

Time to leave your partner

Dear Annie: I am 44 years old and have been dating a 48-year-old man for 2 1/2 years. I met him three weeks after he got out of a 16-year relationship.

There are some things I need help with. For most of the time we have been together, he has been talking to other women — sometimes his ex-girlfriend — on Facebook. He has told these other women that he loves them and misses them; he sends them heart and kissing emoticons. He “likes” their pictures on Facebook and leaves comments — for example, “Looking good!” — along with heart emojis. The thing is that he barely ever says these things to me.

I see him only on weekends, and we have takeout and watch a movie. He barely ever holds my hand, and our sex life has all but stopped. He says he’s too tired. He makes me feel as if I am the one in the wrong. He thinks it’s perfectly acceptable to talk to all these women when he says about four words to me a day. He holds actual conversations with others. I can’t tell you how many times I have fallen asleep beside him cry-

ing, and either he doesn’t notice or he doesn’t care. I just can’t handle this anymore. Should I just let him go and move on? If I did, I would most likely be alone. I am an amputee with not a lot of friends. I love him with all my heart, but I am tired of being walked all over. What should I do? — *Confused in Small Town in Pennsylvania*

Dear Confused: You know exactly what you should do. But before we address the issue of leaving this louse, I want to encourage you to work on your self-esteem and make friends. Get involved in your community. Check Meetup, a website that connects people through shared interests, to see what clubs are in your town, or even start your own!

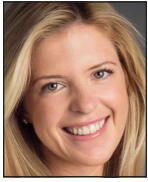
Now, back to the louse. This man does not deserve the love and affection you’ve given him. I promise you that it feels much better to be single than to be with someone who doesn’t love you back. With time, you will find another mate. And do not sell yourself short in that regard. There is someone out there who will make you fall asleep smiling

instead of crying.

Dear Annie: This is in response to “Crybaby,” who cries at everything. I have the opposite problem. I never cry. I feel things deeply, and I well up, but I never spill over. It might be an overestimate to say that I cry once a year. There have been times — e.g., funerals and when a sad story is being told — when tears have been the appropriate response and I have been the only one not visibly crying. It makes me feel as if I am perceived as cold and unfeeling, when that is not the case. It is just that I have a strongly developed resolve not to cry, for some unknown reason. “Crybaby’s” problem embarrasses her, but my problem embarrasses me! — *Dry-Eyed But Not Unfeeling*

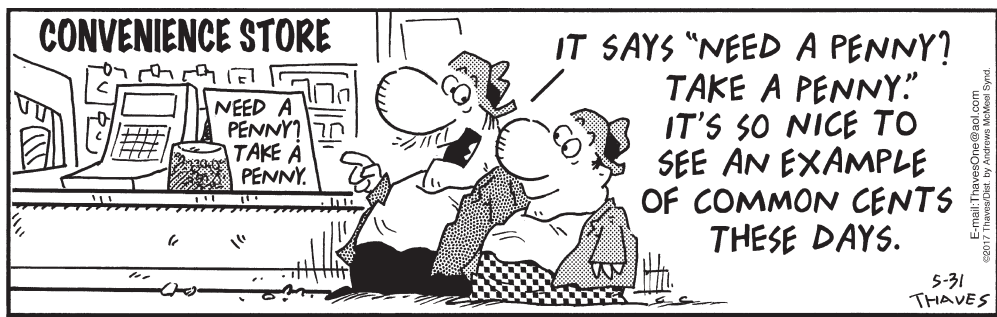
Dear Dry-Eyed: I’ve received many responses to the column with “Crybaby’s” letter. But until yours, all of them had been from fellow criers who wanted to let her know she isn’t alone. Your perspective may help those excessive criers to feel thankful for their tears. You might want to talk with an ophthalmologist about your problem, in case it has something to do with the functioning of your tear ducts.

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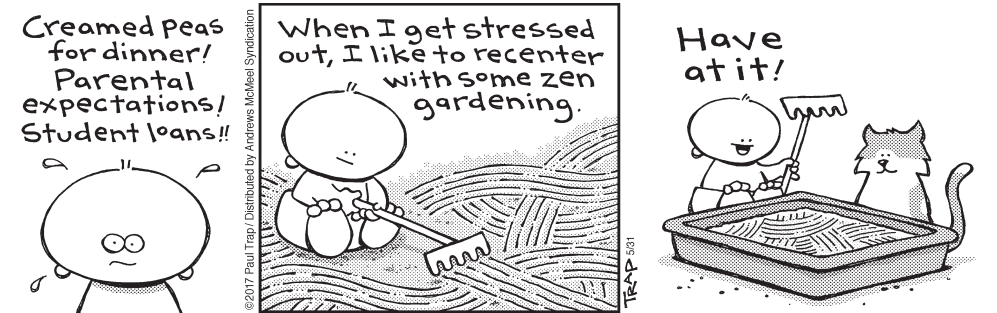


