

Happy Thanksgiving to all

Dear Readers: Happy Thanksgiving to one and all! We hope you are fortunate enough to be spending the holiday with family and friends, and that you will remember those who are alone and would love to be included with your family.

Our special thanks to those readers who are spending the day volunteering at shelters and soup kitchens. Bless you.

Dear Annie: A while back you printed a letter from "Desperate Times," a disabled single mother of two. She said her parents offered to buy her a house, but her sister tried to block it, even though she was married and well-off.

I have two sisters and a brother. My brother had a heart transplant 25 years ago. He had four children and was inundated with medical bills. Our parents bought a house for our brother and his family to live in.

As our parents grew older, I suggested they give the house to my brother now, not as part of his inheritance later. Mom said it wouldn't be fair to the rest of us. She explained that a few years before, she and Dad wanted to give our brother \$1,000, but didn't feel

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it fair unless they gave the same amount to all of us. I remember how grateful I was, since it took two years off of our very young mortgage.

I reminded Mom that they had always been there for each one of us kids when we needed them, and each one of us needed them in different ways. That's what fair is. My sisters agreed that my brother and his wife should have the house.

When our parents died and we had to divide up their belongings, there was no greediness or resentment. It became part of our dealing with the grief we also shared. How thankful I am not to have selfish, jealous siblings. — *Grateful Sister and Daughter*

Dear Grateful: Your letter is a good fit for Thanksgiving Day, when we all should take a look at

our blessings. Here's a poem we have printed in the past that might remind everyone of these things:

"Things to Be Thankful For" (Author Unknown)

Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.

Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means that you are employed.

Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.

Be thankful for your heating bill, because it means you are warm.

Be thankful for the laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear.

Be thankful for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.

Be thankful people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means you're alive.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). As you tend to your life consciously you will be aware of much going on with your subconscious. Your inner world is active and interesting, speaking to you with such clarity that you'll find it extremely hard to ignore.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You won't feel motivated to do today's work, but you'll do it anyway. Sometimes it frustrates you that others don't share your sense of duty, but you can appreciate how this also sets you apart as a leader.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll get as much attention as you give. Enjoy this rare moment of perfect mutuality and balanced affections. You can relax into the idea that fair is fair.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The day will be shaped by the age-old question of what to eat. The same foods can be made in hundreds of ways. There are more than a few people who like the way you make it best!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may feel that agreeing with those around you is part of your job. It certainly is a lot easier than disagreeing, and yet today it won't serve your project to go along when you know there's something wrong in the plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You might be initially stumped by today's relationship problem, but don't give up. What seems difficult will actually be rather simple when you're willing to go at it from another angle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's such a natural, easy pace going with what you're doing now. It's nice when you can make progress without pushing yourself or anyone else. Bonus: You've increased immunity to stress and illness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Figure out what you want before you start the discussion. People will listen carefully to what you say and take you quite literally. Now is a time to be very careful about how you word things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Henry David Thoreau suggested that a person "beware of all enterprises that require new clothes." What you're planning falls into the category, but all will be well as long as you don't forget the "old you" in the process.

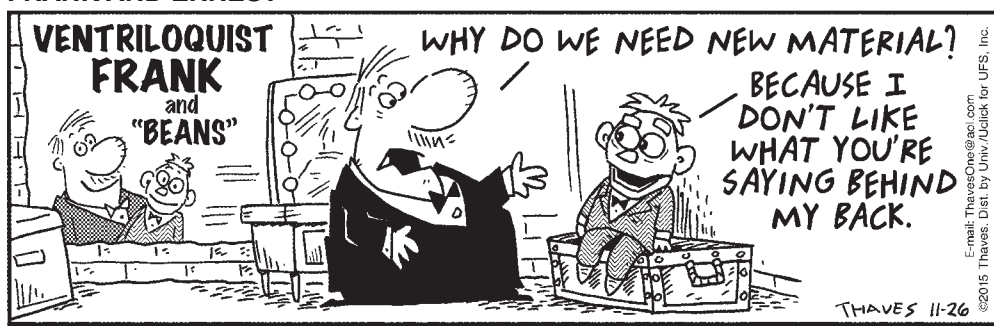
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you can do it just about as easily as another person could, don't involve the other person. This is a time for reminding everyone just how independent you are. You'll be about as happy as you are self-reliant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're tougher than your circumstances have allowed you to prove. It might help you now to think of yourself as forged titanium, built solid from the ground up — no shortcuts, no alloys.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your water-sign nature will connect you with a social tide. You might not be sure you like where it's headed, but swimming against it will tire you out. Besides, there's an opportunity here.

FRIDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 27). Connecting with your spiritual core, which is infinite and eternal and part of everything, you release the need to prove your status. Being unworried of your standing, you are able to connect with great bounty. You'll make decisions for love in December. February brings beauty and change to your environment. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 33, 28, 18 and 5.

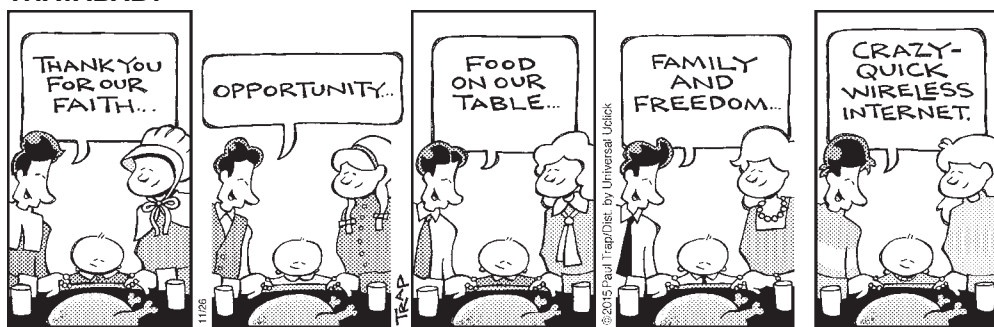
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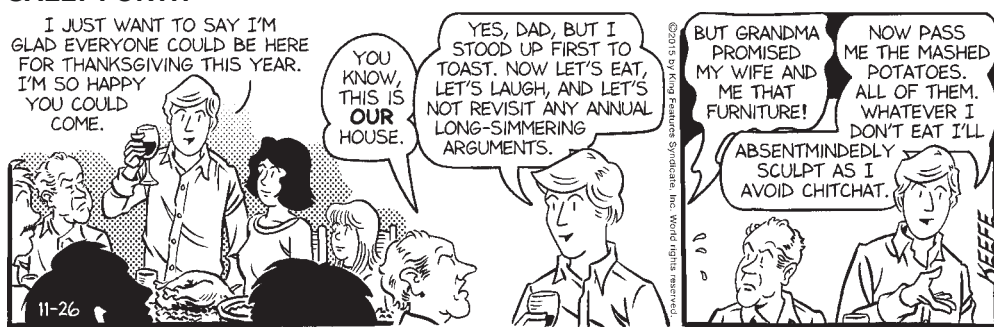
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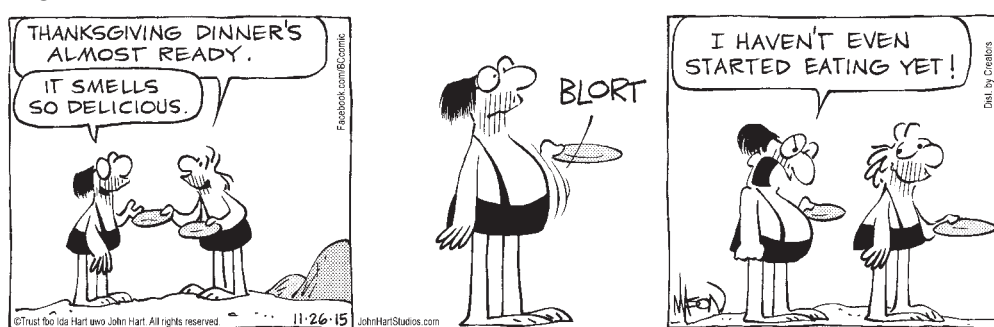
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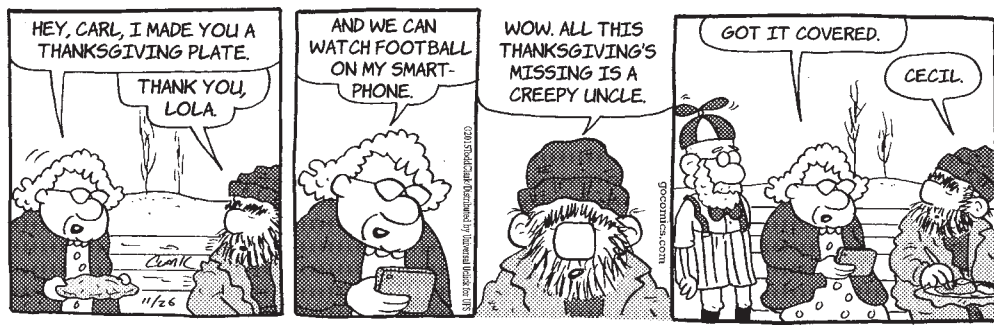
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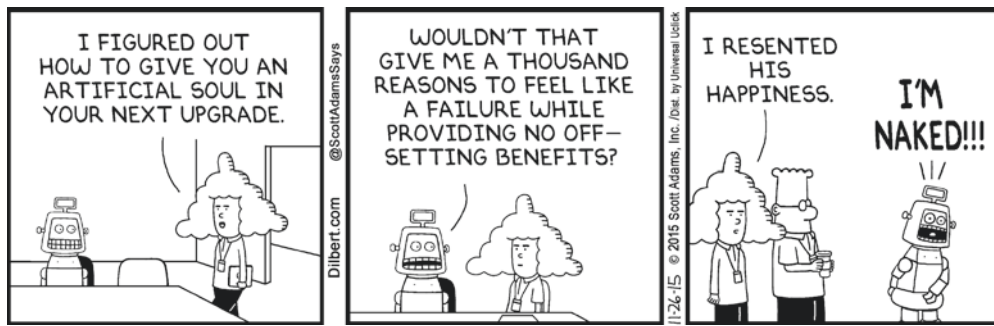
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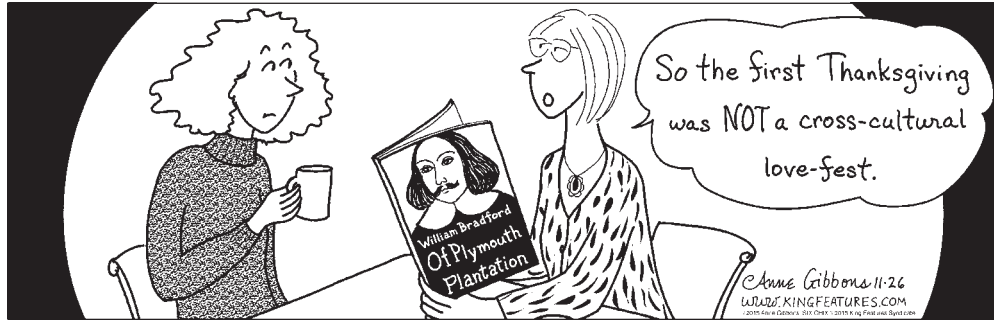
