

Those wandering eyes

**Dear Annie:** I just do not know the best way to handle this situation.

I have been living happily with my partner for six years. He is kind and, for the most part, considerate. But the following scenario has been going on almost from the beginning.

Often when he notices a woman he finds attractive when we are in a restaurant or in a crowd, he does not take his eyes off her. He detaches himself from the conversation at hand and is obviously intrigued. Even if we are getting up to leave, he is gazing at her as he is doing up his coat.

Is it because he wants to be noticed by her? He claims not. But of course, it is inevitable that she does notice.

Each time he does this, I tell him I find it insulting and demeaning. And he says he'll try not to do it again. Is this something he cannot control? I try to swallow it, but instead I seethe inside. — Distracted by His Distraction

**Dear Distracted:** Glancing at an attractive woman is OK and often hard to resist doing for a moment. Anything longer than

that is leering, which is rude. And leering in front of one's girlfriend? "Sleazy" doesn't begin to cover it. It's downright disrespectful. While he's staring down some unwitting woman across the restaurant, you're sitting there not only ignored but also forced to watch the creep show.

The good news is that he is honest and has admitted he is doing it. To me, that says there is hope. It's time to have a very serious conversation about how this is impacting your relationship. If he truly cares, he'll work on breaking the habit. Whatever you do, stop swallowing your anger. It will burn you up inside.

**Dear Annie:** We live in cooperative housing, meaning all residents have a share in the financial investment of the cooperative. We are not a retired community, yet many of the residents are elderly women who really do not want to get involved or rock the boat. We have a manager who avoids confrontation, and we're not sure what our board of directors actually does, as when you ask the members of the board a question, they cannot give you a definite answer. The

board appears very complacent and agrees with all that the manager does, even to the extent of paying the staff, including the manager, very well. The manager's report is all of one page long and is painted with such a broad brush that it is downright scary in how nontransparent it is.

Isn't it the job of the board to oversee the actions of the manager? No one wants to run for the board, because no one wants to work with the board members, as they seem to think they walk on water and buck any new ideas. At open meetings, board members often whisper among themselves, which is very rude when a resident is speaking. No class! What can be done short of voting the board of directors and manager out and seeking a company to run the community? — Shareholders Who Are Fed Up

**Dear Shareholders:** The whole point of a cooperative is to give all members a voice. I encourage you and your allies to be the change you want to see in the community: Run for the board yourselves. If that's truly not feasible, visit the National Association of Housing Cooperatives website, at <http://coophousing.org>, for information about your rights as shareholders.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The struggle continues between your rational ability to see the future and understand the value of goals and hard work and that fun-monkey in you seeking gratification of a more instantaneous variety.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The trick is to acknowledge the other's traits and foibles without indulging them. It takes a light touch and a flexible but firm social boundary. The reward is a sense of connection without the codependence.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** As today's conversation gets heated, you'll draw from your ever-growing information banks for interesting contributions. It's your congenial attitude they'll remember.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Many things will go as planned to satisfy your need for order and control. And some things will not. It's more fun when things don't go as expected. It gives you an excuse to interact in ways you might not have had to.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Old baggage will get left on the roadside of the highway of love. Good riddance. Relationships will lighten up, cruise along and gain a real sense of progress and freedom.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The process is the goal, really. And yet, without a stated goal, there is no process. This will all be a moot point as you follow your natural instincts today.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're famous for your diplomacy, lovely manners and ever-considerate ways. You'll once again be the glue that brings people together today, and, like a clear-drying glue, your efforts will

be invisible, the results uncredited.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Because you are not reliant on feedback, you don't ask for it. And yet, you need it now. Your success will depend on getting in touch with your audience, reading the room and finding the right kinds of rooms to begin with.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Unless you're a world leader or you've been placed in charge of the livelihood and future of a great number of people, avoid overly serious conversation today. Truly, such grave talk will benefit no one.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** If you can afford to ignore the problem, you're rich. But if you can't, you'll wind up more capable, less afraid and more confident in your ability to handle and solve things.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're not looking to surround yourself with perfect people; the showoffs and know-it-alls bore you. You want a sincere connection with a flawed, compassionate, authentic individual.

