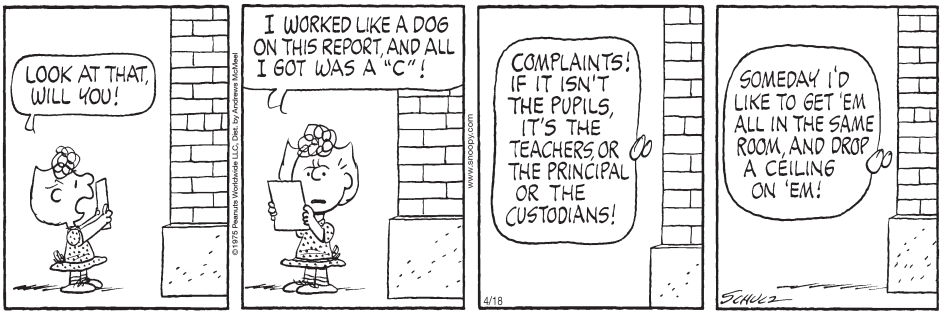
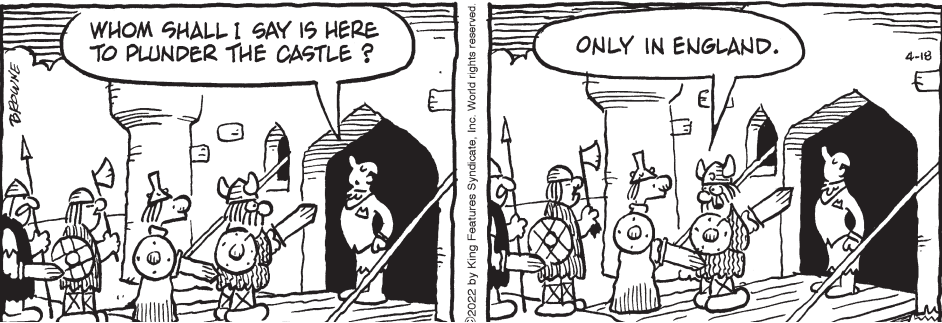


