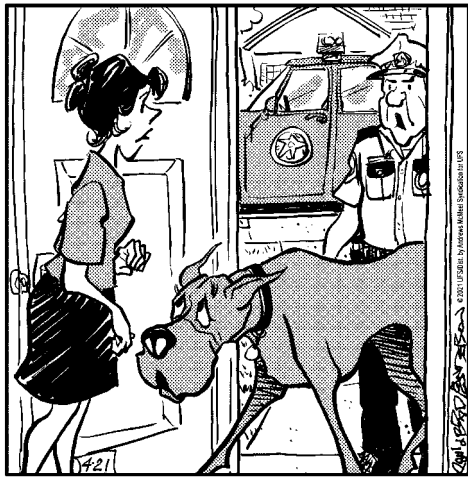


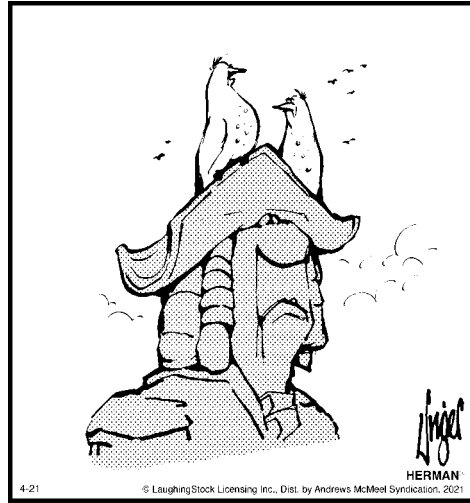
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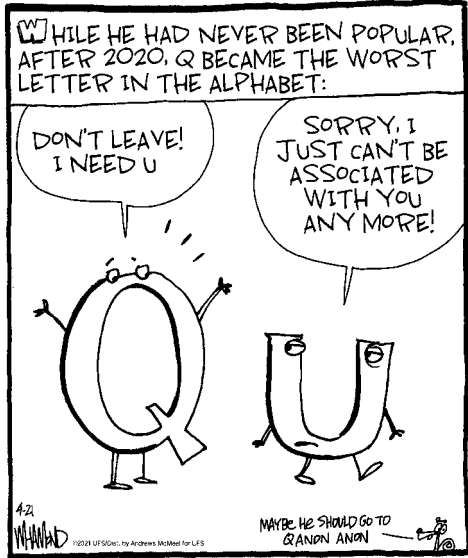
"He walked into our station and ate all the donuts."

HERMAN



"I still think these old statues are more comfortable than the modern stuff."

