

# Disagreeable online posts

**Dear Annie:** This is an issue I imagine many people are having. Sometimes my family members post things I disagree with online. Many times, I've found myself typing up a comment, only to decide against clicking the "submit" button. I really don't want to get into arguments with loved ones about politics, so I refrain from saying anything. I just talk to friends who already pretty much agree with me on the major issues. But that doesn't seem right, either. Isn't that part of why our country is so polarized right now? I feel that it's my responsibility to have civilized discussions with people with whom I disagree so I might change their minds and they might change mine. Should I jump into these conversations and speak my mind or continue to keep quiet? Is sharing caring? — *Unsure in Ohio*

## DEAR ANNIE



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**Dear Unsure:** Respectfully debating ideas with differently minded folks is healthy and positive. Of course, that's not what anyone is doing on Facebook. Though there are always exceptions, the vast majority of political "debate" on social media is

an endless mudslinging contest in which everyone gets dirty and nobody wins. If you want to talk to your relatives about these issues, it'd be wiser to do so in person or at least over the phone so you can hear each other's tone of voice.

But it would be wiser still to focus your energy on effecting positive change in your community rather than on relatives' minds that don't want changing.

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He is the only child of a single mother. At first, I thought she hated me, but then her sister let slip that I'm the favorite girlfriend so far. I realized that she just hates anyone who comes between her and her son. And honestly, that's the last thing I want to do. Annie, I

would love to be close to the family of the man I love. How fantastic would it be to have an extra mom?! But I've tried, and she cannot stand me, and she cannot stand when he's with me. She needs to know what he's doing and conveniently needs him to run errands for her or bring her sweets or otherwise be at her beck and call when he is with me. She controls every aspect of his life, and he is constantly apologizing to me on her behalf. It makes me frustrated. But I can't take it out on him, because he's not doing anything wrong.

To be honest, it's starting to wear me down. But I also can't say anything, as I know there's nothing like the bond between a mother and her child. I would not even consider going to war, because I know that's a battle I could not win. I'm afraid to confront him — or her — but I fear for my own heart and sanity if I remain silent. I don't want to make him choose. — *Mommy's Third Wheel*

### Dear Mommy's Third Wheel:

Until the man cuts the cord from Mom, any romantic relationship he has will be severely constricted. Some have even told me that this issue ended a marriage.

## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** As it turns out, common knowledge, common sense, common courtesy and even common law aren't common to everyone. This is a mighty fine day to assume nothing and expect less.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You have many fine qualities. However, today it's not so much about having a quality as it is about having the quality that will best serve the moment. You have that, too. Do you know which quality it is?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The reason people follow you is pretty simple really. Where you go, that's where the fun is. Now what will you do with this pied piper charm you possess?

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The fewer words the better. Silence is your friend. Also, if this is about something visual that you're creating, the white space will be the equivalent of silence. White space is your friend.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The man drove down the boulevard smoking a cigar in a convertible with a vanity license plate that said "DUES PAID." Good for him, and good for you in some way today, too.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** In many ways, the family dynamics will echo the dynamics of each individual soul. For those who love and honor the people in their lives, love and honor comes back.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Some want the solution and the problem in tandem. Others want you to give them the problem so they can come up with the solution. Still others think you're being lazy if you don't start with the solution. Which option applies?

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Decide on who will decide. Hint: It's you. There have been and will be times to compromise and concede. This just doesn't happen to be one of them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The project is now. If not now, when? Never, most likely. And your life would be completely different in that "never" scenario. So don't miss out. You can do this.

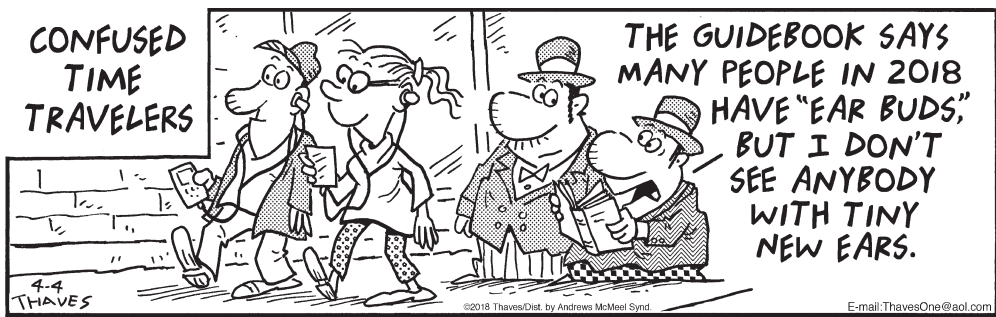
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's one in the group who will relate to you, see you for who you really are and ultimately help you the most. You'll help that person, too. Home in on your best bet.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** When the demands of the day seem to exceed the personal and social resources you are able to mobilize, it's a call to action. Even it out. Reduce the demand or increase in the resources.

