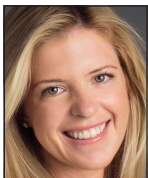


Toddlers cause turbulence

Dear Annie: I recently was on a short flight. A young couple and their two children were seated behind me. One was 11 months old; the other was 2 years old. I am a mother of three and grandmother of six; I love kids and don't consider myself a grouch. However, I just like to sit quietly in my seat and read my book and do not really care to socialize with fellow passengers. I realize that young children and infants can be difficult to entertain on flights, and I didn't mind some noise and occasional fussing. But when the 2-year-old kept flipping the tray that was attached to the back of my seat up and down, I became very irritated, not with the child but with the parent who allowed him to do it over and over again. I didn't really want to turn around and be the grouchy old lady complaining. So I endured it for two hours. Am I being unreasonable? Shouldn't parents be

a little more mindful of fellow passengers' comfort? I'm hoping parents of young children who fly will read this. —
Toddler Turbulence
Dear Toddler Turbulence: Better to bear the 30 seconds of discomfort for speaking up than two hours of discomfort for not. And you can speak up while still being perfectly cordial. Face the parent with a smile. Say hello. Be direct: "Would you please stop him from opening and shutting the tray table? It's shaking my seat." Even if the parent judges you as a "grouchy old lady," I guarantee some other passengers will silently regard you as a hero.

DEAR ANNIE



Annie Lane
Creators
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Dear Annie: I just read the letter by "Sad and Over It, With Empty Pockets." I once worked for a student loan services company. I worked with co-signers on loans that were in arrears. I don't know all the details for "Sad's" case,

so obviously this may not be applicable to her situation. But if the parents only co-signed the loan, it's possible they are just responsible for a certain percentage of repayment (if it was a federal student loan). If it went through collections, then it may not be. If it was a Direct Plus Loan, then the parent is responsible for the full amount, no matter what agreement they made between themselves.

I think they should call and talk to their loan servicer (and ask for a supervisor) to find out whether they have paid off their portion of the loan. If they have a copy of the promissory note, it should also have all the details on there. —
Former Student-Loan Call Center Rep

Dear Former Student-Loan Call Center Rep: I'm printing your letter so it might be of help to "Sad and Over It, With Empty Pockets" and anyone else whose adult child is refusing to repay a loan. Thank you for bringing professional insight to this complex issue.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The thing that's working will continue to work for a time, and when it doesn't anymore, you'll move on. Why worry about all that now? The joy comes from concentrating on the part of the story you're currently in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just because someone has accomplished the task doesn't mean he or she can teach it well. Seek an instructor who not only knows the material but also is gifted at teaching.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It will feel like your work is at the mercy of the good opinion of others. This is a lie. Your work has an integrity that is totally independent of anything anyone else thinks or says. So soldier on toward completion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In this age of narcissism and over-sharing, many people won't show the kind of restraint necessary to build a mystery. The silent guy in the corner may very well be the one who comes off as the most eloquent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You like to speak your mind without worrying how it will be received, and yet it's rare that you can find a person with a strong enough sense of self and a good enough sense of humor not to take your pure outspokenness personally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll make a difference with people who really want to interact with you. Even if the difference you make is something extremely practical or seemingly ordinary, this is, in a way, living the dream. Celebrate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some say that great ideas always start out as controversial and that if it doesn't start an argument, it's not great. On the other hand, the fact that people are fighting

over an idea doesn't necessarily mean it's great either.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Trusting a person allows you to relax and be yourself. But you also like the edge you get when you're not sure of the relationship. Today, if you trust someone but still want to impress him or her, it'll be the best of both worlds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe it's not the first thing you think of when you think of the word "fun," but you will actually enjoy activities that connect you to your beliefs and strengthen your faith, in whatever form that might take.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one really enjoys interacting with a loved one who is tired, distracted and preoccupied, yet these are very common moods that prevail in most households. Yours will be different only because you make sure it's so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't do nothing about something, and don't do something about nothing. If you follow only those two rules, your day will be on point and on purpose.