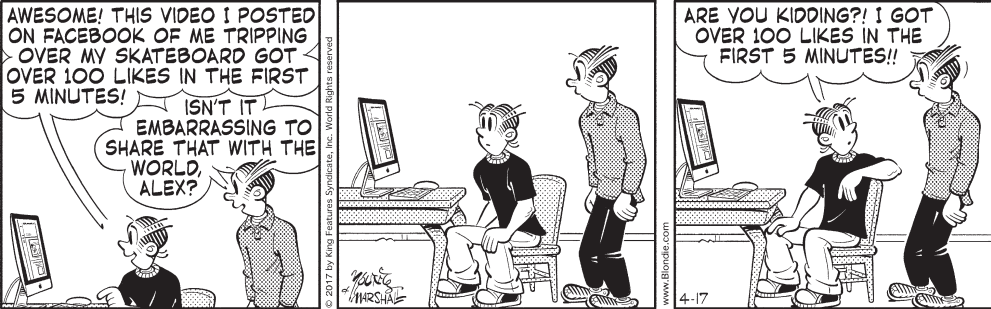
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There will be plenty of appreciation for the work you've done. New people want you to create similar results for them, and they'll offer to hire you, consult with you or be your apprentice.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (April 18).** Mother Teresa suggested, "Joy is prayer. ... Joy is love. Joy is a net of love in which you can catch souls." This year illustrates the point, as you do "happy" like it was your birthright and others get caught up in your happiness — one special person most notably. July brings a contract. There's a windfall in October. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 39, 33, 17 and 24.

