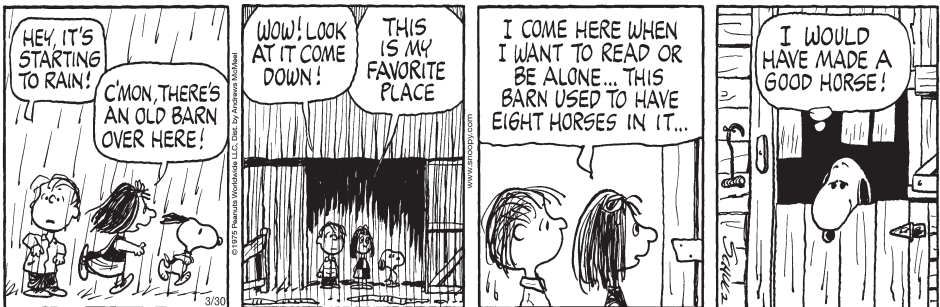
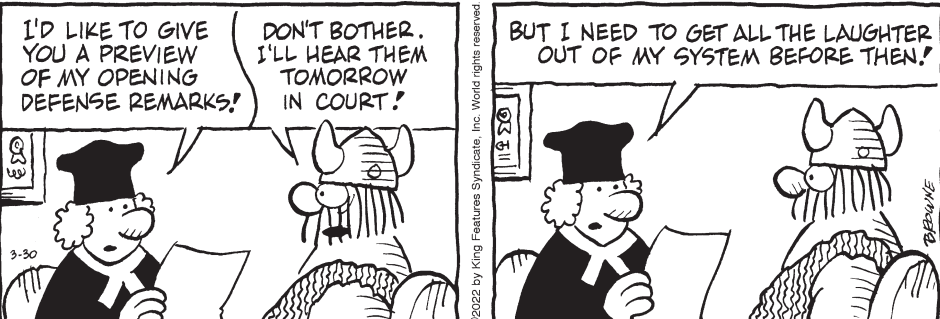