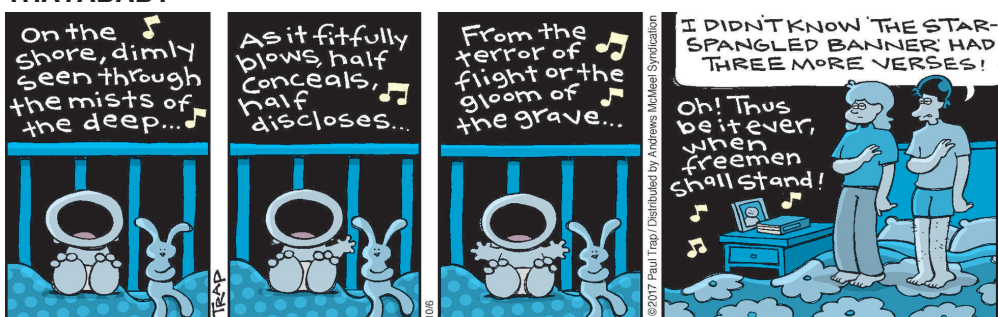
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who see unfulfilled desire as an affirmation of powerlessness will experience that. Those who see unfulfilled desire as an opportunity will grow and learn the art of fulfillment.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 7). This solar return finds you in a sweet position to leverage your talents and work your advantages, although it may take you several weeks to figure out exactly what they are. Expert advice will help you get what you're missing. December and May are the luckiest financially. You'll close a deal in January. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 16, 3, 28 and 11.

