

# Husband's surveillance too much?

**Dear Annie:** I have a loving daughter, and I respect her husband greatly. I have visited from across the country countless times. I am 84, and they have two grown children. Everyone is happy when we are together. The only issue as far as I'm concerned is that the hubby, although generous and kind, is overly domineering, bordering on being a tyrant, and a nut about managing things, especially electronics.

**DEAR ANNIE**



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On a recent visit of mine, my daughter mentioned that he had installed cameras in several places in their house because I was there. It was supposedly so he can see the entryways to their home from his cellphone for security purposes. He installed them, however, so that he can both see and hear virtually everything that goes on in their house. He has even called her from his office a few times to say, "What room are you in? I can't see you." She is about the most hardworking and honest and kindest woman a man could ever expect. He is a successful and important provider. They have never had any mari-

tal conflict about cheating or anything. She has no way of knowing whether his snooping gadgets are on or off.

She says that it's his thing and that there's no use in fighting about it. However, it disgusts me, and I don't think I will be able to visit their home again if I'm being monitored. It's not moral or proper. It's an invasion of privacy.

Should I mention this to him or just stop going there? He would probably be grossly offended, seeing as he is allegedly "the master of the house." Not seeing them would be devastating to me because my daughter is my closest living relative and I love her dearly. We have never had a real argument since the day she was born. — *Loving Gramps Needs Advice*

**Dear Loving Gramps:** I agree with you that all that surveillance seems a bit creepy. If this is part of a larger pattern of controlling behavior, it could indicate emotional abuse. (Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline, at 800-799-7233, for guidance.) But unless and until your daughter comes to you with such concerns,

there's not much you can do. Why not invite them over to your house rather than create a conflict in their marriage where there may be none?

**Dear Annie:** I have two grandsons in the military, and I am very proud of them. Each Christmas, I send each a card and a nice check. One I hear from as soon as he opens his mail, but I don't hear at all from the other. The first year, I reminded the parents several times before I received a very nice thank-you letter. This past year, I said nothing and received no thank-you. This year, I want to cut him off (to get his attention) and then give him another chance next year. What advice would you offer me in this situation? — *Wisconsin Grandpa*

**Dear Wisconsin Grandpa:** You shouldn't have to jump through hoops trying to train your grandchildren to write thank-you notes. This year, do only as much as you feel inclined to do. Perhaps send a card but no check so he knows you're thinking of him and you're not thinking of him resentfully afterward.

To the grandchildren reading this, let this be a reminder of just how much a simple thank-you note means.

# TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** No one wants to feel indebted, and yet it's a quick way to be in a tight relationship. People need to feel helpful. An indebted person is fulfilling that need. Whichever side of the equation you're on, know that you're fulfilling a need.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Because you come by your gift of empathy honestly, you might assume it's easy for anyone to put themselves in the shoes of another. Not so. Your gift is rare. Set an example for others and eventually they will follow.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Those who have nothing will be called on to show their patience, work ethic and perseverance. Those who have everything will be called on to show their grace, kindness and humility.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** When the other person seems compelled to give more and more, it may be a kind of power struggle. The person who gives more has the upper hand. Step back and assess the dynamics.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The current dilemma is about understanding the nature of love. Ask your heart of hearts who is on your side and your heart of hearts may not echo the same names you expected.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It's one of those times when responsibilities bunch up on you, the schedule gets crowded, and you wonder why you agreed to so much. You can and will relieve your own stress by doing the things that feel right and good to you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** They say, "Own the room," and yet how many owners can said "room" really have? Three, max. Anyway, some "rooms" aren't worth owning. Look around to determine how much you should

really invest in this ego circus.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll do what millions of others do and still feel like you're contributing something different. It's because you really are. The world needs you to keep being your unique self.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** It only makes sense that found things are often in the same place as lost things, and commonly these losses and gains occur in the intersections of life.

