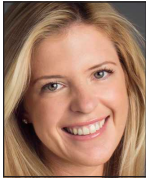


# No photos of me, please!

**Dear Annie:** I use Facebook to keep up with relatives and friends, but I hardly post anything — especially not pictures of myself. I am attractive enough, but I'm not photogenic. These days, I find myself having to discreetly ask people at parties and events not to take pictures with me in them. I will be going to a college reunion soon. I don't mind being included in the big group picture, but I've asked the old classmate who will be serving as photographer to keep the camera away from me during the social time. I want to enjoy our time together without worrying what will show up on Facebook the next day.

**DEAR ANNIE**



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Why are people so trigger-happy with their phones at every event? When I ask that photos of me not be put online, I often get strange looks, as if to say, "What is wrong with you?" People treat it as if it's a personal problem I need to deal with, implying I'm overly sensitive and ruining the fun. Well, I just don't like the idea of my picture being shown to so many people I don't know. Isn't that OK? Why do I face backlash for that?

Am I the only one who feels this way? Is it now the expectation that if you attend an event, you will be on Facebook? I am to the point of not wanting to go to parties or events because of the rudeness of Facebook lovers. — *Don't Shoot*

**Dear Don't Shoot:** Taking and posting photos has become compulsive in our society. We end up living our own lives vicariously, through lenses and screens — documenting everything for the future, totally missing the present. It's a shame.

Know that you can set preferences on Facebook so that people must get your permission before "tagging" you in a photo, but this will only prevent the photos from showing up on your profile; it won't stop them from appearing on the internet. The only way to avert that is by persuading friends to ask before posting, which I think you should continue trying to do. Sure, they might grouse. But if it makes them pause and reflect, even just for a moment, on why they feel the need to archive every second of their lives, you've done them a favor. Keep fighting the good fight, even

if you're losing.

**Dear Annie:** You recently printed a letter from "Justin F.," who told about a neighbor who complained that he and his wife had made noise even when they were out of town. It reminded me of my experience with my next-door neighbor. To make a long story short, this elderly woman suffered from auditory hallucinations and believed there were people under her house playing really loud music. (There isn't even crawl space under there.) The sounds she heard were very real for her. She was not trying to fabricate problems. I am not writing to disagree with the way Justin resolved this dilemma — namely, getting a letter from a lawyer stating that she was interfering with their "legal rights of domicile." In fact, I see no alternative. But I wanted to offer a possibility that may not have been considered. — *Been There*

**Dear Been There:** True, the resolution of "Justin F.'s" dispute might have been the same either way, but your point is definitely worth considering for the future. It just goes to show that you should always assume the most sympathetic explanation for someone's bad behavior and go from there.

**TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE**

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The hand you were dealt is but one of many factors that are influencing the game, some of which you can control, most of which you can't. So you'll dive into all that's within your control and play daringly.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** There are reasons to root for the underdog, choose the road less traveled or quest for impossible outcomes. Sometimes those reasons are good enough, but today not so much. Take on the battle you know you can win.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** If you don't feel like making an effort to reach out, fit in, deliver the goods, etc., well, that's telling you something, too. Maybe this situation is no longer for you, if it ever was.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You don't have to be merciless about getting your way. But if you're going to be relentless at anything, be relentlessly charming. Why force anyone's hand when you can cast a spell on it instead?

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** That kindly baby sitter called time, which is supposed to keep everything from happening all at once, does not seem to be doing her job. It's like she's checked into her phone and suddenly it's a free-for-all.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** As is usually the case, much can be accomplished through hard work and continuous improvement. It does take a long time, and it's not the most exciting way, but it's the best way.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There's always a way to look at life that is cause for alarm. And there's always another way of finding the sweetness and charm in it. You do the latter, and you're so attractive because of this that you won't know whom to choose.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You were uncertain, and now you're an expert. You were new in the group, and now you're a leader. You were filled with nervous anticipation, and now it's old hat.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** There are those who will go out of the way to tell you what you didn't ask to know. They're not to be believed, and in fact the truth is probably the opposite of what they say. Of course you know this. It's not your first rodeo.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Question traditional gender roles and other aspects of life in which you could be automatically playing out the script. There's a danger in slavishly following the way things have always been done.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Pay attention to what the others don't understand and subsequently ignore or cast off. With your creativity you can easily make something glorious out of the items, jobs and relationships that others can't value.