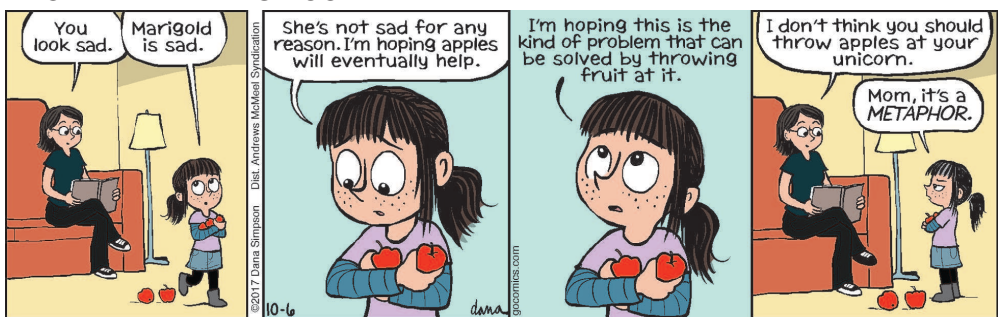
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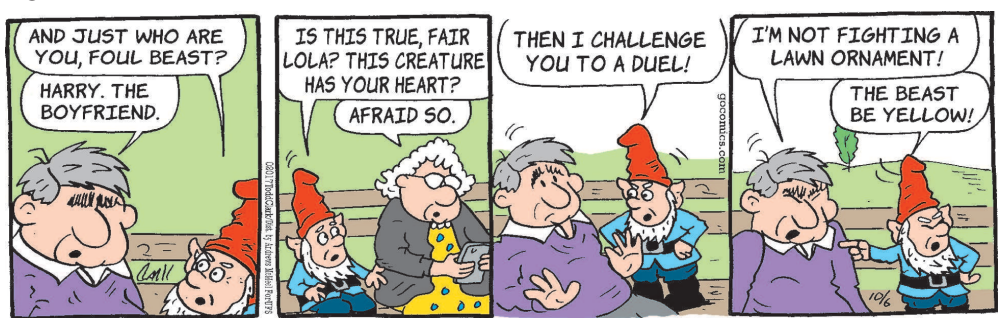
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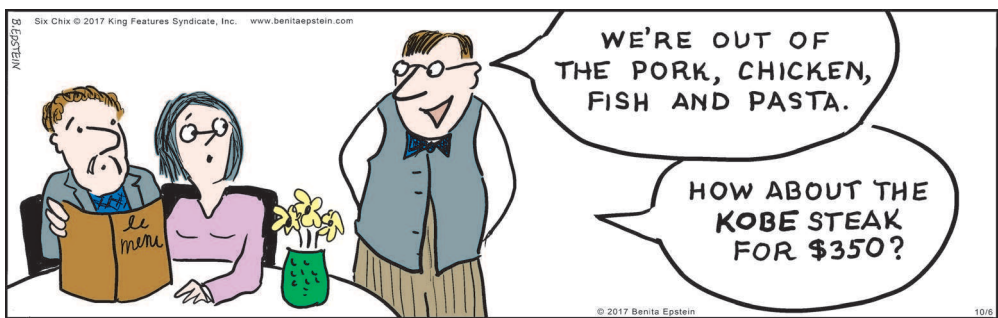
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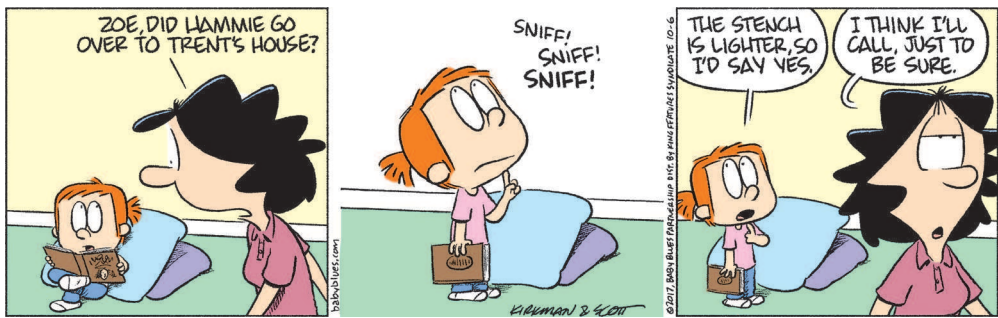
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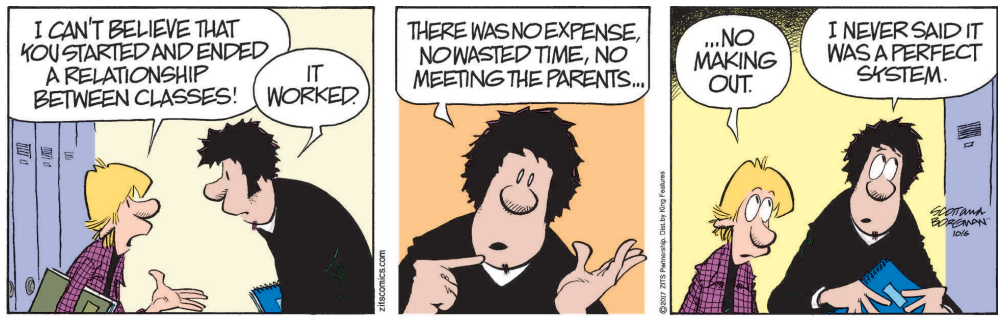
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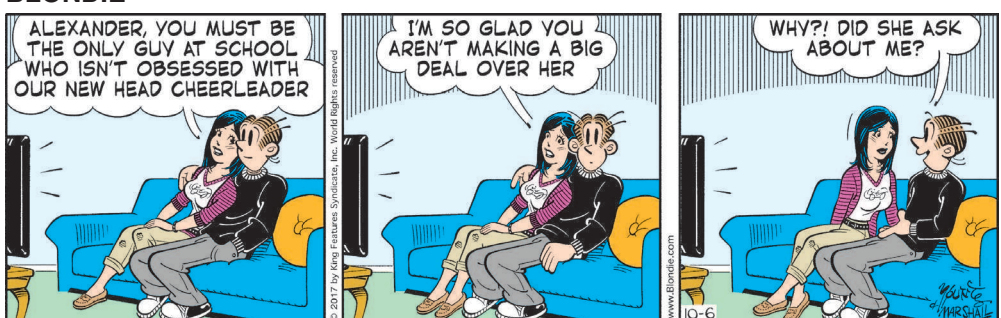