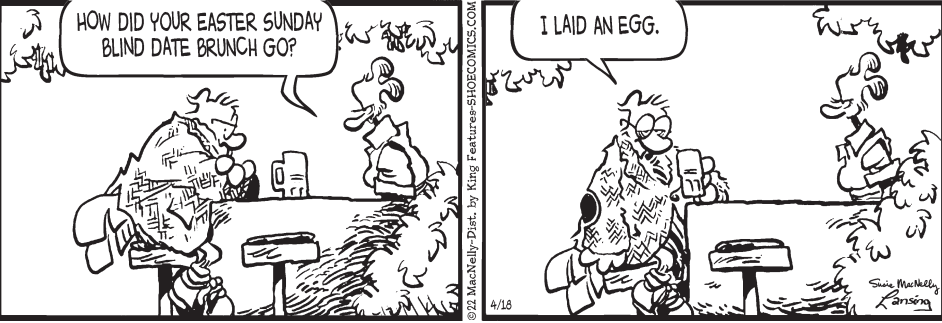
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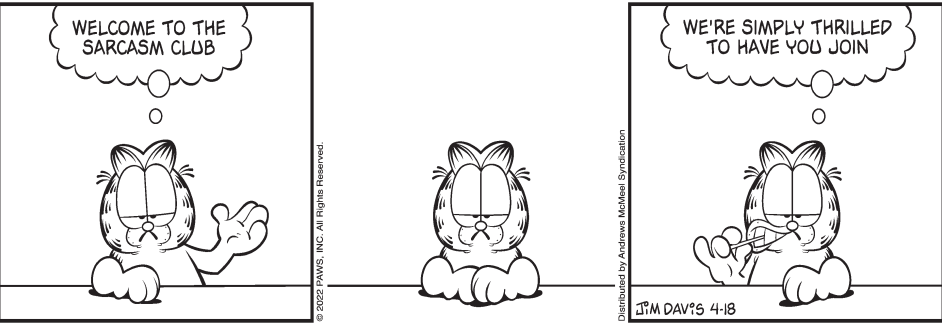
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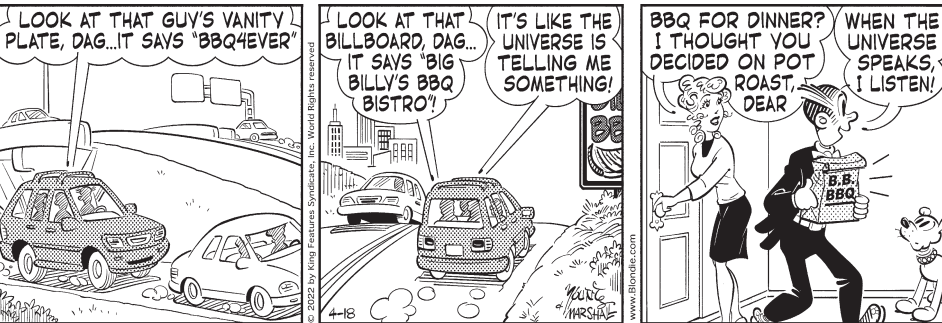
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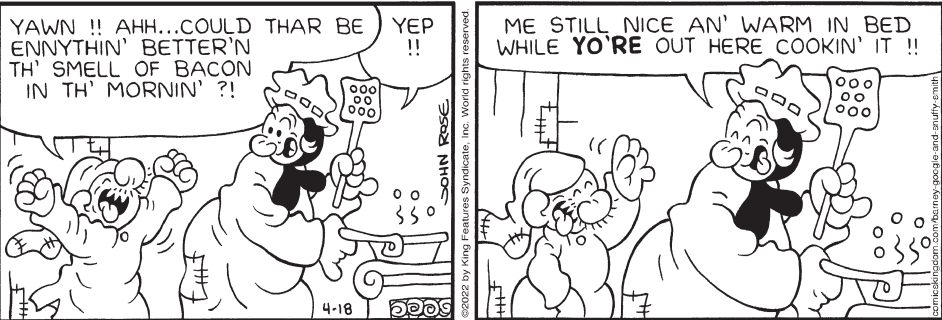
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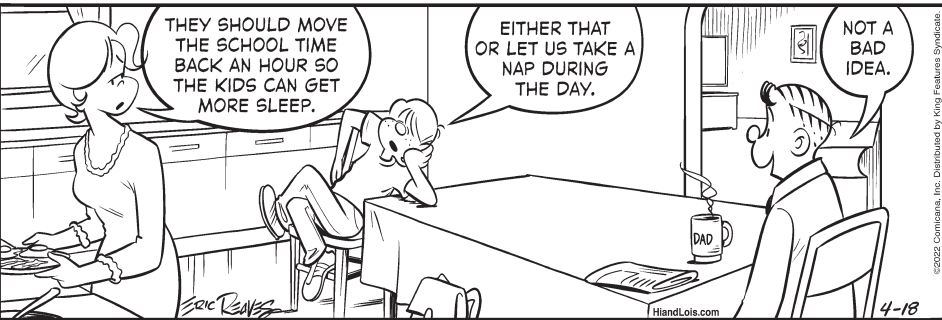
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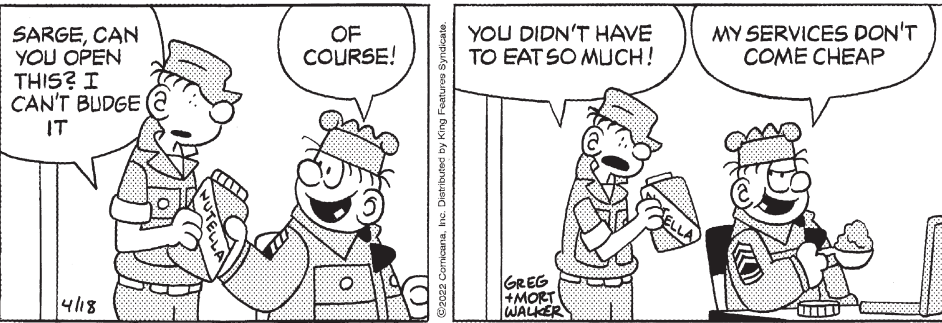
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Hi and Lois



