

Boyfriend attracted to kids

Dear Annie: An old flirtation recently resurfaced in my life, and we've enjoyed getting reacquainted. There's even a possibility of a long-term relationship. We are both in our 60s, so a late-in-life romance is fun and comforting.

The problem is, I accidentally discovered his interest in videos of pubescent girls, around 11 or 12 years old. He told me to check a travel video on his computer, and I was shocked to see his viewing history — it also included adult fetish-type imagery. The kid videos had creepy comments from viewers about the young girls' feet. When I told him that anyone could stumble upon his viewing history, he was embarrassed but then said, "I don't see anything wrong with it." Annie, I'm not too concerned about the adult fetish content, but kids?

We were at the beach once and when a little girl in her wet bathing suit walked into our beachside cafe, he was transfixed, staring at her. I asked him a carefully worded question, saying, "Does any part of your brain tell you that is a child?" He thought for a second and then said, "No." He also ogles teenage girls, especially if they are wearing "sexy" shoes.

This is troubling to me. Also,

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our sex life is peculiar. We make out furiously, but have never been able to consummate our relationship due to his erectile dysfunction. I have to wonder if he is capable of relating to an age-appropriate woman. He is divorced with two grown children and has an 8-year-old granddaughter. — Sad and Worried

Dear Sad: Please reconsider this relationship. Your creepy boyfriend sounds like a pedophile with a foot fetish. If his sexual interest is underage girls with sexy shoes, your bedroom relationship is doomed. Some of those videos may be illegal to own, and if he has an 8-year-old granddaughter, we would worry for her safety. If you know the child's parents, please inform them that Grandpa has some inappropriate ideas about young girls, so that they can protect her in case Grandpa ever decides to act on

his sexual impulses.

Dear Annie: I am a 17-year-old female. I have been struggling with depression since I was young. I have had traumatic events happen in my life. Both of my parents died before I was 13. My mother was abusive and my father had to be both mother and father to me. I also have a younger brother. I currently live in foster care.

I have recently wanted to learn more about my past. I've been told I should move on and not dwell on what I can't change. But I have a lot of questions and some guilt about how I handled things when I was younger. Am I doing the right thing by pursuing this or am I just hurting myself? — Battle with Wanting to Know More

Dear Battle: We think you deserve to know the truth. But knowing about your past involves the bad as well as the good. Would it be hurtful? Perhaps. You can't make amends for past mistakes if you are unaware of them. But if you had an abusive mother, your behavior was in response to hers, and you may be feeling guilt for something that is not your fault. Also, please look into counseling to help you sort through any negative feelings that surface.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Regarding the thing that was off-limits to you before — it's worth another shot. Your luck has changed and so have the surrounding circumstances. This is likely about love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). By focusing on the details you could improve the big picture markedly, or you could unnecessarily complicate your life by reading too much into things. The trick will be knowing when to pull back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The one who is sensitive to your needs isn't just being polite. He or she is showing you a quiet, noble version of love. Make sure you don't take for granted those who are inclined to serve you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have the guts to move on from a job that no longer holds intrigue, or a relationship that stifles you. Change doesn't have to be a drawn-out process — it can happen in a snap.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When things get chaotic, you're the one who can calm it all down. Start by making and guarding a peaceful place inside yourself. Inner tranquility will lead to tranquility in the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a fine line between saving, collecting and hoarding. Look for better ways to use valuables — ways that will energize you and cause a sense of flow in your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't waste a minute wishing you were someone else or that you had anything different from what you currently possess. What if you believed instead that everything you are and

have is right, useful and perfectly suited to this day?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Go on and dedicate yourself to a cause that's greater than you. The happy side effect will be personal success that, if you had aimed directly for it, would have eluded you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be resilient. Don't ruminate. Blunders and absurdities are to be expected. The ability to forget them as soon as possible is among the most useful of human gifts.

