

Man's sexual past worrisome

Dear Annie: I've been in a relationship for five years with a guy who has been very enjoyable company. However, in the past 18 months, rumors have surfaced about him being bisexual. He never told me about this part of his past. Finally, I confronted him, and he admitted this was just a whim at a time in his life when he was alone. He's been divorced for 43 years and claims he never knew why his wife divorced him.

He now feels that, since he is with me and the past desires are no longer there, I should just forget about my disgusted feelings and go on as if nothing was ever said. His friends were the ones who kept dropping these hints to me, but of course, I ignored them until now.

I don't know if I should continue this relationship. He is 85 and I am 79. We don't have sex, since he has erectile dysfunction and his desires have diminished. — *Worrying Winnie*

Dear Winnie: What is it that you want from this relationship? Whatever is in this man's past does not need to affect your future. Someone who is bisexual is attracted to both men and

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women. If this were a sexual relationship, we might understand your concerns. But you aren't having sex with him and have no plans to do so. You don't have to marry him. You find him to be very enjoyable company. We don't see a problem. If you want to continue spending time with him, go right ahead.

Dear Annie: I have to reply to "What Happened?" the distraught wife whose husband is preoccupied with celebrities. You said this isn't uncommon and to ask him to spend 15 minutes a day looking into each other's eyes and listening to one another. Your advice was a bit too soft for this guy. His obsession is one of the shallowest things I've heard in a long time. He sounds like someone who needs to get a life, which should in-

clude his wife.

This behavior needs to be stopped cold turkey, not enabled. It's like an addiction. And it makes a poor substitute for the real things in life. Devoting so much of his time to something as empty as celebrity gossip is a sign that something's missing. This man may need help to focus on the special someone who cares who he is — his wife. — *Regular Person in Phoenix*

Dear Phoenix: We agree that a fixation on celebrities is ridiculously shallow, but have you looked at your TV, computer and newspaper lately? We are bombarded daily with celebrity news, celebrity updates, celebrity babies, celebrity divorces, celebrity clothes — there's no escape from it unless you live in a cave.

This is a mild addiction (and we suspect most women whose husbands are addicted to golf or fishing would swap in a heartbeat). If her husband can spend at least 15 minutes a day really connecting with his wife, it will help enormously. If he cannot do that much, counseling is always useful, but he must be willing to go.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Envisioning the future is a creative act that comes naturally to you. Because of this vision, you are the perfect person to lead a group of people with similar goals and interests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your friends love you, and yet you should know that they do not want you to change in the ways that you want to change. Why? Because that will change your friendship, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Good fortune won't exactly fall into your lap, but when you go out of your way to be useful, the lucky opportunities start to pour in. Also, this is a day of major shopping juju. You'll find pieces that seem designed just for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The quick fix you'll hear about is actually a lie in both the "quick" and the "fix" departments. Your best results will come from the old-fashioned methods that have been working for years.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're still not sure whether your idea is good or bad, but if there's one rule to apply, it's this: Good ideas are always resisted. The amount of resistance you're getting is a testament to the idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel like a tiny ship of order floating on a vast sea of chaos. Rest assured, your influence stretches beyond what you know. Keep doing what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are some people who try to be nice and kind to you but don't quite know you well enough to strike the right chord. It's not their fault. They are doing their best with the limited knowledge they have of your beautiful complexities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The difference between a team and a tribe goes deep. The ideology you share with a tribe is as complicated of a matchup as DNA. It's why you'll spend so much time with your tribe today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you could rescind certain actions, you would. Even though this is not possible, you can overshadow the past by doing something wonderful in the present.

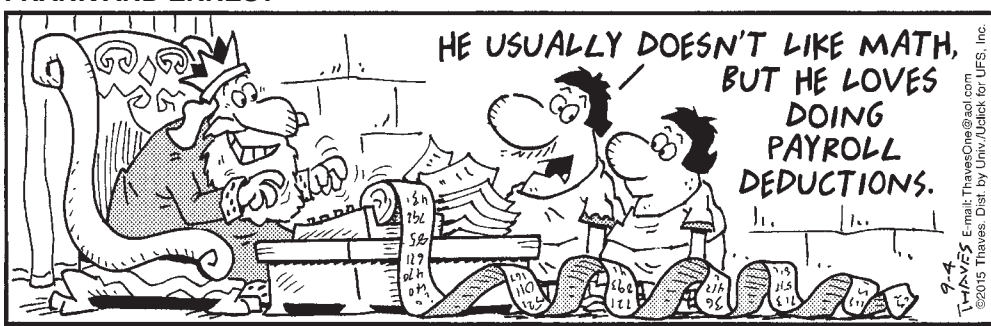
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Established boundaries are what keep chaos from reigning supreme. To avoid the leadership of chaos, mend the fences of those boundaries.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're interested in doing what will enhance social learning and shared experiences, but you're also keen on keeping your eyes open. There is quite a lot to be chucked into the bin of "stupid advice that doesn't apply to you."

