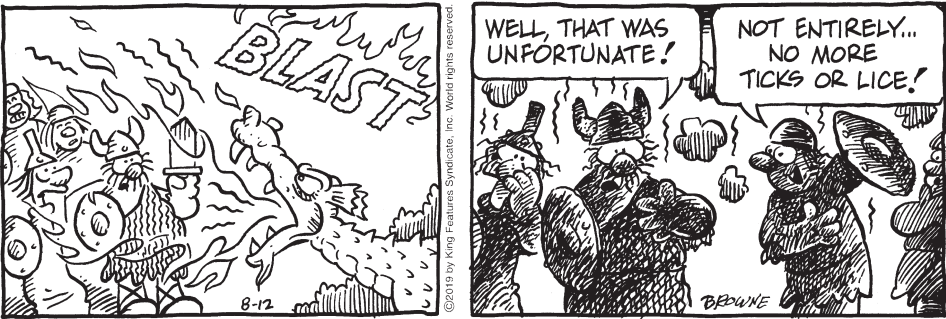


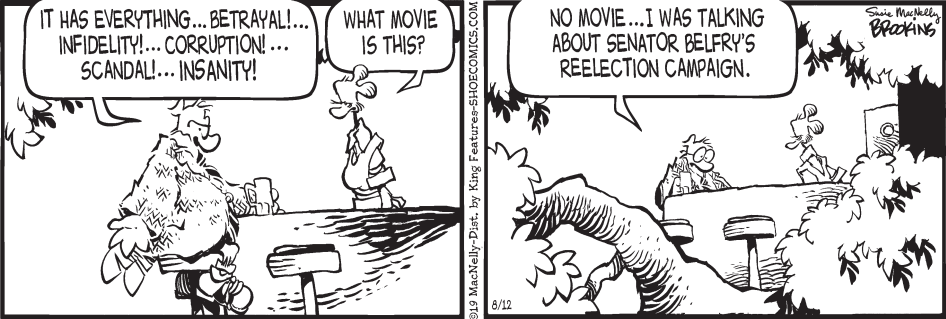
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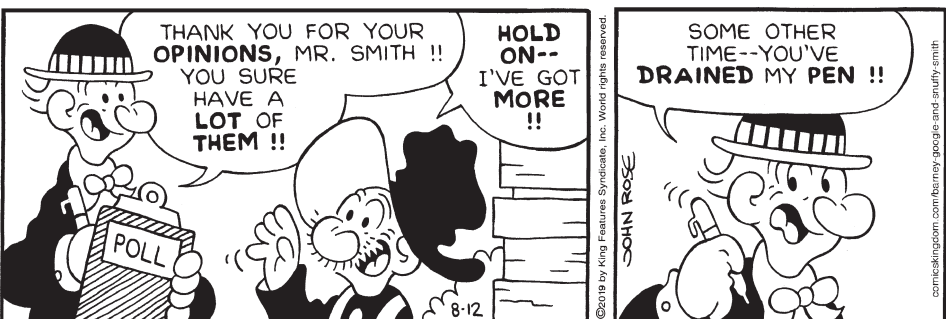
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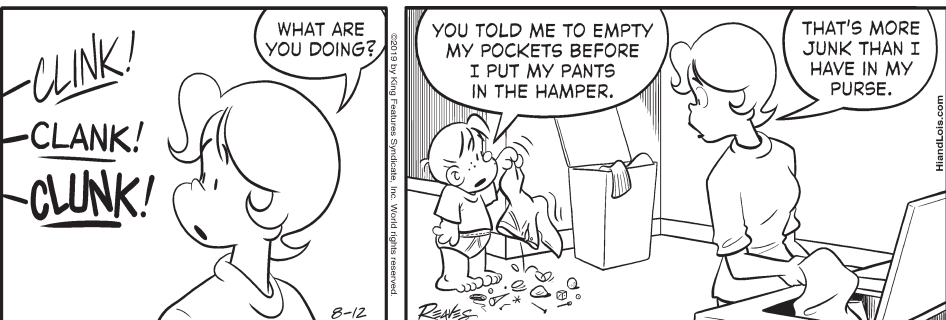
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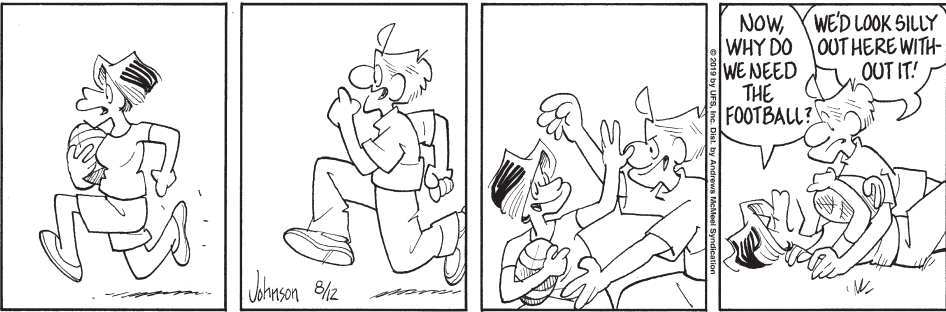
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Make only necessary changes. Time is on your side, and not all offers will be in your best interest. Mull over your options and look for deals that will bring long-lasting results. If you choose quality over quantity, you won't be disappointed. Make goals that set you up for success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Expand your circle of friends if it will help you excel. Branching out will encourage you to use your skills in innovative ways. A personal change should be based on facts, not on hearsay.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Be prepared to act if someone makes an unexpected choice. Your actions should send a positive message. A steady pace forward is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Helping someone else will lead to personal gain. Look for an opportunity that will help you expand into new territory with your work, relationships or educational pursuits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Listen and learn. Patience and discipline will be your ticket to success. Don't fall for someone's grandiose plans that could leave you in a vulnerable position. Do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - One door closes, but another door opens. Follow your heart, embrace personal growth and take steps to implement a healthy, less stressful lifestyle. Romance is highlighted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Make a change if it will help keep the peace. Listen to complaints and share your feelings. Compromise will make a difference when dealing with domestic problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Concentrate on what you are trying to achieve. If you explore new possibilities, you'll come up with a way to use your skills to bring in more cash. Romance is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - How you help others will reflect the type of person you are. The changes you bring about will make a difference and encourage others to do things for themselves. Practice moderation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Keep your finger on the pulse. The more you know, the better you will understand what's going on around you. Refuse to let your emotions take the reins.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Strive to get things done. Put quality first and quantity second. If you learn from your mistakes, you'll come out on top. Keep your distance from inconsistent people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Focus on personal relationships. Refuse to let an outsider cause a problem for you at home or with someone who has always been there for you in the past.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Do things your way. If you let your creative imagination take charge, you'll come up with ideas and solutions that will impress onlookers and boost your confidence and reputation.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by  
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 20 years. I have never cheated on him or given him any reason to believe I have. But he is constantly on my Facebook account. He also reads all my emails and text messages.

