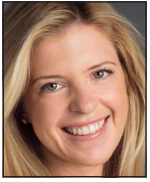


# He's not happy with dull sex

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I have been married for close to 40 years. Though the sex was never great, it at least used to be enjoyable. Now it is getting pretty disappointing. We have sex about twice a month. The frequency is not great enough for me, but the bigger issue is the way we do it: without much intimacy. That seems to be the way she likes it. There is no passion in our kissing and hasn't been for at least 20 years. Every couple of weeks, we have sex in the same exact routine fashion. I want to give her pleasure, but she seems to just want to get it over with. I really miss the intimate part of sex, as I love kissing and caressing and appreciating her body.

## DEAR ANNIE



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assisted living facility nearby several years ago. I am in very good shape for a man in his early 60s, and I always stay well-groomed. I maintain the yard and do at least half the household chores. When the kids were growing up, I did the majority of the chores and taking care of them, as my wife's job required her to work long hours. We get along great, with the only complaint being in the bed. We are still too young to have such a mundane sex life. She knows I want more intimacy, but she has no desire to provide it and says she's content with the way things are. — *Unsatisfied*

**Dear Unsatisfied:** One thing that stuck out in your letter is that you get together with your friends only once or twice a year. Being the "model partner" does not mean losing your identity outside of the relationship. Focus a bit more on yourself and doing things you find fun. Perhaps giving your wife a little space will create the room for a desire to grow.

Another thing: Routine in

general life patterns can lead to routine in intimacy. You've gotten to change course now and then to switch out of autopilot. Take a trip somewhere you've never been. Pick up a new hobby together. Rediscover excitement together outside the bedroom and it might follow you into it.

**Dear Annie:** Could I suggest some more advice for "Louise," the 81-year-old woman depressed by aging? First, write! Transcribe your favorite childhood memories. Describe other family members. Recollect the sweetest times with your children. Commit to paper all the experiences you'd like to relive. If you do, you will never be just a faded photograph a generation from now. To anyone who reads your journals, you will be unforgettable!

Second, don't settle for any more mindless TV. Look up the Great Courses programs. You can tour almost any culture, past or present, virtually. — *Learning More Every Day*

**Dear Learning More:** Thank you for this recommendation. A passion for learning can light a fire that illuminates all areas of life.

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Unsure which way to go, the temptation will be to fit into a group and march on. Don't be so quick to fall in line today. There's more for you! Dare to slow down (and stick out) for a minute to observe less obvious options.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When someone near seems a little blue, you hope to overturn the trend with your compassion and maybe a little levity. Hopefully you'll do this without setting up an expectation of becoming this person's 24/7 emotional babysitter.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You believe that what's worth having is worth working for. But what about when the ones who are doing the work are not the same ones doing the having? Try to set the unfair situation right.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Maybe there are times when it's appropriate to make a sacrifice, but not now. Rest assured there will be absolutely no benefit to sacrificing your plans for the sake of entwining your life with someone else's today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's like your mind's eye is wearing a bifocal. You'll slant your head one way to view the big picture and another to catch the small (perhaps bothersome) details. All in all you'll get an accurate view of the emotional landscape.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** For you it's rather easy to see the difference between bravado and bravery, between the poseurs and the performers. More naive souls around you will be blind to the signals. Your role: wise protector.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** In order to stay inside your own power zone today you'll need to be aware of the subtle forms of control that people may try to assert. Good news: If they

don't work on you, they won't be reasserted anytime soon.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Lately you're conscious of trying to be extremely laid-back about relationships. You don't put others in a position of having to choose between you and the other important things in life, and this will be much appreciated now.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Filmmakers aren't the only ones who benefit from knowing when to go close and when to back up for the wide angle. When you're setting something up, it's important to focus close.

