

# Different priorities for us

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## DEAR ANNIE



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We live in the same town as our children and grandchildren. I love to help out with baby-sitting and car-pooling. I love my children and grandchildren and enjoy being a part of their lives. I have friends who like to meet for lunch and club meetings, and I volunteer some, too. In short, I keep busy.

My husband doesn't have anything much to do or many friends. And he doesn't seem as into being a grandparent as I am. He never misses the grandkids when we are away traveling. He's grumpy.

I think that being a grandparent is an important part of grandchildren's lives. Plus it's such a blessing to be with them. I want them to know we love them and care

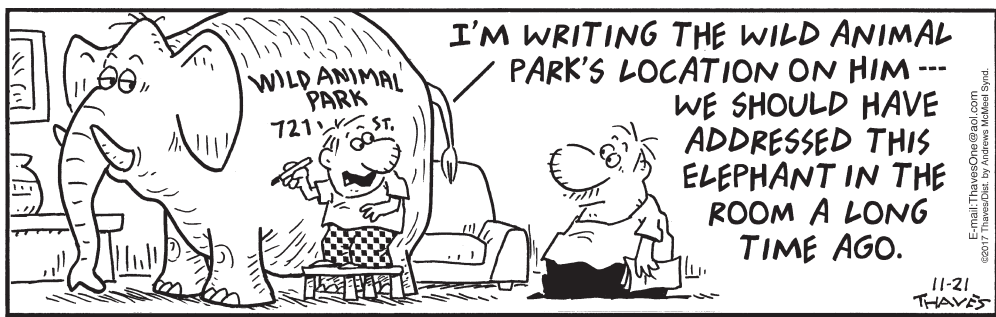
about them. I have hinted at all of these feelings a thousand times to my husband, but he just doesn't get it. I'm losing hope. The grandkids may look back one day and remember his lack of affection and interest. Is there anything I can do? — *Personality Problems*

**Dear Personality Problems:** One plainspoken truth is worth a thousand hints. Talk to your husband about how you're feeling. Explain to him why you love to spend time with the grandchildren and that you want to be a team with him, and say it's hard to be a team unless you both commit. You can start small, asking him to pick one day a week when together you will focus on the grandchildren for some part of the day. Encourage his participation by focusing on what he does do instead of what he doesn't.

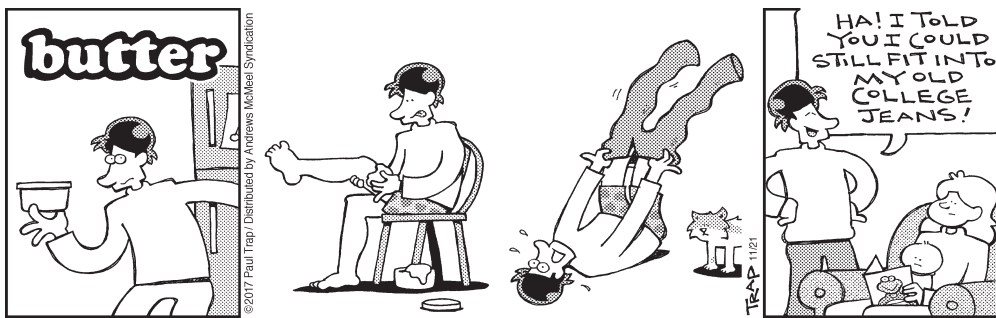
Dear Annie: "Susannah" and I have been friends on and off for over 30 years. She lives in a town that is approximately 75 miles from where I live. The problem is I am tired of being the one who keeps in touch. The most recent time I complained via email about that, she admitted that she had been "negligent," and I agreed. Unfortunately, I haven't heard from her in two months. Should I continue to keep the friendship going or let it die? — *Friendship Is a Two-Way Street*

**Dear Friendship Is a Two-Way Street:** Your signature says it all: Friendship is a two-way street, and your lane is looking worse for wear. Allow some distance to grow between you and her and see what she does to traverse it. If six months or a year from now she contacts you, let your heart tell you whether it wants to open up to her. Don't ignore her out of pride or as a punishment. Thirty years of friendship can't be cast aside hastily.