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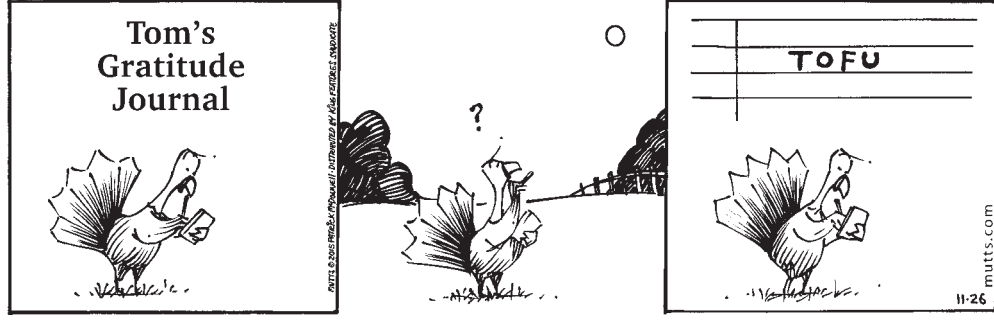
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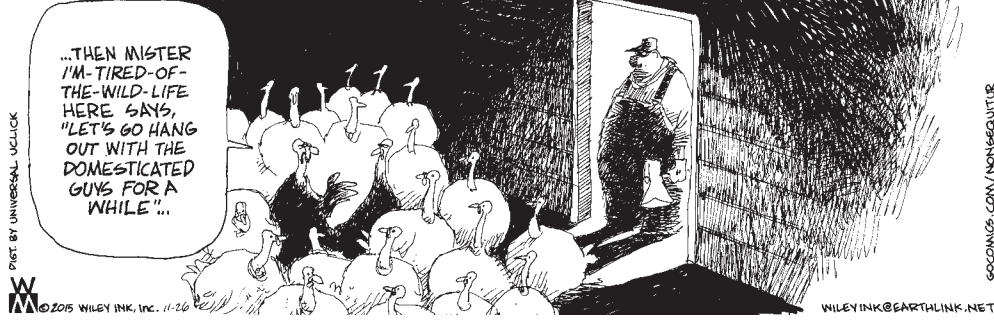
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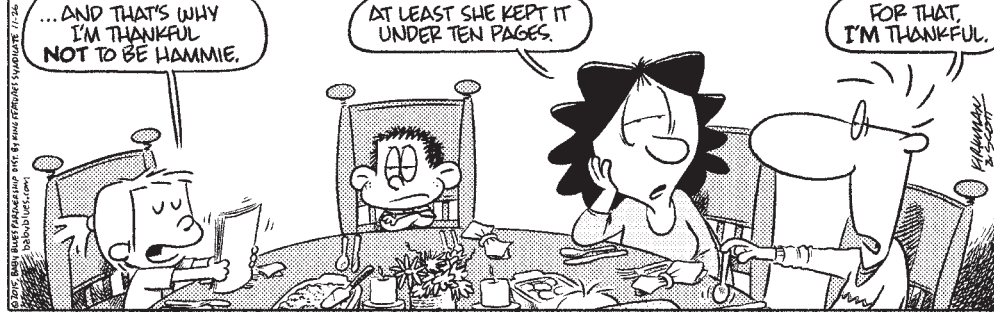
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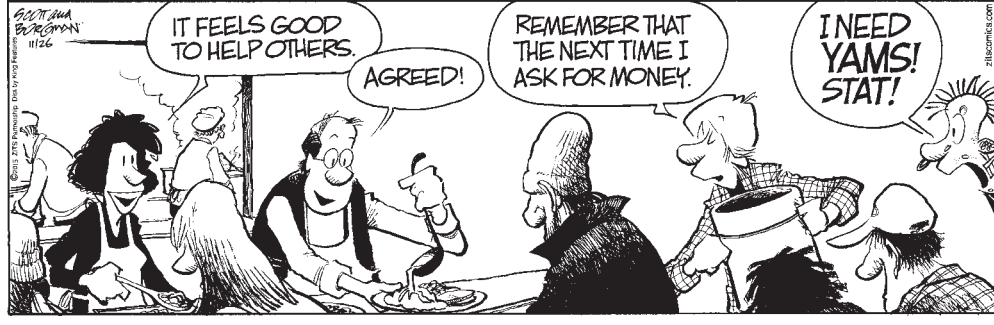
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