

# Should I unfriend him?

**Dear Annie:** I reconnected with an old male schoolmate of mine, and we became friends. We would talk occasionally and send emails to each other. My husband passed away some time ago. This man is divorced. We have not visited with each other and live in different cities.

At first, I enjoyed chatting with him via the telephone and email. I think people tend to put their best foot forward at the beginning of a relationship, whether it be a romantic relationship or just a friendship as was the case with us.

Over time, I noticed his conversations were very one-sided. He has a negative personality. He is a "woe is me" type of person. I no longer send him emails. I think people can outgrow each other and that's fine.

The problem is that we are also friends on social media. Though I do not comment on his posts, he occasionally will post on my page. I would really prefer not having contact with him on Facebook, either.

Would it be rude or hurtful to unfriend him? This man does not have many friends and is somewhat of a recluse. — *Unsure of Unfriending*

**Dear Unsure of Unfriending:** He'd probably feel hurt by it, but it doesn't mean you can't do it. You could also block him rather than just unfriend him. That way, he couldn't see your profile at all. But if you're up for it, you could tell him that you're withdrawing because his negativity gets you down. It might make him rethink his attitude. Or it might just make him cranky. In any case, you're not beholden to his emotions. Decide what's right for yourself.

**Dear Annie:** I wish you had also suggested to "My Sad Story" that she look into the help she could receive from Al-Anon. Thank you for often referring readers to this wonderful organization, which provides encouragement, strength and hope through its literature and from members experienc-

ing the same problems. Many adult children of alcoholics find help through Al-Anon, even if the alcoholics are no longer living. They find that alcoholism is a disease they can't cure, control or change but that they can change themselves.

As the daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister-in-law and aunt of alcoholics, I am grateful that Al-Anon has shown me the way to sanity and serenity. Al-Anon's website provides information on where to find meetings all over the country. Helpful and comforting information is available on the website, which includes chatrooms, where one can find help in dealing with the disease of alcoholism. — *Nebraska Survivor*

**Dear Nebraska Survivor:** You are so right. I am a huge proponent of Al-Anon and missed an opportunity to recommend it to someone whom it might really help. I'm printing your letter to correct the record and encourage "My Sad Story" and anyone else who's been affected by another person's drinking to try Al-Anon or another support group meeting.