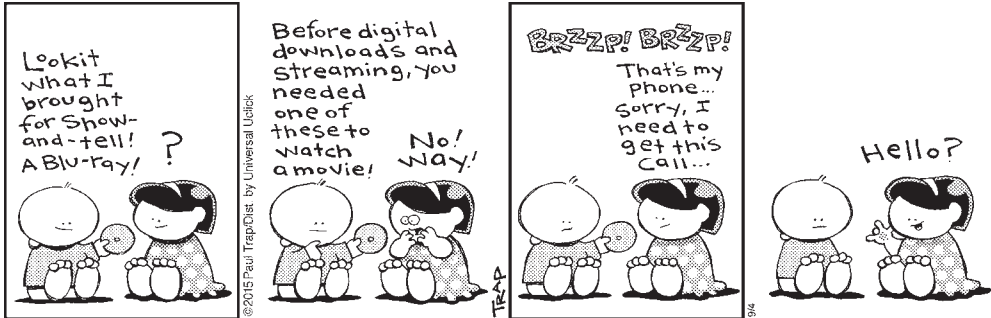
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may not realize it, but you are establishing yourself as a community leader. People are paying attention to what you do. You're on the verge of the major breakout you used to fantasize about.

SATURDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 5). Mutually enriching relationships are the gold of the year. The next six weeks bring enough touching, holding and cuddling to fortify your heart and make up for the loneliness you experienced in the past. October and March bring your best financial opportunities. June opens a new chapter on your education. Scorpio and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 11, 19 and 50.