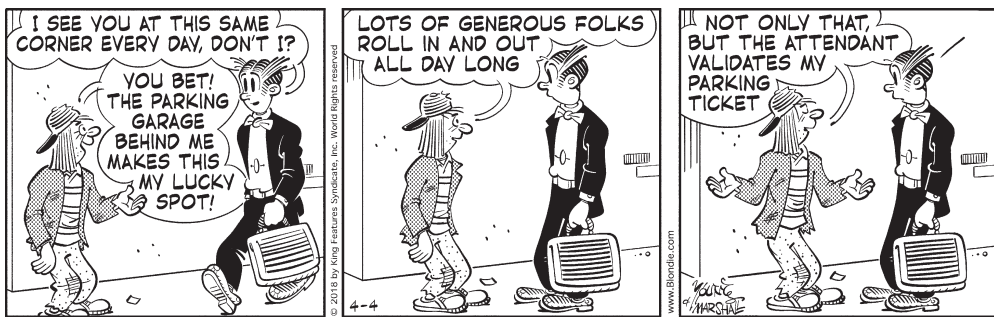
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Today's unusual emotional ride will include strange correlations and unexpected reactions. A trick: Separate what's happening from the emotion attached to it. The two should come apart pretty easily, with just a mental click.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (April 5).** Because you're clear about what you have to offer but also open to things you might not have imagined, the unimaginable will happen. Your passion will move obstacles. Travels will inspire you to change something about your personal routines. Domestic life gets sweeter in July. New friends enter in September. Capricorn and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 38, 11 and 15.