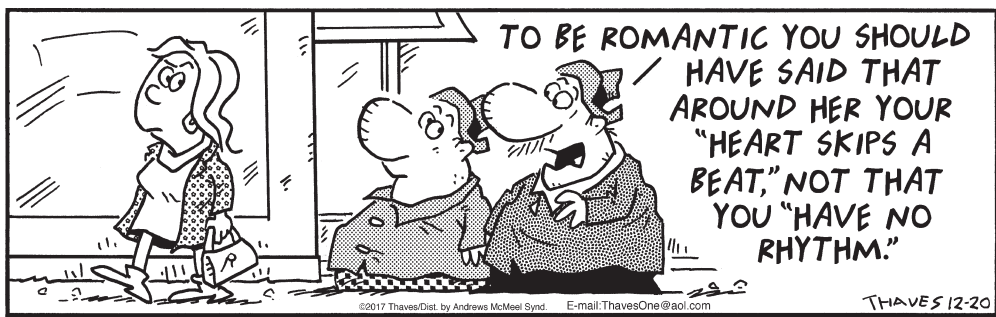
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Pen and paper are still among the coolest tools that technology has brought us. The info and insights will come rapid-fire today, and you'll be wise to make notes as you go. Later you'll pass it on.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** If someone is talking behind your back, it means that the person is behind you and quite possibly beneath you, but positioning isn't the issue. Jealous people are dangerous people.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll be a thought leader today. This is quite a responsibility, but more than that, it's an opportunity for fun and creation. To inspire people toward a brighter and more interesting goal is to change the world.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 21).** Augmented powers of attraction are the cosmic birthday gift that will improve your life in every way. The more creative you are with this, the grander your adventure becomes. A promise will be fulfilled in March. June brings a fortuitous merger. The special tools you acquire in the spring start a whole new venture. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 2, 22 and 33.