I have nothing to hide, but I feel foolish standing by him as he reads my messages. I feel like a student in a principal's office waiting to be reprimanded for something I did wrong or said.

If he doesn't read my personal messages when I am up, he waits for me to go to sleep and reads everything. I have not answered messages that friends have sent me because he reads them, deletes them and then doesn't tell me I got a message.

He gets mad at me if I tell him I don't want him looking through my messages because he says I must be hiding something. I have changed passwords only for him to demand that I give them to him. His actions are making me extremely stressed. Is this normal behavior? - STRESSED SOMEWHERE IN THE USA

DEAR STRESSED: NO, IT IS NOT NORMAL, and it's no wonder that you are extremely stressed. Your husband's behavior is extremely controlling, and it is a reflection of the extent of his insecurity.

Your situation is unhealthy, to put it mildly. Has this sort of thing been going on for the last 20 years? If not, it could be a precursor to domestic violence. For your own sake, talk to someone at the National Domestic Violence Hotline about what is going on. Its toll-free number is 800-799-7233. The website is thehotline.org.

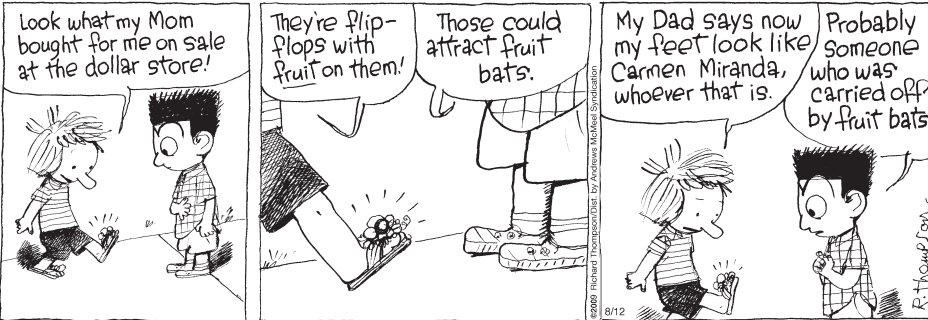
DEAR ABBY: I just started my first full-time job, and my boss is amazing but a bit overprotective. Last week, our marketing director, "Amy," reached out and asked me to organize an envelope-stuffing for invitations to an event my department is hosting. This event was not organized by my department. It was being handled by the marketing and membership teams.