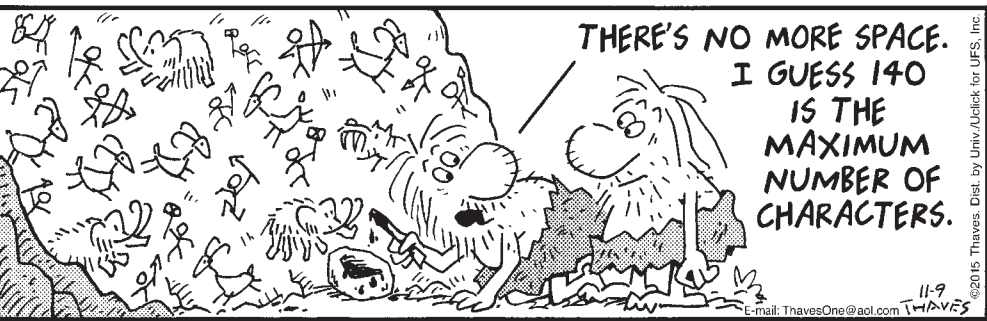
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you do when you're in a lazy mood can help you for all the other moods. There's something you once thought of as a habit of idleness that is turning out to be quite a wellspring of inspiration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's hard when you have to do it all by yourself, but that's the situation that teaches you the most, too. You'll be stronger because you had to pull yourself up and make something out of nothing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will be dealt the perfect cards today; you just have to play them right. Believe in the integrity and value of your offerings. Your best move will be born out of high self-esteem.

TUESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 10). The end of the year brings such a departure from life as usual that you'll come back and view your lifestyle with fresh eyes. January is busy with improvements and upgrades. A new financial channel opens in March. The spring brings healing for your heart and a past wrong will be made right. Pisces and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 15, 28, 30 and 1.

