

Are thank-you cards old-fashioned?

Dear Annie: Is it considered old-fashioned to send an actual thank-you by mail these days? We attended the wedding of a relative last summer — the second wedding for both the bride and the groom. They had a big church wedding and a fancy reception. Many friends and relatives were there to share in their happy day, some traveling from out of state.

ing a wedding and giving a gift. Maybe the happy couple will see this and it will register. I'm not sure. Thank you for letting me get this off my chest. — *Tired of Rude People*

DEAR ANNIE



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It's now eight months later, and there has been zero acknowledgment of our wedding gift to them. I know that it didn't get lost or misplaced, because I've asked other people who attended and found that no one has been thanked.

If we had been thanked via email or text, it would have been tacky, but at least we would have been thanked. Yes, people are busy these days, but it's extremely rude to not thank people for attend-

Handwritten notes are the most thoughtful way to show appreciation. An emailed thank-you suffices. If the people who gave gifts are just hearing crickets, that's just plain rude.

Dear Annie: I read your response to "Husband of a Hoarder." I have quite a lot of experience with this, seeing as my mother was a hoarder and I have some tendencies in that direction myself. If "Husband of a

Hoarder's" wife shrieks and yells, she is refusing to recognize that she has a problem, and though your idea of encouraging small victories is fine, she must want to recognize a problem and want to correct it. My mother never did.

You suggested Marie Kondo's book. Though that's good for some people, it's very absolutist in its approach. I have found that commitment to a 15-session support group using the book "Buried in Treasures: Help for Compulsive Acquiring, Saving, and Hoarding" — by David F. Tolin, Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee — is better.

Saving and hoarding are two aspects of the problem, but the wife in the letter seems to have the serious issue of compulsive acquiring. — *Daughter of a Hoarder*

Dear Daughter of a Hoarder: I'm very sorry for the loss of your mother. Thank you for sharing some great tips to overcome hoarding.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). This scene you're a part of today is pretty challenging. Try this. Imagine you are the filmmaker who created this whole situation to set up your main character to shine in a later scene. That perspective can lessen your stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No matter what headspace you're in today, you have the ability to slip into a zone where everything is beautiful. Probably this involves that hobby or activity that's become your happy place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Opportunities to stretch yourself usually happen organically, but when they don't, why wait? Make deliberate efforts to challenge yourself. This will be the difference between adequacy and greatness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The changing of an old guard is coming. Your respect and deference to power is genuine and you'll be well-considered when the time comes to move up. That said, there are certain injustices with which you'll never go along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're enthralled by certain kinds of entertainment. It's like some performances can spiral to deep layers of your consciousness, giving you deeply needed soul-nourishment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Saying "no" isn't as hard for you as it is for some others. That's why you don't like to put people in a position of having to agree or disagree with you. Instead, you'll present ideas (no pressure, no "ask") and just see what happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Volunteer. You'll love who you meet through this. It won't be all easy or fun — in fact, this promises to be a completely mixed bag — but one special contact will make it all more than

worthwhile. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Recovery, renewal and regeneration — three different stages. To expect them to happen all at once is to sign up to a world of frustration. Instead, relax and recognize the stage you're in for it's vital place in the chain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You hate to reject anyone, but saying "no" leaves an opening for a better fit to step in. So don't agonize over your choices, or your tone will bring others down. Look at the positive that you do by moving quickly on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one's job is always easy. Even pampered kings, wealthy socialites and celebrities have problems. So waste not a second wishing for a different set of problems. There's greatness waiting inside of the set you're on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Probably no one is going to tap you as the leader, so tap yourself. With your talent, drive and a few well-chosen words you can stir up the people and strengthen their spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Consider your next move for three days. Maybe "consider" is too strong a word for what you should do really. No active thinking, discussing or writing will be necessary. Give it a rest. You'll know better on Monday.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (March 15). You're loved deeply and understood better than you think, so don't hesitate to reach out. There will be celebrations, laughter, community, and education through the next six months. Invest in yourself. You're worth it, but that probably isn't your main concern. Will you make your money back? A resounding yes. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 22, 38, 24 and 9.

