

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: I have been interested in a woman for several years. During that time, I have dated her and helped her with her house. Today she called and asked me to walk her dog. I had to decline because I couldn't fit it in. She sent me two emails, back-to-back:

"Thanks, Fred, but one thing I'm sure of — anyone who isn't a friend of my dog is no friend of mine. Where's your Christian service now? I don't want you to check on my dog or me ever! You are a selfish guy who couldn't take a five-minute drive on a 60-degree day, and I hope I won't hear from you ever again. I wish you all the best. Enjoy sitting around taking care of you, yourself. Bye."

And, "A true friend would check on my dog and lock all the doors after, so don't go near my house or apartment. You are not a guy I want around. You think you're better than you are."

What do I do and how do I take this?

— *Confused In Colorado*

Dear Confused: Because this is how your self-centered lady friend reacted when you told her you couldn't come when she whistled, it's a shame — for your sake — that she didn't say it years ago. What you should do now is take her emails to heart. Follow her instructions to the letter and don't let her hear from you again. She's bad news, and you can do better. Much better.

Dear Abby: My wife passed more than a year ago, and I am seeing a lady whose husband died five years ago. "Helen" had been going out with her boyfriend, "Harry," for two years, but he recently developed cancer and passed away.

We have grown close, but I have a problem. When we are

in a romantic situation, Helen will call me "Harry." When it happens, it's upsetting, and I get defensive. I have a really hard time dealing with being called her last boyfriend's name. Sometimes I think I should walk away. What should I do?

— *Misidentified In Florida*

Dear Misidentified: If you care about Helen, recognize that she spent two years with dear, departed Harry, and stop taking it personally if she slips and calls you by his name once in a while. It's normal, and with time, it will stop happening.

Dear Abby: I am a 65-year-old male, and I recently went out of town on business with a 28-year-old male coworker. During the entire dinner, he continued looking up stuff and responding to texts on his cellphone. He spoke to me only a few times. When I tried to engage him in conversation, he would answer and then return to his phone.

I found his behavior rude and insulting. I understand the importance of phones. If he had received an important call or one from his wife during dinner and spoke for a short time, that would be fine. But when people stay glued to their phones throughout the dinner and the evening, I think it's rude. What's the protocol for these types of situations?

— *Hang Up In Alabama*

Dear Hang Up: The proper protocol is to put the cellphone away or at least face down on the table during dinner. By failing to do that, your coworker sent you the unmistakable message that he wasn't interested in anything you might have wanted to discuss with him. Unless he was far behind in answering his work emails, I agree that his behavior was just plain rude.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★DYNAMIC |★★★★★POSITIVE |★★★★★AVERAGE |★★★★★SO-SO |★★★★★DIFFICULT

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or big decisions from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. EDT today (3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Gemini into Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 21, 2022: You are intelligent, independent and creative. You have strong moral values and high expectations for yourself. You are fun-loving, skilled and talented. This is a strong year for you because you will get recognition that you deserve for past efforts. Expect awards, a promotion, kudos and acknowledgements. Bravo!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Today is a day for you to work hard and party hard! But mostly you want to party, at least in a low-key way. Do be aware that confusion about your pet, your job or your health might be a factor. Therefore, don't believe everything you hear or see. Check it out. Tonight: Cocoon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today you will enjoy relaxing at home. However, romantic relationships are subject to confusion and disappointment. Be careful that this confusion doesn't blur something financial or related to something that you own. Be aware. Tonight: Emotional discussions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Today the Moon is still in your sign at odds with Neptune and dancing nicely with the Sun. Basically, this makes everything fine and secure. Nevertheless, discussions with authority figures might be like two ships passing in the night. Be clear in your communications. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might spend time today daydreaming or being lost in flights of fantasy, which is quite all right. We all need to do this from time to time. Nevertheless, don't be so distracted that things that matter are ignored or missed. Something going on behind the scenes is a bit fuzzy. Tonight: You win!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ This is a lovely day to schmooze. Having said that, do be wary of decisions about money,

finances and your possessions. Make sure everything is clearly understood. Make sure you're not expected to pick up the tab — as usual. Tonight: Seek solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Conversations with partners and close friends are confusing today. Factoid. Meanwhile, you are high-viz, so people notice you more than usual. If you think there's something fishy going on, there is! Tonight: Friendships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Today you might be dealing with secrets and hidden information because something is going on behind the scenes. Relations with friends and groups will be positive and reinforcing. However, something to do with your work, a pet or your health might be confusing. Be aware of this. Tonight: You are noticed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ The expectations of a friend or a group might not be clear to you. Well, if this is the case, speak up. Find out what others expect of you. Don't leave people guessing. Likewise, make sure they know what you mean. Tonight: Explore!

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Solve these puzzles on C5

SOLUTION TO
TODAY'S SUDOKU

4 3 5 8 6 1 2 9 7
2 9 6 5 3 7 1 4 8
1 8 7 9 4 2 6 3 5
5 1 4 7 2 8 3 6 9
3 6 8 1 9 4 7 5 2
9 7 2 6 5 3 8 1 4
7 4 3 2 1 5 9 8 6
8 5 9 3 7 6 4 2 1
6 2 1 4 8 9 5 7 3

SOLUTION TO
TODAY'S JUMBLE

JUMBLE

Answer:
SOCIAL NUGGET IMPORT
ACCESS SNAPPY NOVICE

Construction on the hospital's
new critical care unit was done,
for all —

"INTENSIVE"
PURPOSES

NYT CROSSWORD SOLUTION

M A N O R S J A K O B J O I S T S
A N I M A L S O C I A L S A G L A R E
C I N E M A A L L T H A T C R I M E A
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LAT CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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T E A R J E N N E R T O A F A U L T
M A T L O R A X T I T U S L E O S
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C A L L U S T E C H L A M P O I L
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T E A S E R R I C E E R R O N E O U S
P I P P A T V S E T B O L T
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C R O S S O U T I T O T R A M P L E
A C U T E P I E C E O F T H E P I O U S
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