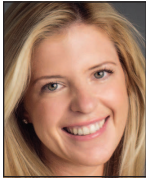


Neighbors push the limits

Dear Annie: I read your column daily, but this is my first time writing to you. My issue is with our adjacent neighbors. They have two small dogs. The man picks up the dog waste and puts it in a pile at the edge of our property. When they moved in a year and a half ago, I observed that he was dumping his grass clippings in my yard and asked him not to do this. He said he was going to start a compost pile. But the dog feces are mixed in it or piled on the top of it, and it's on the property line. I do not think he realizes that dog feces can contain bacteria that could be detrimental to his two young kids. Not quite sure what to do. They are friendly, as they wave and speak when we see them. I am not sure whether this is a vendetta about our not letting them use our land for their use. I want to be a good neighbor, but I find this very trying. Why not just throw the dog feces in the trash like the rest of the world? — *Help*

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rect to send out an SOS regarding this issue, and help is on the way, in the form of a conversation that you must have with your neighbors. There is nothing friendly about leaving dog poop anywhere near your property, let alone on your property. They don't sound friendly; they sound fake. You have to tell them that this is unacceptable. If they refuse to change or if they agree to do so and then continue leaving dog poop on your property line, you should tell them that you will have no choice but to contact the police. Let's hope it doesn't come to that. I'd suggest emphasizing the point you made in your letter about how their children are at risk because of their dreadful disposal system.

Dear Annie: I have been finding more family and friends with pets putting the food bowls on the kitchen counter to prepare the pets' meals. Sometimes these meals are served in family dishes that are later washed and put back into the cupboard

for family use. I've also noticed more people playing or touching pets and then going back to food prep or eating without washing their hands. I like animals but can no longer eat anything at these homes or in dishes they prepare and bring to gatherings. Suggestions? — *Disgusted in Green Bay*

Dear Disgusted: Though I don't relish the idea of eating from the doggy dish, either, I initially thought you were being a little extreme. Then I looked into it more and found you're correct to be so cautious.

According to veterinarian Marty Becker, "bacteria such as MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) and leptospirosis, as well as some internal parasites, can be spread between pets and people. Kitchen hygiene can help keep the microscopic bugs at bay — and is especially important if you and your pets live with young children, seniors or people with compromised immune systems." Tell these people this information in the least judgmental tone possible; share it as if it's new information that you just discovered, too.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not very worried about whether people like you or not, and the others can sense this. It's an admirable quality that will attract interesting characters to you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not really about giving of yourself until it hurts today; rather, you'll do more good by giving the right thing in the right amount, which is to say the amount that others can best handle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You like being around funny people, and you're funny when you're around people you like. There will be plenty of laughter in your realm today, and this helps everyone relax.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Funny people make you happy, and happy people make you funny. A sense of openness makes both of these dynamics possible. Whatever you can do to make others comfortable will pave the way for an easy day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because you've shown that you can maintain and protect your assets, you'll find it easier to acquire more. Go carefully, taking on only what you need, and you'll avoid the kind of dead weight that could only slow you down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've already solved problems that were bigger than the sort you'll encounter today. So take stock of where you've been. Remember what worked, and apply what you've learned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know where you want to go and approximately where it is, too, but you realize, wisely, that it doesn't necessarily mean that you know how to get there. Ask for a map, a recipe, directions or guidance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You won't have to work at being confident. Confidence is the natural benefit of knowing you did the correct thing and the best job you could possibly do. Right is might.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are reasons you're feeling rather private about your struggles, but weigh them against the benefits of sharing what you are going through, which include advice, solutions and help from all sides.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in a rebellious mood and will feel strangely restless until you do something to, as the French say, "shock the bourgeoisie." You should know that your behavior will be extremely attractive to a Leo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The extra discipline you need to reach a personal goal is readily available today, though perhaps not tomorrow. So take time to set yourself up for success. Alter your environment to make success inevitable.