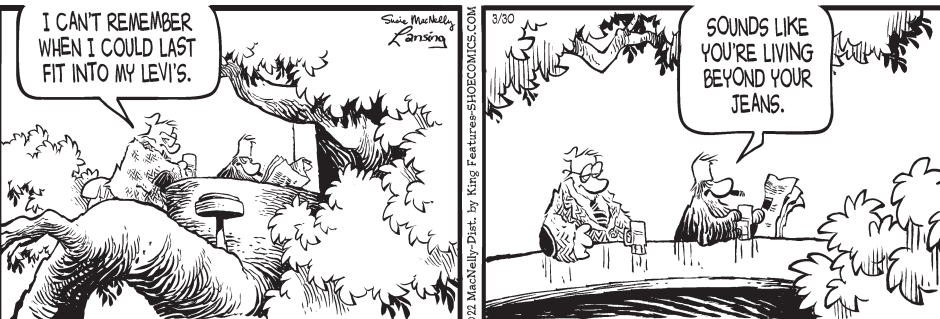
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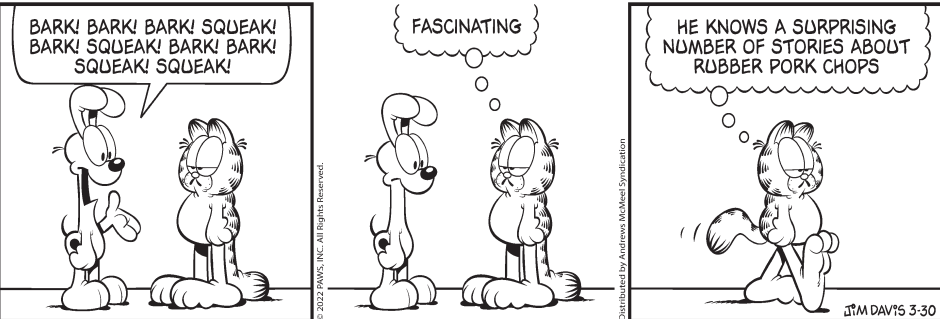
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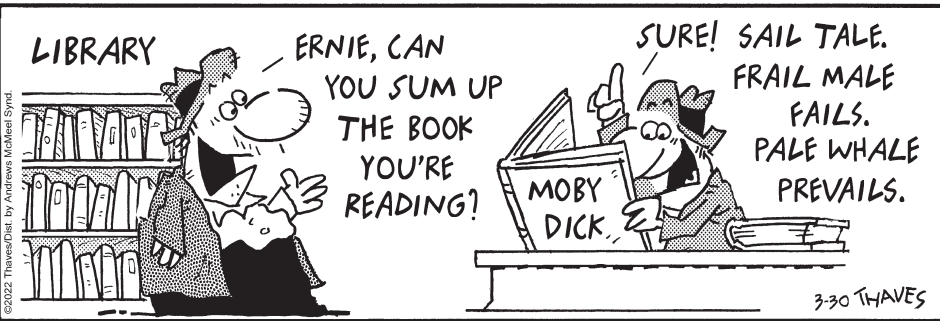
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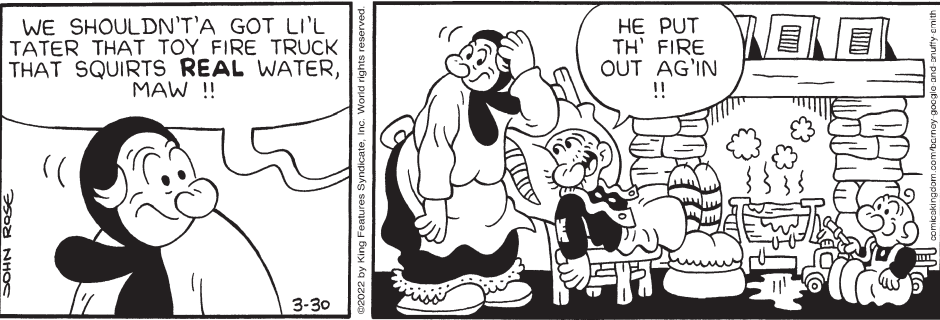
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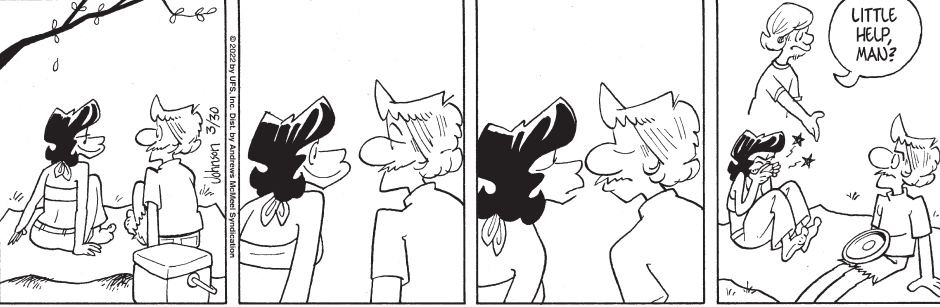
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Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

