

Husband is overly suspicious Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: I have been married to my husband for 10 years. A couple of years ago, I started conversing via Facebook with "Kevin," whom I have known since grade school. We briefly dated in high school, but I broke up with him.

A mutual friend passed away, and I called Kevin a few times to offer support. We spoke about the old days and our fellow schoolmates. I also shared photographs of myself and my home and a few personal thoughts. Kevin gave me constant compliments.

My husband found the text messages and pictures on my phone. There was nothing flirtatious, although Kevin had mentioned that his girlfriend only made time for sex when he was flush with cash.

My husband has blown the whole thing out of proportion and has accused me of cheating. He made a similar accusation when I went to visit my mother back home. He says it's cheating if a woman talks to another man on the phone when her husband isn't home. I don't feel as though I cheated in any form, but now all my husband does is accuse me.

I didn't want Kevin when I was younger, and I don't want him now. I just want to be friends and talk to him now and then. Can you help? — *Ever Faithful*

Annie's Mailbox

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Dear Faithful: Your husband seems overly suspicious, but part of the problem is that you were talking to Kevin without his knowledge, and this seemed secretive. If you have nothing to hide, your husband should know when you are talking to Kevin. You should willingly show him all texts, emails and Facebook messages. Right now, we suggest you limit contact with Kevin because he is a sore subject to your husband. Assure your husband that you will be more open, so he has less reason to worry. Include him in all conversations with male friends, and ask him to do the same with his female friends. But if he continues to accuse you, there is more going on, and it's time to get professional counseling.

Dear Annie: I have a good friend whose company I enjoy immensely. But when we go out to lunch or dinner, he never washes his hands. I've mentioned to him that washing his hands prior to eating protects him

from picking up germs (even E. coli). Instead, he tells me that not washing his hands builds up resistance to germs. Am I being germaphobic, or is he being irresponsible? — *Germ-Free*

Dear Germ-Free: Hands should be thoroughly washed before eating and after using the bathroom. Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, such as dining room tables, and are then transferred to another person's hands. Such transferable germs can cause diarrhea and respiratory illnesses, which are common consequences of not washing one's hands. Whether or not it boosts his immunity is highly debatable, but it certainly puts others at risk.

Even if your friend remains healthy, he could easily transfer those germs to you or to anyone who uses the table when he is finished. Out of consideration for your health, ask him to wash his hands before eating. Otherwise, we recommend you stop joining him for meals.

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "A Nonsmoker," who complained about the smell of smokers.

I take public transport every day, and some people don't use deodorant, and others suffer from halitosis. So to Nonsmoker, who obviously smells like roses, we are not perfect. I have been trying to quit smoking for a year, so gimme a break. Go smell yourself. — *Montreal*

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In certain ways, you are your own boss. And yet, you still have to report to another person and do everything you can to keep that person happy. Today you'll make easy work of that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It may be difficult to discern between the two kinds of problems there are in this world: my problems and your problems. Because you want to help, you'll make some of your problems your own. Just don't take on too many!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Physical attractiveness is not as important to you as creativity is. You need people around you who will perpetually challenge you to see the world in new ways.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life is like an all-you-can-eat buffet. Even though you'd like to load up on the later tots and chocolate cake, you'll put a good amount of healthy food on your dish and feel better because of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You magnify the positive aspects of a relationship, and yet there are still certain things your partner does that give you pause. Try to step back from the issue until tomorrow, when you're likely to have a more balanced perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a choice about where to go and what to do. You'll select an environment that highlights your best traits, and when people interact with you in this context, you'll shine bright.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your hunches are strong, and you'll likely have one about a person who would make a terrific partner for you. Take steps to get organized and save yourself from wasted afternoon hours spent looking for something.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The task at hand is mysterious and involves unknown elements, and you'll have to learn new skills, too. Don't let that stop you. You don't have to know everything about it now. Just get started.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Living up to their standards is easy. What's hard is living up to your own. You're expecting yourself to perform at a level that even much more experienced folks have trouble hitting.

