



SENSE & SENSITIVITY

By Harriette Cole

Parents Want Daughter To Visit Before Big Move

DEAR HARRIETTE: My daughter just graduated from college in May, and my husband and I couldn't be prouder of her. She has a job lined up in New York City and will be moving there in mid-August. The lease at her college apartment ends in July, and we were really hoping she would come home before starting this next chapter. We thought it would be a nice way for her to relax, regroup and spend some quality time with family before she's off building her new life. When we suggested it, she told us she doesn't want to come home. She said she wants to stay with some university friends until her lease is up. Honestly, this response really hurt. We've supported her every step of the way, and we were looking forward to having her back under our roof, even if just for a short time. I can't help but feel like she's trying to distance herself from us now that she's an adult. Is it wrong to want this time with her? How do I deal with the sadness and disappointment I'm feeling without making her feel guilty? -- Missing Our Daughter

DEAR MISSING OUR DAUGHTER: Accepting that your daughter is independent and walking into the next stage of her life has got to be difficult. It is understandable that you long to spend a bit of time with her before she moves further away. It also makes sense that she wants to be with friends she has made in college whom she may never see again.

Tell your daughter that you were hoping she would come home for a short time before heading to New York City for her new job. Ask her if she would consider carving out a brief period of time -- even just a long weekend -- to come home to be with you while also being able to hang a bit with her friends. Don't guilt her. Just ask her.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I went to an event with a male friend, "Tom," and met up with a female friend, "Meg," and we all hung out together. The next day, I learned that Tom had been calling Meg and basically trying to seduce her. His approach was a bit kinky, though, and she was turned off by it. Joe asked Meg to send him pictures of different body parts -- not genitalia -- but she found it all creepy. Now he won't stop soliciting her for photos. Meg has forwarded me his messages so I can see them; they are different, but not overly suggestive or inappropriate. She has asked me to speak to him and ask him to back off. I don't want to get involved. Nothing seems dangerous about his communication. Meg just needs to tell him she's not interested. Do you think I need to do more? -- Peripheral

DEAR PERIPHERAL: Encourage Meg to handle her business. This is not high school. Everyone is an adult. She needs to act like one and tell Joe that she appreciates his interest in her, but she does not reciprocate his feelings. She needs to ask him to stop calling and texting her. If he doesn't get the hint, she can block his number.

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Sunnyside Pool Sip & Dip Event postponed due to severe weather

Due to the forecast of severe weather, the Sunnyside Pool Sip & Dip event originally scheduled for Thursday, July 10 will be postponed in the interest of safety for our guests, staff, vendors, and performers. Organizers are currently working to select a new date and will share the updated event details as soon as possible.

"Thank you for your understanding and continued support," Sunnyside Pool Staff said. "Please stay tuned to our social media page for the latest updates."

Home Improvement Remedies for creaky floors

Hardwood floors are coveted features in many homes. The National Wood Flooring Association says wood floors are the most environmentally friendly flooring options available. In the United States, the hardwood forests that provide flooring products are growing twice as fast as they are being harvested. Furthermore, wood floors can last for many generations and require fewer raw materials to produce than other flooring options. That means less waste may end up in landfills.

Hardwood floors can endure for decades in a home, but over time those same floors may need some tender loving care to keep them looking good and working as they should. Squeaky floors are a common nuisance that homeowners may experience. Squeaking is often caused by movement and friction between floorboards. Treating the problem involves identifying the underlying issue.

Loose hardware

Squeaky floors may be due to the loosening of the hardware holding the floor in place, says The Home Depot. When nails or screws no longer are secured tightly, the boards can rub together. The noise heard is the sound produced by rubbing. Tightening or re-

placing the hardware can help reduce the squeaking.

