

# Man pushes for threesome

**Dear Annie:** I am a 51-year-old attractive professional, divorced twice and currently engaged to a 58-year-old man who also is twice divorced. We met online and hit it off pretty quickly. He has a magnetic personality, and sex is great between us. He moved in, and I am supporting him financially until he gets his businesses in order. He has had four DUIs and recently spent some time in jail. I have stood by him through this.

He has always been upfront that he likes to view porn a lot and wants to experiment sexually. This doesn't bother me. But he posted an ad online asking another woman to join us for sex. While we may fantasize about this in the bedroom, he wants to make it real and this makes me uncomfortable. But he gets angry if I say so. (He also doesn't like when I mention the money issues between us.)

I have been through a lot over the past few years, including getting out of an abusive marriage. I also have a young daughter at home. Am I being unreasonable about a threesome or should I rethink this situation? — *Confused*

**Dear Confused:** This guy is unreliable financially and emotionally. He wants you to support

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him while he indulges himself. His sexual interests do not coincide with yours. He is manipulating and pushing you to do something you don't want to do. Worse, when you express yourself, he becomes angry.

Based on your history, you might not recognize an unhealthy relationship, so please allow us to point it out: This guy is not partner material. He is not going to be a helpful influence on you or your daughter and there is great potential for abuse. The sex may be great, but it's not enough to make up for his shortcomings. We urge you to get away from this guy altogether.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing in response to "Lonely for Life," the teenager who had few friends and was concerned about being "anti-social."

I, too, had social anxiety for most of my life. In my 30s, I decided I just couldn't continue that way. I started off simply by walking down the hall at work, looking people in the eyes and saying, "Good morning." It was very difficult in the beginning, but became easier. Then I took further small steps in making social contact with others.

It took a number of years to reach an acceptable (to me) level of comfort in social situations. I am in my 60s now and have been teaching for a nonprofit for the past 20 years. Who would have thought I would ever be comfortable standing in front of others and teaching? I have even spoken at a national conference.

"Lonely for Life" should take slow steps and try to get outside her comfort zone a little each day. It doesn't happen overnight, but if it can happen for me, then I think "Lonely" can do it, too. — *No Longer a Wallflower*

**Dear No Longer:** Thank you for your words of encouragement. We cannot remake the world so it suits us. Each of us must make the incremental adjustments to ourselves that will make our lives better.

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** In the day's competition, the prize won't go to the one who is more naturally skilled. Rather, it will go to the one who chooses to develop her skill to the best of her ability.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** For all the times you've wondered if a relationship has more potential than you've already mined, this is the day to find out. Business relationships will be especially lucky for investigating.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You are one of the most flexible signs of the zodiac, and one of the reasons why is that you regularly stretch yourself into unknown territory. Like a dancer, this keeps you emotionally lithe and limber.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The next three days are for setting a precedent, so make sure you're doing something you'd like to repeat. If it's not moving the way you want, turn it around now while things are still fresh.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Closure is more important than you think. So is the ritual of de-cluttering, which is not just about possessions; it extends to your emotional world, too. Nothing new can come in until you make more room.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Conversation, investigation, research — it's all part of moving a relationship forward. It's good to know more about a person before you decide what role he or she will play in your life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Let others handle the technical problems today, because your talent is best applied to helping people feel better on an emotional level. The human-interest angle is wide open and

you're the one best suited to take it on.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You want to do your part. Don't do more than that. You could, easily. In fact, you'd prefer to step in and take over, but you know that it won't help things. The team will be stronger when everyone learns to participate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** There is something you've been a little afraid to talk about even though you know that the conversation needs to happen. It can't be put off any longer. Pass on the message.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Today you'll wear your confidence smooth and tucked away. You don't need to tell people about your accomplishments, because your attitude will say it all.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It was hard to get up to speed but finally you're no longer a novice. Now that you know what you're doing it will take a lot less effort to get results. This leaves you with extra reserves of energy to apply to something new.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There's a fine art to ignoring what you can't do anything about. It starts with recognizing the things that fall into that category. You may have made a few errors as you were categorizing. Reassess.

**WEDNESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 2).** Your solar return has put your social savvy in overdrive. The next three months will feature exciting, nuanced interactions and quiet attention from one who finds you attractive. January shows you learning about a different culture. Act quickly to make the most of a financial opportunity in February. Virgo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 5, 20, 15 and 32.

