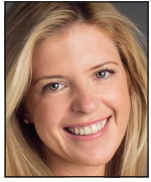


Back in the singles game

Dear Annie: I'm 25 years old, and I got out of a long-term relationship almost a year ago. Being thrust back into the world of singles was a difficult adjustment, and I'm still a little uneasy when it comes to dating. There seem to be a few schools of thought when it comes to dating advice for women. The one that most resonates with me — because I've seen it ring true in the past year and because the women (and men) who've told me this are intelligent, mature adults — is that if a man wants to see you, he will see you; and if he doesn't make plans, he's just not that into you. Doesn't matter if he's on a business trip across the country, busy with work or doing anything else. He will make it happen.

DEAR ANNIE



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According to this logic, it would make sense to not make the first move and initiate conversation with a guy. That way, I'd know how into me he is. I'm a no-drama woman. Shyness is one thing, but I don't want to have to play games — play hard to get or whatever — after I meet some-

one to "test" his affections. What advice do you have for millennials in the dating world? Are there any deal breakers when it comes to communication or behavior on dates? — *How to Be Single*

Dear Single: There's no single rule, except to follow whatever guidance most resonates with you — and to never call multiple times in a row or send an avalanche of text messages. That said, if you like a guy and you want to ask him out or simply follow up after a date, why not? You're no doubt thinking about it anyway. If he's interested, great. If not, you will know and can resume kissing toads in search of your prince.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Frustrated." Let me get this straight: This wife is upset because her husband spends one afternoon a week going grocery shopping for his mother? What about the six days a week he spends with his wife? Either there is more to the story or she is very self-centered.

She suggested wanting to put her mother-in-law in a nurs-

ing home. Nursing homes are for people who absolutely cannot take care of themselves and have serious medical issues that require round-the-clock care. There are independent and assisted living homes, where she could be around people her own age.

As for this mother-in-law's not liking to be around her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, people in their 80s often do not like to be around children because of the noise and energy levels. It does not mean they don't love their grandchildren or great-grandchildren. It just means they do not have the tolerance for kids that they did in younger years.

A very good friend of mine — I called him my surrogate dad — used to tell me, "You don't know what it's like to be this age until you are this age." He died at the age of 96, and I have so many beautiful memories of spending time with him and my mom until she died at the age of 95. — *Susan*

Dear Susan: I appreciate your sharing. Our elders are capable of teaching us so much. If only we'd listen sooner!

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Bodily responses, such as hunger, sleepiness and fear, are not commanders of our being, just suggestions from the physical realm. They can be heeded or overridden to suit other needs. When overridden they will lessen in intensity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What we resist persists. Let go and the opposing force might come forward, but it won't be able to grip you. You'll be like water, offering nothing to grab onto.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you seek to bypass the problem, you'll squander precious energy in the workaround. This one needs to be addressed instead. But don't worry: Mere confrontation will shrink it considerably.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). They will never say you weren't generous. In fact, you may feel compelled to give more than is necessary or even appropriate, though you won't regret this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will solve one of the great mysteries of life — like, "What are other people's motives?" or "What's he thinking?" Well, maybe you won't find the definitive answer, but you'll get a rather enlightening glimpse of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Accepting what you can't change is one way to go about it, though you might accidentally find that through acceptance a transformation happens anyway.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Should you spend, save or give what you have? Whichever choice you make will end in loss; it's just a matter of timing. So the answer really depends on personal style and current priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You haven't forgotten about the person who knocked

themselves out to help you. However, you also haven't shown official appreciation, at least to your standards. You'll enjoy fulfilling this part of your to-do list.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Selfies don't always represent the prevailing narcissism of the age. Today's snaps will be about letting others know you're proud to be together and you want to share the memory in later days.

