

# Dear Annie

By Annie Lane



## Loving life, still not loving wrinkles

*Editor's note: The following column was originally published in 2019.*

**Dear Annie:** I set off a flurry of responses because I wrote I hated being old, hated the wrinkles and hated the condescension and obligatory solicitousness people showed to old people just because they were old. I said I hated looking old because I think some people react to one's aged appearance as others react to skin color or religion-required apparel. My point was that people should not act toward others based on appearances.

One woman wrote that she felt that she had earned her wrinkles (by hard work and living a life she was proud of, we assume).

I, too, have lived a life of which I am proud. I worked hard for my family, held a place of respect in the community, was successful in my career and did what I could to help others. I didn't do it so I could earn anything, but if I were to do it to earn something, it would be stars in my heavenly crown or good karma, certainly not wrinkles. I still think they are ugly.

Rewards should be good, not ugly. I got wrinkled because I didn't die young. Not dying young was the reward, not wrinkles.

Another reader said having people give old people seats or treating us with deference is respect for our age. I do not want to be treated with respect just because I am old. I like to think when I am treated with respect it is because I have earned it — not simply for staying alive.

The letter that precipitated my writing again was a woman who was "continuing to be kind." I love kindness, and I love being kind to people. I love when we humans connect with strangers by letting them go in front of us in line when they look like they're in a hurry, or turning in a wallet accidentally left on a counter, or paying for the person behind you in a drive-thru.

I love life. I love random kindnesses by fellow humans. I love having survived to this age. I love it when you hold a door for me because I have packages. Just don't do it out of obligation because I am old. — *Loving My Life in Vermont*

**Dear Loving Life:** Thank you for responding to those other readers' reactions to your initial letter.

I think the message is clear from everyone who wrote in; namely, that they love life and are grateful to have lived long enough to know some of the pros and cons that come with aging.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I grew up in large extended families and we are delighted our son's daughter gets to do that too, on her mother's side. That we don't see her much on the holidays isn't important. What's important is that she is surrounded by a loving family of many aunts, uncles and cousins.

When "Soon-To-Be-Grandma's" grandchild is born, there will be lots of opportunities to help. You were spot on to tell her that the question isn't how can her son pay more attention to her, but how can she be helpful to her son. I wish her all joy during the times she is with her son and her future grandchild and hope she doesn't have resentment during the times she is not with them. — *Grandma Already*

**Dear Grandma:** You are very kind to wish her all the joy that she will experience as a grandmother.

"How Can I Forgive My Cheating Partner?" — *Annie Lane's second anthology featuring favorite columns on marriage, infidelity, communication and reconciliation — is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information. Send questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).*

# Hints from Heloise

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## Watch out for yet another new email scam

*Today's Sound Off is about a new scam going around, so beware.*

**Dear Heloise:** There is a new scam going around through email, no matter which carrier you use.

The scam starts with: "I am the representative of the customer support center at ..." They claim to have received complaints about your email account sending out malware and viruses. They will tell you there were thousands of spam emails sent from your account and threaten to delete your account within 48 hours if you don't respond immediately. Then they'll tell you to install an antivirus software and that they will select the best one for you.

Below this, there will be a box that they want you to click that reads: "Scan for viruses." Don't click on that box.

This is nothing more than a scam and an effort to steal as much of your personal information as they can. If they get into your computer, they'll try to access your banking information and your credit and debit card information. They can also disrupt your computer service and cause other problems.

If you look at the top of the email, you'll see a return email address that is clearly not from your carrier. That's your first clue this is a scam. — *A Reader, via email*

Reader, thank you for writing in. Here at Heloise Central, we try to help our readers avoid being taken advantage of by warning them about various scams and con artists. — *Heloise*

### VEGGIE PEELER USES

Here are some additional uses for a vegetable peeler:

- Make vegetable curls as garnishes for salads.
- Create chocolate shavings.
- Shave chunks of cheese, such as Parmesan.
- Shave sticks of butter into curls.
- Create garnishes for cocktails like orange peels.

### CLEANING SOLUTIONS

**Dear Heloise:** I bought your pamphlet on cleaning solutions years ago, and it was a lifesaver. I now have two married daughters who could use a copy in their homes. How do I go about ordering a couple of these stocking stuffers for them? — *Mary Ann R., Provo, Utah*

Mary Ann, go to [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com) or send \$5 per pamphlet, along with a stamped, self-addressed, long envelope to: Heloise/Cleaning Solutions, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. These are great stocking stuffers. — *Heloise*

### PRACTICING GRATITUDE

**Dear Heloise:** My family has a tradition at meals where we go around the table and each person is required to name three things they are grateful for. It makes us remember how fortunate we are to live where we live, enjoy the freedoms we have and cherish the friends there for us in times of need.

For so many people, just having a roof over their head or a decent meal is a luxury. Many others are lonely, frightened or sick. We sometimes grumble about the stress in our lives, but instead, we should learn to show more gratitude. — *Caroline G., Carson City, Nevada*

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to [Heloise@Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com).

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## LEGAL NOTICES

(October 16, 23, 30, 2023)

### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Robert Larry Brueno to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust, its successors and assigns, dated October 30, 2015 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 20935, Page 523, subsequently assigned to Home Point Financial Corporation by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 23009, Page 326, subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by Home Point Financial Corporation by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 24113, Page 317, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 24580, Page 484 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on November 6, 2023 at 31 Bristol Street, Westfield, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, described as follows:  
The tract of land, known and designated as Bristol Street, lot number one hundred fifty-nine (159) and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds on Plan File No. 290-B. Subject to a Notice of Variance dated June 28, 1989 from the City of Westfield recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 7212, Page 561.  
Previous plan reference was incorrectly stated as Plan Book 843.  
The correct Plan Book is 290-B.  
For title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds herewith.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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(October 30, 2023)

### TOWN OF GRANVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Granville Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 6th, 2023 at 6:45pm, in the Granville Town Hall, 707 Main Road, to discuss the allocation of the Local Property Tax Levy among the five property classes for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from