

# He suspects she's cheating on him Tomorrow's horoscope

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**Dear Annie:** My wife and I have been married for 19 years. I have been faithful the entire time, and I would like to think she has been, as well. There have been a few times when she has come home extremely late after going out with "the girls," and she sometimes comes home an hour or two later than expected after work. She always has an explanation, and although the thought has crossed my mind, I have never accused her of cheating.

I recently received an anonymous message via Facebook saying that my wife has been cheating on me for years, and the message even named the person. It's a guy we know, and he's the one who came to mind on those nights when my wife returned home late.

Under normal circumstances, I would dismiss the anonymous message as a prank, but I'm not so sure. Should I confront my wife and ask whether something is going on? Should I just let it be? I'm not sure she'd tell me the truth if she were, in fact, cheating, and more importantly, I'm not sure I really want to know. — *Wandering in Winter*

**Dear Wandering:** If you truly don't want to know and/or you trust your wife, then ignore the anonymous message. But it seems you already are concerned, and the message simply



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gave voice to your worst fears. So, we think you should speak to your wife. Show her the message. Explain why you are taking it seriously. Ask whether she has anything to tell you. Her response should be reassuring, not defensive.

**Dear Annie:** I have been with "Darrin" for two years. He is 12 years younger than I am. His mother still drives in from a nearby town in order to clean his house and do his laundry. He has three children who do nothing unless I ask them, and then I'm the mean one.

I try to cook food that his children will like, but even when I supply their requested items, there are tears or complaints. I am frustrated. Darrin used to be romantic and sweet. Now we bicker constantly.

He wants me to give up my friends, my family and my dog, and I don't want to. He has broken two cellphones

and a chair by throwing them at me. I have been bounced off the bed, choked and sent to the hospital for stitches. But he always apologizes and feels terrible afterward.

I know Darrin loves me, but I can't understand why he acts like this. My family thinks I need to leave. I have tried, but I miss him and know that I won't find anyone who loves me as much as he does. We tried counseling, but he claimed the counselor "liked me more" and was unfair to him. Am I crazy for staying? Should I try to make things better by being more patient? — *Rock and a Hard Place*

**Dear Rock:** Maybe you should wait until Darrin slams you against the wall and kills you. Your boyfriend is an abuser. He doesn't love you. He loves controlling you. *Get out now:* Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (thehotline.org) and find out the best way to leave before it's too late. Please.

**Dear Annie:** "Eileen" said she bought a gift card to a restaurant that subsequently went out of business, so now she's stuck. She and other readers with this problem might check with their state treasurer. By law, the funds in those cards belong to the holder, not to the restaurant. The treasurer's office might be able to help get their money back. — *J.W.*

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Thinking that you are supposed to know something will keep you asking the questions that will lead you to really know it. Therefore, be fine with not knowing and boldly express your curiosity.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If you focus too small, you'll miss the point, and if you focus too wide, you'll skip essential details. Find a balance. Tonight, you'll have the pleasure of spending time with someone who makes you feel important.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Retail statistics indicate that more people than ever will be giving a Valentine to a pet. Today your love encompasses people, animals and beyond to a general appreciation for the things that make your life run smoothly.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You won't solve the problem in one day, but you'll at least find a temporary remedy that allows you to be productive while you work at fixing the issue. Tonight highlights your culinary talents.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Whether you are single or in a relationship, you're in the mood to give generously to the people around you and show them that they make your life sweeter just by being in it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** In Finland, Valentine's Day is more about celebrating friendship than romantic love. You might feel inclined to celebrate similarly, as the importance of friendship will be well illustrated in your day.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your imagination is a zany, beautiful place! Love fills your dreams in unexpected ways. Well, you can't control everything that runs through your

head, but you don't have to identify with all of it, either.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** This is a special day, but don't worry — you'll have many special days and lots of chances to get things right. Let this free you to experiment. Your love is unique and should be uniquely expressed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Others think you are courageous for speaking so honestly, though for you it comes much more easily than trying to say what you think other people want to hear. Your candor will get people communicating on deeper levels.