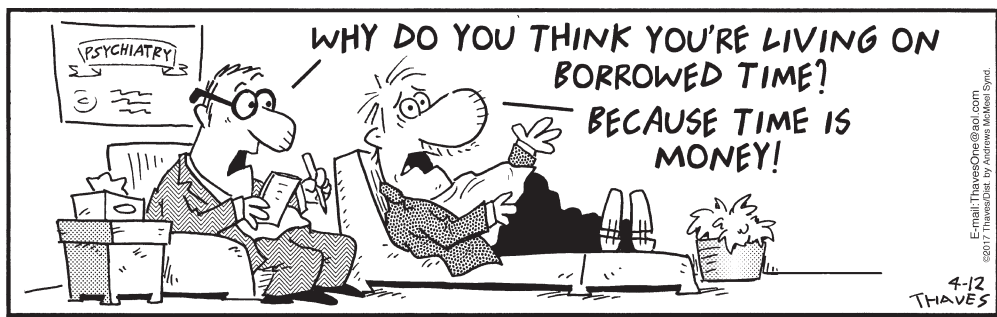
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may be worried about whether your plans have a solid foundation or not. Is there anything hidden you might be missing? Are your worries a form of resistance, or an intuition? Don't move until you feel better about this.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In fairy tales, uninvited guests turn up at the party anyway, resentful at the slight and wielding spells of vengeance. In real life, it's just hurt feelings, but that's pretty bad, too. Include everyone and you won't have to worry about it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Regardless of how cool, or solid or useful a thing may be, what's popular now could be out tomorrow. You've no control over the trends, but you know what feels right for you and you'll be happy you acted on that instinct.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (April 13). It is not imperative that you know what you're doing before you embark. If it were, no one would venture, create, explore or love. Trust yourself to figure it out as you go. You'll especially love where you go in May. June is for promises exchanged to be kept all year. July brings an investment opportunity. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 44, 49 and 15.