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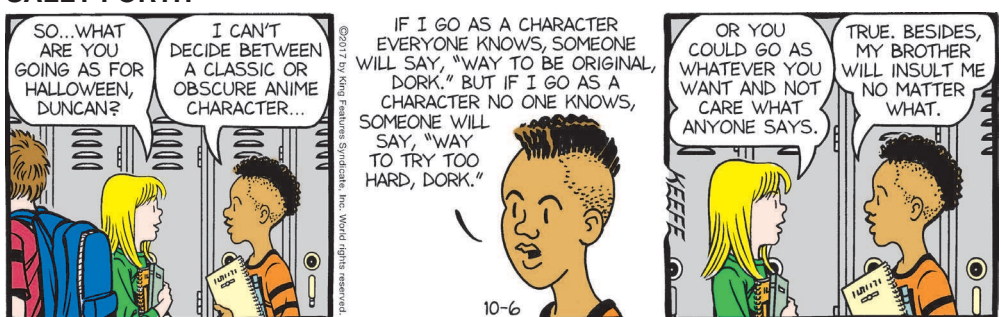
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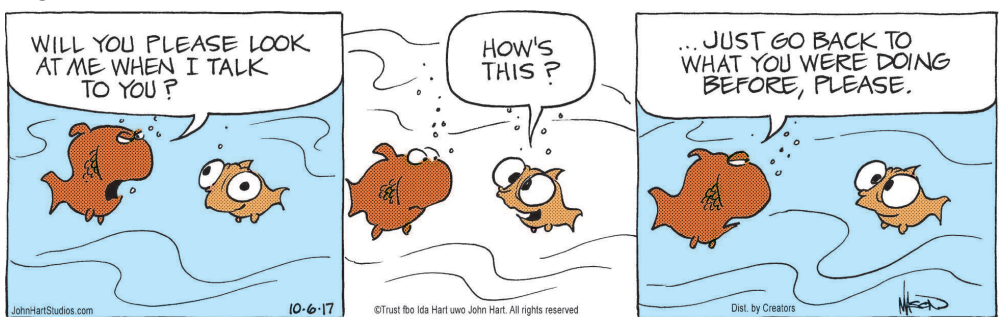
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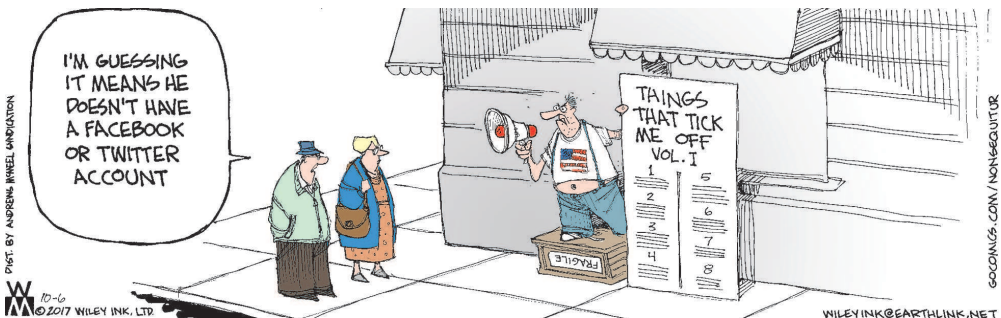
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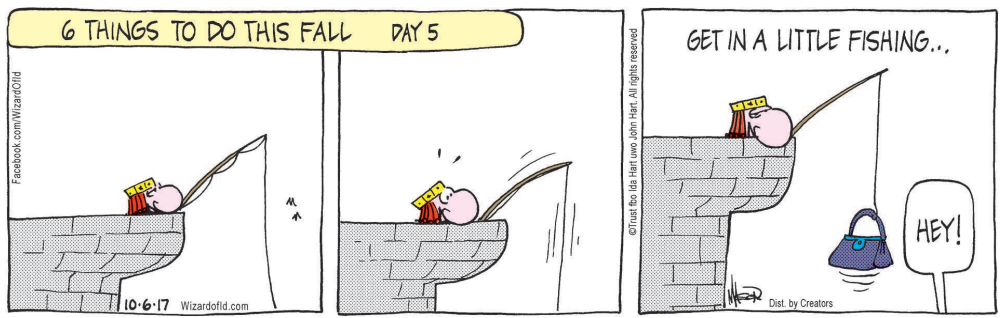
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