

# Fed up with hugging hubby Tomorrow's horoscope

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**Dear Annie:** My husband and I are in our 60s. Recently, he hugged a new neighbor and kissed her on the cheek. She is our age and divorced. We don't know her well at all. I was shocked, embarrassed and angry.

I commented later, asking my husband if he hugged and kissed any of the other women (all married) in our group of friends. He thinks I'm being ridiculous. But he has done similar things times in the past whenever there's a new female around. It's like he can't help it. He becomes completely obsessed with the "new girl."

We've been married a long time. I told him he should always act like a married man and that his flirtatious behavior makes me feel terrible and I don't want to experience it anymore. I'm in shape and attractive. I've thought about doing something to make my husband jealous to see how he reacts. Right now, I'm fed up and considering a divorce so I can enjoy the rest of my life. What's the deal? — *Fed Up in Music City*

**Dear Fed Up:** It sounds like your husband is feeling his age and finds that something "new" makes him feel young and frisky

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again. This is only threatening to your marriage if he acts on these impulses with more than hugs and cheek kisses, and the woman reacts with equal interest. The next step is entirely up to you.

You cannot force your husband to change unless he recognizes the need and is willing. So, knowing that these flirtations go no further, can you tolerate them? Is this the only sore spot in your marriage? Do the pros outweigh the cons? Would you be willing to get counseling (with or without him) to work on the issue? Do you really want to leave him over this? Often, the decisions we make when we are angry or frustrated turn out to be regretted. Please give the situation a great deal of thought before you act, and consider your options carefully.

**Dear Annie:** I feel I must give "Carol in Columbus, Oh.," one more word of wisdom to add to your good advice.

She said she wanted to start up her own small business, but her husband was very controlling when it came to money. Please tell her to make sure she sees a lawyer right from the start. She needs to be certain that this new venture she is starting with her own money, credit, sweat and tears remains her own property. There are ways to separate it from the controlling husband.

I know, because I started my own business seven years ago. My husband would not sign anything to help me in my new venture, so I did it all myself with my meager savings and a small gift from my mom. Now that the business is a big success he calls it "ours" and claims half of everything, even though he has not contributed a day of work or a dollar of investment. Carol should be smarter. — *Been There Done That*

**Dear Been There:** Whenever starting a business, legal advice is always a good idea. Thanks for the additional suggestion.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It is within your power to change the environment for good or for ill. A small and repetitive gesture will make a considerable difference. Social luck centers on a sharp Gemini.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It's finally happened. The one you were so impressed with has managed to bore you. Well, don't worry or make any rash decisions. This relationship is cyclical.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Sometimes your wisecracks make people smile, but there are times when they don't land with quite the same grace. That's why today is such a special gift. People understand your genius and will pay you for it, too.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Test your ideas quietly before you bring them into the public eye. This will allow you to take risks and make your mistakes in obscurity. When you have consistent success, then you'll tell the whole world.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Those who've achieved greatness can't always teach what they know, as teaching is its own gift. Seek the mentor who can guide you with wisdom, compassion and excellent communication.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Where the fault rests on only one side, the argument will be short. In a fight that goes on and on, both parties are to blame. You'll act as a mediator and come up with a solution that satisfies everyone.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your experiences have taught you a version of the world. Your neighbor has a completely different version, though, and you'll get a window into it today. It's an honor to be a part of this.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Start where you are. Before you can change your response, accept the one you're already having. Acknowledge the feelings you're experiencing without judging them to be wrong or right.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You have good reasons to be proud of yourself and confident about what to do next. Think of what those reasons might be and write them down for reinforcement.

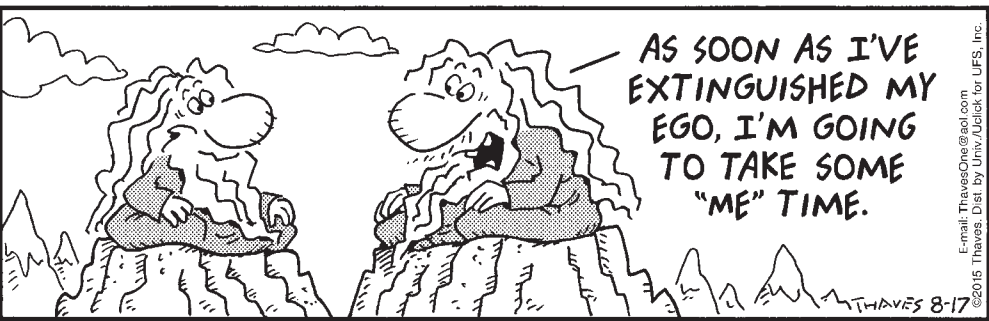
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Maybe the other animals aren't as concerned with names, but the human animal needs to put a name on things in order to process them. That's why today it will help you to name your feelings.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Reach out. If anyone around is feeling isolated or judged, it will negatively impact the whole group. Be the peacekeeper. Your sensitivity will prevent future negativity.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Following the complexities of your creative spirit, you weave your personal mythology. Real-life events turn into elaborate, meaningful stories. Write it all down — it will be interesting to you later.

**TUESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 18).** You're a spirit in the material world, and the miraculous connections and happenings over the next seven weeks drive the point home. In October, you'll find yourself where you never would have guessed you'd end up. You'll band together with like minds and change lives. Romance heats up in February and May. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 25, 44 and 16.