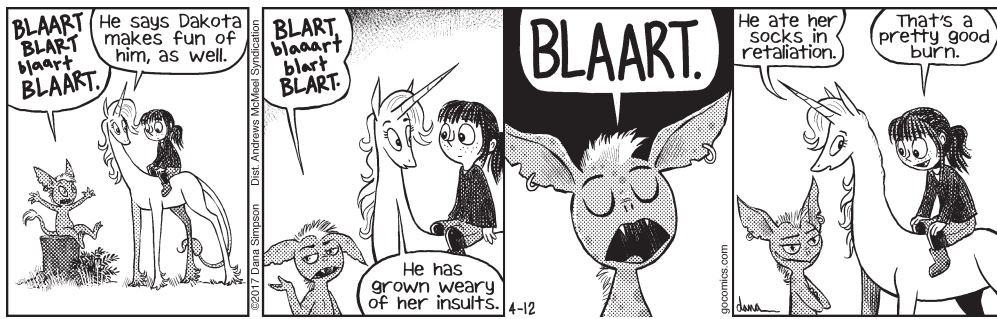
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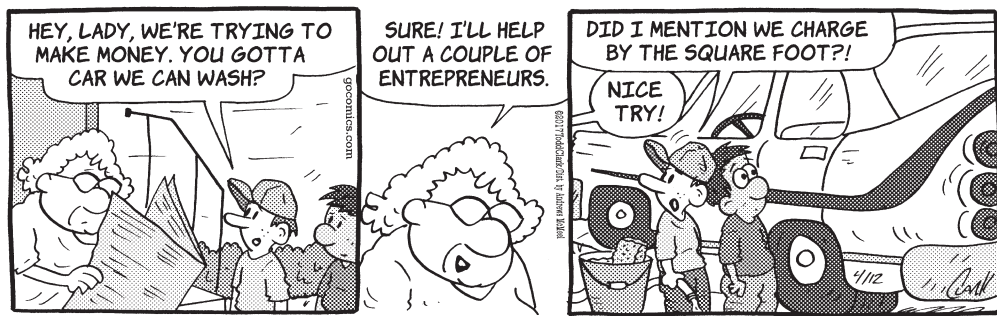
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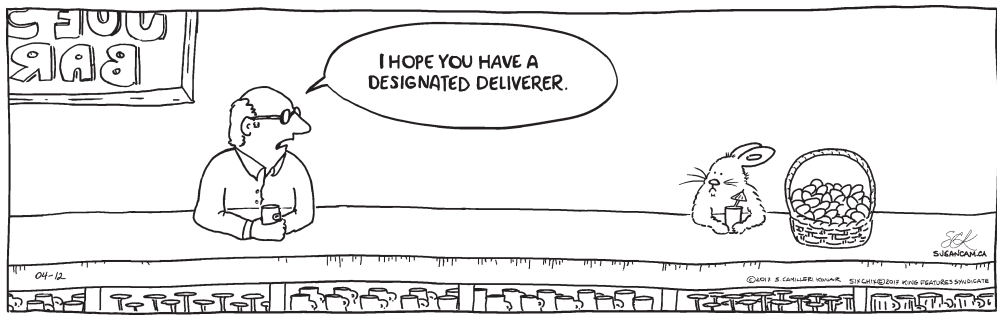
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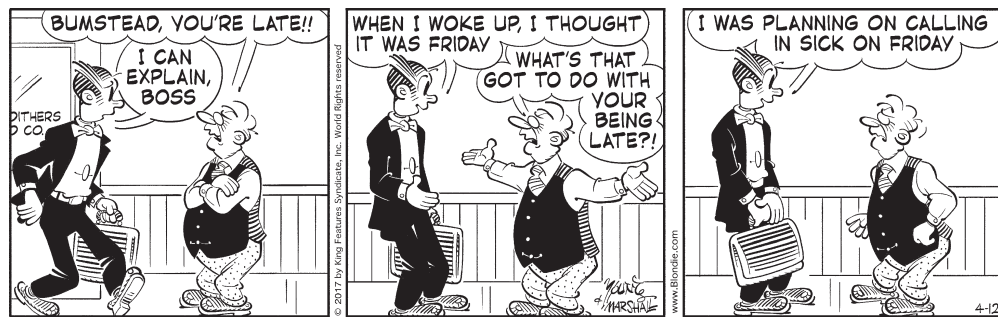
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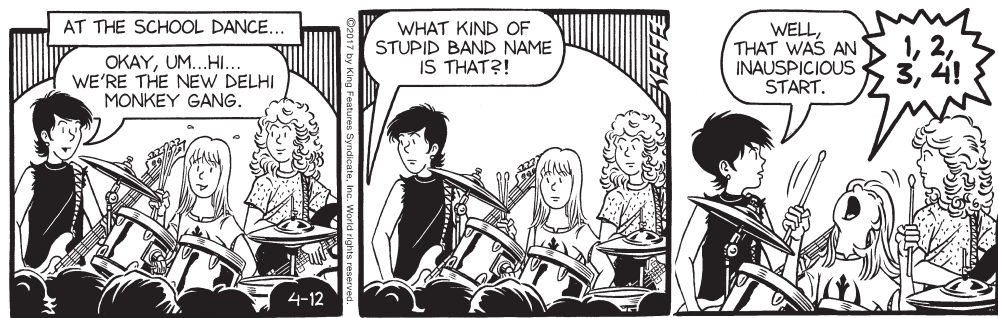