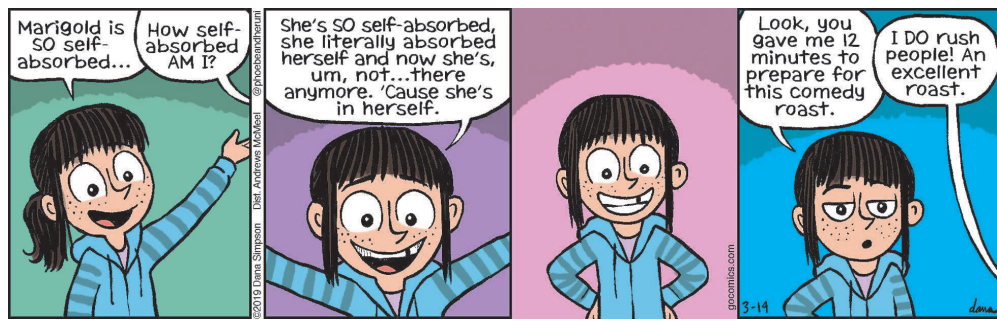
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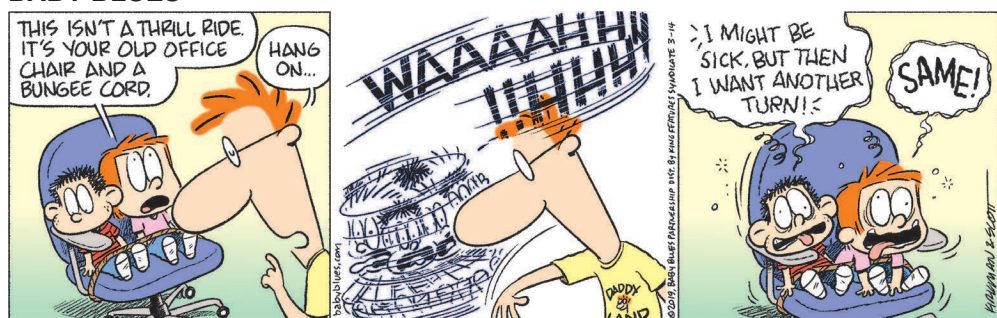
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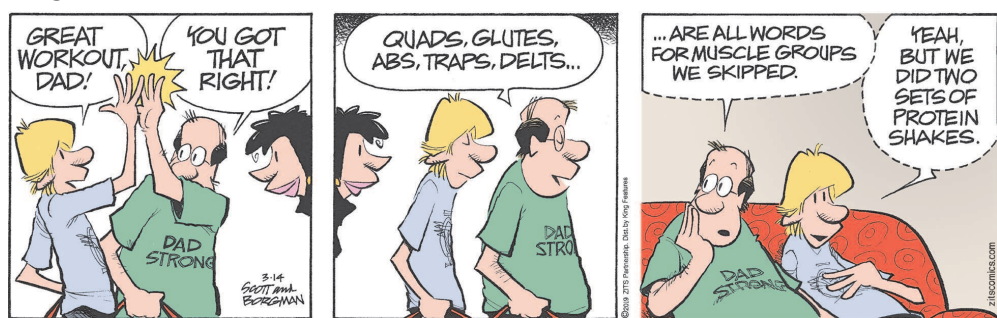
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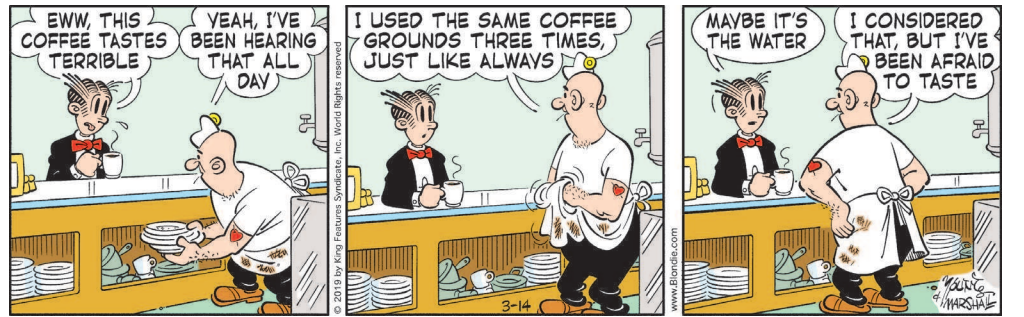
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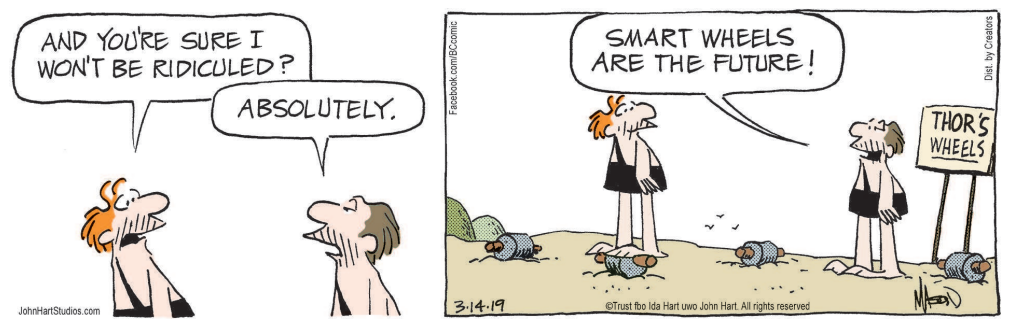
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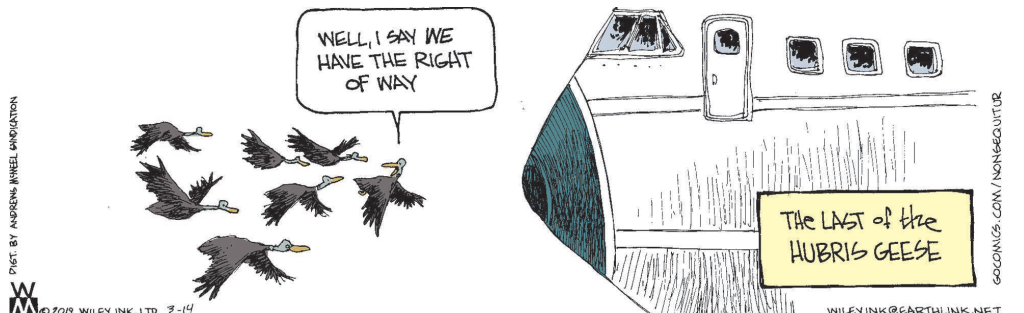
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