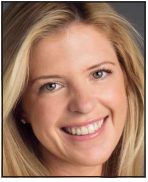


Nephew's wedding guests feel ignored and slighted

Dear Annie: I'd like your opinion on what I feel was a breach of etiquette on the part of my nephew's new mother-in-law.

welcome and appreciated. Tell me what you think. —Feeling Snubbed

DEAR ANNIE



Annie Lane Creators Syndicate Inc.

Recently, my nephew got married in Chicago. My family of seven flew from Connecticut to the wedding for two days. The bride's mother never made an attempt to meet us at the rehearsal dinner or at the wedding.

We even saw her the day we were flying home. She looked at us but made no attempt to come over and speak to our family.

The trip cost us a lot of money, along with the generous monetary gifts we all gave. The bride and groom thanked us, but we felt it was extremely rude of the bride's mother to ignore us. An introduction and a "thank you so much for coming all this way" would have gone a long way in making us feel

Dear Feeling Snubbed: This woman may not be the hostess with the mostess, but I would let this one go. Weddings are extremely hectic, and those involved in the planning have a lot on their plates. The mother of the bride was probably consumed with making sure the events went off without a hitch. If she didn't introduce herself, it was not out of malice. And if you really cared so much about meeting her, you might have crossed the banquet hall and introduced yourself.

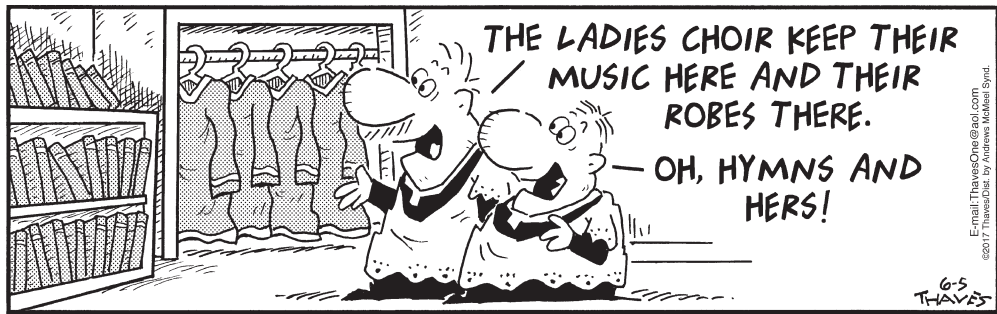
Dear Annie: I just read the letter from the 80-year-old parent who advised children to call their elderly parents. My advice to elderly parents? Instead of waiting for your kids to call, call them! When I was a young

adult, the only times my mother ever called me were when a relative had died or someone was seriously ill in the hospital. My husband's mother never called him, either. An elderly aunt did call once in a while, and it was always such a treat to talk with her.

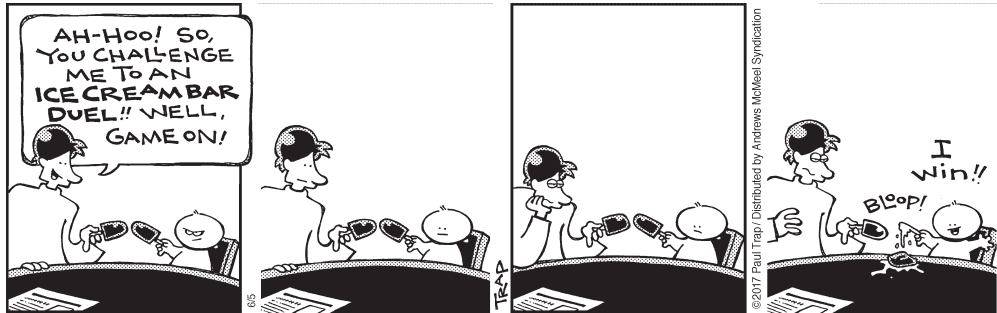
My husband and I make it a point to call our adult children every now and then just to chat. If they are busy (my mother's excuse for never calling me was that I might have been busy, sleeping, not home, etc.), we keep it brief and just tell them we were thinking of them and will talk some other time. Keeping the lines of communication two-sided has been nothing but great for our relationship with our children. —Anonymous, Too

Dear Anonymous, Too: I agree completely. The best way to get people to call you is to call them first. Let's all stop glowering at our phones and use them.