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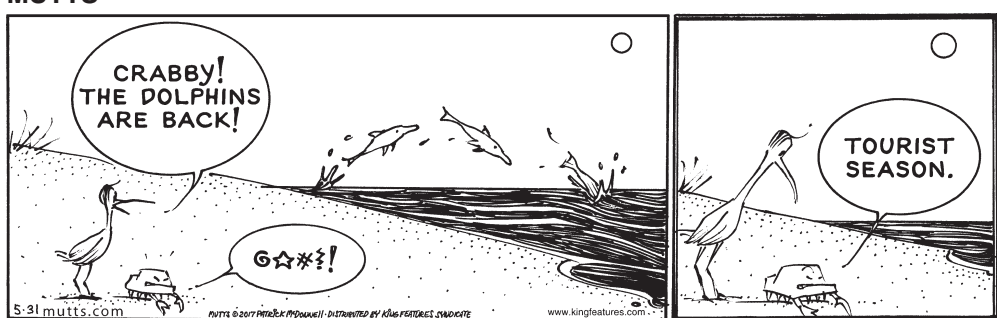
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your sign mate Leonardo da Vinci recognized before many others that the sun does not move. Today you will see a rather large truth that many others are missing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may fantasize about a perpetual holiday, but you know that you're too hard a worker for that kind of situation to be ideal. Still, you need more leisure time at your disposal. There will be an opportunity to get some. Take it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A million people have seen what you'll see today, and yet you'll see something completely different in it. You'll make discoveries by accident and sagacity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Water is among the most precious and strange elements we take for granted in daily life. You will embody some of the paradoxes of water today, as you are able to fill a situation or carry it away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's said that fate chooses your family and you choose your friends, but this isn't entirely true: Many of the factors in friendship choice are out of your control, as well. You'll be in a mood to assert control over whatever you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your name has associations with it, some of which you are unaware. You might be surprised to learn what people experience when they hear your name. You'll definitely build on your good reputation today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once you establish a habit, it's yours. It's easier to stay in a habit than not, because habits are automatic and will go on and on until interrupted. What do you want to turn into a habit? Do it now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The one who criticizes cares so much more than the one who gives out an easy pass. Frustration is also a sign of investment. If there's a tense dynamic between you and another, maybe that's a good thing. Maybe it's love!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are people with detailed knowledge about certain years of your life. But no one knows the big picture like you do. You've been there since Day One. It's a reflective time. Give more thought to your story.

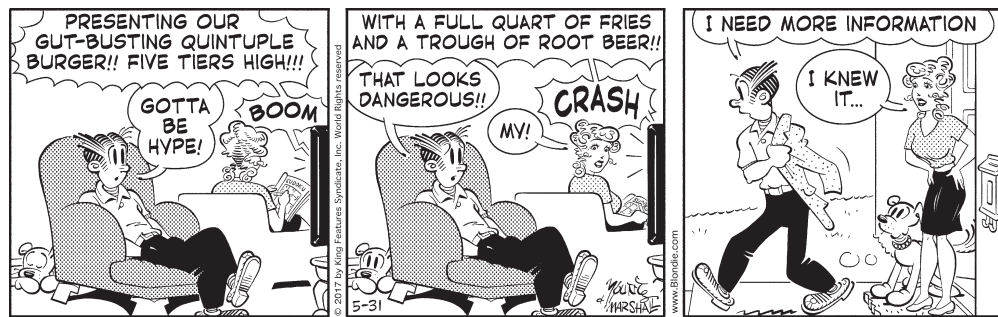
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't need a social media page to tell you who your real friends are. They emerge in good times, when the party's at your house, and in bad times, too. You'll return the sentiment in kind and be there for a friend today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Socializing isn't fun when you feel you're being judged the whole time. You prefer the company of easygoing people. You like to feel you can move about uncensored.