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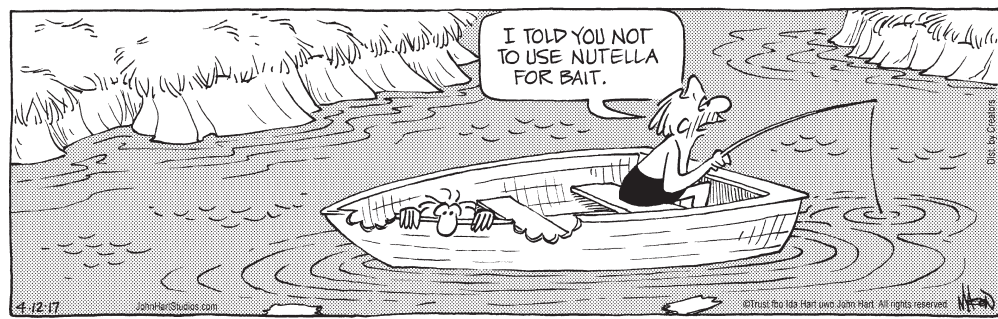
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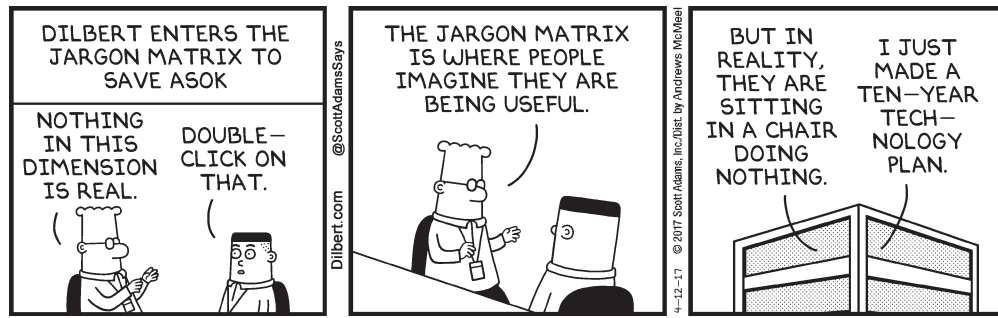
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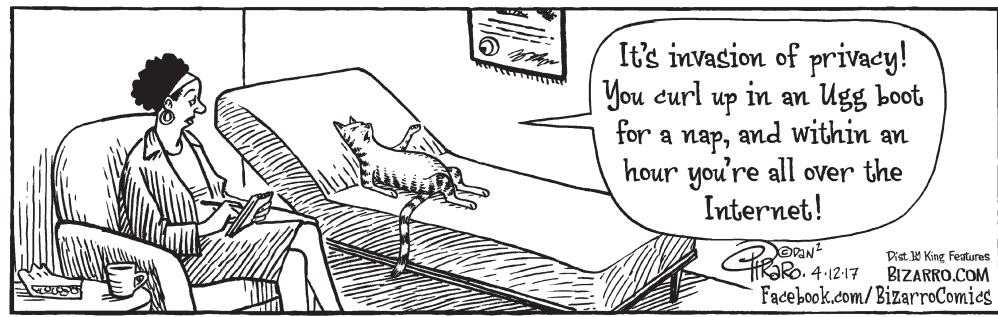
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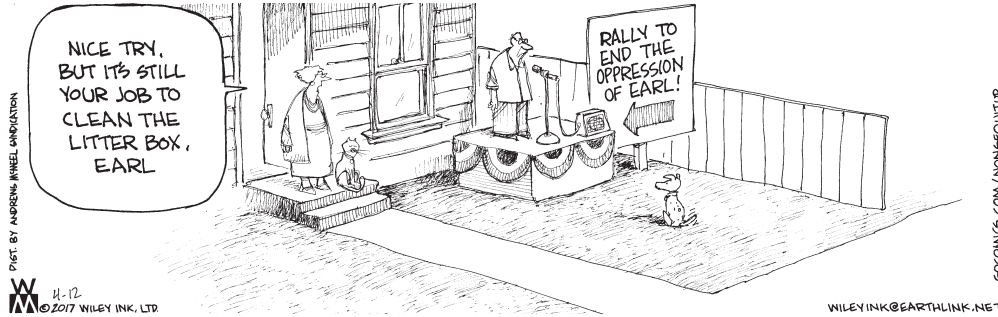
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