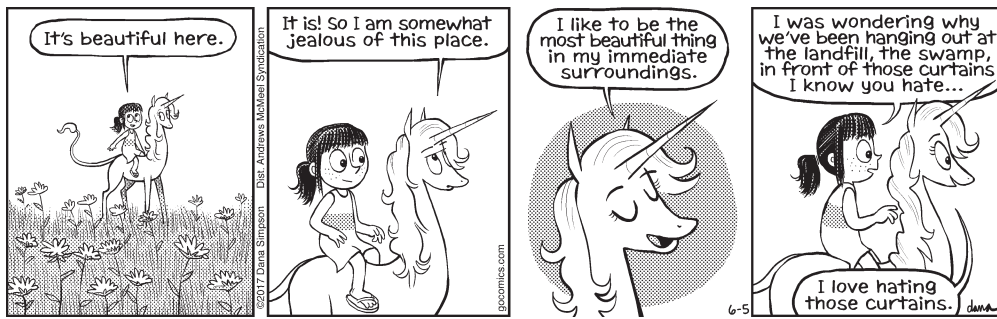
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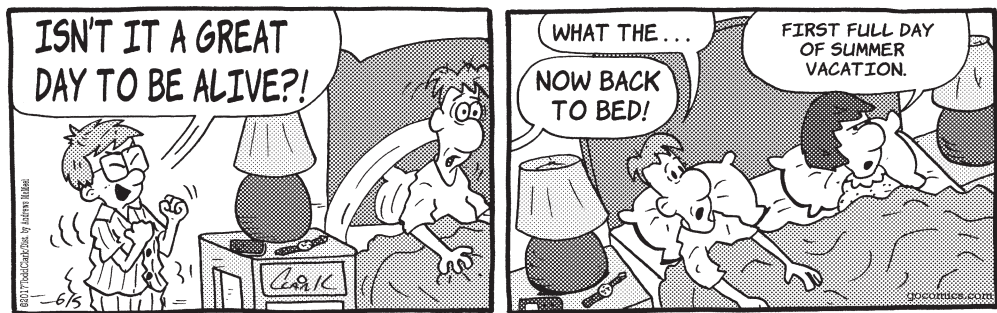
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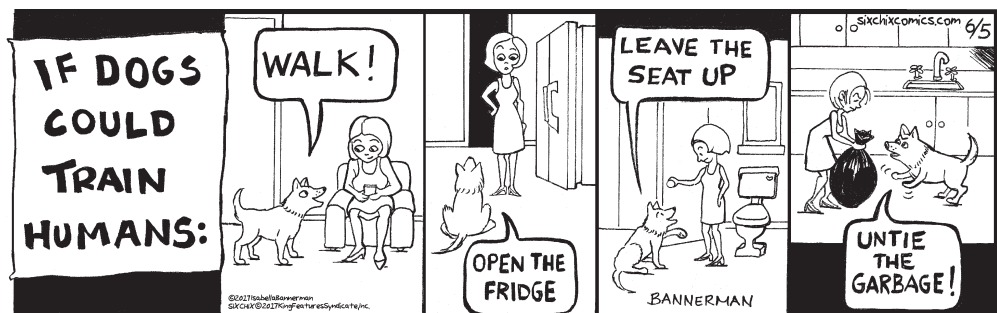
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've good reason for resisting an idea. You're probably avoiding potential pain; this is legit. But the pain will be temporary and mild. Consider accepting the fact instead. The more you accept, the more you can change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It may seem strange, but some people react to stress by portraying the picture of total confidence. Be aware that the one who most seems to have it together may be hurting and in need behind closed doors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Once upon a time you gave much away, and you did so unflinchingly. Now you wonder why you devalued what you had to offer. Don't worry; you'll get another chance, and you'll do it differently this time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You need to be able to disagree with your partner without going to war. Furthermore, a strong team needs to know how and when to set aside differences and form a united front.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Guilt serves little purpose now. Your conscience has served you well. The wrongs of the past have been processed, the lessons learned. Let go and accept the grace of your own forgiveness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone is a piece of work. Luckily, the only piece of work you're responsible to take on is you. You can try to take on the others, but it's a guaranteed waste of time. Love and support doesn't mean doing the work for someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The anticipation of pleasure is exciting and may even turn out to be the best part of an upcoming event. It won't be the first time that memories of the buildup and

preparation overshadow memories of an actual event.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone will be the shaper, and someone will be the shaped. For this reason, it's important to be around people whose influence is likely to be good, or who will be better off because of your influence over them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do not assume that the person who is causing you inconvenience or hurt is doing so willfully. Chances are that this person doesn't realize the impact he or she is having.