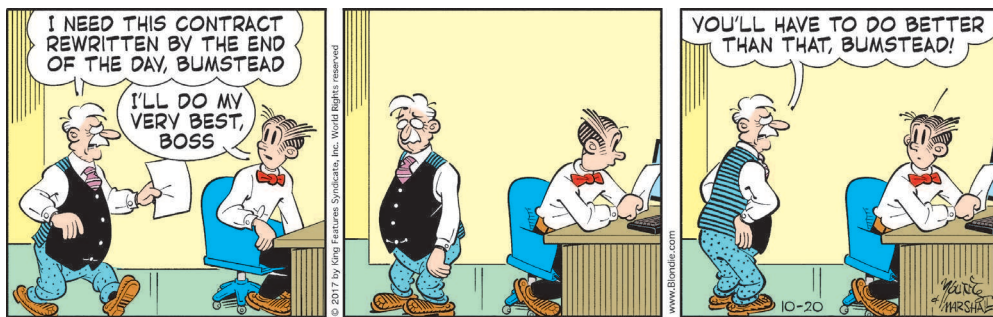
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You keep putting your feelers into the situation and coming out with the same information: You're here because it worked once. But don't be afraid to reach out and explore other situations that could work even better.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 21).** You're onto something totally inspired. Just remember that "almost there" isn't "there." Keep going until you reach the goal, even if it takes the entire solar return. Your loved ones will build their lives on the rock of your steadfast care and attention. Because people trust you, you'll be promoted and well-paid. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 27, 31, 28, 50 and 11.