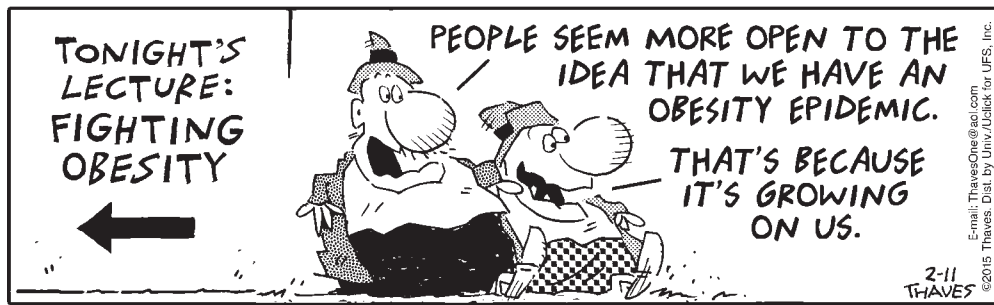
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Unlike other animals, humans are hard-wired to look for explanations as to why events occur. However, you'll be better off today spending less energy on the "why" while you focus on the "how."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The young, inexperienced and impressionable need a positive example, and you'll be the ideal model, mostly because you take the time to be kind to others no matter how busy things get.

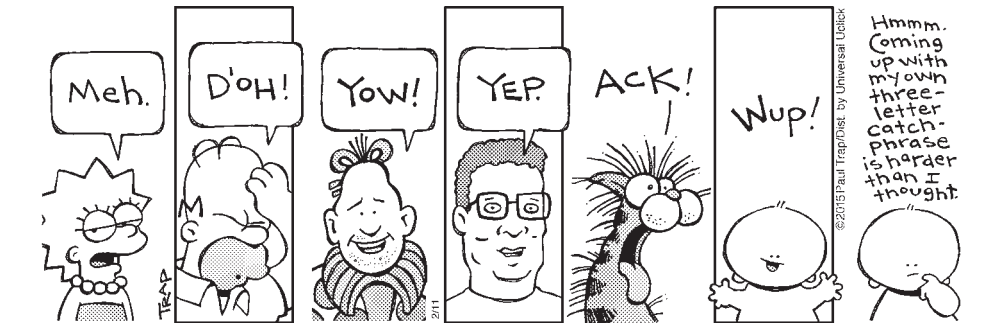
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know better than to present a problem without also proposing possible solutions. For this reason, you'll get your needs met with very little resistance. You make it easy to please you.

THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 12). You'll develop a special humor and bond with someone over the next six weeks. You'll also get on a lucky streak work-wise. Save the extra money and resources you'll net for an opportunity later in the year. April will be romantic. Finally, you'll get acceptance and support for a venture in May. Travel in October. Libra and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 2, 24 and 18.