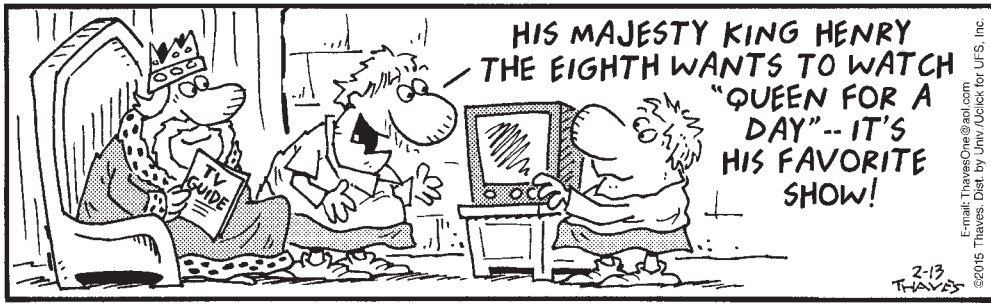
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Long ago, physicians prescribed chocolate for lovesickness, and the remedy still seems to fit. It also works for celebrating love and will be one of 10 ways you'll celebrate love today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You are all too aware that every rose has its thorn, though the fancier florists sometimes remove them for a painless presentation. You'll do the emotional equivalent for someone you love today.

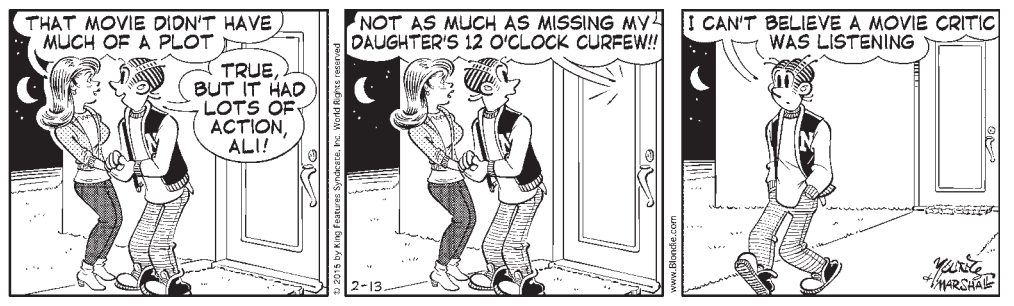
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Maybe there's no such thing as a one-and-only soul mate. However, there are moments that feel so right with another person that you can't be sure. Revel in those!

**SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 14).** There is not another person on the planet who can fulfill your purpose, and this is your year to revel in your unique position. The next six weeks bring a well-deserved prize. March introduces singles to new love and couples to a deeper understanding. Changes to your environment lead to new hobbies in May. Cancer and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 27, 19, 45 and 30.

