

Who let the dogs in the store?

Dear Annie: First, may I start off by saying I love animals, especially dogs. I have had several dogs and loved them, as they loved me, unconditionally. But when did it come to be that all dogs are service dogs? When did it start being OK to bring a dog into a grocery, a pharmacy and even a restaurant? Today in a department store, there was a little dog that growled whenever anyone got near it.

Some people have allergies to animals, and I don't think it is OK to expose everyone to dogs. In your home or car, I get that. It's your space, and you have every right to keep your best friend by your side. But is it me, or has this gotten totally out of hand? When I was growing up, you would never dream of bringing an animal of any kind in a food store.

I have contacted people at the headquarters of the grocery chain, and they tell me that the only thing an employee can do is ask the customer whether the animal is a service dog and, if so, what the nature of its service is.

No documents are required. People, leave your animals at home. If you can't, then go to a grocery that delivers your groceries to your car in the parking lot. There is no charge for that. I am fed up with having to worry about whether my grocery cart will be full of pet hair. Perhaps the food industry should take into consideration those of us who don't bring their animals inside instead of catering to those who do.

DEAR ANNIE



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Dear Frustrated: You're not the first person who has written to me about this. Whenever people lie or break the rules so they can bring their pet dog around town with them, it negatively impacts the many people who really do need service or therapy dogs for medical reasons. So to anyone out there faking it: Shame on you.

That being said, as a bystander, you can't know for sure what the situation is. It's not always clear when someone has a condition that necessitates a service animal. So withhold

judgment. It's better for your blood pressure.

Dear Annie: This message is for "Still Interested," who says his wife's sexual thrill is gone.

Perhaps it is his thrill and not hers! Has he turned into a grumpy old man who complains and criticizes? Did he never complete the job she asked him to do last week or last year? Did he fuss about what she cooked for supper? Did he get irritated when she talked to him? Perhaps her thrill would return if he started treating her with love and respect.

My advice to him: Finish those jobs. Enjoy that meal. Just listen when she talks. Give her hugs. Help her around the house. Appreciate what she does. And stop complaining! When you thrill her with your actions, perhaps she will, in return, thrill you! — *Happy Wife, Happy Life*

Dear Happy: I didn't see any indication in the letter from "Still Interested" that he is treating his wife poorly, so I feel you may be drawing that conclusion based on your own experiences. In any case, indeed — a happy wife equals a happy life, and those little gestures of affection can go a long way.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To grasp the obvious is not the mark of a dull mind — quite the opposite, in fact! It can be surprisingly difficult to get a grip on ubiquitous things. You're accepting something without question that really ought to be questioned now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What matters is action. When making requests today, don't cloud the picture with a lot of background information and interesting but nonactionable items. Figure out the next action then command it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Humans have three brains in one: the reptile brain for survival, the limbic brain for feeling and the intellectual brain for reason. Today reason will be outnumbered by the other two, which are in cahoots over a shared desire.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Open-ended questions will work wonders to get to the bottom of a mystery, solve a problem or just get to know the situation a whole lot better. Try this opener: "Tell me about..."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you're in your own little world today, but you're there by choice. This is the place where you can see possibilities that others don't and live in the land of what may be instead of in the land of what is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not your concern for others that improves the world; it's what you do about it. From the care you give to your nearest and dearest to the more general efforts of goodwill, your positive impact will ripple outward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will read between the lines, as well as above and below them, and your comprehension is off the charts. But what will you do with this knowledge? Maybe nothing for a while. Let it settle in.

This is wise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know who suggests that people are the sole architects of their own luck? Lucky people. Anyway, there's little time to speculate on fortune's role, as your journey currently requires extreme focus and effort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make no assumptions. You never really know how another person lives until you are living as another person. Also, those who claim normalcy may have a definition of "normal" that's very different from yours.

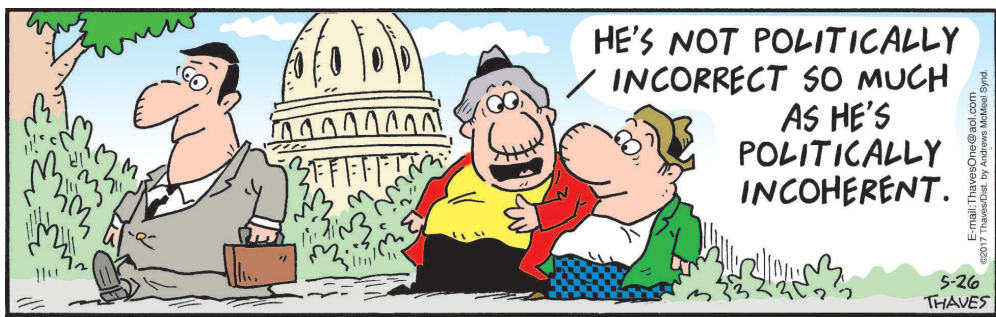
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A minor reworking of the way you tell your story or express yourself in general will be the difference between getting people on your team and going it alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are certain items — such as shoes, for instance — that are both functional and symbolic to you. A new pair of shoes makes you feel like you're really going somewhere good.