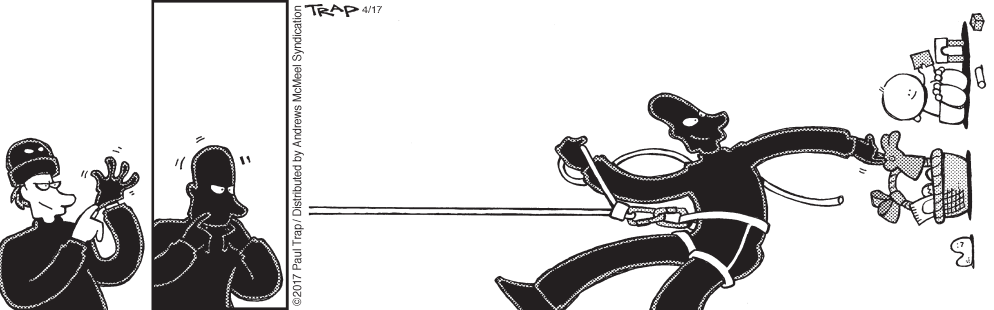
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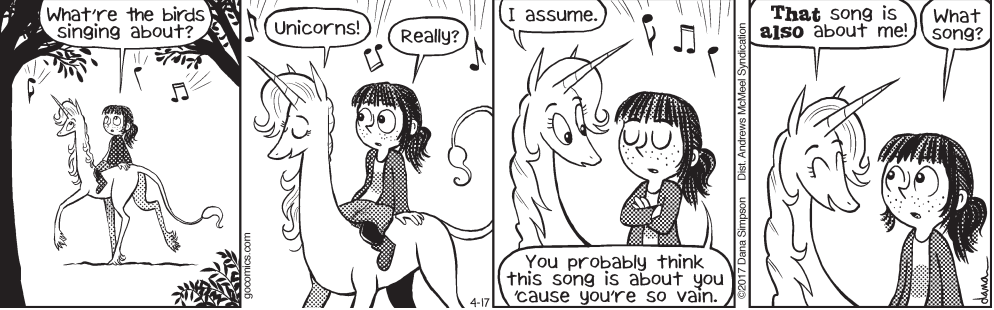
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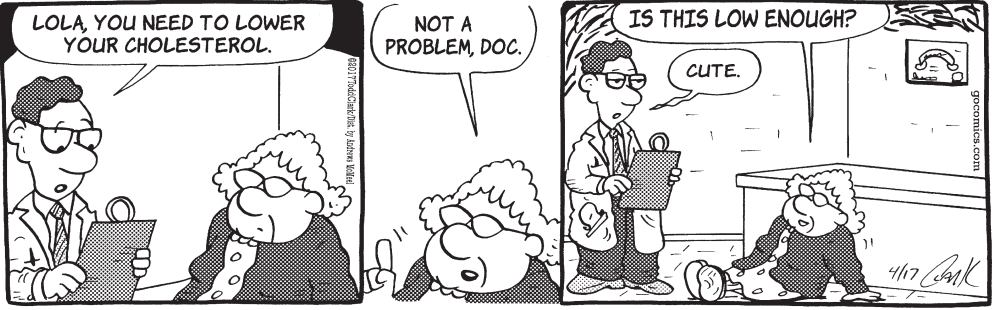
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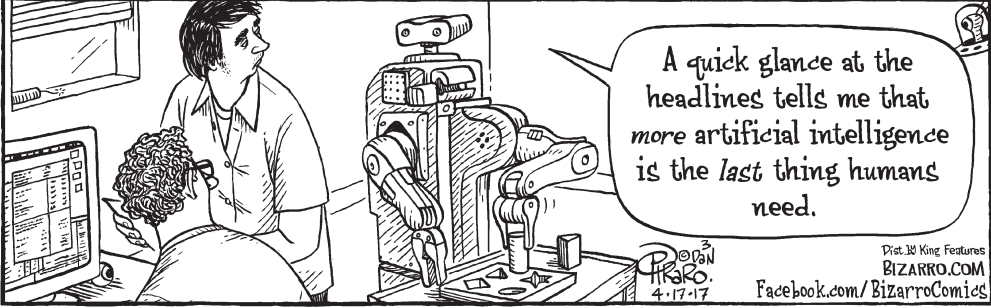
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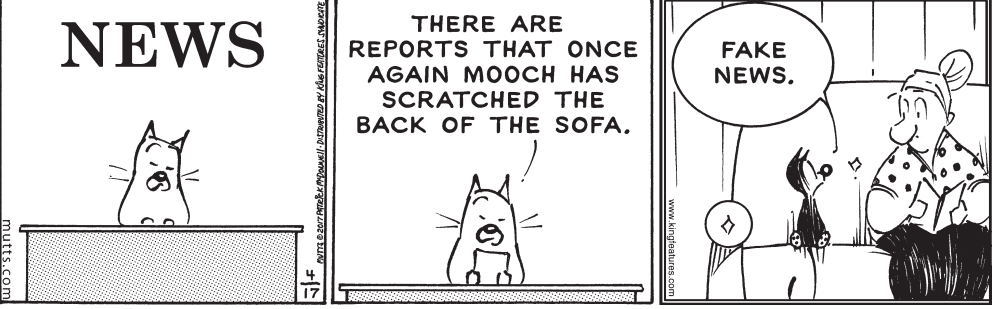
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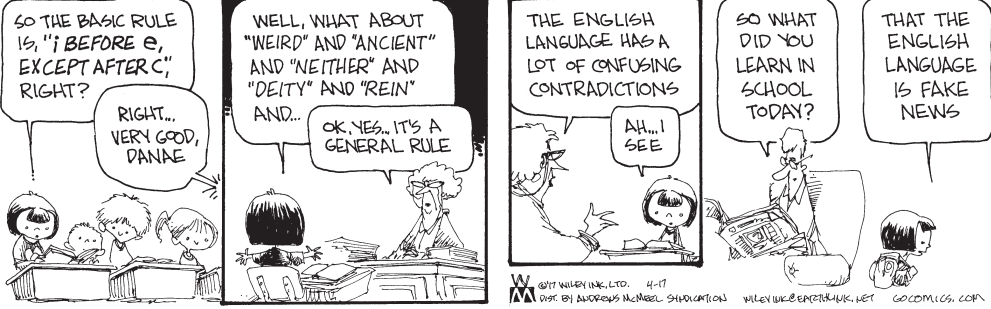
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