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though small details that don't go as planned — such as a missed phone call or appointment — are inconsequential, they may still throw off your rhythm. Detach and get into a breezier frame of mind and you'll soon get your mojo back.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (April 22). The obstacle in your path is completely surmountable, which you'll prove in the next four weeks. Friends help you move up, over and on. In May, romantic notions become romantic actions. Bank your winnings in July; you'll need the savings for what you want to build in October. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 38, 10, 13, 27 and 19.

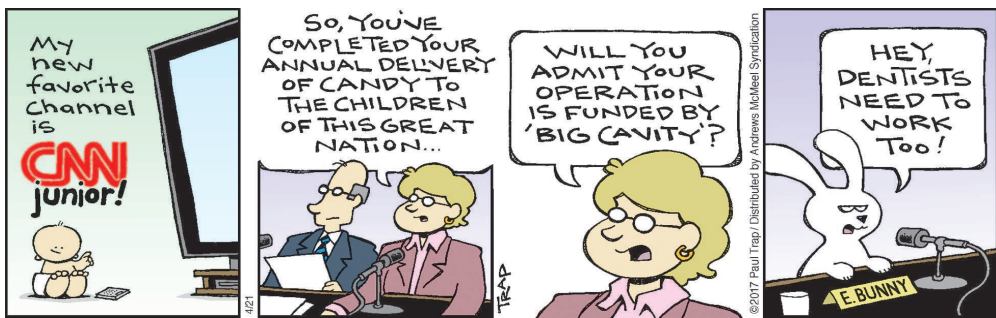
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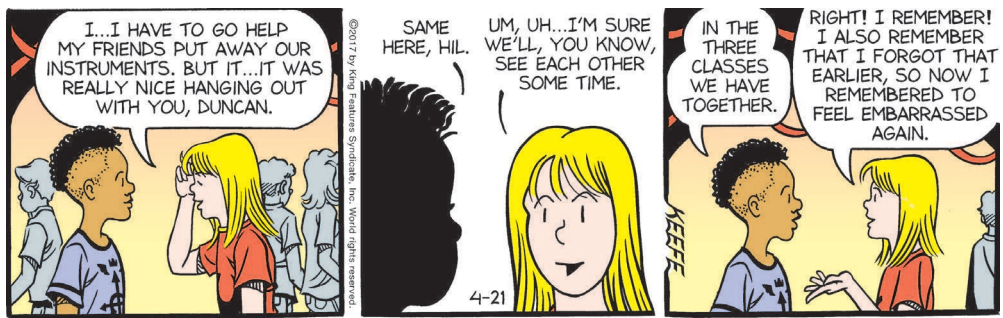