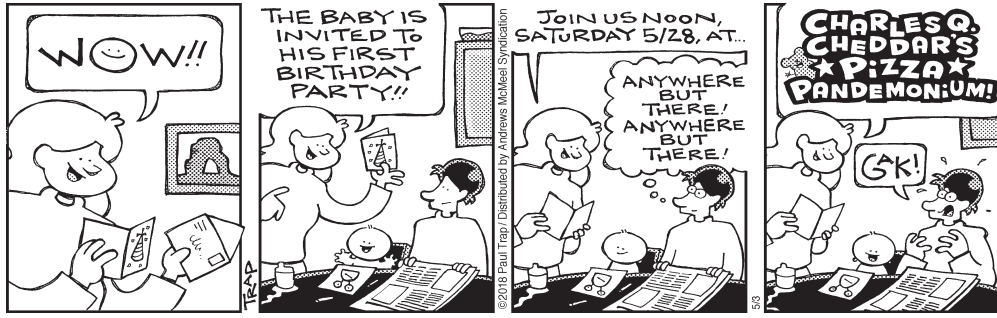


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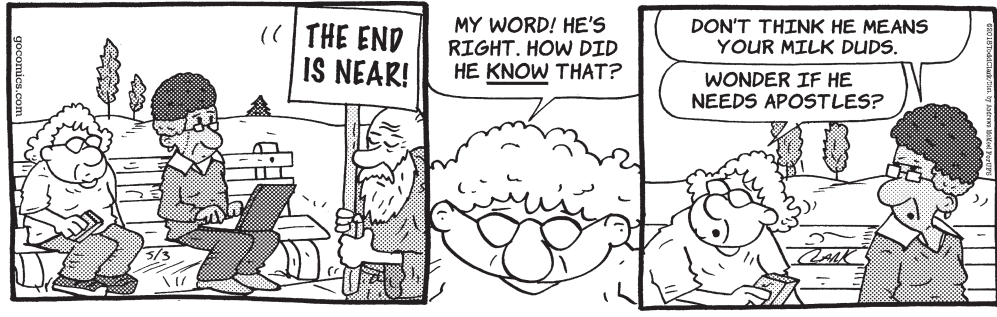
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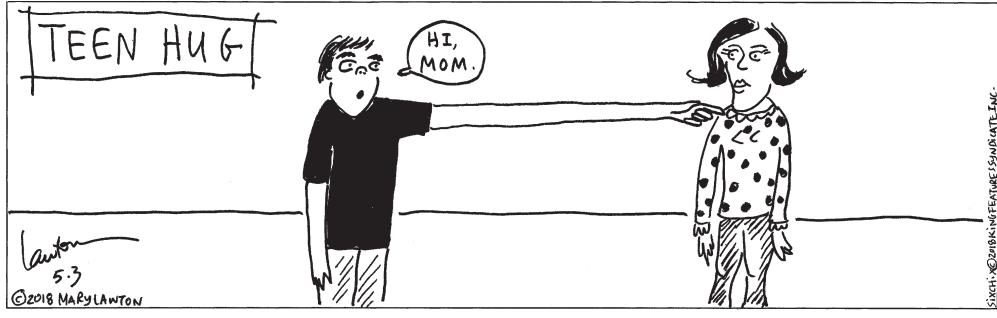
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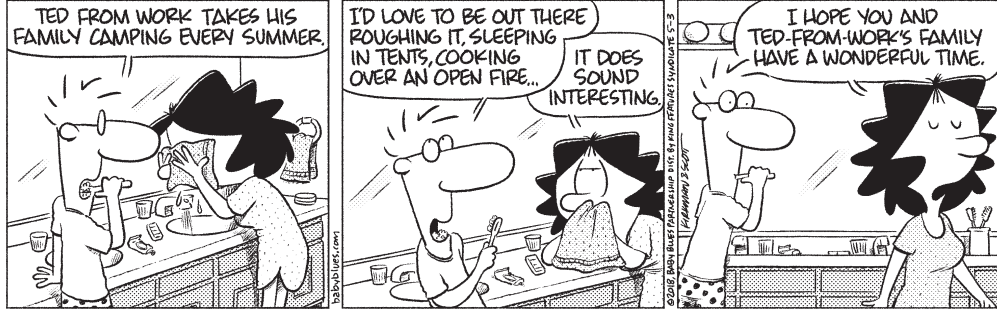
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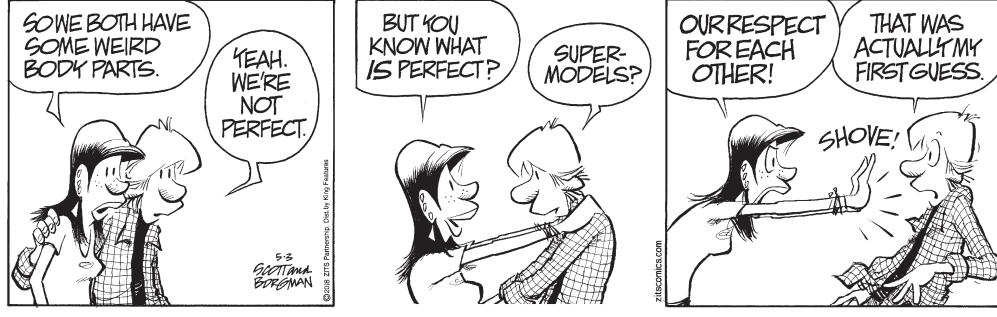
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## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It may be argued that there is no such thing as perfection in the world, and yet the peaceful feeling that comes over you this afternoon will fit the description. No work required here, because perfection doesn't need perfecting.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Getting someone to like you, buy from you or agree to your plan will be a bit like grabbing at space. So don't try for it. Instead, be a model of cool, as attractive as possible in every way.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Everyone is defensive about something. Finding out what triggers you to act defensively is just the information you need to become mighty. So any challenge to your defenses is a valuable gift.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** When people talk about what they're going to do, you'll be supportive and encouraging, though part of you wonders if what you're hearing is really so. Time will tell. Meanwhile, for you it's better to be busy than wordy.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** People project their hopes and wishes on each other in the early stage of relationships. Later, with a more accurate picture of what the person is actually like, some of it won't fit. You're fine with this. You live in reality.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It's so simple. Rested people are better behaved! Getting more sleep is one of the most effective steps to becoming healthier — plus it's free. It will require you to make a plan though.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're lovable and down deep you know it, but it sure feels nice to get some feedback to that effect to drive the point home. In fact, people who neglect the niceties run the risk of being replaced by more

effusive company.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You need a teacher to learn. Even "self-made" people have teachers; maybe in the form of books or heroes they model. Don't be afraid to try out new teachers. Why take the first influence that comes along?

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Before you go risking rejection, one thing that might be helpful to find out would be what it typically takes to get to "yes." While atypical things work all the time, you'll do well to get a little more information on the matter.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You want to be where there's laughter, color and interest — maybe a little chaos, too. You're due for the sort of fun that can't be had where there are a lot of rules to follow.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Paper theories are all well and good, but you can't tell how things will fly in the so-called real world until you do the experiment. This will take some daring and a bit of money, too.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Knowing how a thing is made will either inspire you to like it more or less. Are you ready to find out which? This hazy moment of limited knowledge is like a bubble of possibility you're not too eager to burst.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (May 4).** You may not see the big picture clearly right now, but the sort of magic is coming together that you wouldn't have planned. All you have to do is fulfill the obligations of the moments, which will link together and open in wondrous ways. Also, ask for what you want and know what you like because people will aim to please you. Scorpio and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 2, 27 and 15.

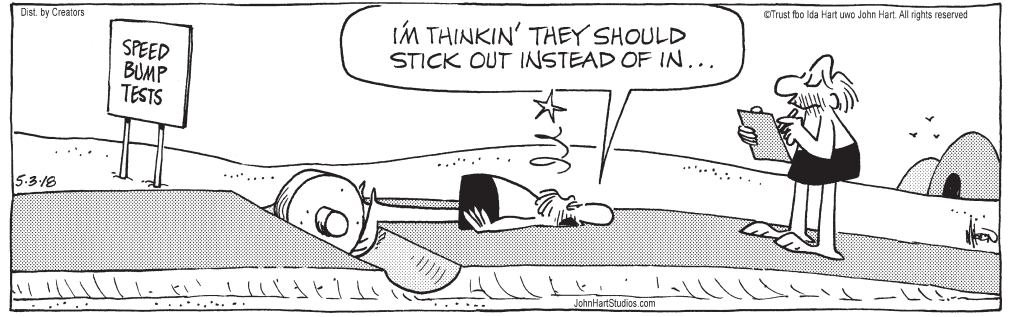
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