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Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Use intelligence, not force, to navigate your way through life. Strategy, plans, motivation and discipline are your ways to success and contentment. Work solo to minimize setbacks. Aim to spend less and do more of the work yourself. Hone your skills and pick up knowledge and insight into using your strengths to their fullest. Keep emotions out of your decisions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- A novel approach to health, wealth and emotional well-being will encourage better relationships with those who share your space, interests and concerns. A positive shift is apparent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Lift all boundaries, and head into the future with optimism. Change what you don't like, and enjoy the freedom you gain to follow your heart and dreams. Make your position clear to avoid conflict.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Take a moment to map out a path to your destination without interference. Observe the changes around you, but don't succumb to temptation or bullying. Discipline is your strength.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Venture into unknown territory and flourish. What you learn and experience will lead to personal growth and insight into making the most with what you already have. Self-improvement is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Do what's necessary to reach your objective. Have a purpose in mind and a strategy in place. Stick to simple but effective options to encourage stability and growth. Follow the path that suits you best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Listen to what others say, and respond with compassion. Form partnerships that make your life easier and encourage you to live up to your word. Personal gain and romance are featured.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Concentrate on what you can do, and leave the impossible to another day. Look to your allies for advice, but don't make a premature decision. Inconsistency will result in instability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You'll have plenty of options. Follow a lead that offers something out of the ordinary. Personal gain, self-improvement and physical fitness will build a strong mind, body and soul.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Question everyone and everything before you decide to change your mind or your life. Someone will count on your gullibility to push you in a direction that benefits them more than you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Consider how you can take advantage of a situation that falls into your lap. Explore the possibilities, and set a course based on good intentions and better health, wealth and emotional well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- An emotional problem will cause you to rethink your purpose and the best way forward. Don't ignore taking the road less traveled. Bide your time, and focus on doing the right thing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can make your way to victory if you follow your heart and your intelligence. Personal improvement is within reach, and financial opportunities will stabilize your life. Love is in the stars.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is 60 and has an autoimmune disease. He's dependent on oxygen and suffers a great deal. He can drive, walk and care for himself, although I assist in his care quite a bit.

I was invited to take a trip with my daughter and my sisters to London next month for a week. He doesn't want me to go and won't say why, other than he's frustrated because he can't travel abroad. (He would never want to go on a girls trip to London.) He actually told me, "If you really loved me, you wouldn't go." I responded, "If you really loved ME, you would be happy for me to go with my family and enjoy the trip for a week."

I cook and clean for him every day. I am the breadwinner and pay for everything. I treat him like a king. What should I do? -- YEARNING FOR TRAVEL

DEAR YEARNING: You do plenty for your boyfriend. He is trying to guilt you into not going. With the load you have been carrying, you deserve a break. Ensure that a friend or family member of his can keep an eye on him in your absence. Then ignore his comments and go on that trip. Please!

DEAR ABBY: I have a dear old friend whose company I enjoy. She is one of those stylish women who wears a lot of perfume. I have a hunch she bathes in it, uses a lotion next, then sprays it all over. You can smell her coming from 10 feet away. She may not realize it, but everyone notices it.