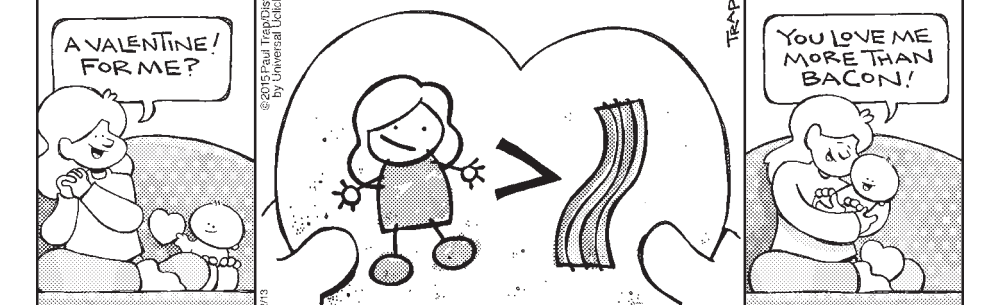
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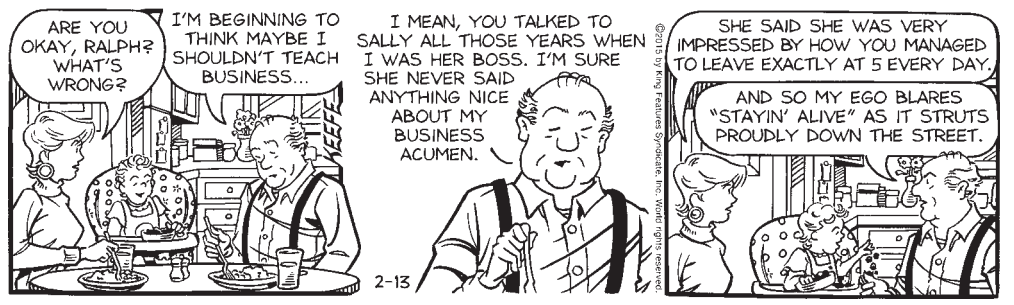
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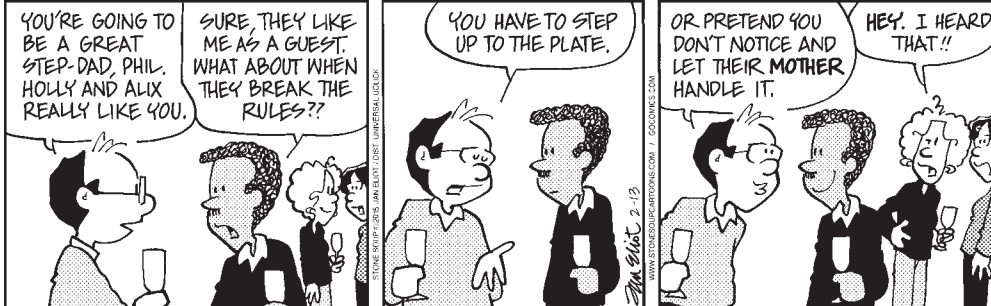
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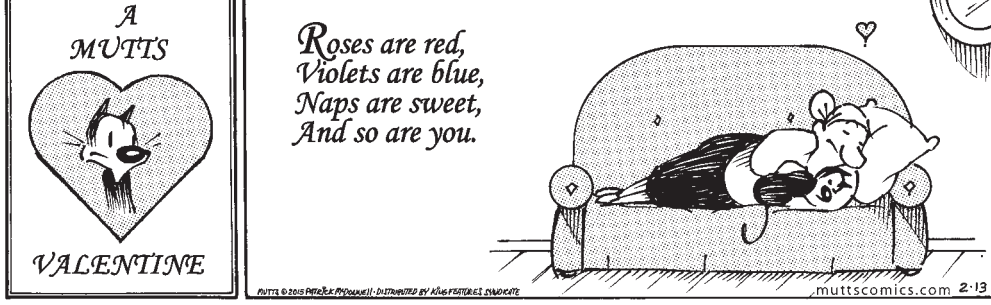
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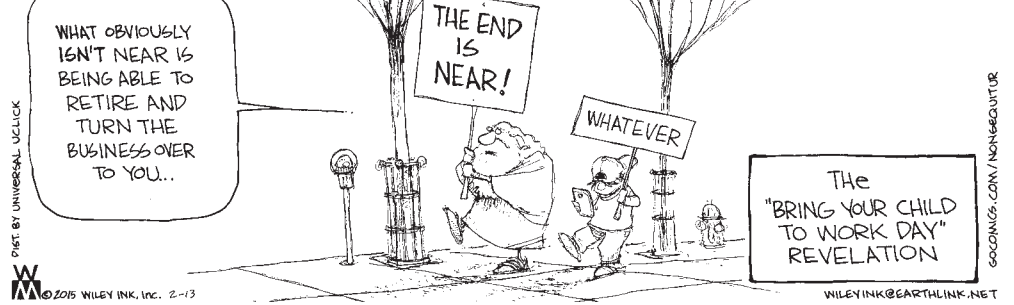
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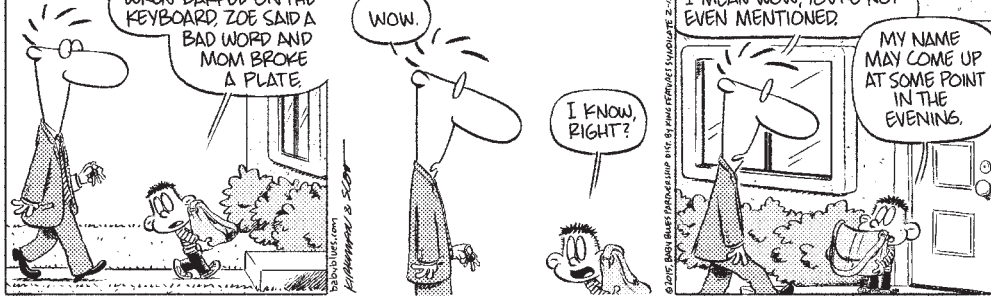
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