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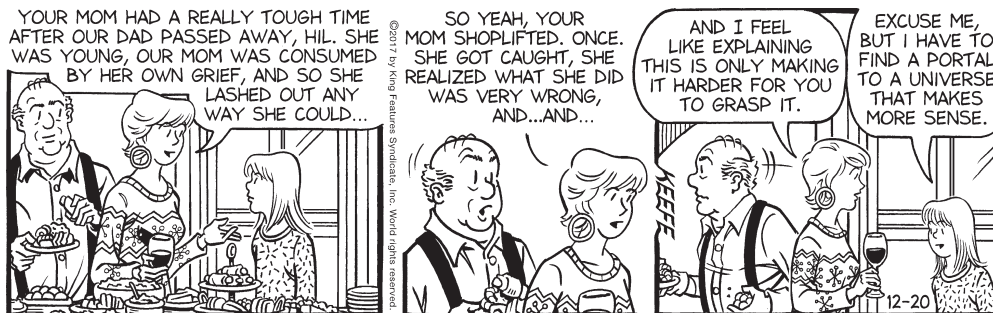
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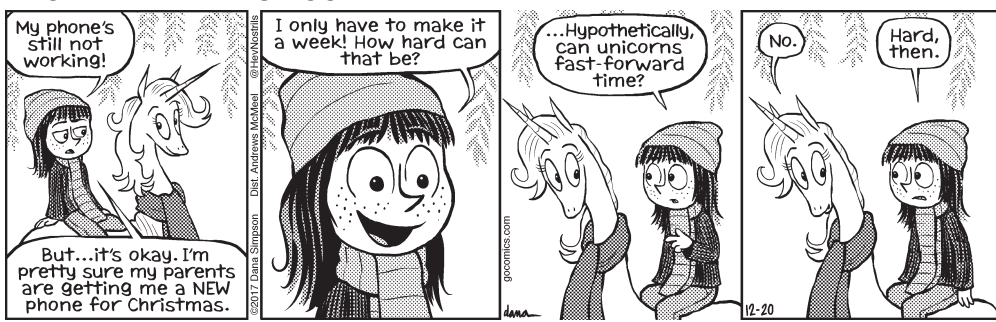
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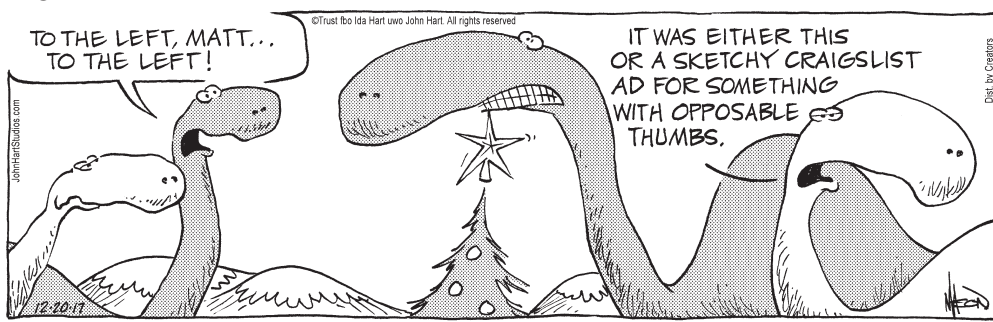
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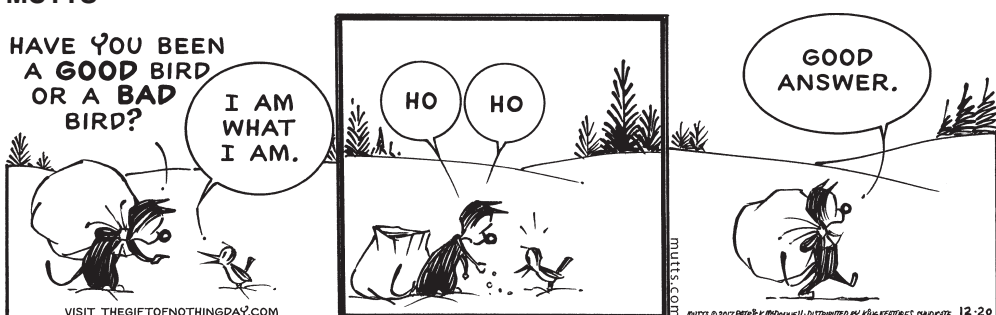
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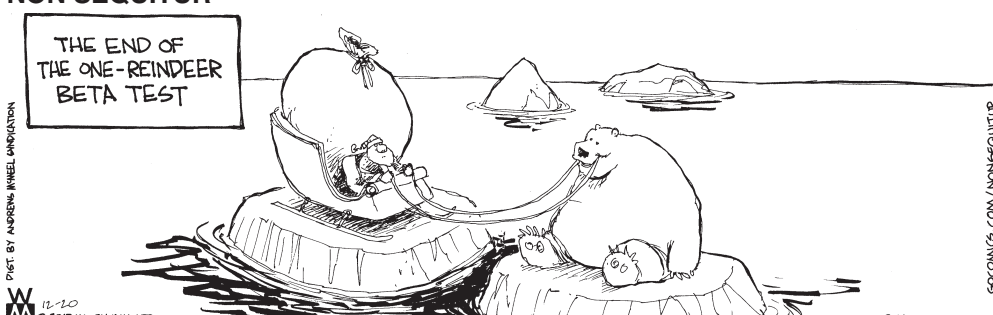
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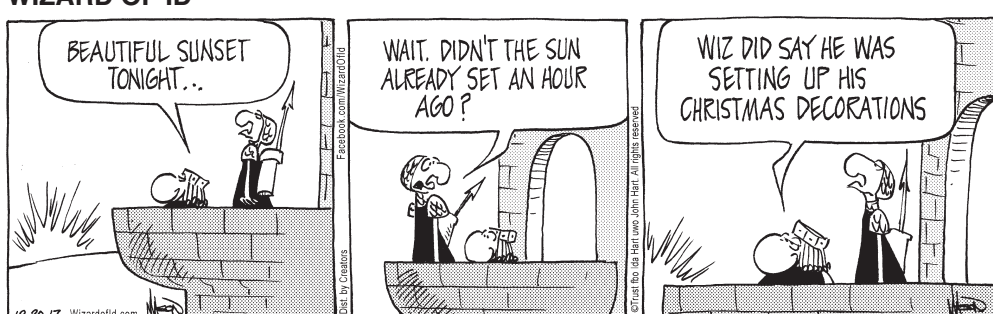
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