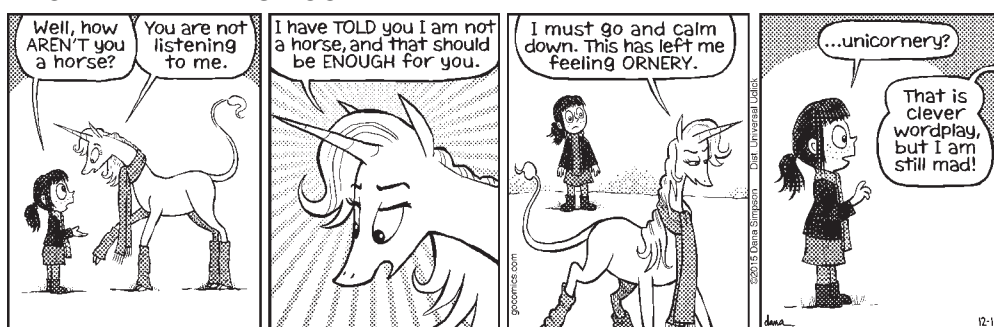
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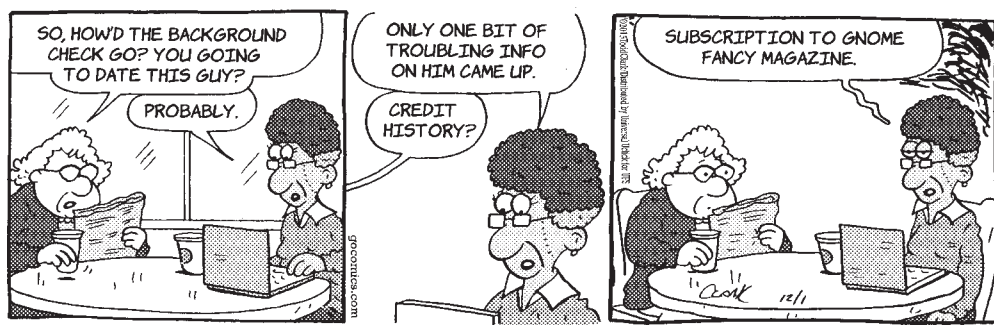
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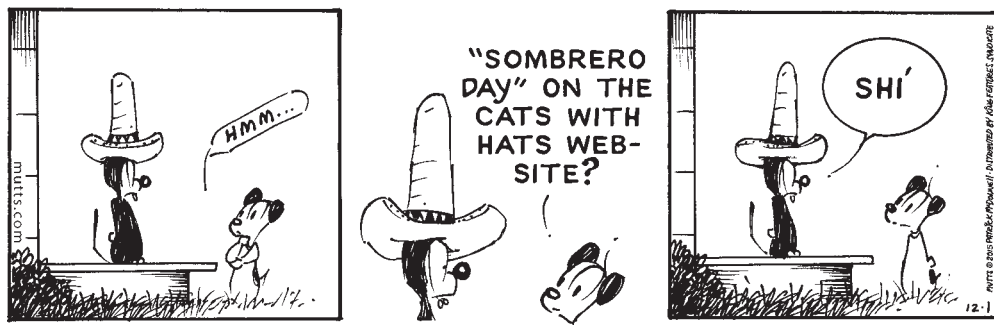
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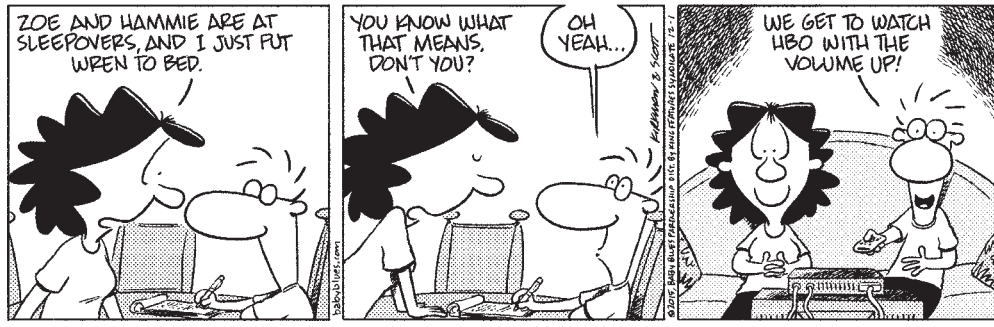
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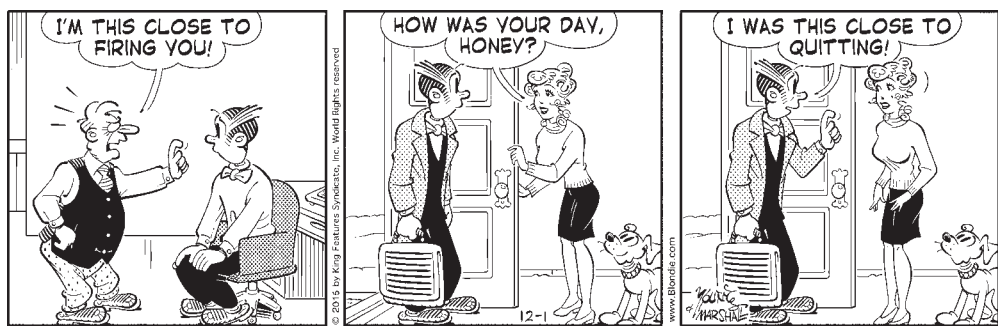