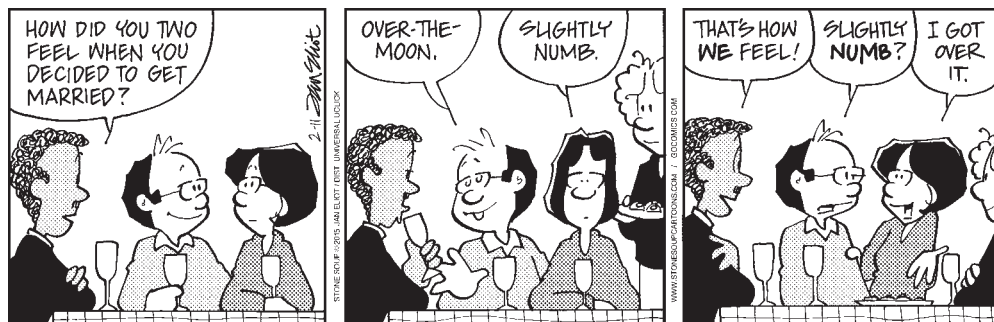
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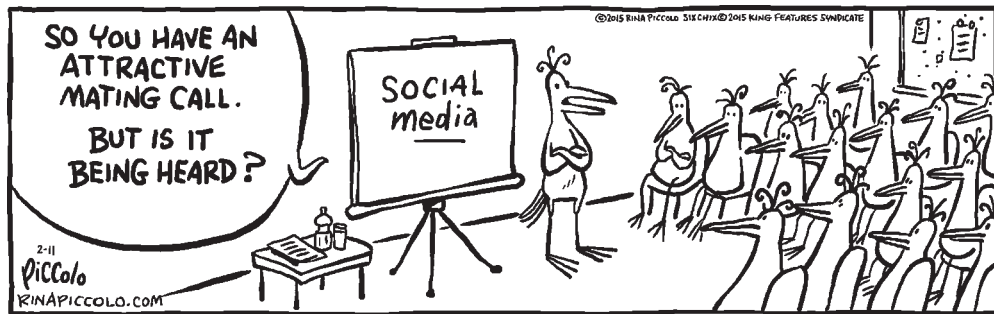
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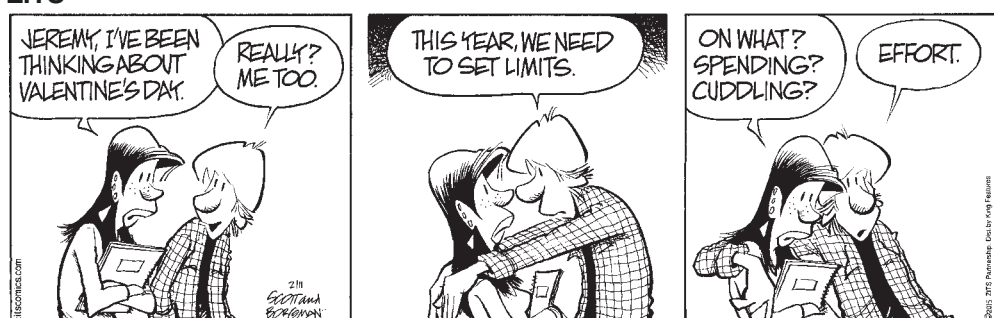
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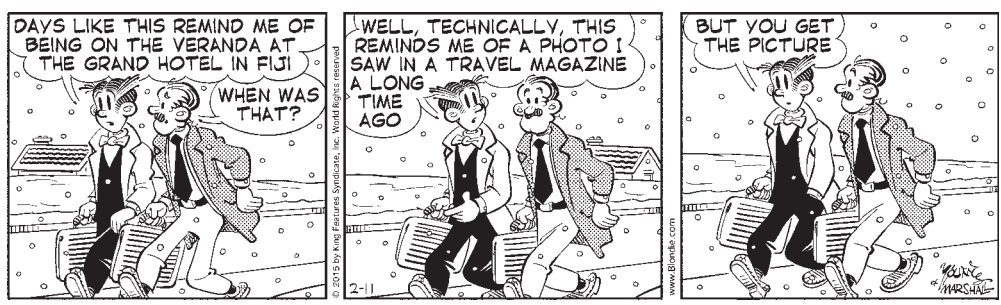
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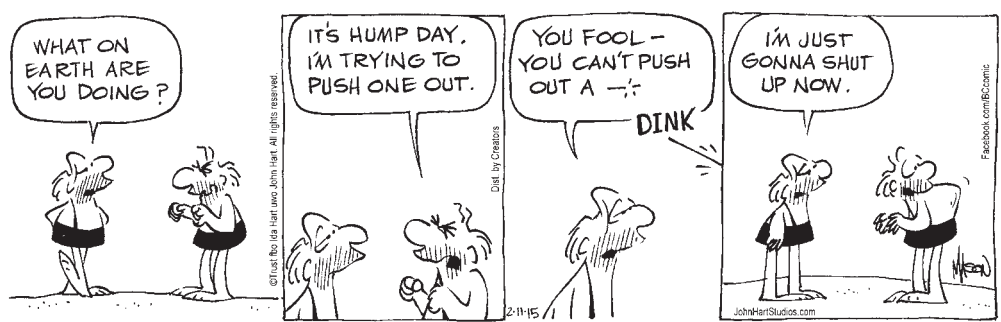