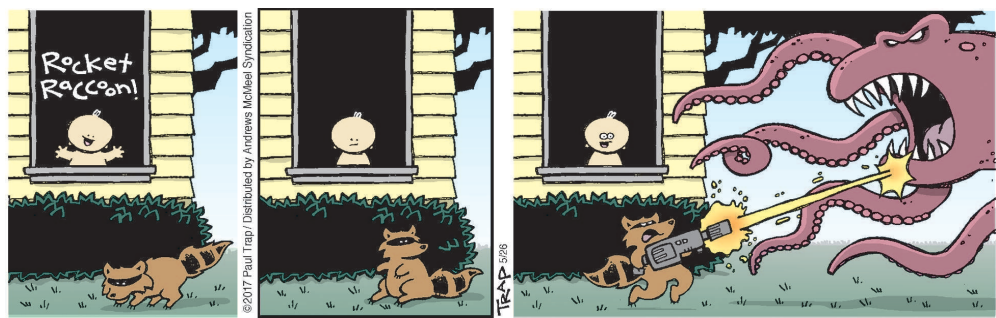
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not fair to say that the world is hostile, friendly or even indifferent. There are so many different kinds of environments in the world. You'll benefit from exploring the tone of new places. Go in with an open mind.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (May 27). You do and say your truth this year and grow in power because of this. August features the excitement of new business and big money. Note that loved ones don't have to be your whole life in order to make your life whole. September sets a new boundary and starts a trend toward deeper fulfillment. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 4, 44, 9 and 20.

