**DEAR** 

**ANNIE** 

**Annie Lane** 

## **FEATURES**

## Reunited but wondering

**Dear Annie:** I am in a loving relationship with a wonderful man,

'William.' We grew up together, but our families moved apart over time, so we lost all contact. Then, just by chance, I found William on a dat-

ing site. I wanted to contact him that afternoon. Then I changed my mind. I would sleep on it that night.

The next morning, I woke up with my heart pounding so hard I could not even think straight. I knew what I had to do: make that call. Oh, what a day that turned out to be. William and I talked for five hours that night

— and every night after that. In April of this year, William asked me whether I would like to move in with him. I did not hesitate.

I have a wonderful, loving, caring man in my life. But from time to time, I do wonder whether William is seeing his ex-wife at work or chatting on Facebook with her. He seems distant with me at times and has very little to say, and sometimes he's unaffectionate. At those times, I try to keep busy and keep my mouth shut. But my mind is always at work, wondering what's next.

Annie, is there any need for worry with William? Has he finished with his ex? These are the questions I need answers to more than anything. I love William dearly. I know he loves me and cares for me. Could you please give

me some insight? — Your Friend

Dear Friend: Calm down. William has given no indication that he is cheating. He might be distant at times, but all men are. And there's nothing wrong with his occasionally catching up with his ex-wife, as long as it's strictly platonic and not too frequent.

It's important that you find ways to help your mind settle — through exercise, meditation or even just losing yourself in a good book. If you keep looking for problems in your relationship, you'll end up creating them.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Sick of It," who is dealing with a woman who is focused on hating her and spreading that hatred. It hit home with me. I was married for 25 years, and we had a wonderful life — not that we didn't have a few rough times, too. But both of our families were always a part of our lives.

Then one day, my wife left me for another man. When he left her after three years, her whole focus shifted to making our kids and all our friends and family hate me.

Thirty years later, nothing has changed. She makes sure, just using her words, that the hate never ends. I started thinking about terrorist groups and how much trouble they've caused in the world just by teaching hate with words. Nothing good has ever come from it.

I've talked to many people over the years, and it's surprising how many people hate a mom, dad, brother, sister or former friend and vow never to speak to the person again. Don't they realize that this life on earth is really very short and most people wish they reconciled when it's too late? So here's my idea: Why doesn't

everyone in America take two hours and watch a heartwarming Hallmark movie? Maybe a few of those really angry people will understand how much better they will feel by saying those three magic words: "I forgive you!" — Racquetball Bob

Dear Bob: I couldn't agree

with you more. Keep spreading the positivity.

## **TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE**

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). In a way, you're selling something — an idea, product or your vision of the future. Your ideal "customer" will already be a little interested in what you're presenting before you even get there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The forefathers of the structures of society are often taken for granted by those too young or ignorant to understand the personal sacrifices made by those who have come before. Contrastingly, you're aware. Point it out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Recipe for the day: Reach your hand out and say hello. It's the start of something beautiful. Next. mention what you want. Keep moving until you find the one who can help you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't assume that all are as moral as you. Guard your place in a deal. Get your name on record and everything down on paper. You can be a nice person and still stand up for yourself.

give, but will they really appreciate it if they get it all at once? What about if you built a sense of scarcity around what you're offering? Use human nature to your advantage. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your energetic

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a lot to

investments will pay off nicely. As for your financial ones, consider putting your energy there first. Money usually represents past energy expenditures, which can be a little too removed to fully feel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll influence others, but more importantly, you'll comply with self-directions. To follow your own instructions is no small deal; in fact it's the magic ticket and the key to getting what you SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Like a computer programmer, it's on you to fix a bug in vour life. Don't procrastinate! Procrastination leads to guilt, which leads to more procrastination. It's exhausting. Now is the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're better today than you were yesterday. If you can continue to say this every day, the

improvement you are wishing for will come together early next year. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Follow your opportunities, not your passion. Yes, the two

will converge at some point — not vet. Your

opportunities will take you somewhere; your

passion will leave you alone in a room. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you don't exactly love the plan your friends are coming up with, make your own. You want to add to the good times, but you won't be able to

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are used to seeing a certain person as very powerful. You may be surprised by how vulnerable this person really is. Lead with your natural empathy and you'll get to the truth of the

unless your heart is in it.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 29). You'll be busy in the first part of this solar return — no letting up in the second quarter! Your success formula includes paring down. A skeleton crew will get it done. Your tremendous self-control and persistence will be rewarded by a goal reached in September. Relationships thrive; take pictures, and write things down. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 33, 16 and

## FRANK AND ERNEST



### **THATABABY**





Balancing THE BUDGET







## PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN









# Well, THAT was a freebie.





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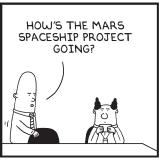




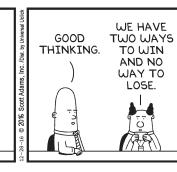




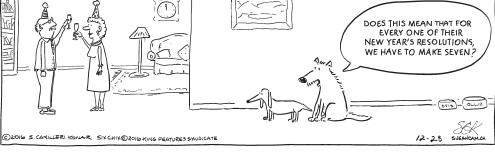
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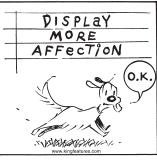


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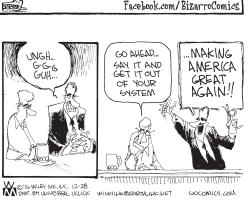




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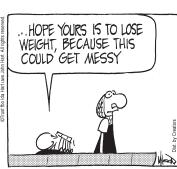




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