

# Bullies ruining neighborhood

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: A couple of years ago, my husband and I introduced ourselves to our new neighbor. We helped her catch her dog when it took off down the street and lent her our cell-phone when her dog locked her out of the car. We waved hello and goodbye. She told us that her husband was in the service. He came home and before we knew it, he was moving out.

The problem is, this woman is now coming home in the wee hours of the morning, sometimes as late as 5 a.m. She often returns slightly drunk and with some random guy. They slam the car doors and beep the horn multiple times trying to lock the car, laughing and talking loudly out in the road. They wake us up all the time.

My husband asked her nicely one day to please use the lock inside the car door instead of using the key fob, which beeps. Well, now when we're outside, she will beep the car horn for no reason. Her new, live-in boyfriend is a police officer in a neighboring town, and he likes to beep the horn late at night.

What do you do with a bully cop? How do you complain to



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the police who usually protect their own? We worry that if we report him, then our kids will be harassed and pulled over by his friends. What can we do? — *Can't Stand the Sight of Them*

**Dear Can't:** This immature officer needs to be reported and you should be able to do so anonymously so he cannot be certain who registered the complaint. (We suspect plenty of neighbors are as annoyed as you are by the constant horn beeping.) And in the meantime, stop reacting. These childish people enjoy getting a rise out of you. Ignore the beeping. Wave hello when you see them. Be as friendly as you were before. Wear earplugs at night. Give them no reason to derive satisfaction from taunting you. We hope they grow up soon.

Dear Annie: How do you tell someone that the way she chews gum is exasperating? She chews with her mouth open and makes horrible chomping, slurping noises. — *Feeling Annoyed*

**Dear Annoyed:** These types of problems are never easy. You have to be willing to tell your friend that her gum chewing is difficult to witness because of the noise and open-mouth visuals. If you can say that nicely, she may try to alter her behavior; however, it is probably ingrained and will take repeated reminders. Your other options are to avoid her when she's chewing gum or tolerate the annoyance because you value enough other things about her to make up for it.

Ann Landers once printed a little ditty on the subject, which has often been credited to Ogden Nash:

The gum-chewing student  
And the cud-chewing cow  
Look quite alike, but they're  
different somehow.  
And what is the difference?  
I see it all now,  
It's the intelligent look  
On the face of the cow.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You don't need a reason to reach out to another person. You're a social creature. It's in your DNA to connect. Also, the reason always presents itself down the line.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Bending the rules will be fun for you, but not as fun as breaking them. Your brief stint as an outlaw will make you more appreciative of the structures you adhere to on a daily basis.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** When you want a change to happen in your life, you have to be willing to make a change in yourself. Today your inner power will surge. You're ready to do what it takes.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You'll feel like you're just one person competing in a crowded market of similar people. But no one is you. When you're doing what only you can do, you will have no competition.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your definition of success has changed throughout the years. Take a moment to stop and reassess. Imagine yourself winning. What does that look like to you?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Don't underestimate your talents, but don't highlight them, either. You don't need to. People flock to you when you stop trying to sell what you do and start sharing who you are instead.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** What was true yesterday doesn't apply today. Also, what is true for you is not necessarily true for someone else. The stars will support you in getting comfortable with the relativity of truth.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The reason James Bond is such a popular character is that he's unflappable. And so are you. To maintain your composure in the face of a threat is to achieve the higher levels of grace.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You are in a position to say "yes" to a project or investment. Timing is key. Your winning answer will bring a small profit — something to build on.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your life is filled with fulfilling, quality pursuits because you give your attention to worthy aims. How you judge the worthiness of your goals will be key.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Family business is your business, whether you want it to be or not. You keep getting roped into duty. You won't mind the pickle they put you in today.

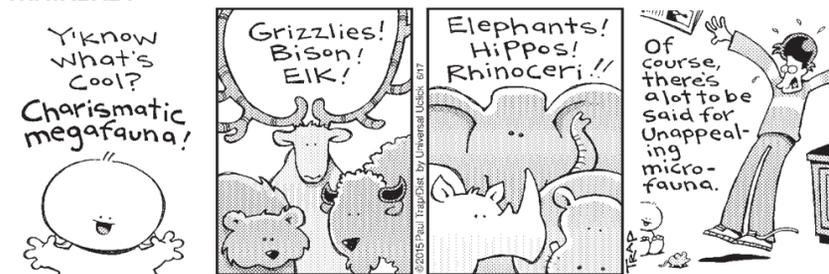
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Just when you think you have it all figured out, experience will bring you something baffling and new. Tonight, counteract negativity by including and loving the one who offends you.

**THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 18).** It would be exhausting and unwise to react to everything. This year you gain strength, popularity and vitality because you are so choosy with your reactions. Your focus on successful actions and relationships will help you thrive. July and September bring exciting new relationships. November shows you the money. Aries and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 23, 11, 27 and 18.

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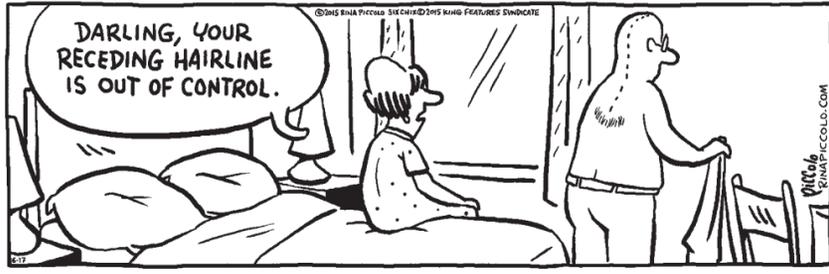
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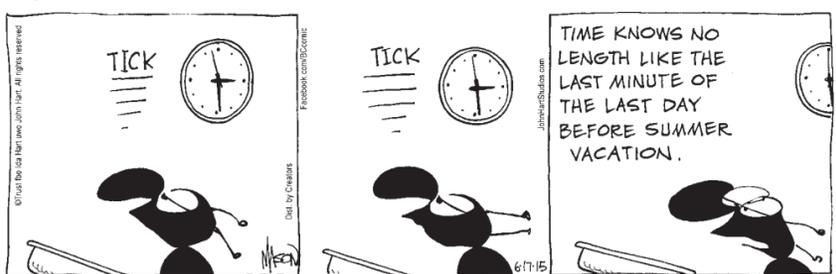
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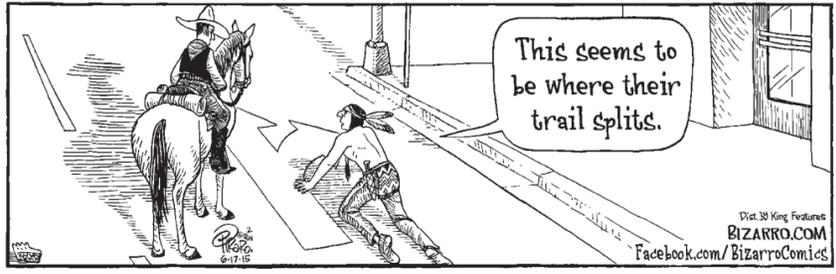
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