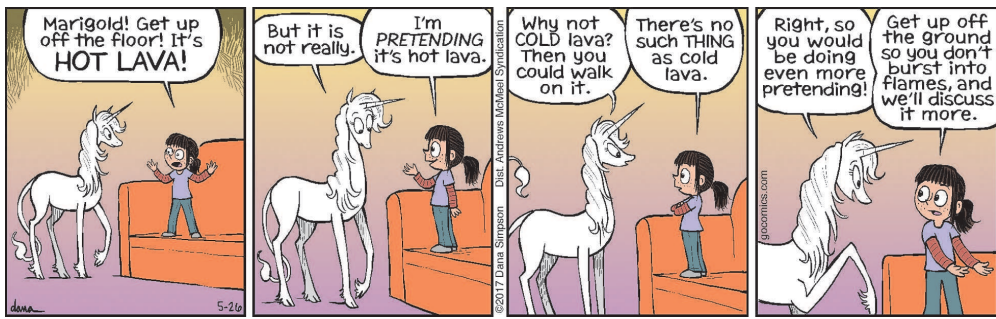
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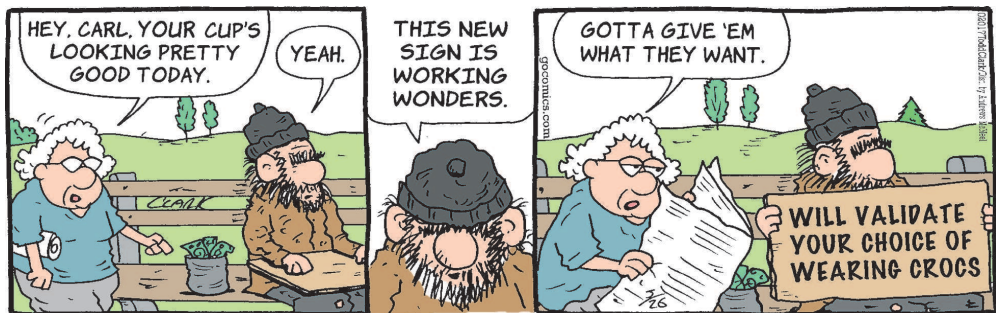
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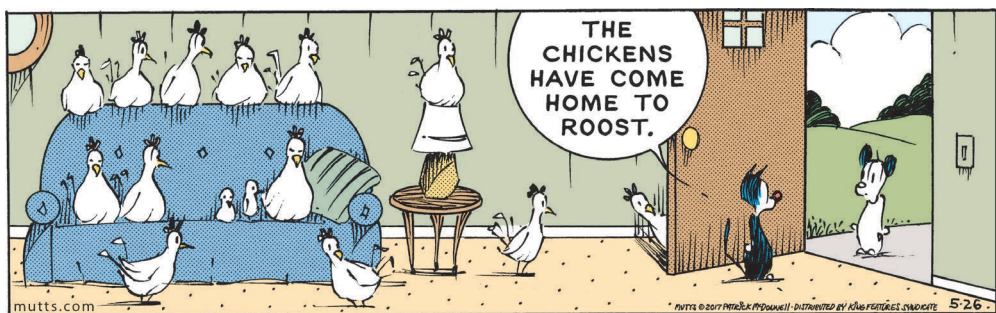
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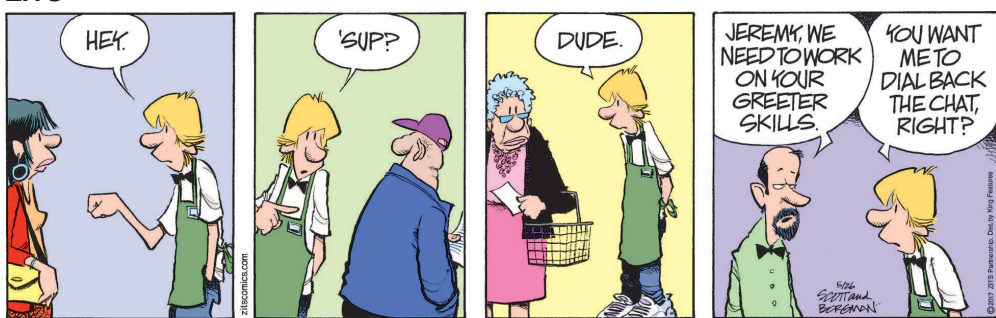
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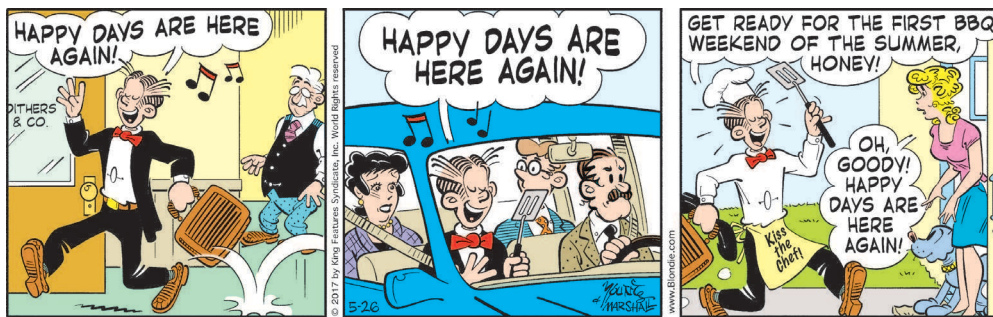
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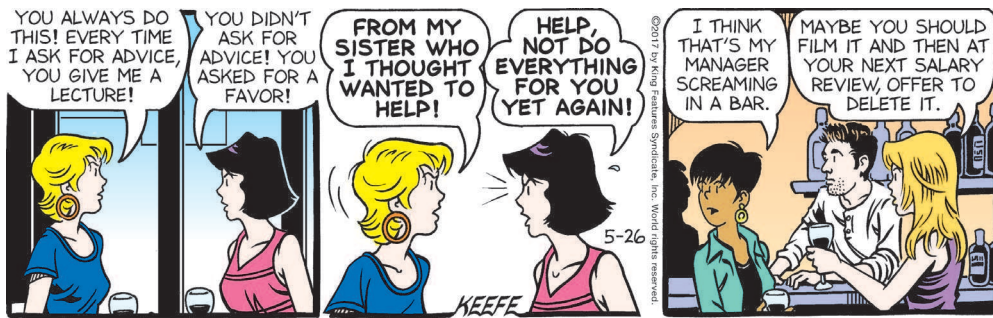
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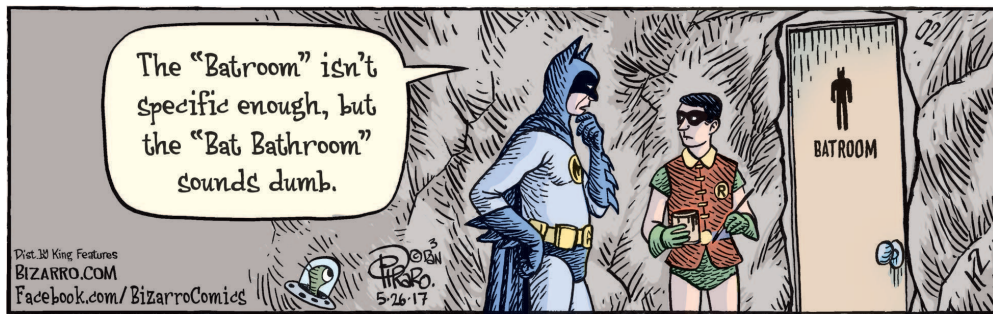
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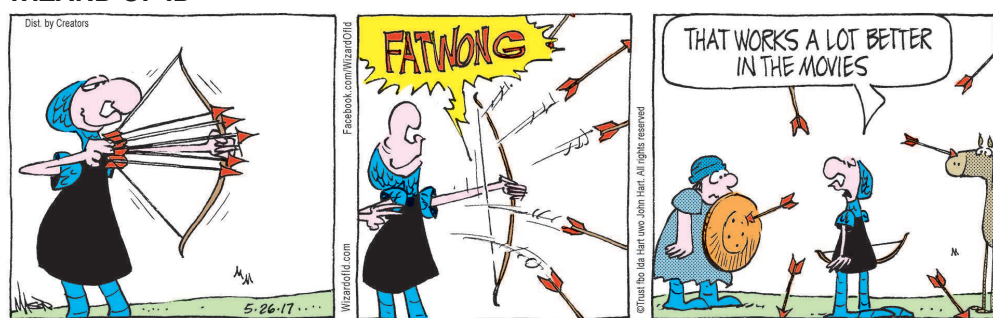
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