How I can tell her without her feelings being hurt is the issue. I've considered pretending I'm allergic by having a sneezing fit when I'm near her. I value her friendship, which is why I've kept my mouth shut. Any advice? -- PERFUME OVERLOADED FRIEND

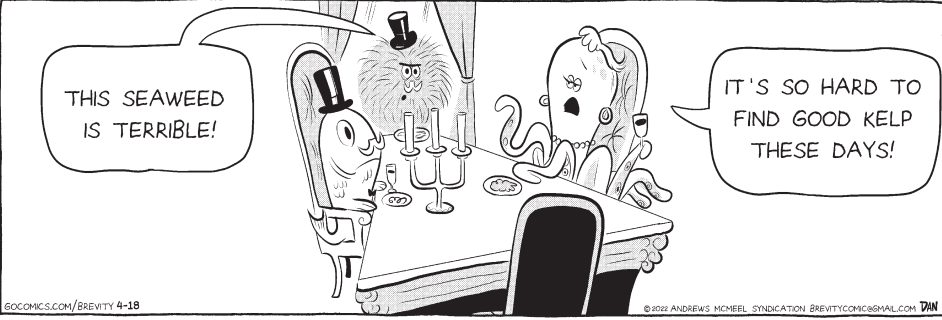
DEAR PERFUME: This may seem like heresy, but there are times when a little white lie is kinder than the truth. Many people DO have allergic reactions to scents, which can bring on headaches and sometimes attacks of nausea. My longtime personal trainer once told me that when people work out in the gym, the smell of their body lotion, perfume, etc. could bring on a migraine.

I don't think it would be a cardinal sin to tell your friend you have developed a "reaction" to artificial scents and ask her to refrain from using them when she's going to be with you. Either that, or see her only outdoors.

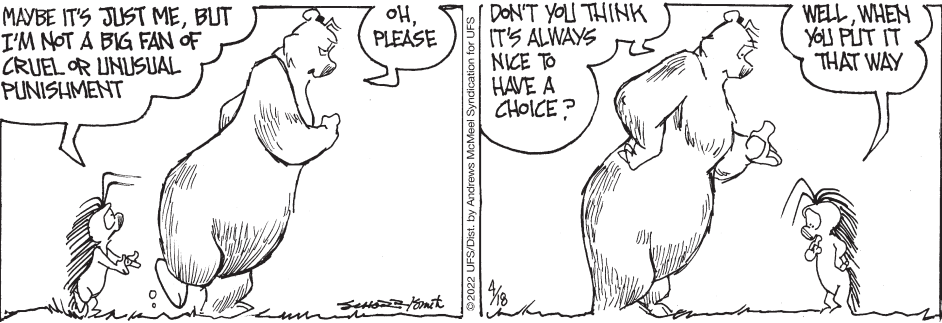
DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter is getting married and has asked my former father-in-law to walk her down the aisle. I have been there for her her whole life. My wife and I were divorced during her senior year of high school. Should I go, stay at home, sit on the groom's side of the aisle or something else? -- FATHER OF THE BRIDE

DEAR FATHER: Have you been invited to this wedding? If the answer is yes, talk to your daughter and ask her what she plans to do about the seating arrangements. Take your cue from what she tells you. You should not be seated on the groom's side of the aisle. As the father of the bride you should be with the bride's family, and ideally, you and your ex-wife should bury the hatchet if only for one day.

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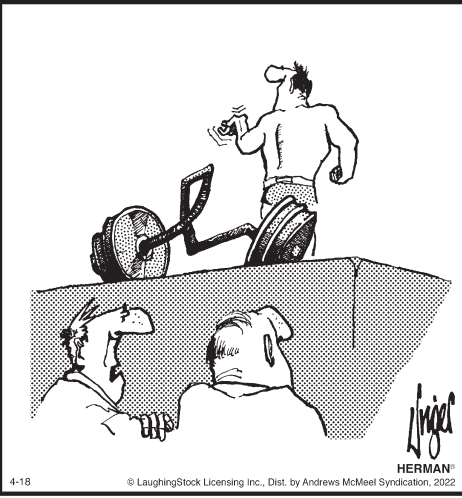
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