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FEATURES

Good communication is key

Dear Annie: My husband is a consultant and travels frequently for work. When he travels, he'll sometimes leave Sunday and return the following Friday. He will sometimes do this for three weeks out of a month. The proj-

ects may last six months or three years. It grows lonely without him.

I'm the product of divorced parents. My father left my mother after she found out he was having an affair.

This experience has had an obvious impact on me, particularly with my jealousy. I am always searching my husband

for any evidence of an affair, whether it's going through his phone and email or searching his pockets. I'm never certain he's been faithful.

He's been on an extended project in Europe, frequently leaving on Saturdays or Sundays. He's missed several events for our children and also birthdays and our anniversary. I'm becoming increasingly concerned that he's having an affair.

All the while, there is no real evidence of this, and he is clearly

struggling with his travel schedule and leaving the family. Also, I know he is so loving and caring toward me and our family. I need to know: Am I crazy? And how do I tame my fears? — Jealous Wife

Dear Jealous: It's funny how when we let our imaginations run wild, they could go anywhere yet often go to the same bad familiar places — in this case, the memory of your father

> and his affair. You've said yourself that there's no actual evidence that would support vour fears about your husband's fidelity. If he has always been honest and trustworthy, I see no

Jealousy is a monster. The more you feed it the bigger it gets. Before you know it, you've let it tear, Godzilla-like, through your entire life. So you must stop feeding it. Resist the urge to go through your husband's texts, emails, phone logs and pockets. The more you exercise the trust muscle the stronger it becomes. And a robust sense of trust is fundamental to a healthy marriage.

reason to question that now.

All that aside, communication

is also fundamental. It sounds as if his time away from home has been hard on your relationship. Talk to each other about this. If he can't work fewer hours and travel less, you can find other ways to maintain intimacy and emotional closeness.

Dear Annie: Whoa! Your response to "Scared of My Friends" really smacked of ageism. I just turned 70. I live in a rural area and drive every day.

Do you know who is really dangerous on the road? Someone who is driving with his knees because he is texting or someone holding a cellphone to her ear while driving. Those are the folks who are going to cause accidents, not me because I turned a magic number.

I have a very thorough eye exam every year. My eyes are precious to me, and I want to take the best care of them. I work out six days a week, with an hour and a half of cardio and some weights. So do not judge people by a number on a calendar. And certainly do not encourage a government agency to begin using age discrimination to keep folks from driving. Take the texters off the road. They are really dangerous. I'm not. Stephanie in New York

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some of the most influential people of your life aren't the type to readily give advice. They just live exemplary lives, certain aspects of which you would love to emulate — and today, you will.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Smart people seek wisdom, and wise people seek intelligence. Certainly there will be plentiful examples of one without the other today, but not from (well-rounded and deliberate) you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been there. You've been the source of the long sigh followed by "If only." But now you're too busy making things happen for yourself for such sighing. You need to be around people who are the same way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). "Vain is the word of a philosopher which does not heal any suffering of man." There's lots of advice out there today, mostly unhelpful, much of it impractical. It only adds to the beauty of a good oi' to-do list.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though it's sometimes fun to touch on mystical topics, what matters today more than who you were in a past life or how to interpret someone's aura is who you are being now and how that's working with the other person's need of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one knows

why, but even hungry livestock sometimes

need to be prodded to the pasture. One never knows what might be distracting another person. Kindness is called for. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The person with the

least need of a situation has the most cheerful, relaxed attitude toward it. From this mood, a person can see and attract more opportunity. Today provides one more example of the benefits of detachment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is but one way to draw a straight line between two points. But if the line is crooked it can follow an infinite number of different paths. Do what's right. Go

directly. Get there the easy, simple way. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All things turn into fire in the end — otherwise known as "the beginning," because fire is also the birthmother of all things. Wherever you are in your

creative process, it's a good and necessary part of the cycle. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There should be a name for the particular type of anxiety that accompanies technical difficulties. Software errors, password fails, Wi-Fi issues... quickly let

solutions. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't let work take an outsized role on your sense of self. You're not defined by your work any more than you're defined by what you own, who you know,

it go. You'll come up with astoundingly creative

or any other single element of your life. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe it's impossible to tame that ocean of feeling inside you, but you'll be incredibly powerful when moments of calm do come over you. Through self-possessed, patient politeness you'll get exactly what you want.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 23). Your appreciation for what you already have leads to augmented fortunes this solar return. You treat others with such tenderness through 2017 that relationships will develop an unparalleled depth of feeling. There's a professional advancement in February. A financial upswing begins in May and keeps building. Libra and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 19, 33, 24 and

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HE DIDN'T > OO! HERE'S MY CAJUN CRANBERRY COWABUNGA ASK!) CASSEROLE!

THATABABY

Mr. Squiggly used to be a baker until the new Wal-Mart in town put him out of business.









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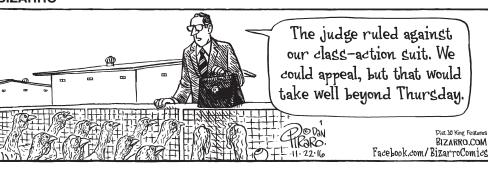




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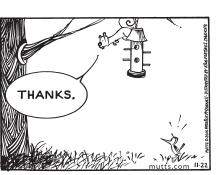
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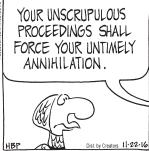






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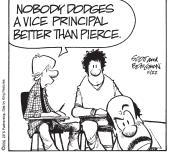




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