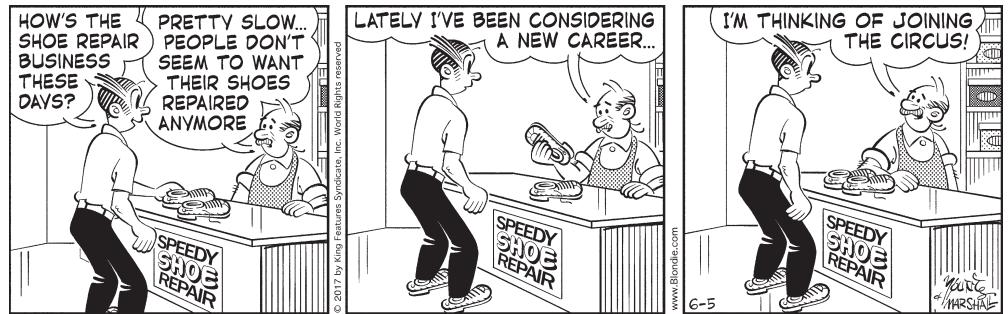
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Remind yourself of just how far you've come — not to fluff up your ego or fill yourself with pride, but to wake you up to the fact that this challenge in front of you is much like ones you've already surmounted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many people try to avoid pressure. You'll use it instead. Temporary tension or discomfort is what motivates you to take your life in an exciting direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a seduction in elegant reasoning and elaborate rationalizations. Resist the allure. Blame and explanation detract from the job at hand: self-reflection, owning up, truth, healing.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (June 6). You'll be someone's angel this year and have many heavenly experiences to fill out the role. This month your life is gaining new structure that will help you achieve a status you've long wished for. You'll be part of an unstoppable team in September. Financial highs come in December and March. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 29, 14, 37 and 5.

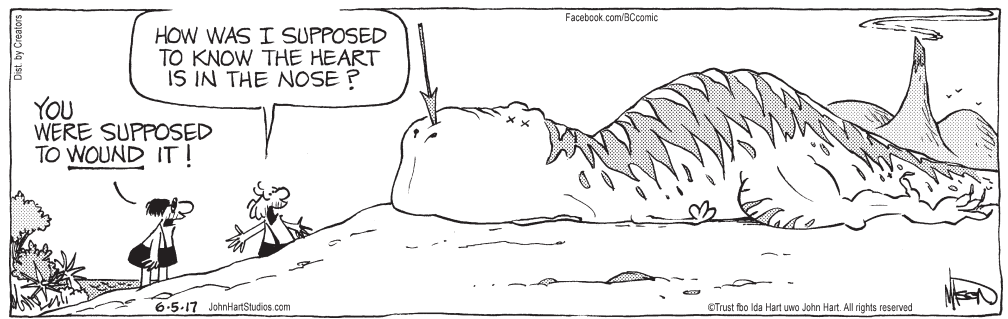
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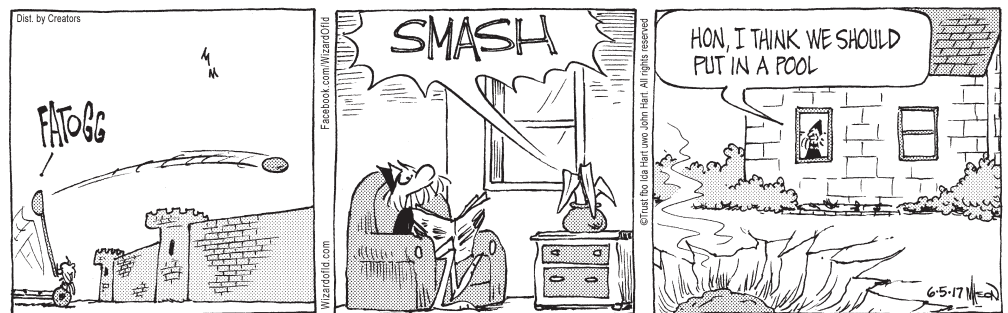
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