

Name in phone causes strife

Dear Annie: I've been seeing (and sleeping with) "Jordan" for eight months. We met at the gym, and I asked him out because I had an amazing feeling about him. Since then, I've become totally infatuated. He is one of the kindest men I've ever met. I thought I saw a future for us.

But the other day, Jordan casually mentioned that he needed to change my name in his phone. When I asked what he meant, he said he still had me listed as "girl from the gym."

I couldn't believe it. We've been together eight months! I expressed my hurt and told him that such a thing was very cold. He didn't seem to think it was a big deal. But, Annie, I haven't been able to get over this detail. I see it as a total lack of respect and proof of my impermanence in his life, and it means I'm definitely not someone important to him.

Am I overreacting? I thought he was actually the one. — *Phony Love*

Dear Love: You are wildly overreacting. This is not an issue of coldness, impermanence or lack of importance. It's laziness.

Annie's Mailbox

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When Jordan first met you, you asked him out. You became "girl from the gym" so he would remember who you were. As you spent more time together, he grew to care about you, but editing your name in his contact list required a minor effort that he probably kept putting aside since he knew how to reach you. Now the relationship is important, and he wants to look you up with your real name. The fact that he should have done this six months ago is irrelevant. He's doing it now. If everything else is wonderful, a better response would have been to laugh and recognize that nobody's perfect.

Dear Annie: This is in reference to the letter from "Sad Mom," who said a boy in her son's school committed suicide.

She said the cause of death was not explained and there had been irresponsible speculation on social media.

I have been in the funeral business for five years. Giving information like that is up to the family. It's their call. What the school wants, what the other parents want or what is happening on social media is not important to them. They are grieving, and what they choose to say is entirely their business. — *Funeral Home Manager*

Dear Funeral: We completely agree that details about the cause of death are only to be shared by family members who wish to do so. It is no one else's business, and the family should not be burdened by others' curiosity. But in a school, the students' concerns and fears should not be ignored as though nothing happened. This means acknowledging that there has been a death, allowing the students to grieve and providing counseling for those who need it. Most schools, fortunately, already have such programs in place, and we hope those that do not yet have one will look into it.

Tomorrow's horoscope

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The day will require you to be vigilant and aware. People who do not stop a wrong from happening are almost as wrong as those who perpetrate the crimes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You appreciate beauty. Sometimes it's obvious, but often it's not. There are seemingly disorderly aspects of true beauty. Direct attention to things they wouldn't have noticed if it weren't for your keen eye.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). "The issue" returns to mind — you're having a hard time letting this one go. Maybe it's time to drop everything and actively involve yourself in finding a solution.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Artists inspire you, and there's something in the essence of one of your idols that will carry over into your own work today. In the end, call it an homage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you love someone, that person has the power to freeze and stretch the moment for you — and also to snap and shrink it so you wish that you had much, much more time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Avoid distractions and block out the things that could potentially obstruct your productivity. Tonight, the one who seems to have it all together could use more help than you might have guessed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The thing that frustrates you could be the same thing that liberates you — look at it in another light. Tonight, take back the power and reclaim your schedule.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). That someone who makes you breathe hard-

er than usual just at the sight of them? That's someone who will make you realize who you are and who you want to be and help you bridge the gap between the two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll receive something different from what you gave. The two things are of equal value. This may not be readily apparent, but time will reveal the balance.

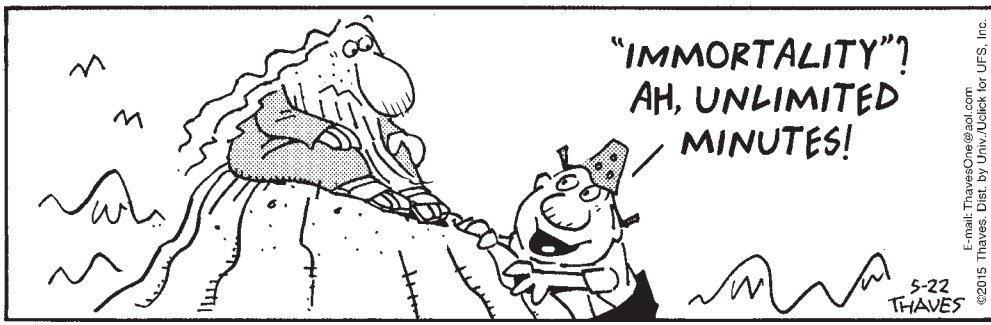
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you're wondering why you keep making people laugh, it's because you say things that are true. Tonight, it's not too late to join the club, group, meet-up or social network.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone has an opinion; few have solutions. Look hard and you'll find the good in an idea. It's easy not to, though, which is why you'll hear so many complaints from the peanut gallery today.