## FRANK AND ERNEST



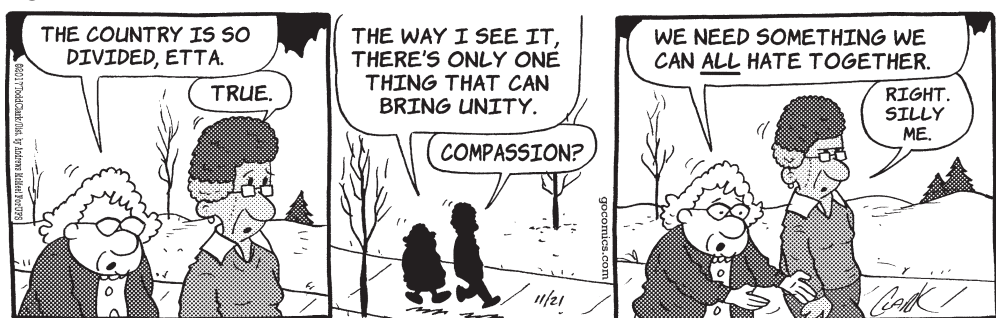
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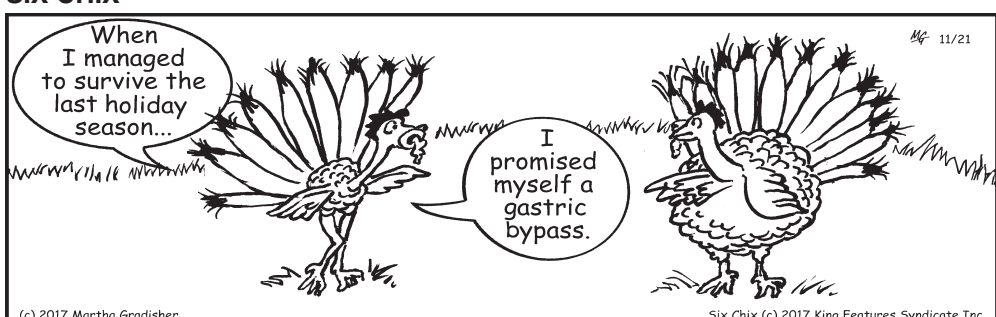
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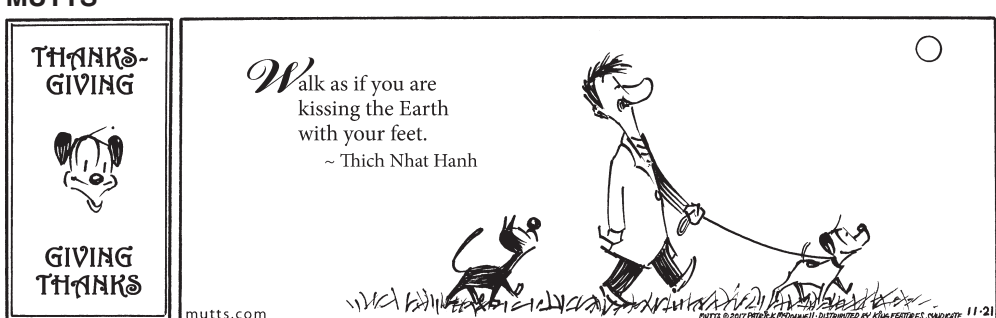
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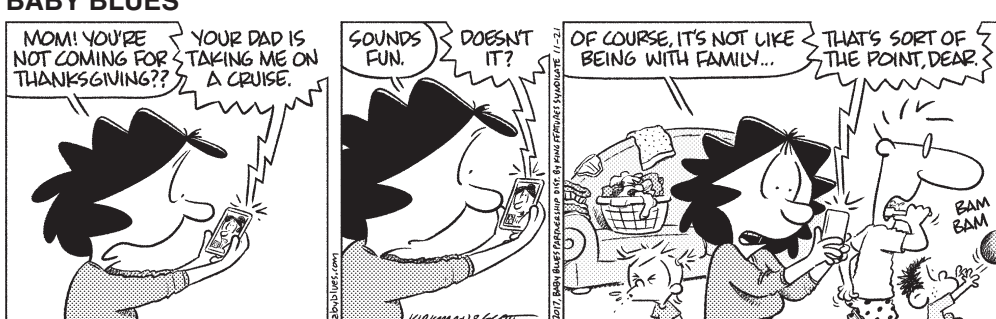
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## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Today you're the undisputed champion of "why not?" and all your team will benefit from your moxie. Even some who aren't on your team will win. And then they'll come to your team, too.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your joy will be infectious, and you don't have to talk about what's making you happy for this to be the case. It's the laugh of your heart that's heard for miles and miles.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The great debates stir great passions. Unfortunately, so do stupid ones these days, so be careful. And if you take a break from debating altogether, if just for today, you'll have energy for more worthy pursuits.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Nature has many ways of helping prey evade the predator — for instance, being covered in prickles, being impossible to catch, tasting bad or looking like you taste bad. You'll be as clever as nature in your avoidance of trouble.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Domesticity can do awful things to love. One moment love is a galaxy in your heart where you dream of each other; the next moment it's stinky socks and the cold laundry cycle. So savor the poetry when it comes.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Even though there are a lot of people who do what you do, your unique expression could not be duplicated by anyone in the whole world. It's why it's so important that you show up and deliver.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** As your project evolves, so will your opinion of it. That's why you'll benefit from being noncommittal. Leave yourself some wiggle room in case your feelings develop in a different direction.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** There's no shame in saying "I don't know" when that's the truth of it. It might also be good to say "I don't know" when there's someone to protect or when you just aren't totally sure.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** By evolutionary design, pain is the easiest thing to remember. Pain and where the food is. What keeps us alive also keeps us struggling, but you'll do something beautiful with that today.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There will be practical realities to process, work around, conquer... and maybe end once and for all. When you can make the rules for your life, do it. It's not always this way. Take advantage of your freedom.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Don't waste a moment being bored or doubtful. Something is coming; you can trust this. You've the capacity for experiences you haven't thought of — experiences you don't even know exist.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The way you put yourself together is a gift to both you and them. The special care you take in assembling what you'll wear, say and more will add up to a super-successful presentation.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 22).** You've a few surprises up your sleeve, and they will be very well received over the next three months. You may start to wonder if the job you took on is really within your ability. No one is successful alone. Reach out and let others help you. By doing this you are also helping them. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 2, 22 and 18.

