

Be wary of online dating Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: My friend, "Josie," recently joined a popular online dating site after her husband decided he'd rather be single. Josie met several interesting men on the site, and after chatting with them for a week or two, every single one of them asked her for money. She refused.

Finally, one asked her to cash a check for him. He spent about a month setting her up to be comfortable doing this favor and she fell for it. He and the bank took her money. The man said he would straighten it all out, but of course, he has failed to show up.

I want your help exposing this supposedly reputable online dating site. It's a very bad place for single women to find true love. It is really a site for unscrupulous male thieves to prey on vulnerable women. Something needs to be done to put a stop to this abuse and hold these larcenous Lotharios accountable for their misdeeds. What can we do? — *Angry Ann*

Dear Angry: The problem with online dating sites, even reputable ones, is that they cannot guarantee the honesty of all users. Josie should send all of



the personal information she has on these men to the managers of the website and register a complaint, letting them know that the reputation of their site is at risk and that they need to do a better job of vetting their clientele and keeping these scam artists out. Women need to report these men or the managers won't know, and some women are too embarrassed to complain.

Of course, the bottom line is that people, male or female, must protect themselves by refusing to do any "favors" that involve money. Period.

Dear Annie: My 85-year-old mother seems to be a loving, generous person. But I know her to be extremely self-centered. For example, I don't dare mention that I might be sick or have a problem, because she will re-

ply with a long list of her own complaints. Everything she says, every story she tells, is turned around to make her look wonderful and important.

We recently had a family gathering, and I made a toast to my sisters-in-law and our children because they all had made important advancements in their careers and education. Before the toast was over, my mom piped up and said, "What about me?" and proceeded to ramble on about herself.

I am writing not to get advice, but rather to give it. I don't care how old you are; don't hog the spotlight. Listen to your children and grandchildren and be interested in their lives. Because of my mother's narcissism, I have learned to be humble. Because of my mother's self-centered attitude, I have learned to be sensitive to others. Because of my mother's constant complaining, I have learned not to talk about my own aches and pains. I am sure that when she is gone, I will miss her. But the best thing she ever did for me was to teach me to be a better mother and grandmother by setting such a bad example. — *The Good Daughter*

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The challenge of the day is to find a soft place in your heart for someone who is wired differently (oh, so differently) from the way you are. With compassion, you'll find a way to communicate better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It may seem too overwhelming to come up with a long-term goal now, let alone visualize it to the detailed degree required for manifestation. Visualize the next move and then the move after that. It will be enough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some people think about every choice, and others bowl through life, seeing what kind of points they can score by aiming forward and letting go. You fall into the second category today, and it will suit you quite well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone fails at some point. When it happens to you, just be sure to fail forward. It requires that you commit and lean into the endeavor with all you have.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some days you feel completely blended into the other seven billion-plus humans on the planet. That's why when a certain someone tells you you're really special, it fills something in your heart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What's right won't be easy, and what's easy won't be right. No matter. When your mind starts to complain, worry and waver, your guts will carry you through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The smallest, most common daily acts are opportunities to apply your whole heart, mind, intellect and soul. When you give over your full attention to any act, you know success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Abstract goals lead to abstract results. That's still beautiful — though, like abstract art, there will be many people who won't understand the appeal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If it weren't for adventurers like you, man never would have set sail across oceans, taken to the sky or dared beyond the Earth's atmosphere. Today's leap will be a bold one.

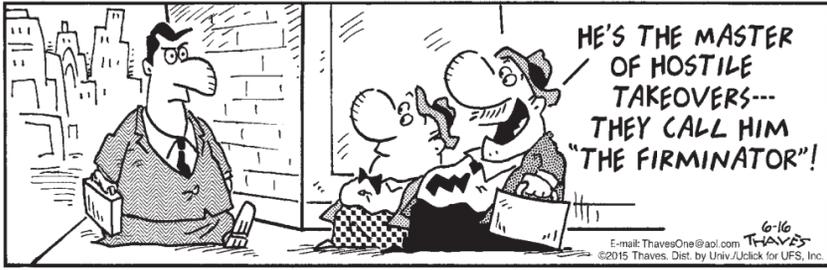
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It takes a mature person to understand the difference between need and want and behave accordingly. You'll display such maturity today and be rewarded for it later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you don't like what you're doing, it's hard to be passionate about it, though not impossible. You have to find the aspects you do like. Give it a shot, and you'll be extremely productive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to see a person on stage or in action to know whether or not that person has skills. It's a sense you get. You sense and gravitate toward greatness. It's one of your talents.

WEDNESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 17). There's wonderful kismet for this year's relationships! That said, nothing good comes of two people acting on impulse. Someone (you) will have to be the voice of reason. Is it possible to have a disciplined heart? Try and you'll be richly rewarded. It goes like this: money in July, adventure in August, personal success (after hard work) in November. Love signs are Taurus and Cancer. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 5, 1, 19 and 32.

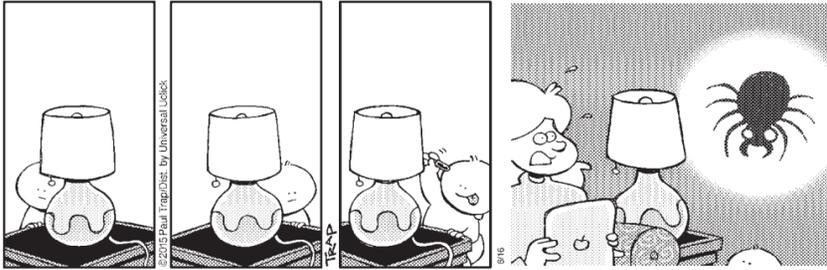
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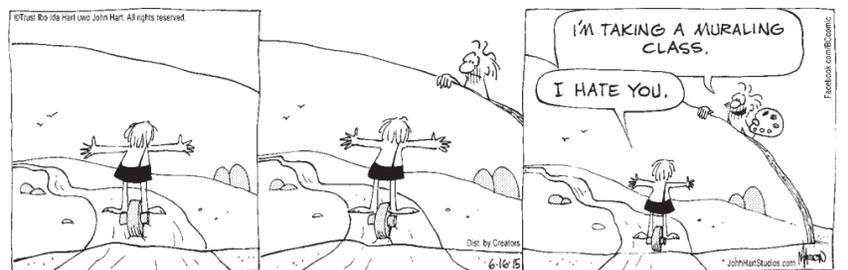
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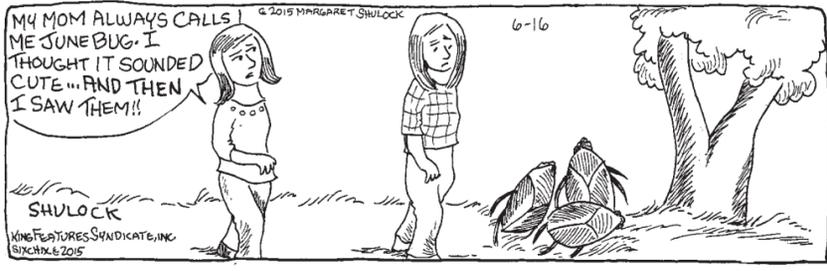
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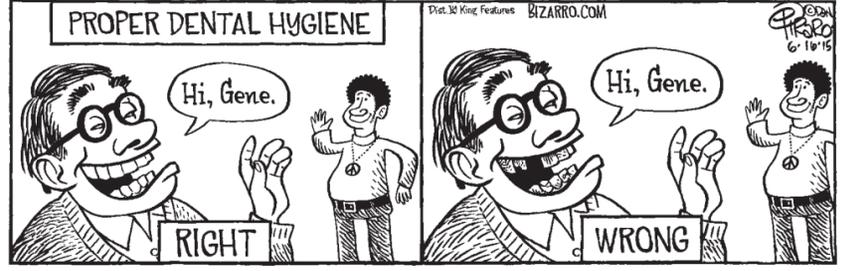
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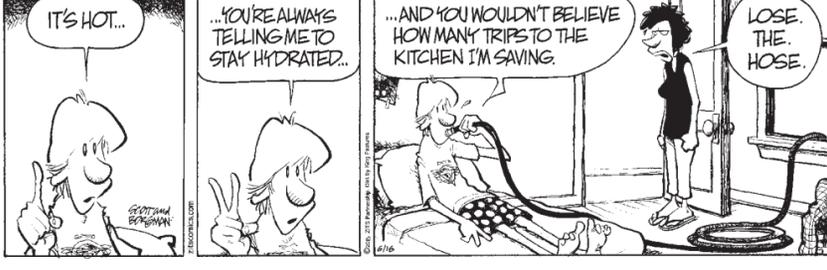
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