

Friend's Facebook is troubling

Dear Annie: A couple of months ago, I met a guy at a concert and he added me as his friend on Facebook. Except for that one encounter, I don't really know him. Tonight, I was strolling through Facebook and noticed a very disturbing post he had made. It bothered me so much that I went to his page and saw that the previous two hours had been a stream of disturbing comments alluding to hurting others. Nobody had commented or liked any of his posts, so I went back further on his page.

It seems this guy doesn't have any friends. His page looked like a one-way cry for help. I feel bad for him, but I'm scared to say anything. Is there a way I could get help for him anonymously? I worry that he may hurt himself or others. — *Not a Friend*

Dear Not: We suggest you visit this guy's Facebook page and click the link that says "Report." It will then be checked out by Facebook personnel who can determine how to handle it, and your name will not be mentioned.

Though a great many folks post things on Facebook to give the impression that their lives are more interesting than they really are, this guy may be using Facebook

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simply to vent. Nonetheless, we don't recommend that you become more involved in what he posts by responding.

Dear Annie: My 20-year-old daughter recently became engaged to her 24-year-old boyfriend. My husband and I are delighted. We like her fiance very much.

As soon as they set a date, we talked to the groom's parents about the type of wedding they had in mind. Surprisingly, they told us that, as parents of the bride, we are responsible for all of the expenses, including the minister's fee. They said that was the rule according to the etiquette books. True to their word, they haven't offered a penny, even though they can afford it.

After "the talk," we scaled back considerably. We have kept the groom's parents informed of our plans, so they don't feel left out.

The groom is embarrassed by his parents' decision not to contribute, but apparently, he either won't say anything or it hasn't made any difference.

As the deposit checks go out, my disappointment is increasing. I am trying hard to convince myself that the wedding is a gift to my daughter, and I'm hoping the groom's parents will give to their son in some other way to make up for this. — *Mother of the Bride in Phoenix*

Dear Mother: While we agree that the groom's family seems ungenerous, etiquette says that the groom (not necessarily his parents) is responsible for his share of the wedding costs, although what that entails can vary. But it includes the officiant's fee, the rehearsal dinner and the honeymoon, among other things.

These days, most couples pay for their own wedding or split the costs between the bride's family and the groom's, and we think this is a much more reasonable arrangement. After all, most brides and grooms hold jobs and live independently of their parents. The good news for you is, if you are covering all of the expenses, you get to make all of the decisions.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Much will depend on how feelings are expressed and interpreted. In today's outpouring of emotion, you may discover the particulars of your own love language.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's likely that you're feeling blocked in a project. The remedy is simple: research. It's the preliminary step. The second step is brainstorming. Do not attempt to be proficient without these two steps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be very aware of how you are evolving inside of a group environment and the extent of your influence. There's a feeling from the entire setting that no single person is responsible for but everyone contributes to.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Obstacles are opportunities to learn. Take a step back to look at what the obstacle is telling you. In all likelihood, you can adapt and walk around it once you better understand what it is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get the wonderful feeling that you're in the right place and right on time, too. Your patience has brought you this far and will continue to stand you in good stead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In the past you've sometimes been drawn to people who aren't good for you, but that's changing. The new people that come into your world are emotionally reflective of all the good that's going on inside you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your recent decision to lie low and be humble will serve you well today because it puts you in a position of perspective. The people around you need tenderness and com-

passion. You'll better understand how to deliver it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The actions of the past have caught up to you in the best way possible. That's why you can relax and let your worries fade away. When you have a break, take it. Cherish it. There's no reason to rush.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes you feel like an instrument in the hands of nature. Today it will seem that destiny is using you to fulfill a larger purpose that you haven't quite figured out yet.

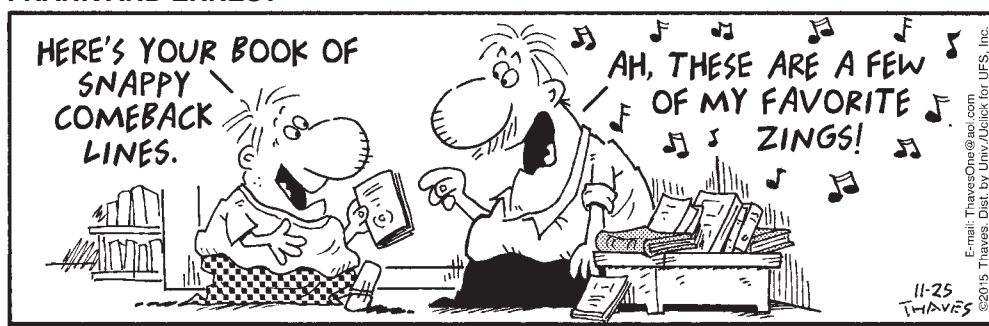
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because you are so creative now, you see the art in everything around you, especially in little messes and mistakes. Your easygoing spirit will make you a favorite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've struggled to improve your relationships and that effort is now paying off. You can feel the warmth and acceptance double up around you as others feel the joy in your heart and respond in kind.