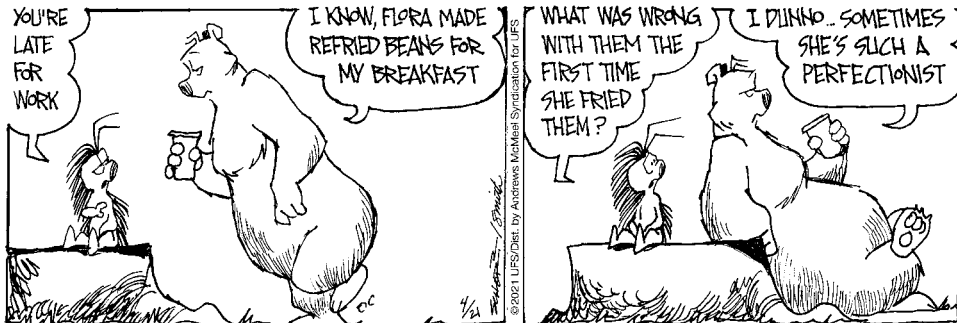
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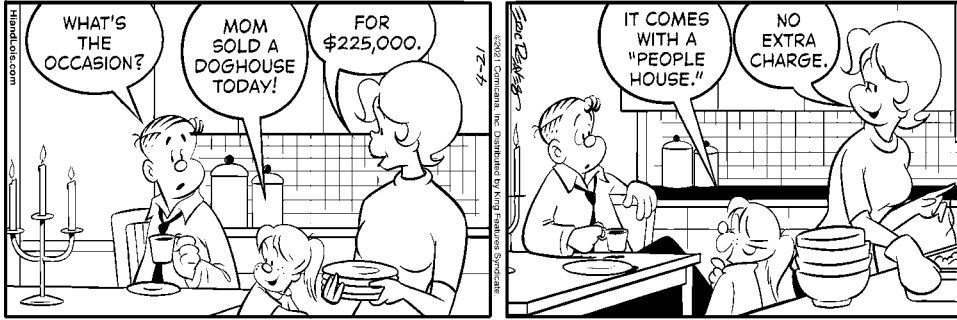
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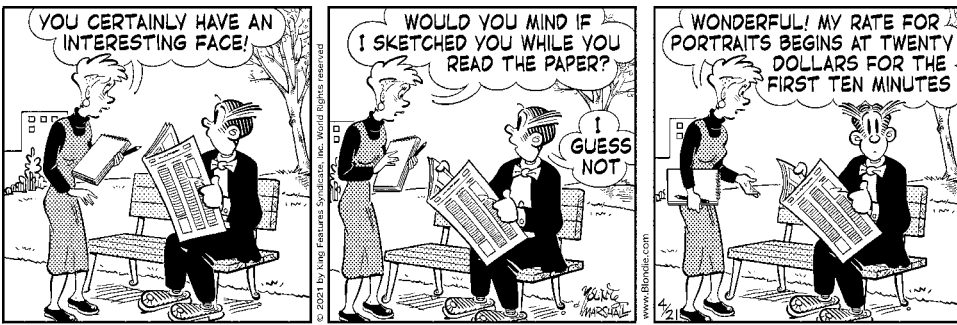
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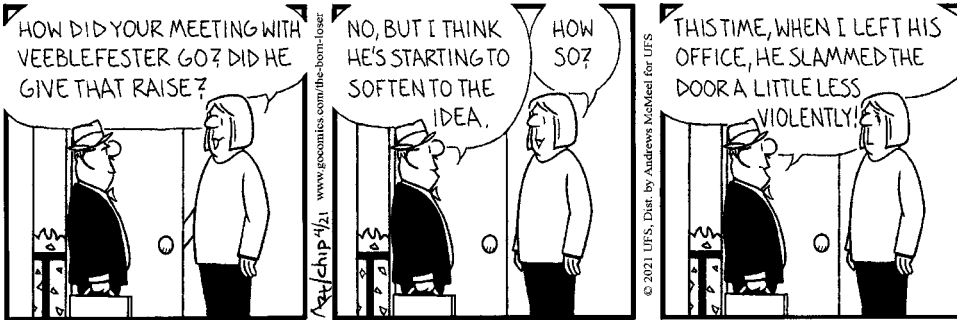
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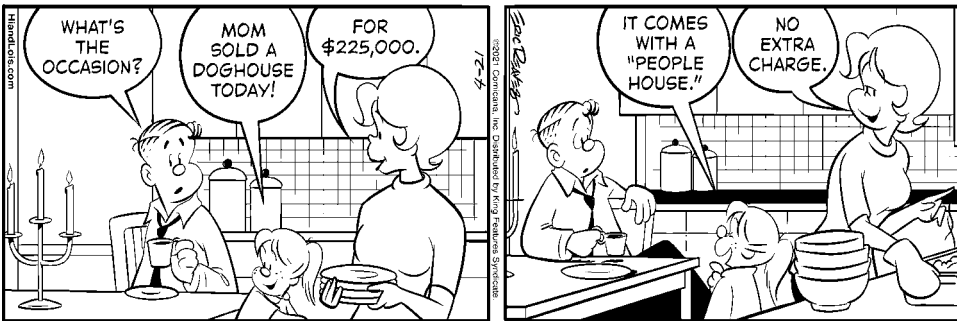
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BORN LOSER



HI AND LOIS



DILBERT



He's a Toad

Dear Annie: I have never written anything like this before, but I'm beside myself with anger and sadness. My boyfriend of 16 years is leaving me because his two grown children from his marriage do not like me and are refusing to let him see his five grandchildren.



ANNIE LANE
DEAR ANNIE

The story goes like this: When we first got together, we were both cheaters. We knew that what we were doing was wrong. Since then, I have never cheated on him.

His wife told their children about his cheating.

We have been living together for the last 2 1/2 years. We were supposed to buy a house together, but then his wife and kids came up with this new plan. My mom had passed away, and he was getting what he wanted -- a place in the country where we could live together. He wanted me to put him down as half-owner of the house, but I told him I would only do that after he got a divorce, because if anything were to ever happen to him, I wouldn't pay his wife half of anything that was mine.

He said she wouldn't do

that. I told him she would; she had already thrown him under the bus. He wound up buying a house that she found for him. I'm not supposed to know where he lives or even see the place.

He always said that I would be the one who left him, yet he's leaving me in the dust. I feel abandoned and alone. I gave him everything. I got him to go to the best doctors and showed him how to do many things. I did not tell him what to do, yet he's still on a joint phone plan with her. He won't tell me he loves me, because he said he's leaving and it's just not right, but we sleep together and make love. If I ask him whether he loves me, he says yes, but he just won't say it when I need to hear it the most.

I'm so beside myself. I made my life for him and changed everything for him, and now I'm alone and

heartbroken. I don't know what to do. I found the one who has my whole heart and soul. -- Crying Myself to Sleep

Dear Crying Myself to Sleep: The "one" who has your whole heart and soul would not cheat on his wife with you and continually drag you along. He is trying to have his cake and eat it, too, and he is quite the pig. Stop sleeping with him immediately and tell him it is over. Reach out to family and friends for support while you recover and get over him (and you will; it just might take a little time). Once you find your true prince charming, you will be thrilled that you kicked the toad out of your life.