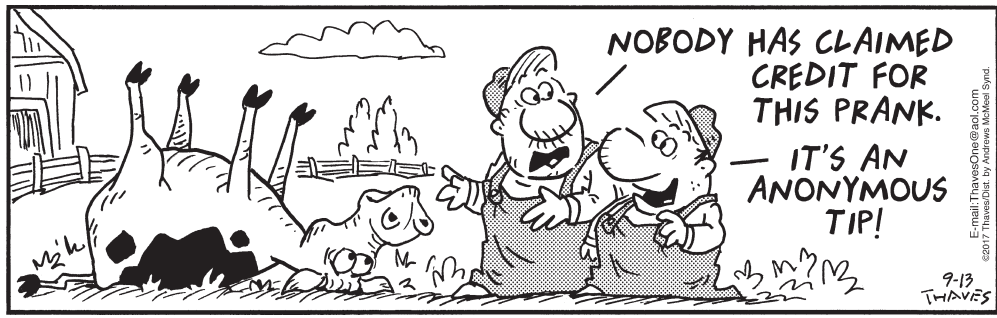
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** In the name of wholeness, you'll be pulling together polarities within you — strengths and weaknesses, attractions and repulsions, the private and the public parts of your personality. There's power in accepting it all.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You realize that any business you get into is going to have a certain outlay that you'll have to recoup before you make a profit. Go for the sweat-based instead of the cash-based investment. You'll learn more.

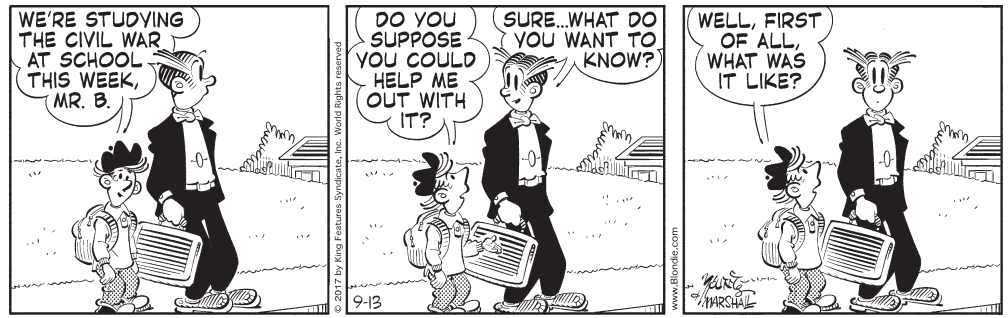
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your tolerance for boredom is low now and getting lower by the hour. This will work in your favor, as you'll go out of your way to create fun and excitement. Just keep it positively focused!

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 14).** There's a rebelliousness that accompanies this solar return, and you'll overturn the status quo to get more control over your destiny. A flight of fancy will turn into something lucrative at year's end. You'll form a tight team for a victory that serves all in January. Something you lost will return to you in 2018. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 18, 45, 22 and 37.