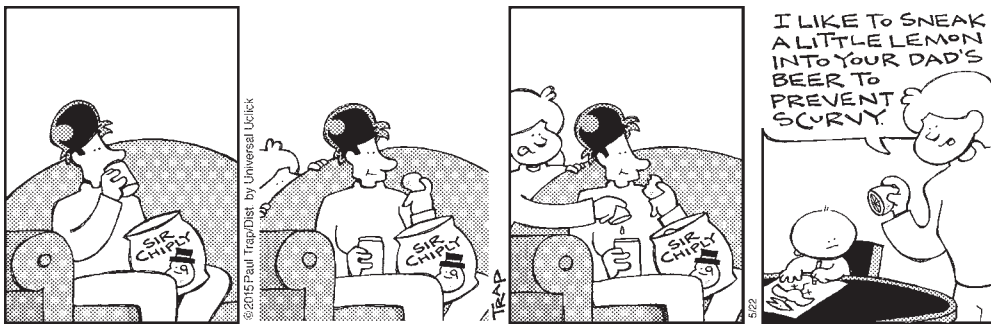
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You need privacy and long stretches of silent time to do your work. Stake your claim on a room with a door that closes out the rest of the world, even if that room happens to be a closet.

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 23). A daydream will help you glimpse your fabulous future. Try to replay it over and over — you were meant for this. June is for organizing your world so you can move forward. Family steps in and lays down laws in August. October is the best time for changing jobs, transferring responsibility or moving. Pisces and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 15, 33, 18 and 40.