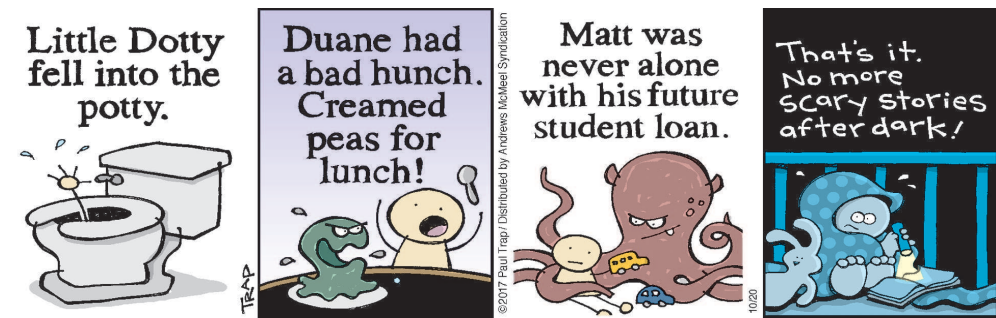
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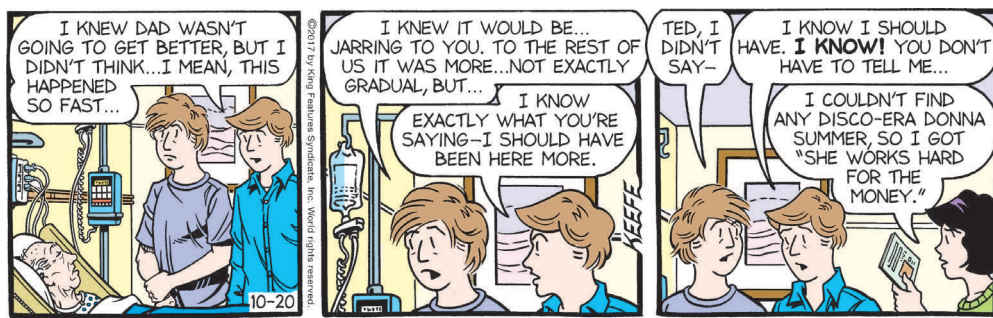
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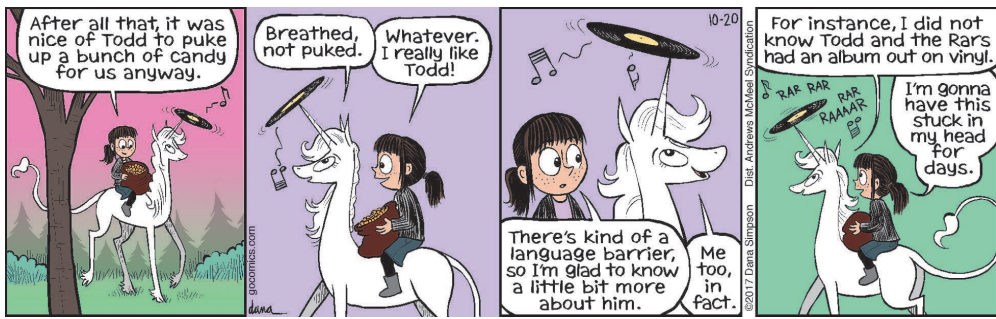
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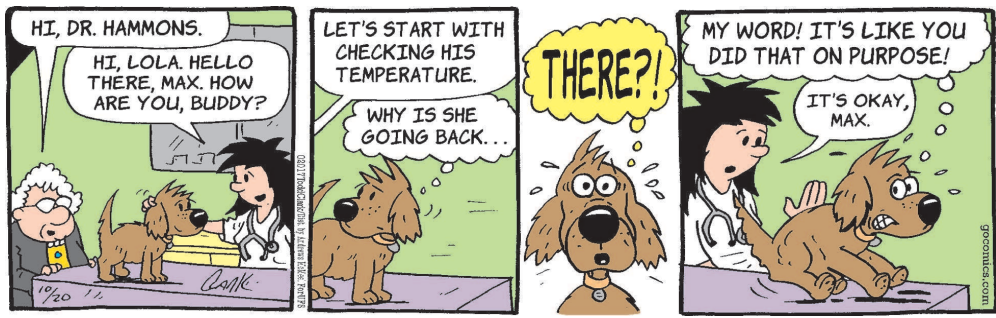
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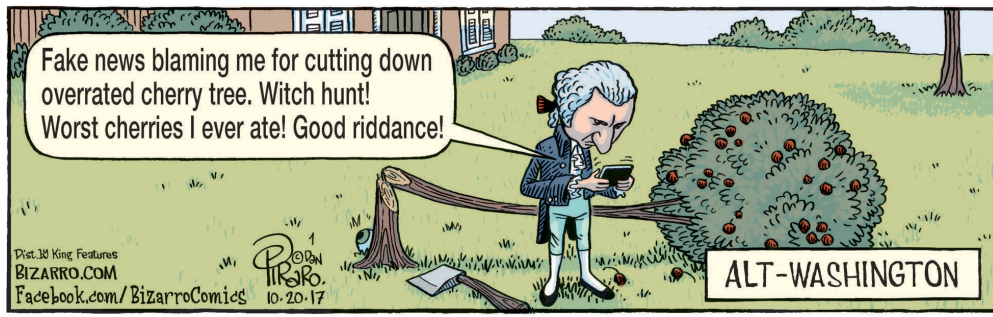
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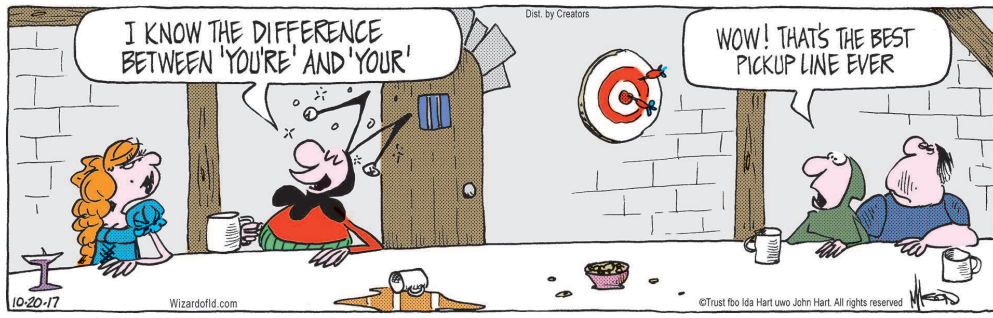
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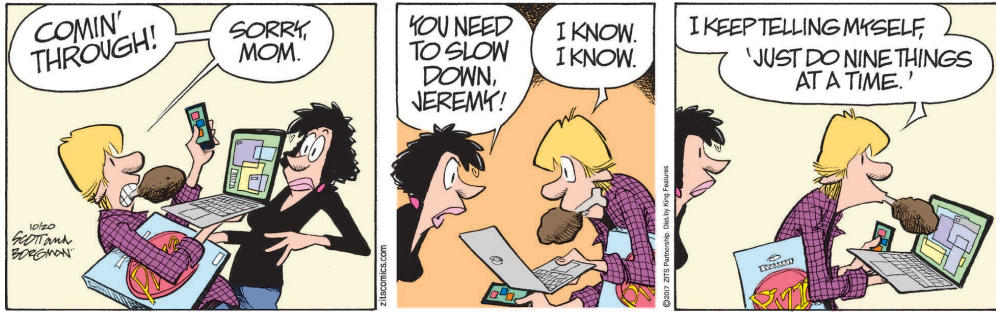
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