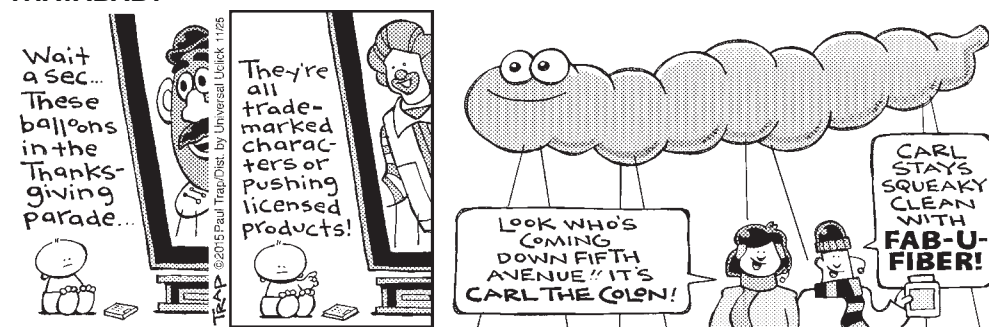
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The day fills up with good thoughts, happiness and contentment. You should know that coming from this place of cheer, you'll be extremely attractive to someone new.

THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 26). This year is about singing in a voice all your own. You'll start to be recognized for this. There will be no mistaking your work; it will stand distinct from others'. December brings new delight to your family circle. February will improve your financial picture. April will bring an exciting journey. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 4, 39, 3 and 17.

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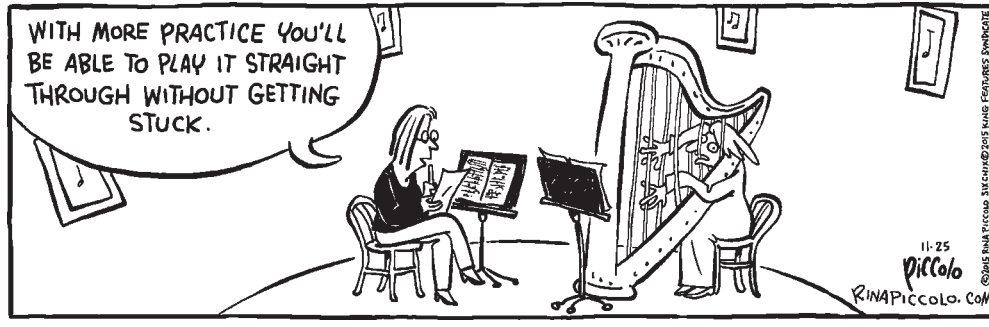
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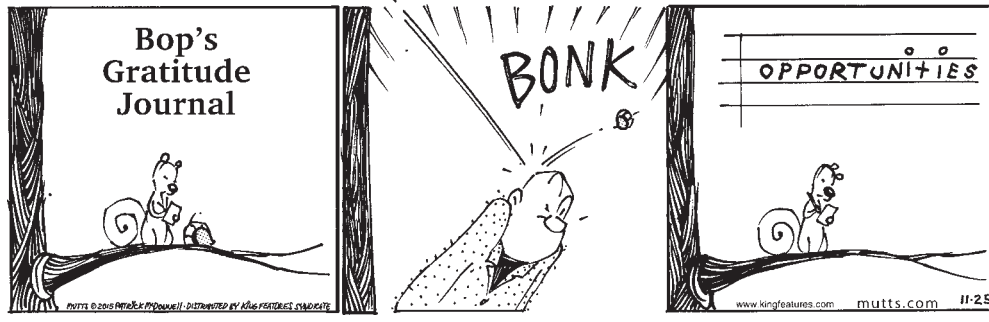
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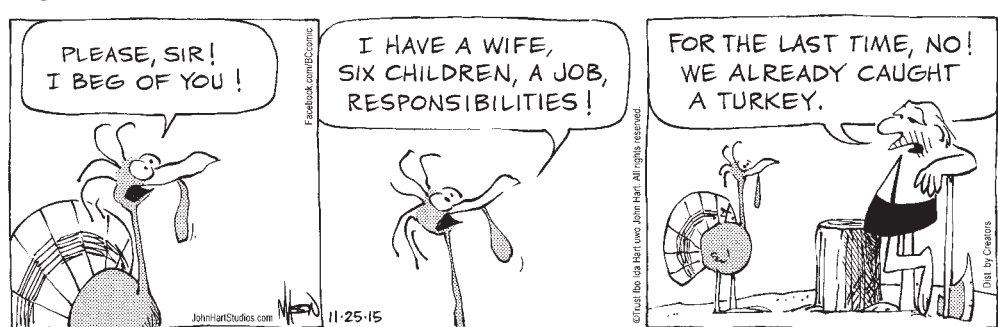
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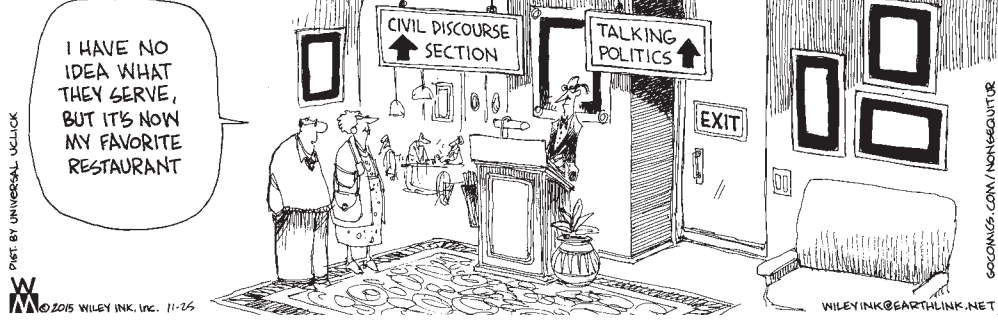
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