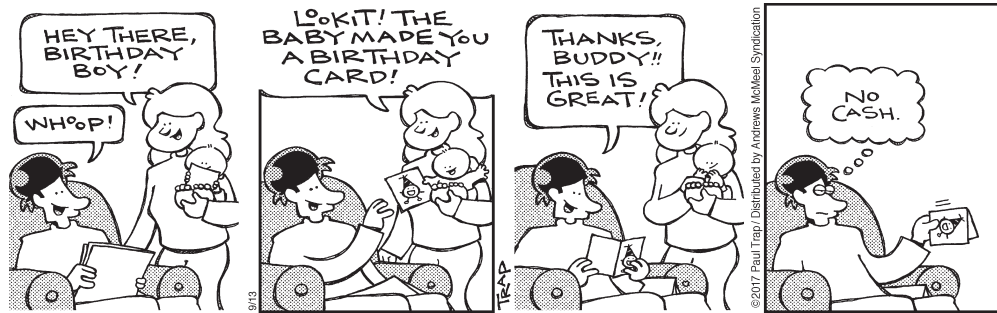
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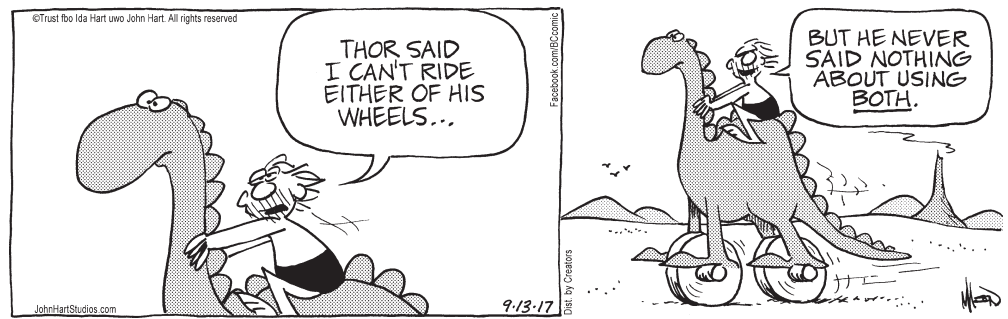
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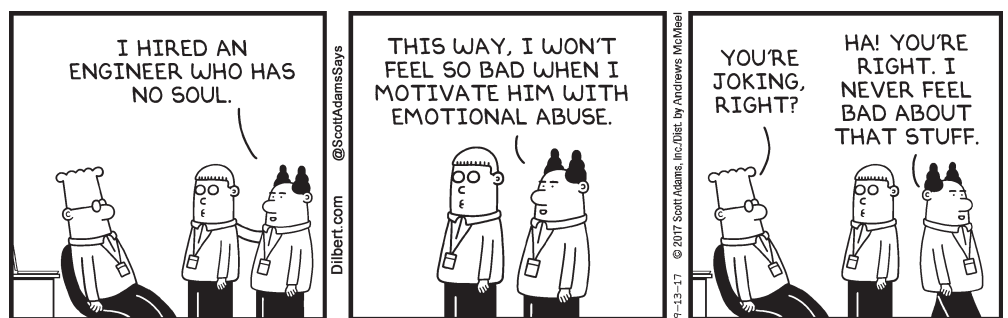
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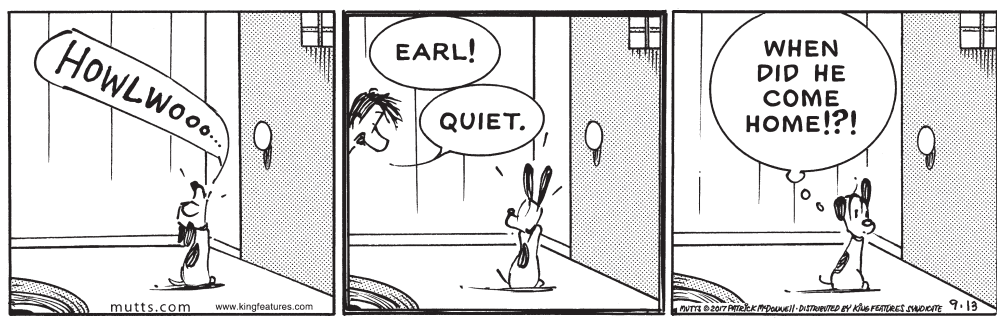
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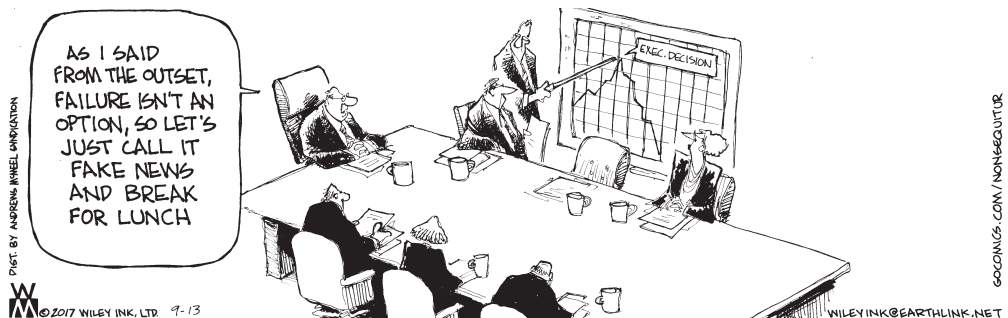
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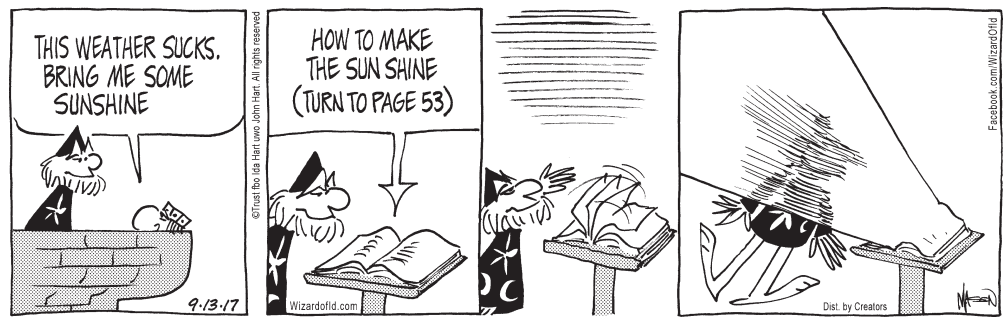
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