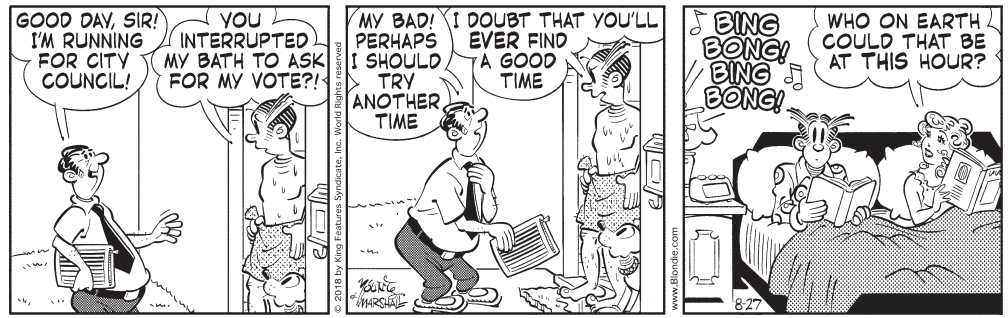
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Enjoy the natural popularity surge you'll get today. People will be drawn to you and very interested in what you have to offer, both personally and professionally.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 28). Your cosmic birthday gift will include fun, love and money. Tell the world what you want to do. Loved ones will come through for you and so will perfect strangers. Your creativity is on the rise in 2019 as you endeavor to nurture your imagination through reading, travel and saying yes to new experiences. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 48, 44, 39 and 12.