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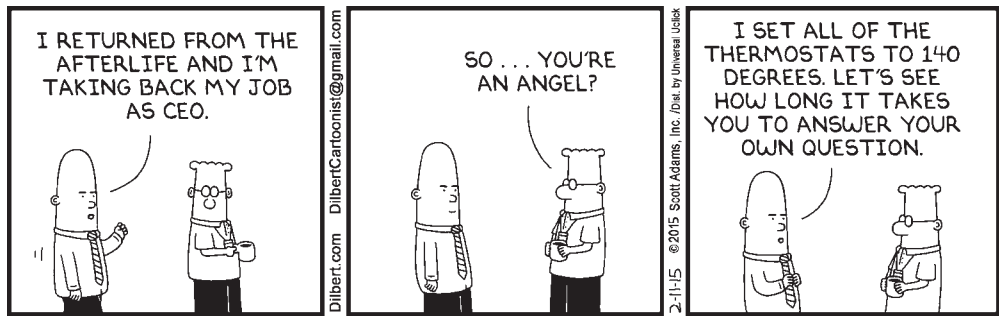
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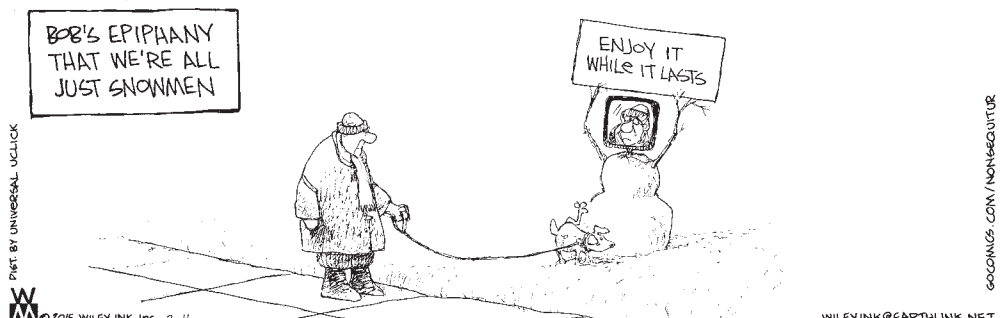
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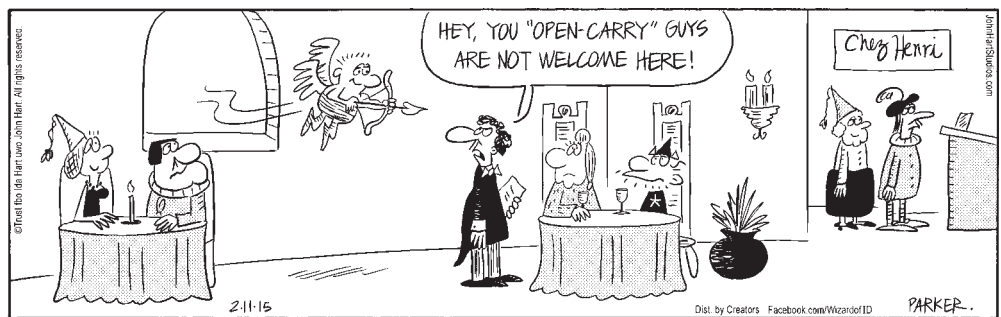
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