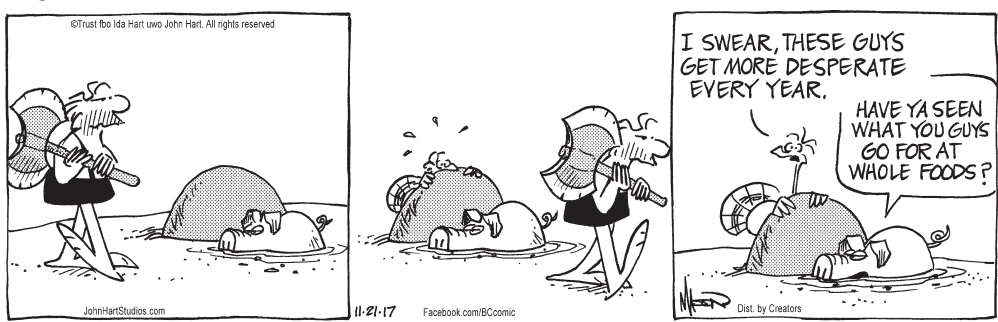
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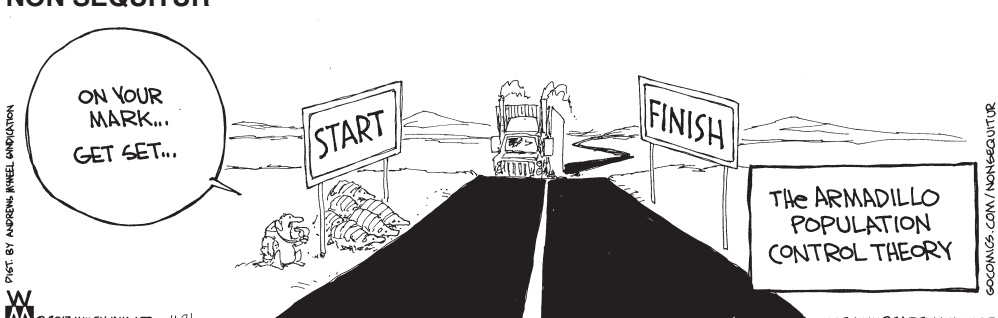
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