An impulsive move will be to your detriment and take much longer to reverse than you anticipate. Put your energy where it will do the most good, and ensure that you leave nothing undone. Stipulate your concerns and goals when dealing with people who offer good advice and hands-on help. Exhibit self-control.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Speak your mind and oversee anything you want others to do correctly. You'll get plenty of help, but it won't all be adequate. Consistency and responsibility are necessary if you're going to reach your mark.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Look inward and make adjustments that soothe your soul. Put an end to what makes you unhappy and take charge of your life. Be responsible and make decisions that promote self-improvement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Put your heart into whatever you choose to do, and don't let anyone lead you astray. Take the initiative, think for yourself and do what's right and best for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Let your actions speak for you. Dive into what's important to you, and you'll overcome any barrier you encounter. Expand your skills and qualifications, and seek help from experts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Distance yourself from anyone making unrealistic moves. Don't jeopardize your position or reputation or take responsibility for someone's blunder. Stand your ground and protect your rights.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take pride in what you do and share what you discover with people working to achieve similar results. A partnership that brings out the best in you looks promising. Pursue educational opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- It's up to you to revise your schedule to help you achieve your goals. You can't depend on others to make you happy, but you can strive to do so yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Test the water and head in a direction that makes you feel good about yourself and your efforts. Enlightenment and personal growth will help you attain the serene mindset you're after.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Explore possibilities, but don't believe everything you hear. If something sounds too good to be true, ask questions. Avoid temptation and indulgence, and work to find the truth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll gain insight into what's possible. Consider how to tweak your skills to suit trends, and you'll discover a path that leads to success. A domestic change is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Don't look around when you need to focus on what's in front of you. Consider what you enjoy doing and how you can add to your qualifications to help you excel. Don't make a move prematurely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Let your emotions and intuition lead the way, and you'll discover how to incorporate your dreams into your routine. Procrastination will be your enemy today, so get moving.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by  
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for a little over three years. I have two teen girls, and he has one. They get along for the most part, but lately my 18-year-old, "Lindsay," and his 17-year-old, "Taylor," have been clashing.

They were brought up very differently, and sometimes it causes waves because I expect more from my girls than he does his daughter. To be fair, my stepdaughter's mother has had some serious issues and has never been a role model.

During one of these clashes, Lindsay told me Taylor has been doing some very explicit and dangerous things online. This was confirmed by her boyfriend. Lindsay, of course, told me hoping to get Taylor in trouble or to lessen her in my eyes, since they were arguing. I "get" the inner workings of the teenage girl's mind. It's not always a kind place.

What do I do with this information? Should I tell her father? What purpose would it serve? If I don't tell him, am I keeping a secret that I shouldn't? -- KNOWS TOO MUCH IN NEW YORK

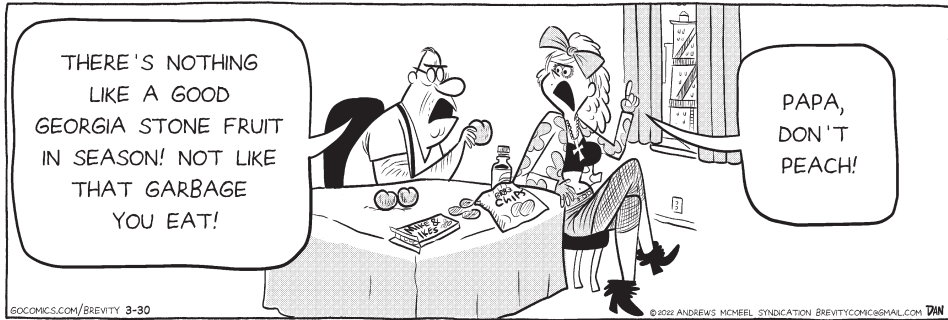
DEAR KNOWS: If you and your husband have investigated this and found it to be true, talk to Taylor. Point out that images she has posted online do not age out and disappear. They can linger forever, which could have serious consequences when she is older and looking at college, getting into the workforce, etc. While she can't change what she has already done, she can wise up and quit what she has been doing NOW.

DEAR ABBY: A close friend has just announced -- out of the blue -- that she's running for a prominent public office. It's going to be a contentious race, and it's likely to get ugly for whomever runs. She sent out messages this week assuming her friends will be supporting her through our social networks, door knocking, hosting fundraising events and whatever else she needs. She said she's looking forward to working with us.

