

# Is he right to be jealous? Tomorrow's horoscope

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**Dear Annie:** Many years ago, "Hazel" sat next to me in high school and apparently had a crush on me. (I had no clue.) She married someone else, and her husband passed away 20 years ago. Four years later, she met "Larry," who is married and says he can't divorce because of his religion. He tells Hazel he loves her and often drops by with gifts. She told him she loves him, but just as a friend. She thinks he is wonderful but says there is nothing physical between them.

My wife died a year ago. A few months later, Hazel contacted me. We hit it off right away. She lives three hours away, so we take turns visiting every two weeks. We get along very well, except when the subject of Larry comes up.

Hazel says her relationship with him is over now that I'm in the picture, but I discovered that he had stopped by again with a gift. She said she didn't let him in the door. The other day, she slipped and called me "Larry." She apologized, but you can imagine how that made me feel. I'm starting to believe I'm her rebound guy. I think she is crazy about Larry and if his wife should



die, she'd be at his door in a heartbeat.

Is it possible for Larry and Hazel to be such good friends without something more going on? He even told her about his erectile dysfunction, but I worry that may have come from first-hand knowledge. Hazel says she loves me and has for years, but the "green-eyed monster" has taken over my heart, and I don't know how to get rid of these jealous feelings. — *Very Confused*

**Dear Confused:** Your jealousy is not completely unfounded. Hazel rejected Larry not because she dislikes him, but because he is married. If that obstacle didn't exist, there is indeed the possibility that she would be more interested

in him, especially since he seems to be quite interested in her. Their relationship is friendship mixed with flirting, and that is why you react so negatively toward him.

You are not the rebound guy. You're the backup. Hazel needs to tell Larry to pay more attention to his wife — no more gifts, no more surprise visits, no more intimate confidences, and the friendship must include you. If she is unwilling to do this, her attachment to him is stronger than it should be. Either give her time to see whether she becomes more connected to you, or let her go.

**Dear Annie:** "Like Pregnant Not Fat," I am amazed at how rude people can be to pregnant women.

I am pregnant with my second child and have been asked, "Was this pregnancy planned?" It is such a personal and nosy question, it stuns me. Any suggestions on how to respond? — *Expecting Mom in the Midwest*

**Dear Expecting:** The default response to nosy, intrusive questions is, "Why do you need to know?" But if any of our readers has a better one, we'll be happy to print it.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're the underdog in today's conflict. You'll keep going when the odds are against you. Don't forget that everyone loves the underdog — especially if they know the whole story. Tell it!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The trick you pull off today is on par with pulling a rabbit out of a hat. This trick may be more impressive than useful, but it's still a sheer delight to your rapt audience.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You are curious and open-minded, and yet not easily won. Furthermore, today it will take an especially compelling argument to separate you from your money.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You have the potential to brighten someone's day or ruin it, and of course you'll choose the first option. Tonight, your kindness will not be directly repaid, but doing the right thing is its own reward.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The 80/20 rule applies, but it may be difficult to figure out which 20 percent of your efforts are netting you 80 percent of your desired results.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Broken and dysfunctional people are everywhere. So what? There's no reason to talk about it. Offer up compassion; steer clear of gossip; go to bed with a clear conscience.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Avoid the game that's too easy for you. Your nerves will tell you whether you're playing at the right level. Channel your nervous energy to give you an edge.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You have nothing to hide, but there are benefits to pretending that you do. Mystery looks good on you! The intrigue you spin today will stick with people.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Even though you like to deliver beyond expectation, if you show up and do what's expected of you, that will be more than enough for now.

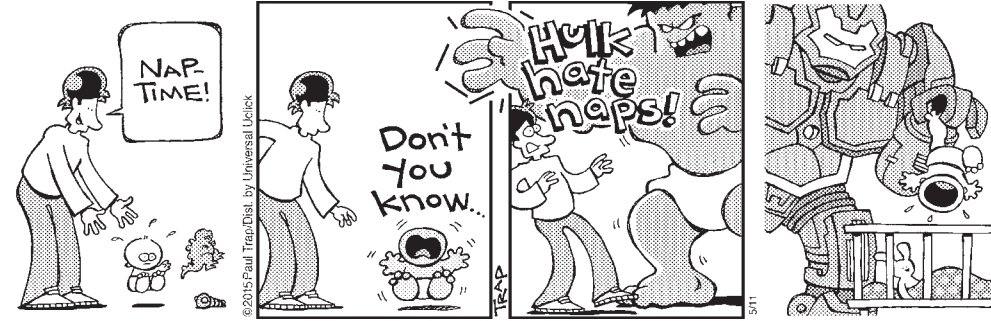
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Judging yourself too harshly is not necessary when you're in the thick of things. Creation is one process. Analysis is another process. Separate the two, and your work will be brilliant.

**TUESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 12).** The project that takes up the next 10 weeks is a big one. You'll put your mind to it and accomplish much. In June, you'll create a structure for business that makes money. In July, you'll trade valuables and upgrade your lifestyle. Love is your main focus in August. October shows you in an inspiring, tranquil environment. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 15, 30, 48 and 54.

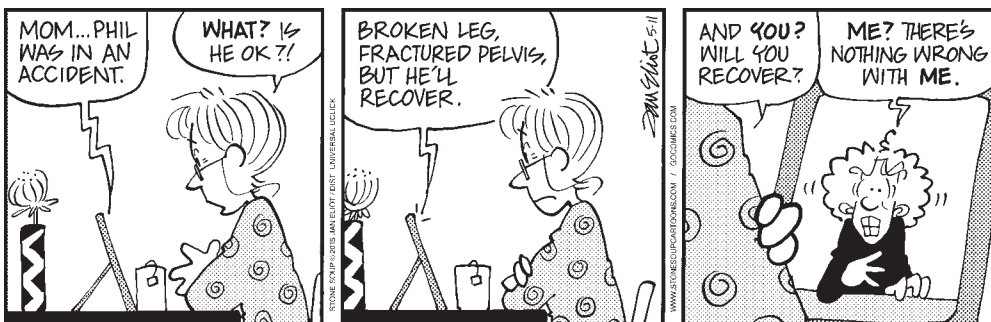
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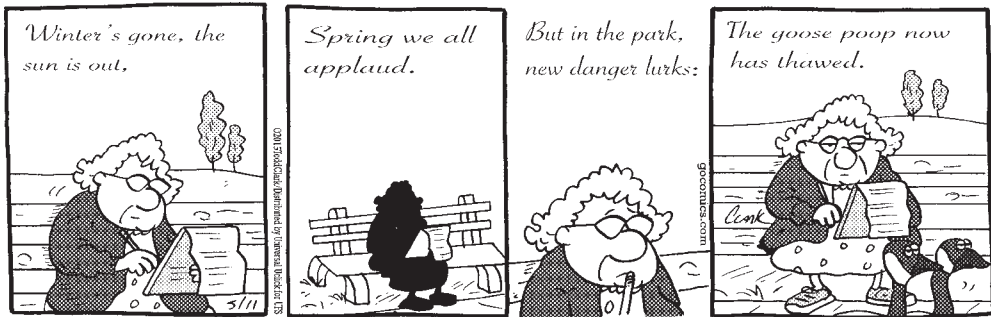