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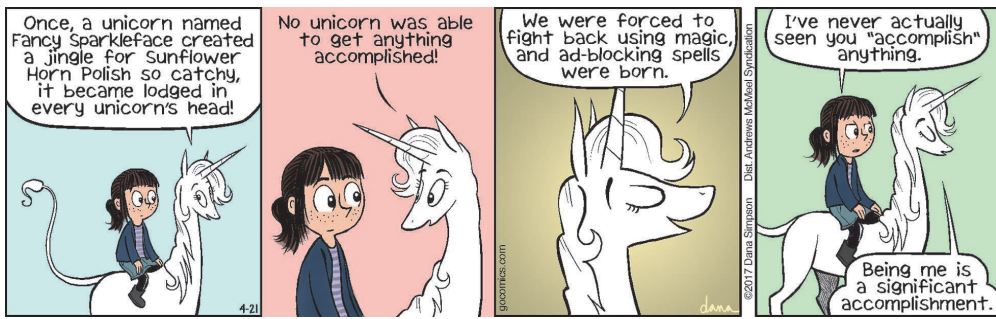
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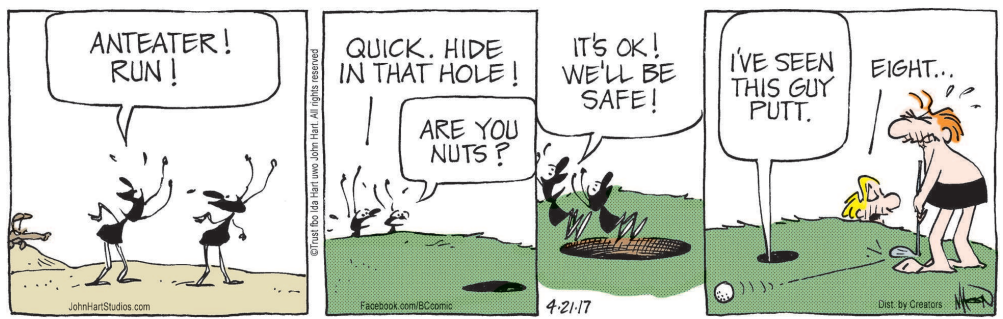
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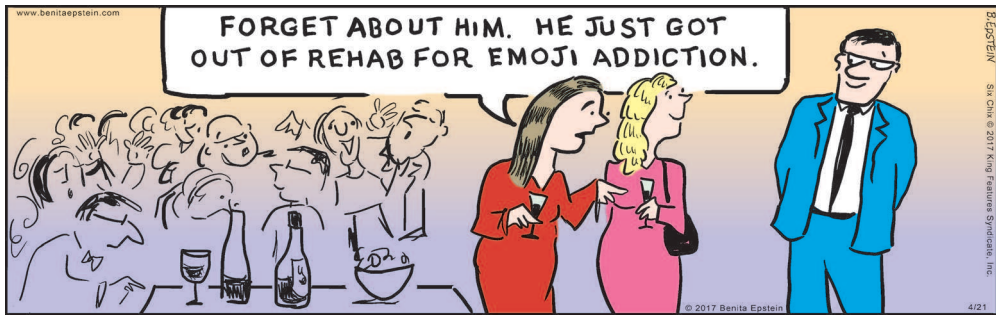
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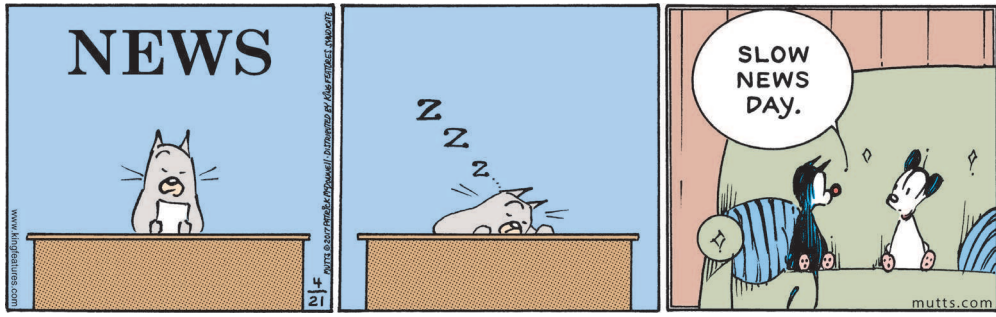
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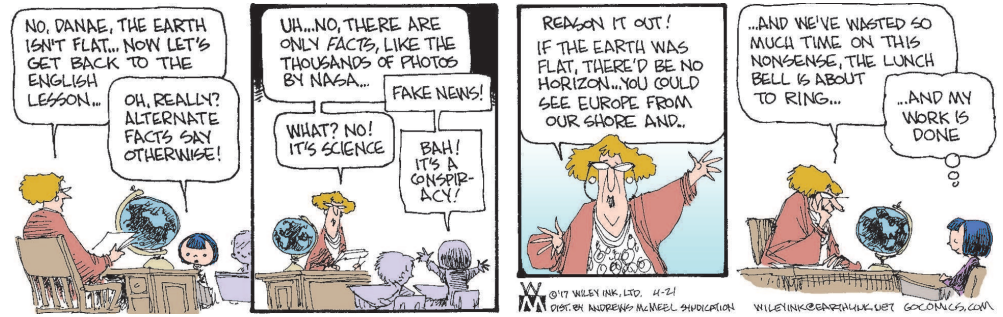
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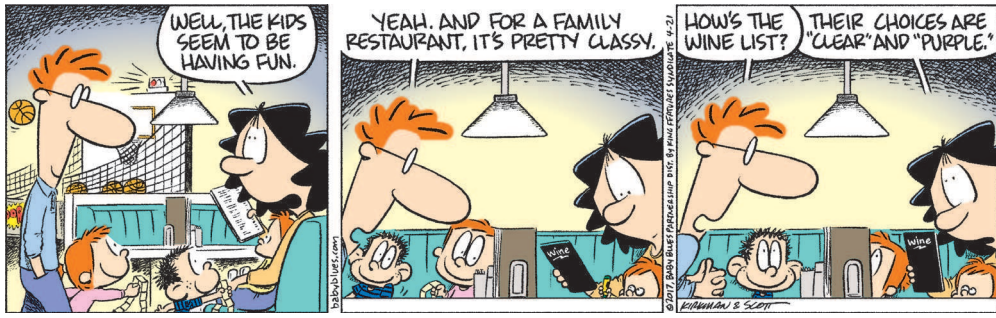
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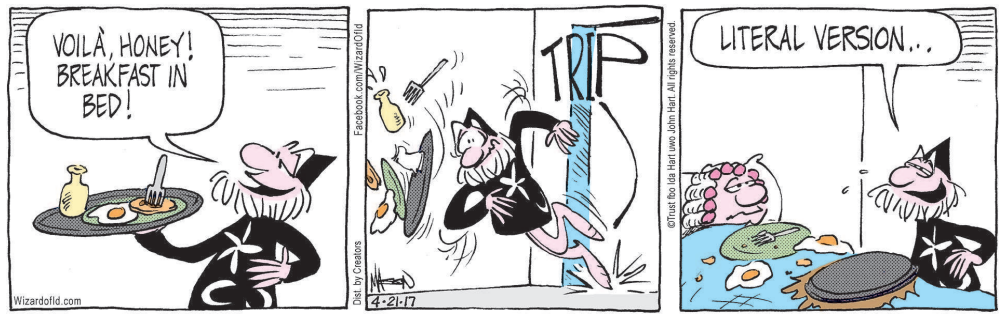
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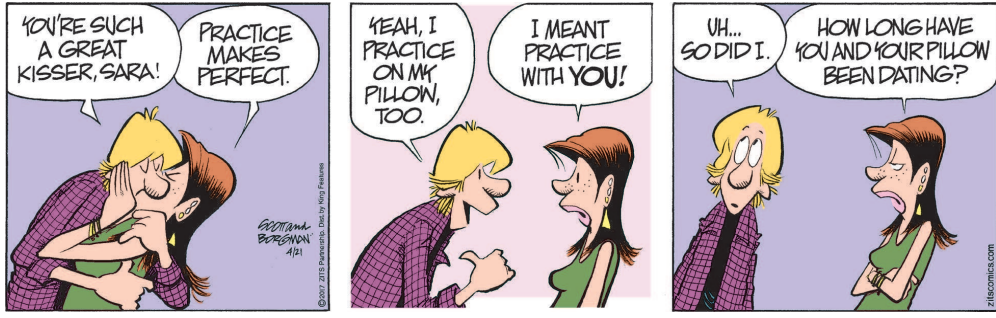
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