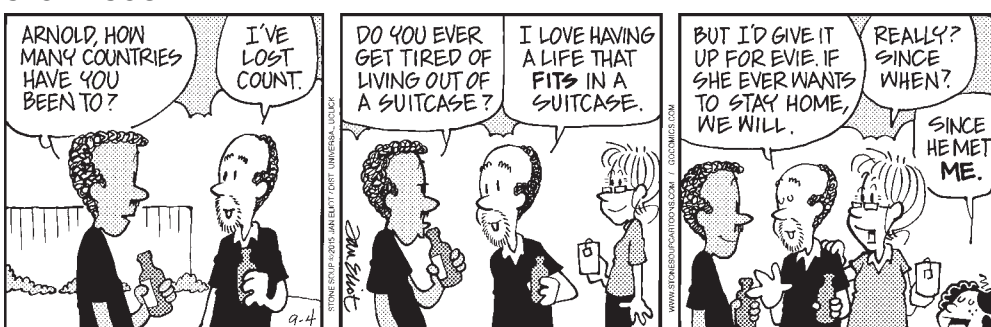
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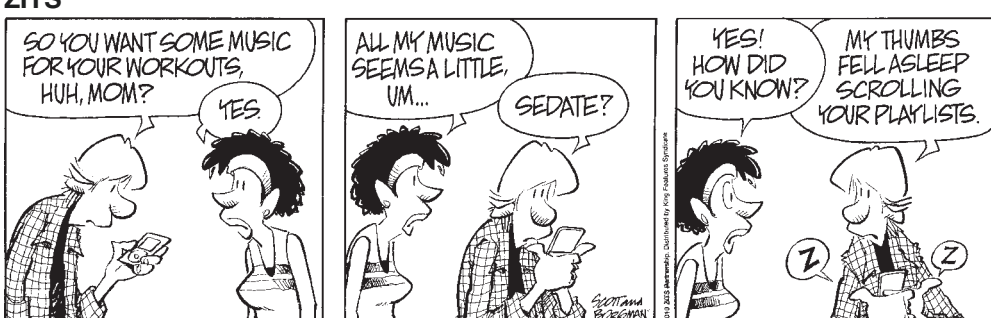
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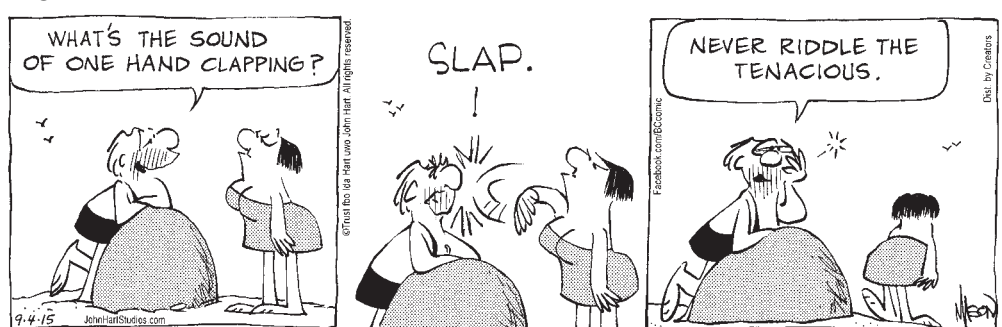
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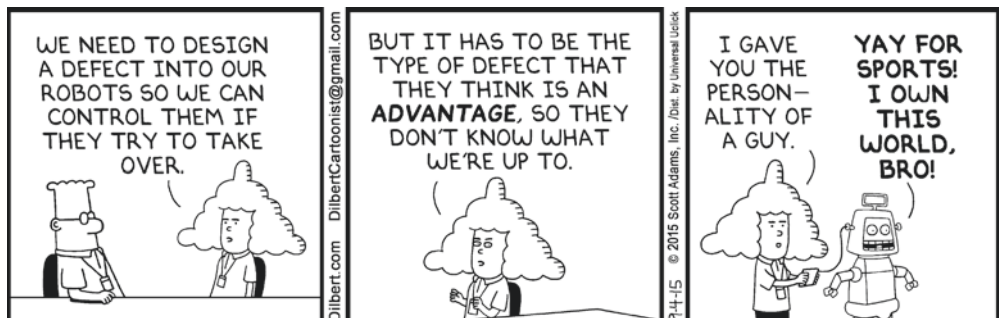
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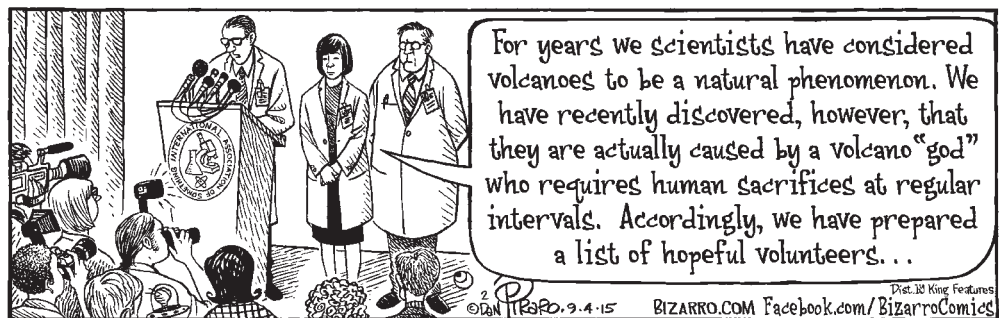
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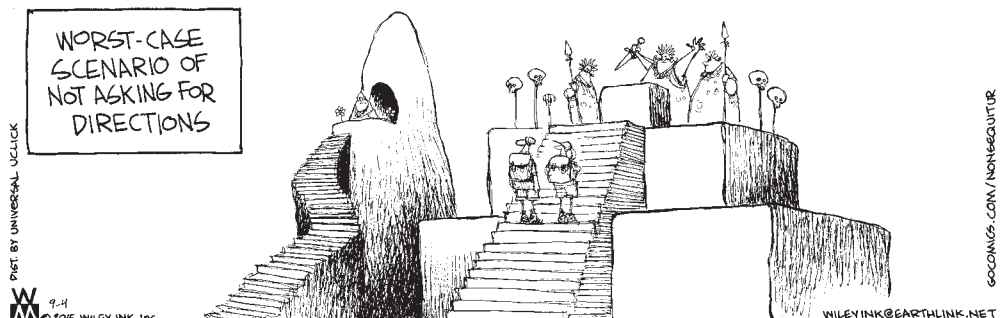
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