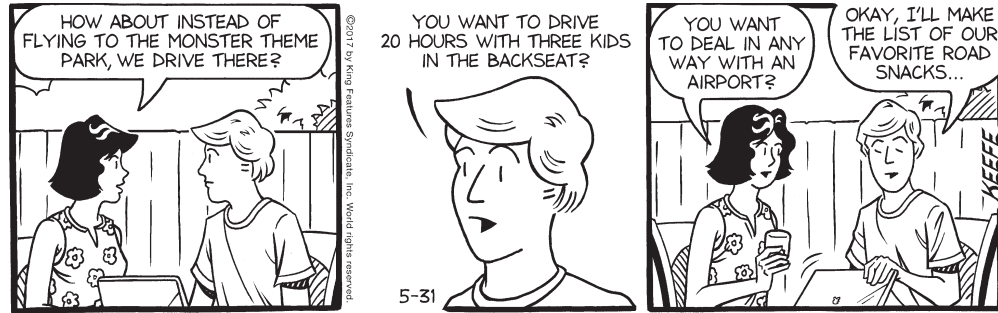
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't want the kind of gains that come at the expense of another. If one person's wealth makes another person poor, nobody really wins. You'll try to assess the value of things on deeper levels.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (June 1). Moving it forward is what you're about for the next six weeks. You've a laser-like focus and will be practically immune to distractions. The win comes in September and again in December. You're daring and will risk your heart. Maybe it's not an easy road, but you'll definitely gain the tensile strength in the process. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 39 and 18.

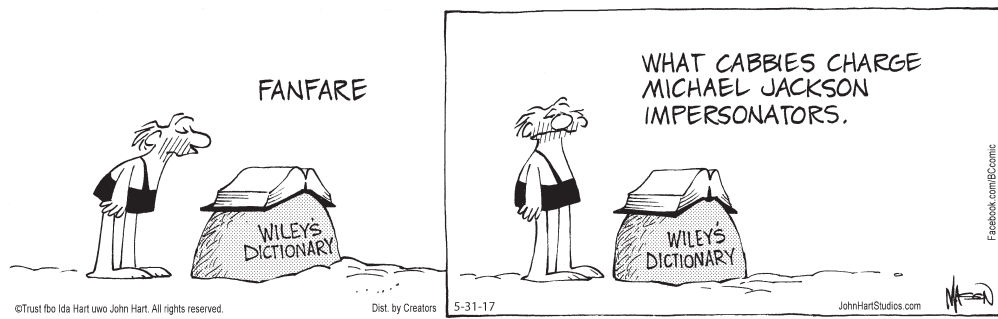
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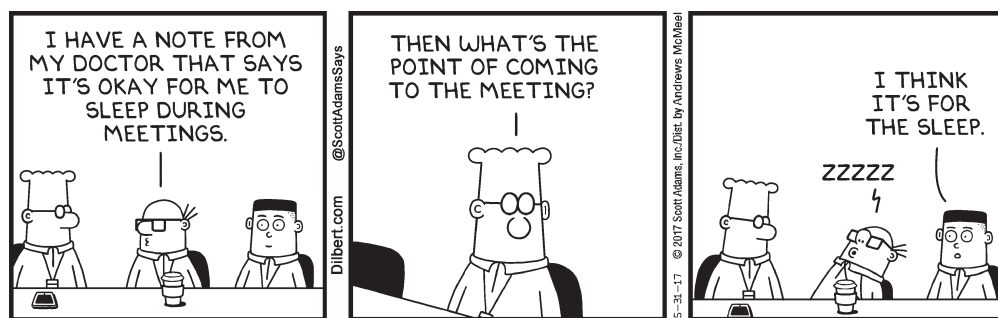
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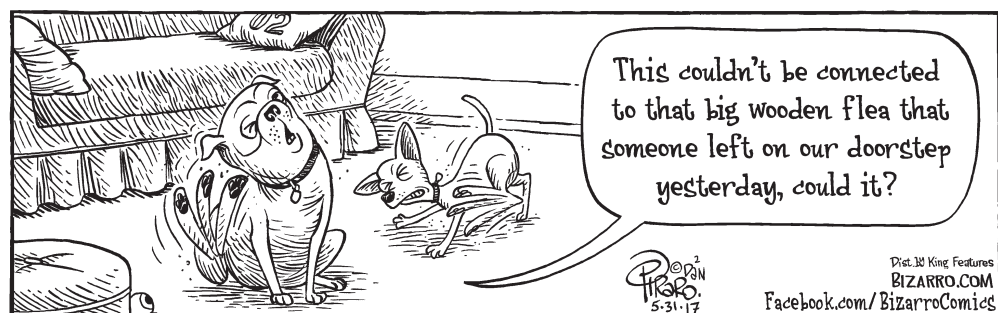
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