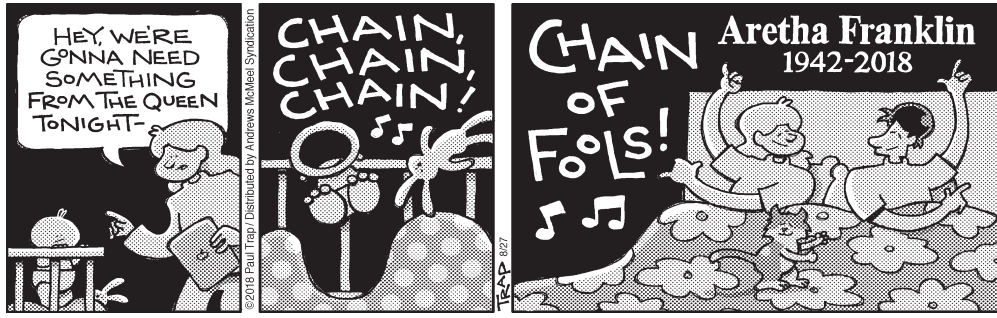
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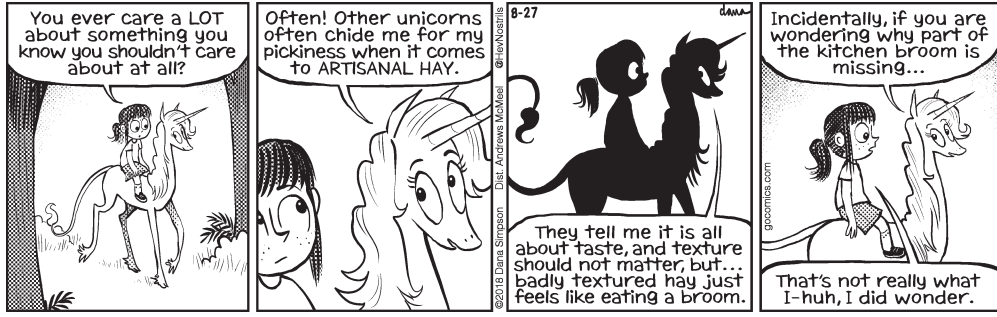
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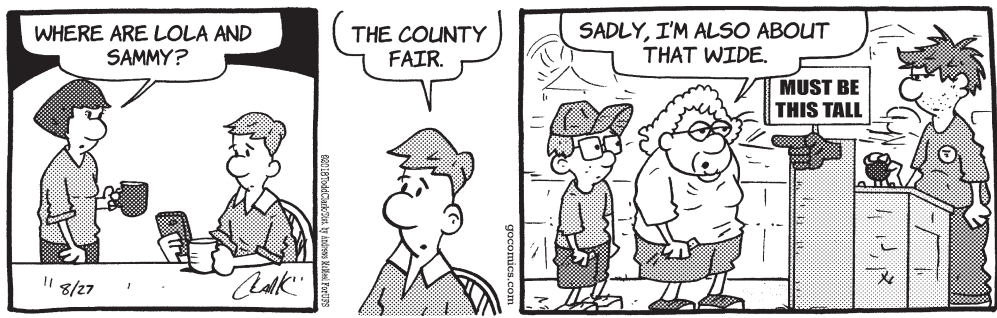
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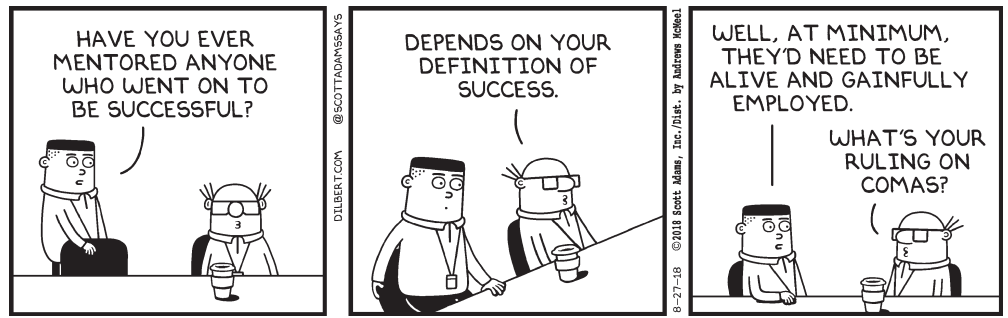
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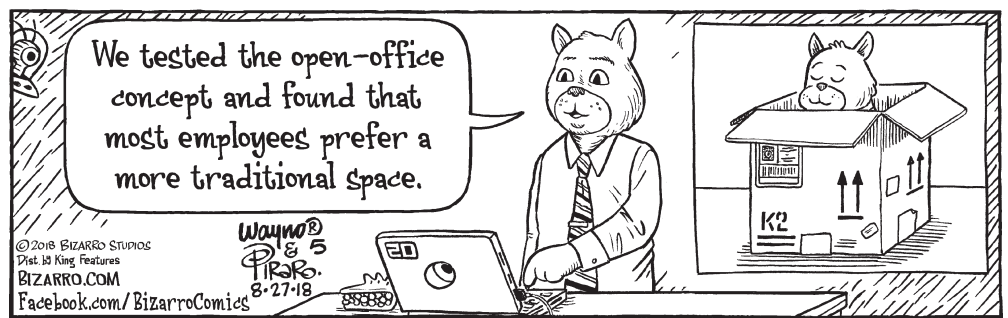
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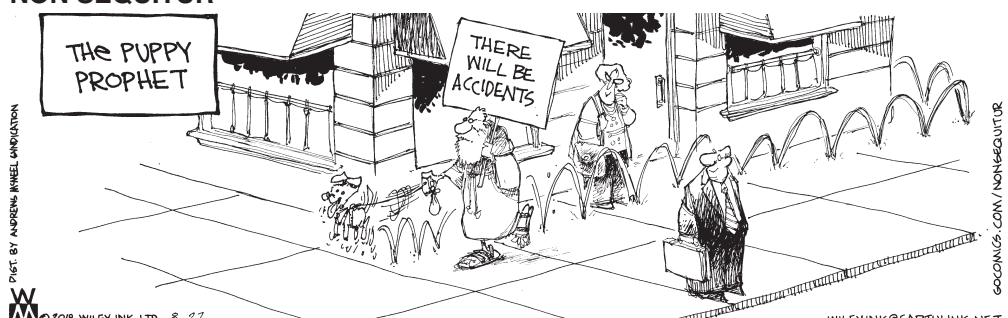
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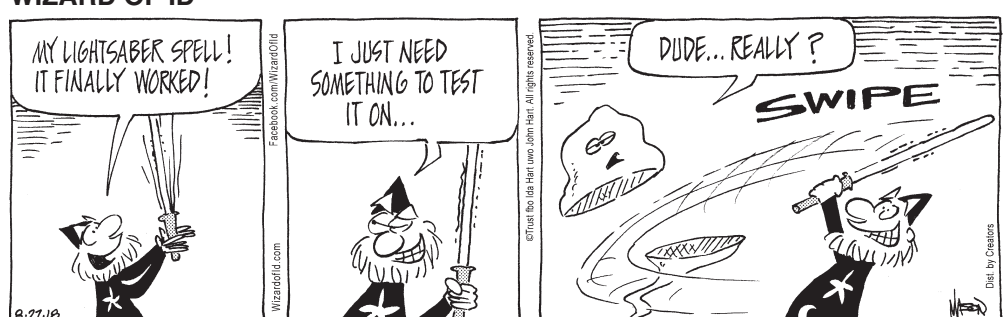
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