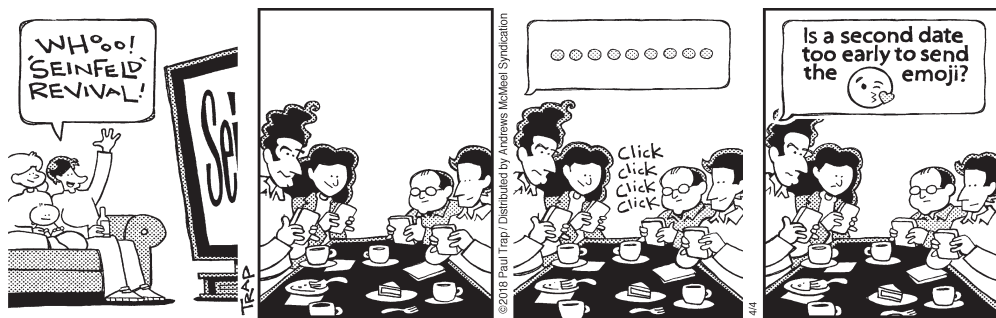
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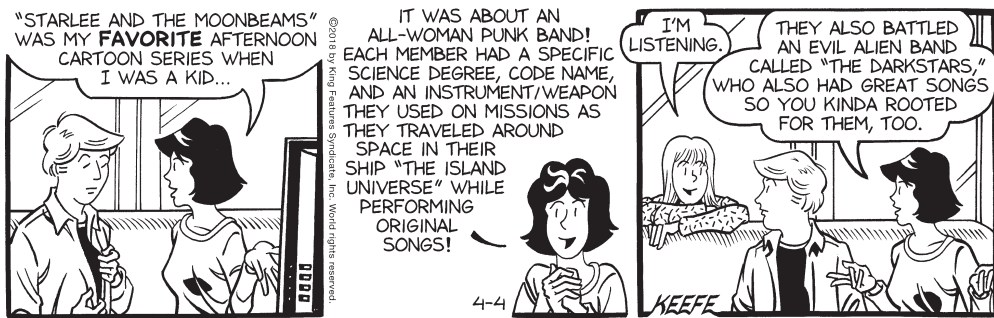
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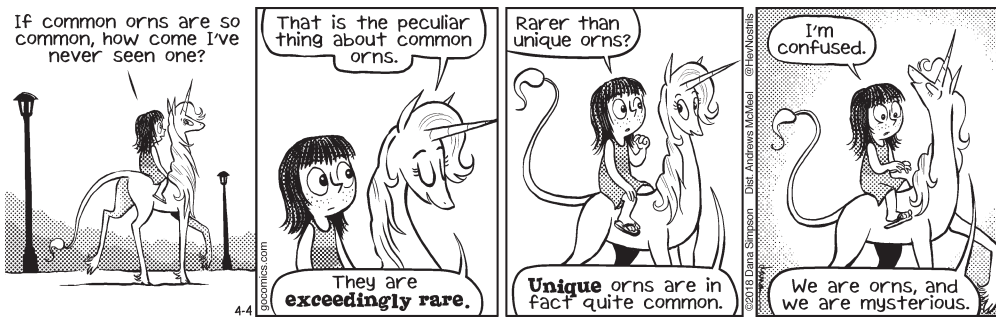
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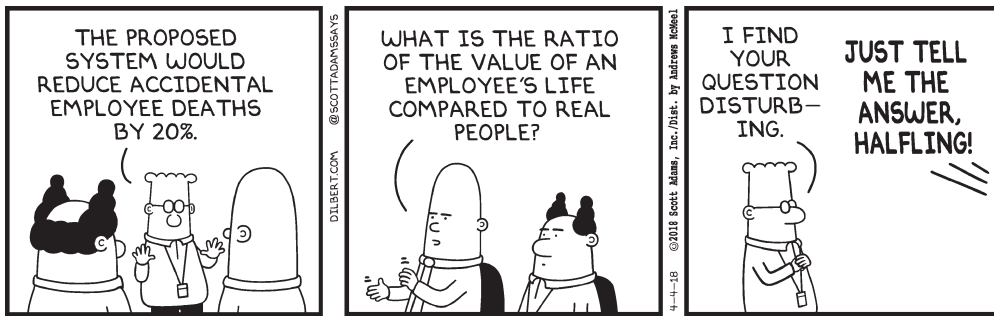
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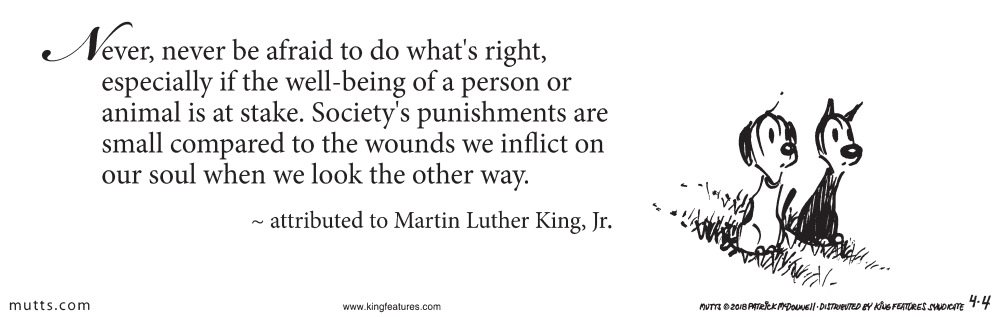
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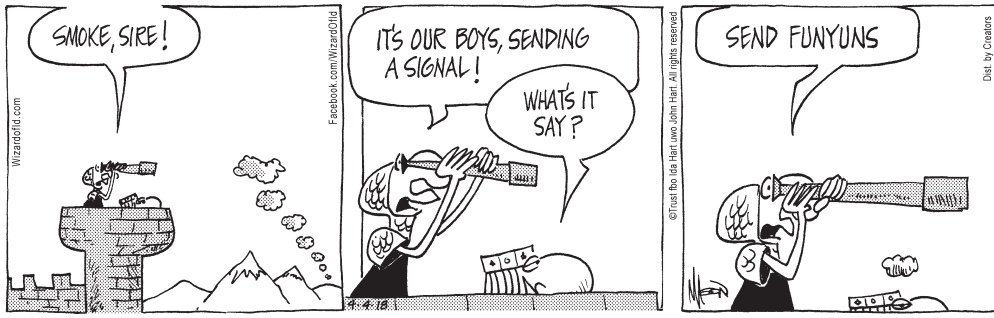
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