Counter-snap kit method

This Old House says this kit method is a great way to fix squeaks without damaging the floor. Once the source of the squeak is located, drill a 3/32-inch pilot hole through the hardwood flooring. Then insert a screw through the kit's depth-control fixture and into the pilot hole, and drive it until it automatically snaps off below the wood surface. Follow this up by filling the hole with wood putty that matches the floor color. Once the

putty is dry, lightly sand the area to blend.

Use a shim or shims

Sometimes the floor may squeak because of a gap between the joists and the subfloor. Filling the gap with a small piece of wood called a shim can help alleviate the gap or gaps.

Drive up screws

If a squeak is just in one spot, The Home Depot says that you may be able to drive short screws from below into the sub-floor.

Small gaps

For small gaps between boards, sprinkle talcum powder or powdered graphite between squeaky boards to reduce friction. Wood filler applied with a putty knife also may work. For larger gaps, use a liquid filler designed for wood floors.

Homeowners also can visit their local home improvement center for other hardware solutions designed for under-floor repairs to remedy squeaks. Many work from underneath the floor and involve mounting plates or brackets to sure up the floor.

Squeaky floors can be problematic, but noises can be banished with some repair work.



By Danny Seo

Do Just One Thing

Have you heard of the Swedish term "plogging"? It's a combination of jogging and picking up litter. The movement began in 2016 as a way to clean up walkways and prevent trash and other debris from ending up in waterways.

It also happens to be a great workout, incorporating jogging or walking, bending, squatting and carrying extra weight as you "plog" your way along a trail. And yes, if biking is more your style, you can join in by "pliking" -- picking up litter while cycling.

Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CASS COUNTY
(JUVENILE DIVISION)

In the Interest(s) of:	:	CASE NO. JVJV003160
E.P.,	:	AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING &
A Child/Children.	:	SUMMONS TO APPEAR
	:	

TO: Unknown Fathers, address unknown (Publication)

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above court, a petition in the above-entitled action, a copy of which is attached hereto, which prays for a termination of the parent-child relationship with the above-named child(ren) pursuant to Division IV of Iowa Code Chapter 232. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is Krisanne C. Weimer, Special Prosecutor for the Cass County Attorney, and whose address is 5 W 7th Street, Atlantic, Iowa 50022.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a hearing to determine whether your parental rights should be terminated to the child in interest pursuant to Iowa Code Section 232.117 shall be held before the Juvenile Court on the **1st day of August, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Courtroom of the Cass County Courthouse in Atlantic, Iowa. If you fail to appear and defend at said time and place, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Court at the time and place immediately above stated. You shall bring the child named above with you at that time. If you fail without reasonable cause to appear or to bring the child, you may be proceeded against for contempt of court or the Court may issue an order for your arrest, or both your arrest and the taking into custody of the child.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the child must be represented by an attorney and guardian ad litem, which may be the same person. The court has appointed an attorney and guardian ad litem to represent the child. If the parent has or will retain an attorney to represent the child as attorney and guardian ad litem, that attorney should be notified immediately. If the child is then represented by counsel retained by the parents and the Court determines there is a conflict of interest between the child and his or her parent, guardian or custodian and that retained counsel could not properly represent the child as a result of the conflict, the Court shall appoint other counsel to represent the child and set a hearing to determine payment for attorney fees to be assessed to the parent.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a parent, guardian or custodian in a child in need of assistance proceeding has the right to be represented by counsel at all hearings subsequent to the filing of a Petition. If you wish to privately retain counsel, you should immediately notify the attorney of these proceedings. If you desire representation but you cannot afford to hire and attorney, you should immediately contact the Clerk of the above-named court and request from and file with the Clerk an Application for Appointment of Counsel and Financial Statement. If you are determined to be indigent, the Court may appoint counsel for you at minimal or no cost to you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that upon your request, the Clerk shall issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers at the adjudicatory hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the hearing may take place without your presence if you fail to appear after reasonable notification. If you wish to state your views to the Court, you must appear in person or by attorney or the Court may rule against you.

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