CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



Man sours marriage by calling wife fat

Dear Abby: I am a large, overweight beautiful," "bountiful and bodacious," etc.). woman. I have been in the process of losing weight for more than five years. I got married three years ago to an amazing guy. He's the sweetest man I have ever met.

Something he said recently really bothers me. He said he thinks I'm fat. While I know I'm fat — and admit it out loud — I never thought it was appropriate for your significant other to say it to you.

I am at a loss as to what to do because he is right, but **JEANNE** it hurts my feelings that he PHILLIPS not only thinks it but says it.

DEAR ABBY I have tried talking to him about how it makes me feel,

but he just shrugs his shoulders. He sees nothing wrong with calling me fat. What do you think? — Big Girl in Champaign, Ill.

Dear Big Girl: If you call yourself fat, then it's possible your husband didn't think his doing so would hurt your feelings. Straighten him out. And when you do, tell him what other terms you would prefer he use (i.e., "big and

Point out that whether it is a large or small amount, getting weight off is difficult. Also, it's not unusual for people who are hurting to eat more in order to compensate. He married you when you were heavier, so he should be aware not only that you're making progress, but also that you need his support.

Dear Abby: I'm 30 and have lived with my boyfriend, "Shane," for two years. We spend lots of time together, our families socialize and we have a good relationship. My problem is Shane's use of social media. He takes a lot of pictures and posts them online while we're together, but I am never in them and he never mentions that I'm there.

Example: We took trips to Las Vegas, New York and Jamaica. He posted dozens of pictures of himself, but none of us together. When we go to nice restaurants, he shoots pictures of the food and solo selfies, but never mentions that I'm there, too. He has female friends I have never met who comment on all

his fabulous adventures. It appears to me that Shane has created an P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. online image as an exciting, jet-setting single

guy. But when I say that, he tells me I am being "immature." I am considering ending the relationship because of this. What do you think? Out of the Picture

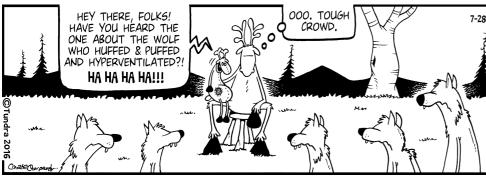
Dear Out of the Picture: When a couple has been living together for two years and spends the majority of their time together, their friends usually know they are involved. That Shane has cultivated an image of himself online as fancy-free seems strange to me, too. It may be that he is self-centered, or that he's not as committed to your relationship as you would like him to be.

When you tell a person something bothers you, and that person not only doesn't do something about it but blames you, it's a red flag. But if everything else in the relationship is as fine as you say, it doesn't have to be a deal-breaker.

I assume you have a social media presence of your own. I suggest that you fill it with lots of pictures of Shane, the two of you together and the places you're going together.

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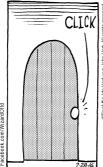


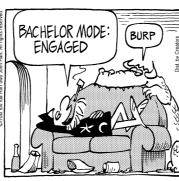




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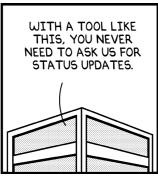






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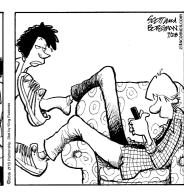
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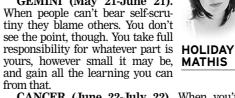


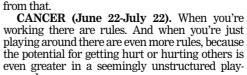
Daily Horoscope

essence, life is energy. The energy you invest in a project is your life. Is this project worthy of the attention you're giving? How will its successful

completion make a difference for you and others? TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Many disparate elements converge and you'll suddenly have a cohesive plan in your head. Put

it on paper now while it's fresh, because you'll want to look back at the thought process that started you on this journey. GEMINI (May 21-June 21).





ground. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your first idea will be pretty good, but it's not until you reach idea 10 or 12 that you'll get to the next level, which is sheer gold. Are you willing to keep generating new ideas

until you break through? VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You weren't expecting to be finished with a job early, and vet you'll hit a point today where it seems to be dragging

ARIES (March 21-April 19). At its simplistic on beyond what is reasonable. This warrants a thoughtful communication with the others involved

> LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Remember that bruise that mysteriously appeared? Emotional bruises also can have vague origins, but that doesn't make them hurt any less or show up fainter. If it's sore, assume there's a good reason and baby it until it heals.

> SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're joyfully aware of the best that's in you. That doesn't make you clueless or Pollyanna about the rest. You know of your darker potentials. But why focus on the

> shadows, when there's so much to do in the light? SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A figure from your past will be a figure in your future. There's a reason you parted and a reason you reconnected. Just be careful not to let nostalgia cloud your vision.

> CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want a broader repertoire, and you're willing to put in the practice time to get it. This isn't going to come together over night, but if you work on it each day you'll soon have something very impressive.

> AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ask the others how they're doing and you'll suddenly feel pretty good about your own baggage. The mere newness and novelty of another person's problems seems to subtract pounds from your own.

> PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). One way to stop a torturous temptation from having power over you is to give into it. The other methods will include you going far out of your way to avoid even having to look at or think about the thing.