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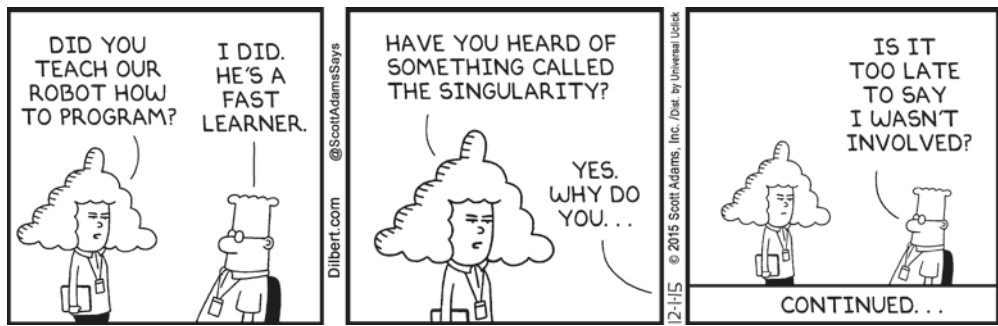
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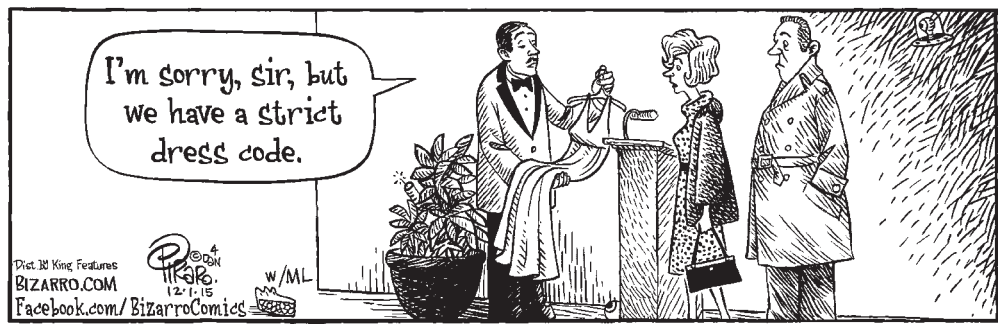
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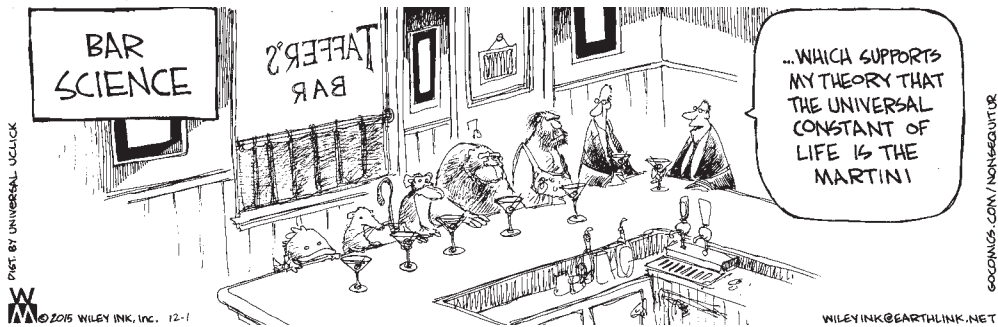
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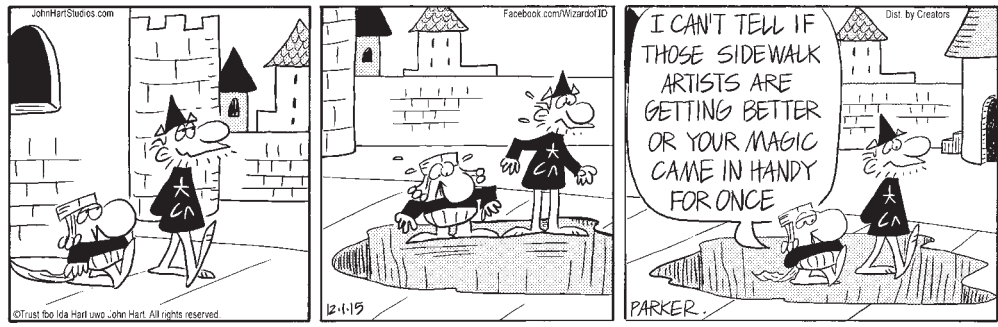
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