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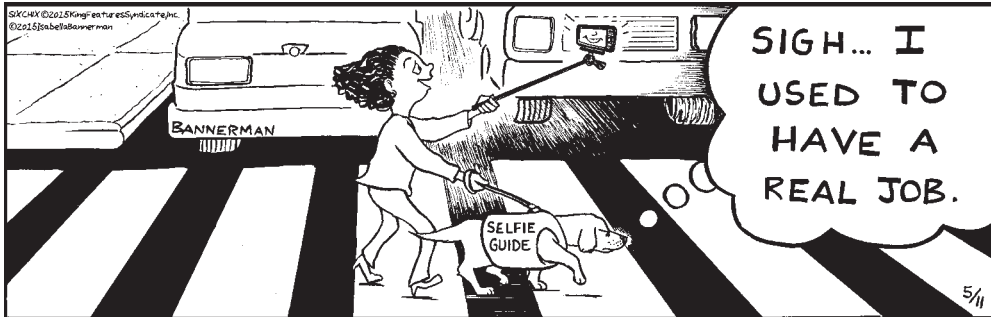
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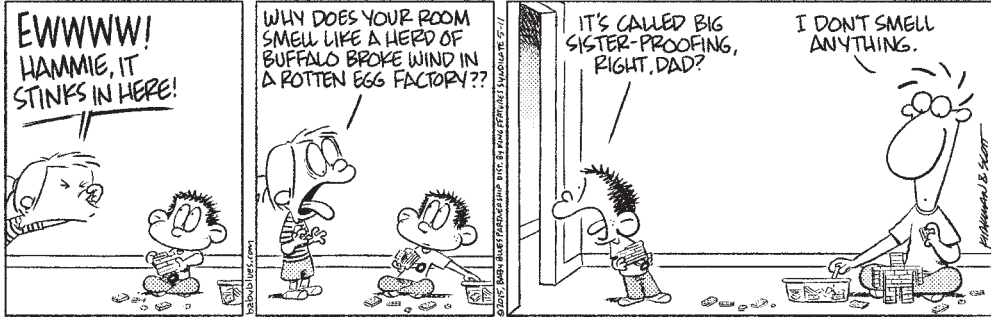
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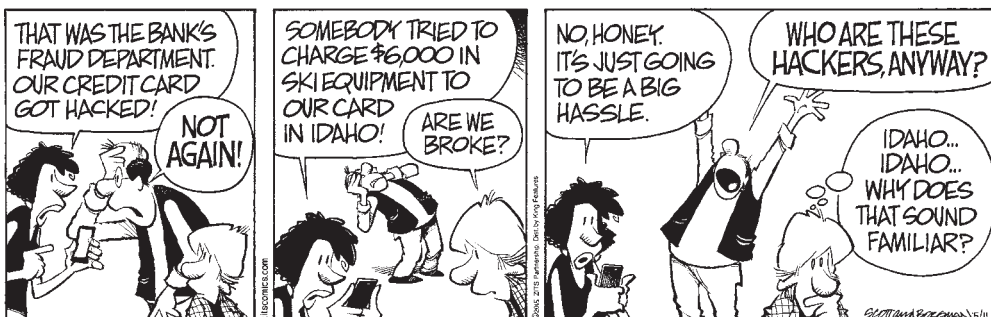
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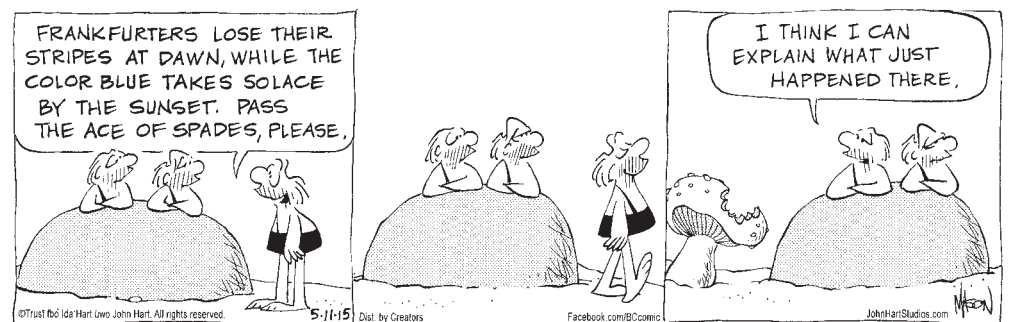
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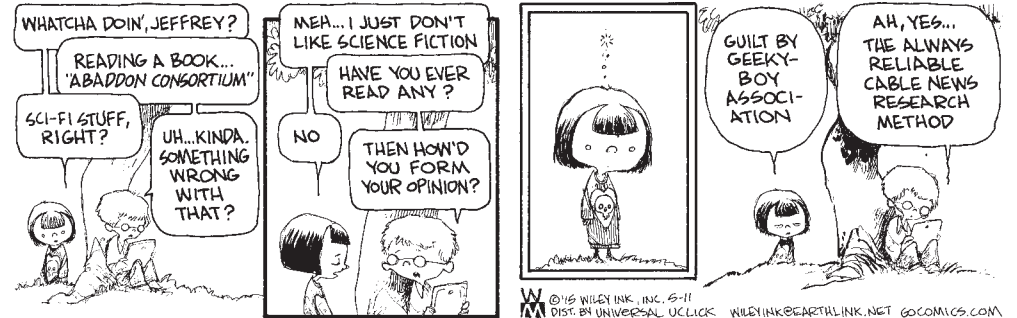
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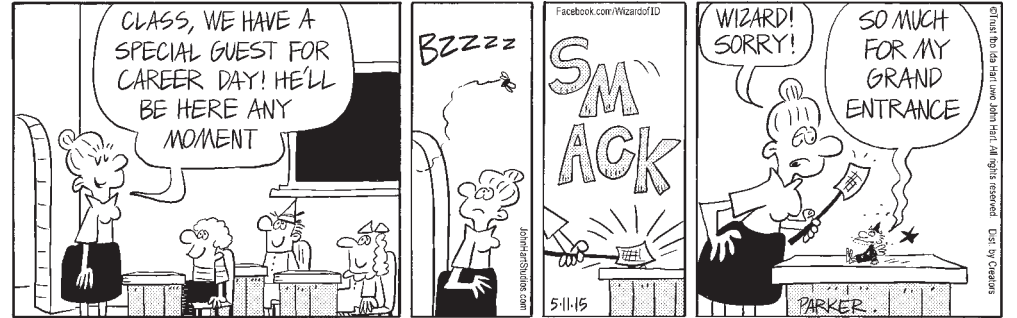
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