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Patience, gathering knowledge and preparation will be essential if you want to get ahead. Time is on your side, and verifying facts will pay off. Leave nothing to chance. Take care of responsibilities personally. Concentrate on self-improvement instead of trying to change others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't feel pressured to accommodate others. Social gatherings will put you in harm's way. Follow the rules and regulations, and you will avoid a setback. Maintain a healthy lifestyle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Keep your thoughts to yourself. Take note of what others do and say, but don't get into a senseless spat over something trivial. Focus on what you can do to make your life better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Take a moment to go over your financial situation. Spending money on something that you don't need or making a donation you cannot afford will set you back. Look for diverse ways to use your skills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You'll face opposition if you try to do things differently. Stick to instructions to avoid damaging your reputation as well as your relationships with others. Don't mix business with pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Dig in and finish what you start. A new opportunity will come your way if you do a good job. Don't let others' actions interfere with your plans. Keep your promises and honor your commitments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take part in something you feel passionate about. An

associate will come up with exciting solutions. Be true to your beliefs and goals. Be wary of making cash donations; offer your time instead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Take a moment to go over what's happening around you. Rethink your plans and consider your options. It's time to do things differently, let go of the past and move forward with confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Gather information, verify what you hear and plan to make adjustments that encourage better relationships with the people you cherish. Take on a new project that interests you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Address emotional issues swiftly. If you let things fester, you'll have difficulty maintaining a good rapport with the people you count on. Prioritize getting along with everyone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Listen carefully and respond with compassion and understanding. Look for solutions instead of dwelling on negativity. Don't limit yourself because someone chooses to do things differently.

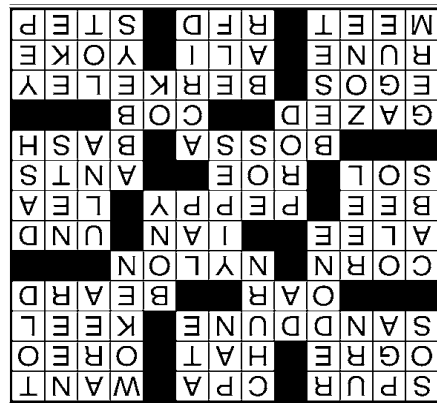
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Pay attention to detail, focus on using your skills innovatively and deal with challenges openly. Don't let domestic issues interfere with work. Work to solve problems with grace and style.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Reconnect with an old friend or a like-minded former collaborator to lift your spirits and be inspired to head in an exciting direction. Don't give up on your aspirations; chase your dreams.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 San Antonio cager
 - 5 Audit ace
 - 8 Yearn for
 - 12 People devourer
 - 13 Cap
 - 14 Popular cookie
 - 15 Beach feature
 - 17 Boat's bottom
 - 18 Paddle cousin
 - 19 Disguise item
 - 20 Toe woe
 - 23 Chute material
 - 26 Away from the wind
 - 27 Fleming or Woosnam
 - 28 German conjunction
 - 31 Drone
 - 32 Full of energy
 - 34 Grassy expanse
 - 35 Note before la
 - 36 Lobster eggs
 - 37 Kitchen pests
 - 38 — nova
 - 40 Big party
 - 41 Looked a long time
 - 44 Male swan
 - 46 They often clash
 - 47 California university city
 - 52 Norse letter
 - 53 The Greatest
 - 54 Coupling device
 - 55 Shake hands
 - 56 Country addr.
 - 57 Type of ladder
- DOWN**
- 1 Help letters
 - 2 Dustin Johnson's org.
 - 3 Samovar
 - 4 Overhauled
 - 5 Mass-produce, slangily
 - 6 Stovetop item
 - 7 Absorbed, as costs
 - 8 Roused up
 - 9 Geometry problem
 - 10 Poet's contraction
 - 11 Passed the word
 - 16 Leonardo — Vinci
 - 19 Lacking much flesh
 - 20 Truck fronts
 - 21 Ersatz butter
 - 22 Projection room unit
 - 24 Cry of fright
 - 25 Swimmer's unit
 - 28 Arm bone
 - 29 New Jersey cagers
 - 30 Mad rush
 - 32 Nudge
 - 33 Selene's sister
 - 37 Monasteries
 - 38 Attack on all sides
 - 39 Pungent
 - 41 Microorganism
 - 42 Chills
 - 43 Basketball defense
 - 45 All right
 - 47 Lounge
 - 48 Brownie
 - 49 Fortune
 - 50 Use sparingly
 - 51 Slangy affirmative

Answer to this puzzle



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