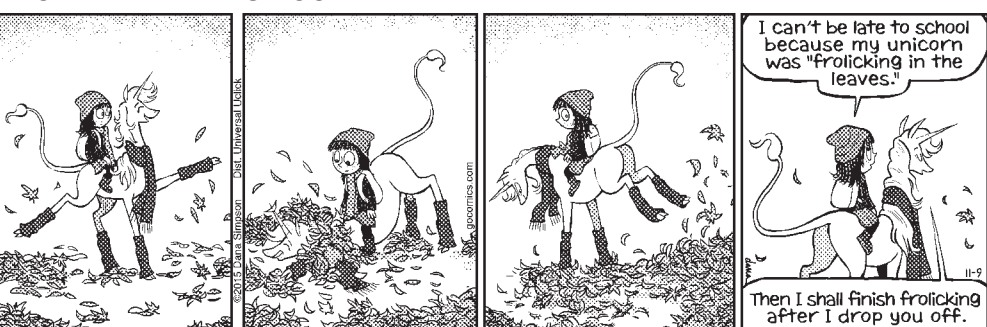
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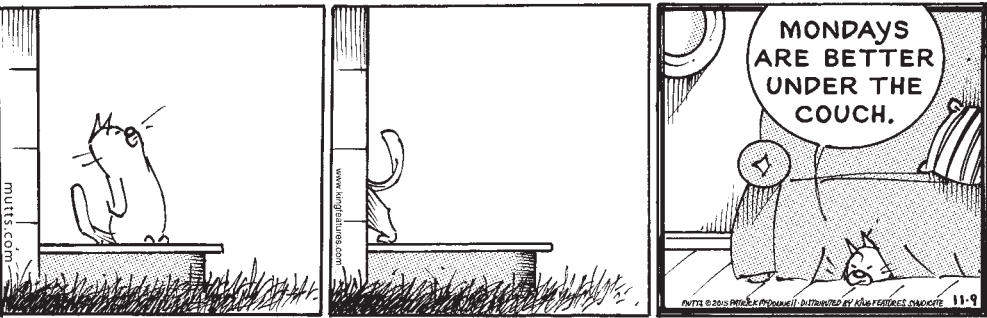
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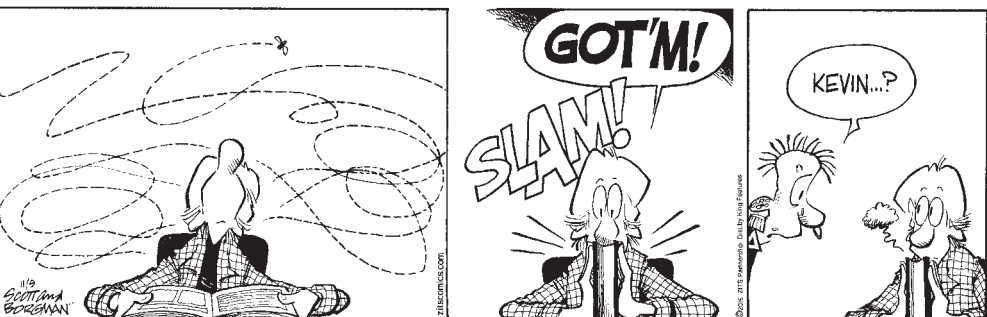
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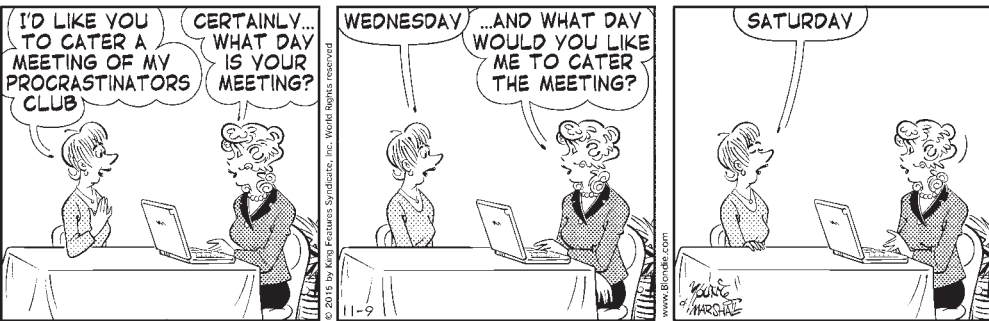
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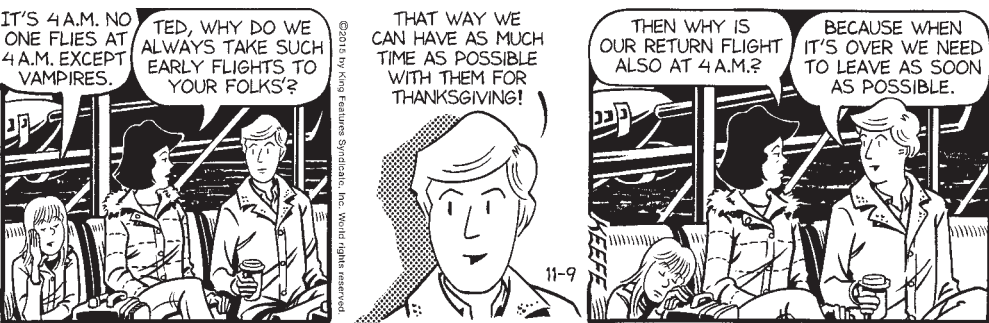
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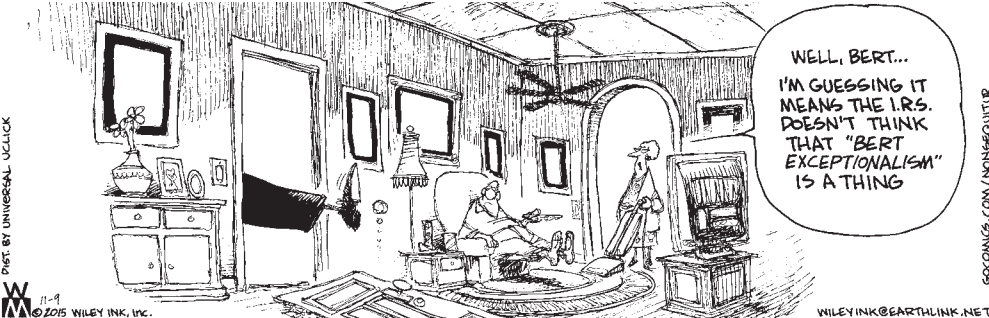
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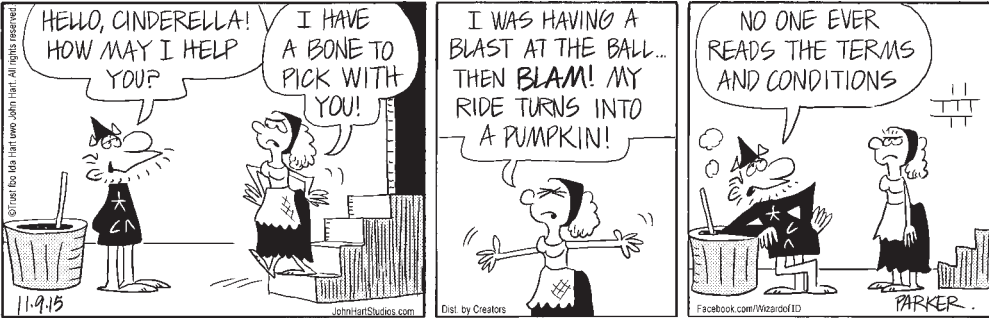
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