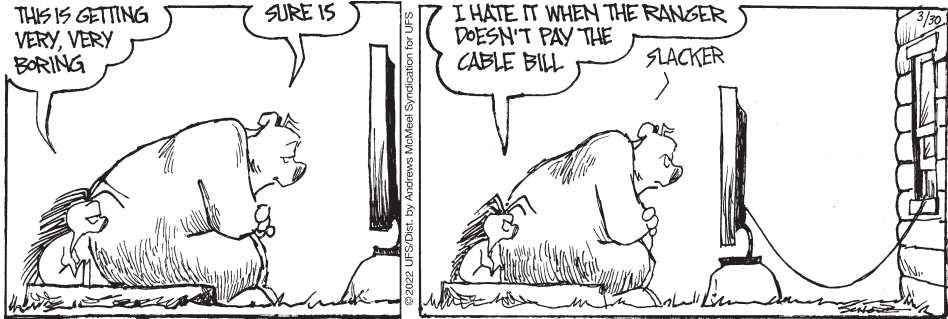
Abby, the way her announcements are worded, I can tell she's going to be blindsided when I decline her "request." She assumes that because we are friends, I would want her in office. However, in my opinion, she's not the best person for the job, and I have other civic engagements I'm already committed to this year. I also feel that maybe she should have actually asked. Is there any way I can maintain the friendship without supporting the candidate? I don't see what the graceful way out is, and her conversation is already oriented toward "us" vs. "them." -- HIDING UNTIL THE PRIMARIES

DEAR HIDING: Explain to your friend that you are already committed to other "civic engagements" this year and, because of time constraints, you can't back out of them. Then wish her luck and send her a small financial contribution for her campaign "in the name of friendship."

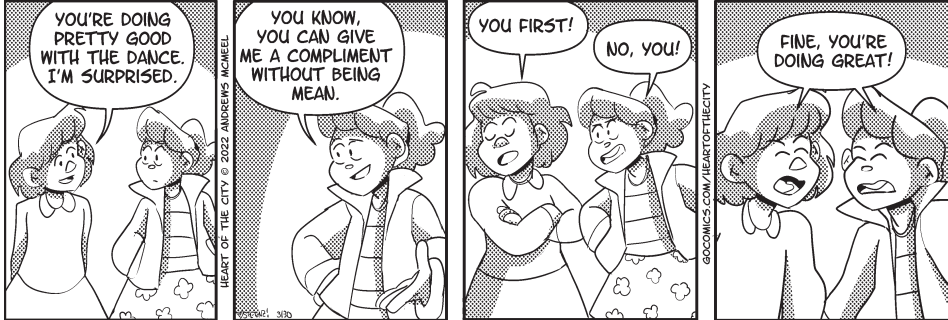
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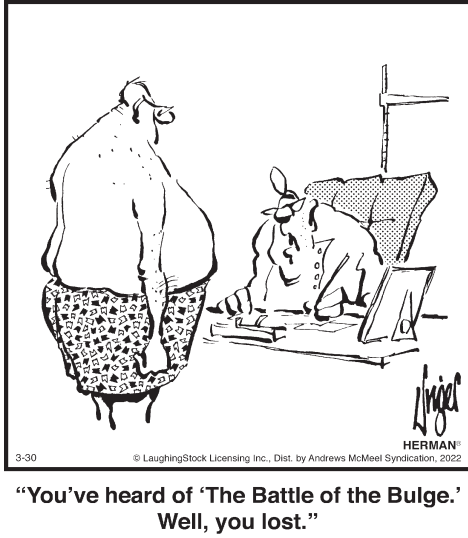
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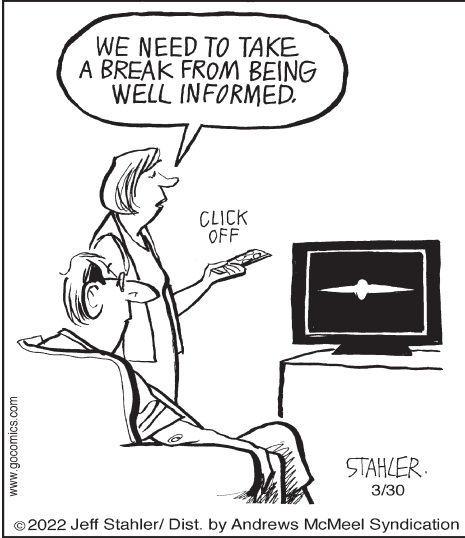
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