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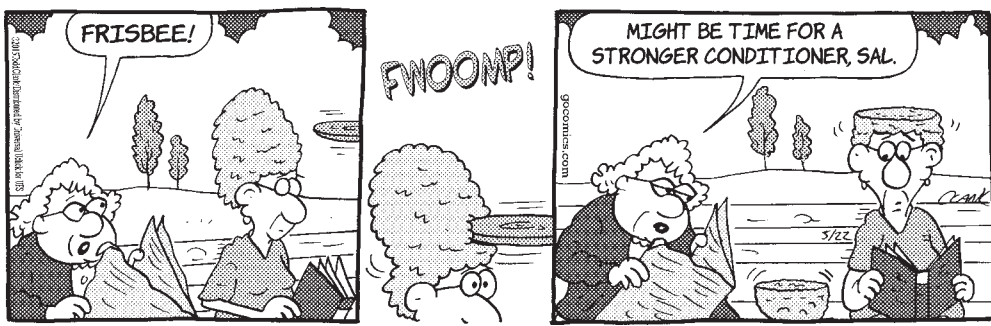
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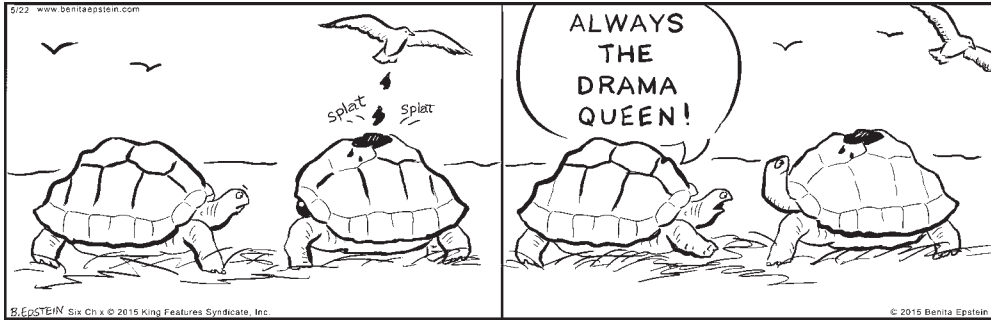
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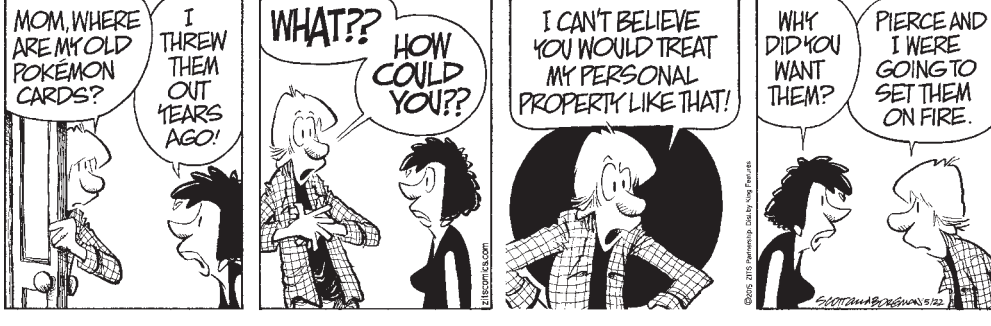
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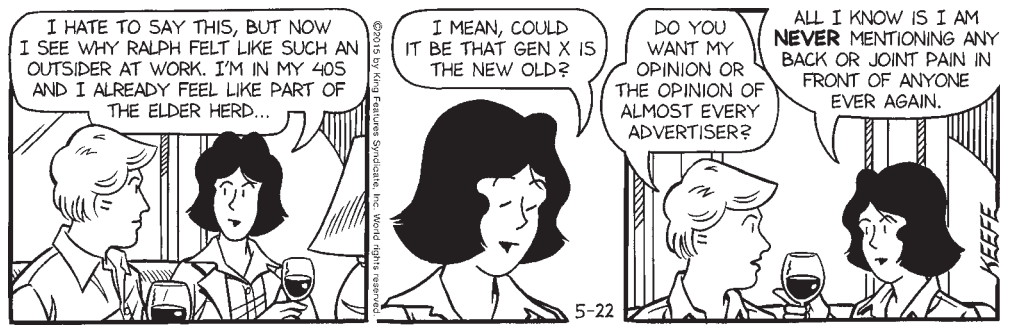
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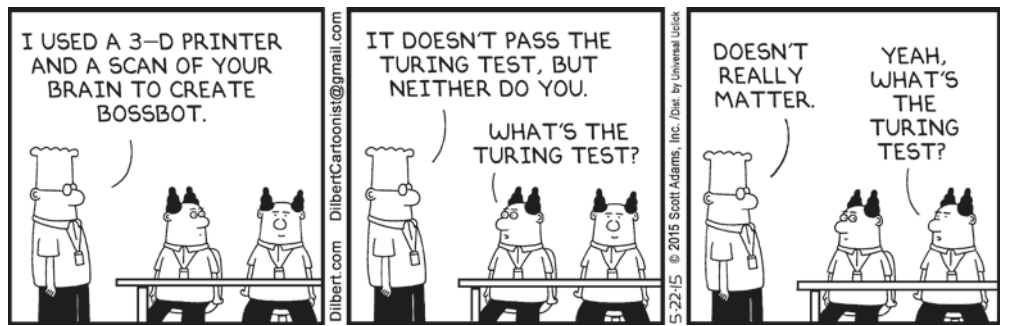
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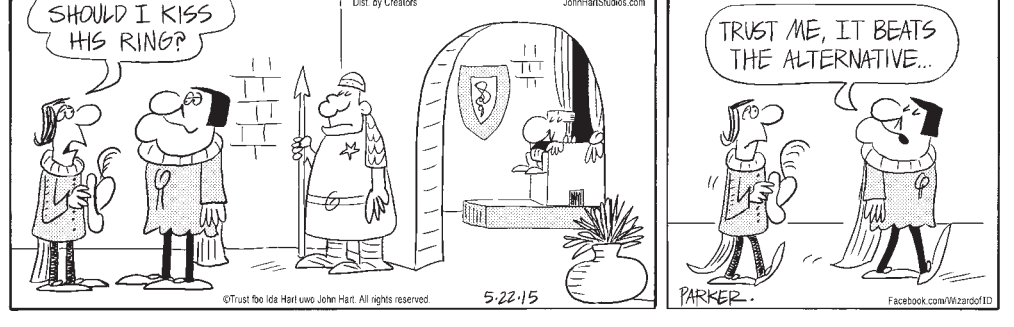
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