My boss thought it was unreasonable for me to have to do that. I didn't mind, nor did I complain, but my boss was upset and confronted Amy about it. Amy apologized and helped me send out the invites, but since then she has been cool to me. It feels like others in the office have also withdrawn somewhat (although I suppose I could just be imagining this).

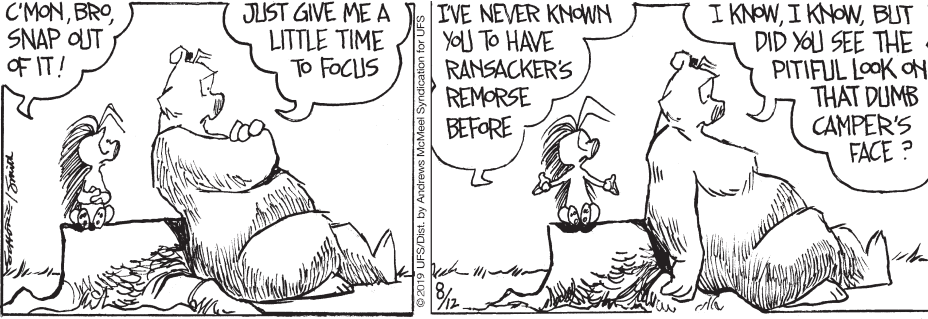
I really wish my boss hadn't said anything. On one hand, I appreciate her standing up for me, but I don't want my co-workers to think I'm lazy or a complainer, especially because I'm new here and at the bottom of the totem pole in the office. Should I just let it blow over? Should I say something? Any advice would be welcome. - NOT A COMPLAINER

DEAR NOT A COMPLAINER: Your boss may have stepped in because there were tasks she wanted you to spend your time doing that are more important to her than stuffing envelopes. Tell Amy privately that you were glad to help with the invitations, and you never complained to anyone about having been asked to do it. It may clear the air. Then have a talk with your boss about chain-of-command rules, including whether you must get an OK from her before helping out other departments.

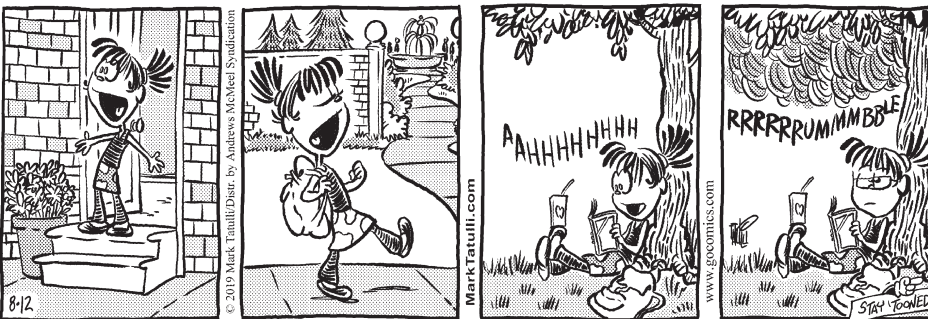
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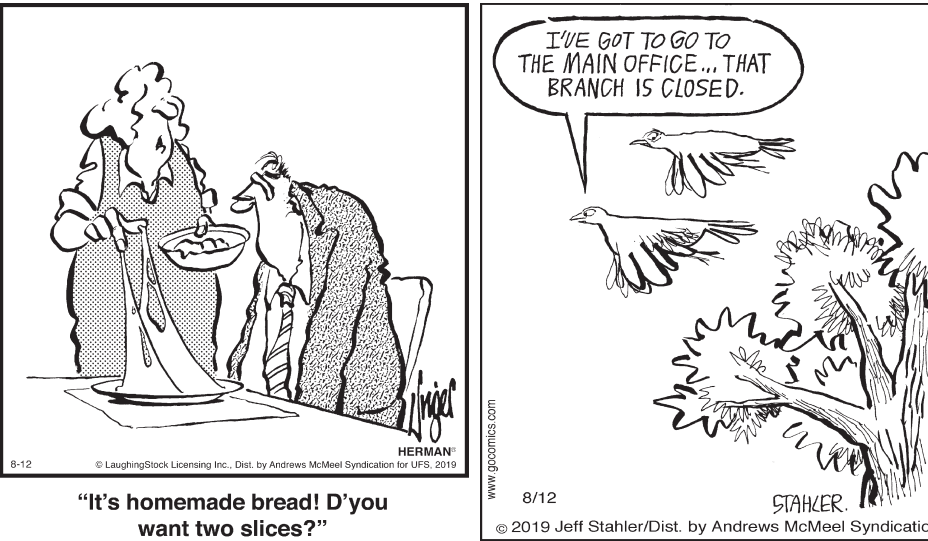
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Heart of the City



Herman



Born Loser