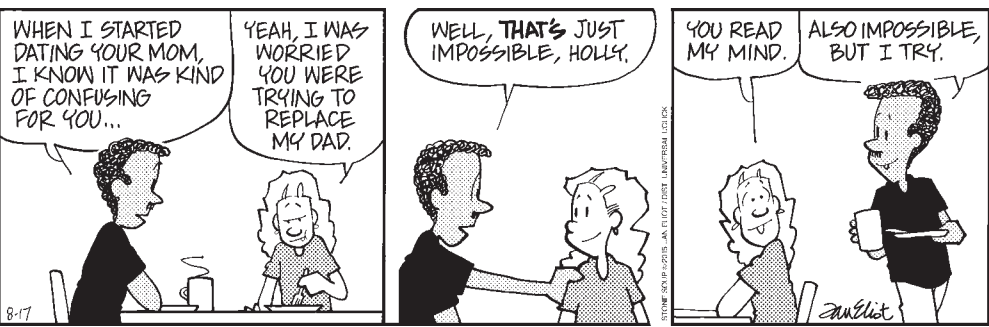
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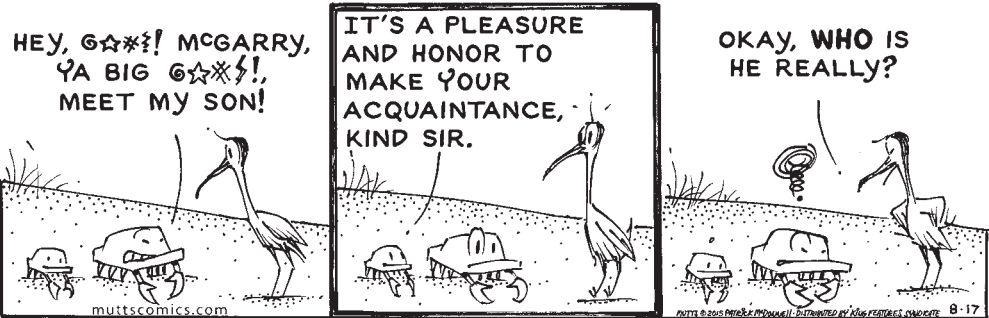
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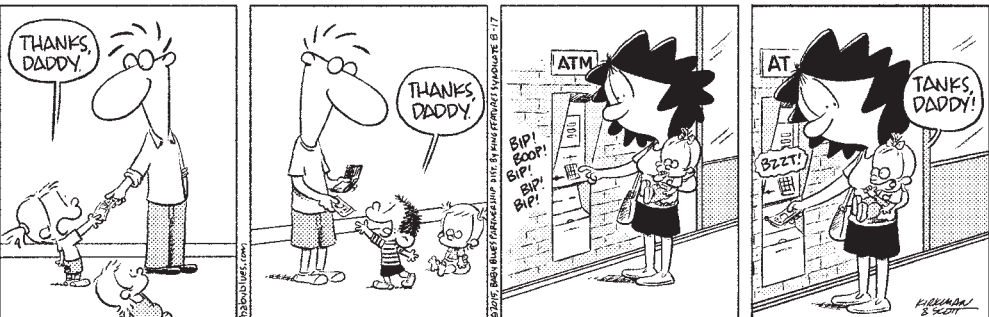
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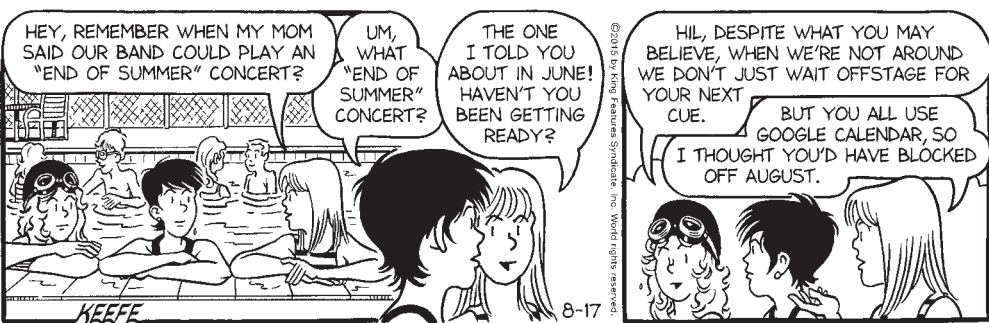
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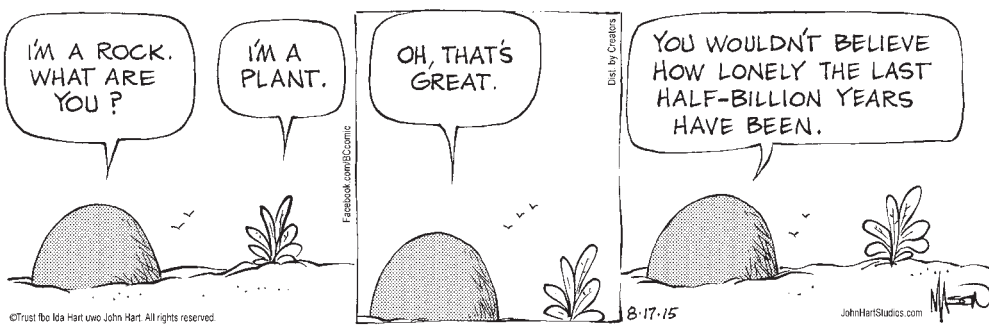
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