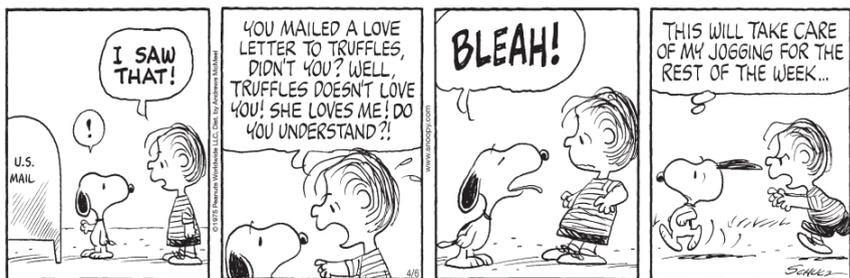


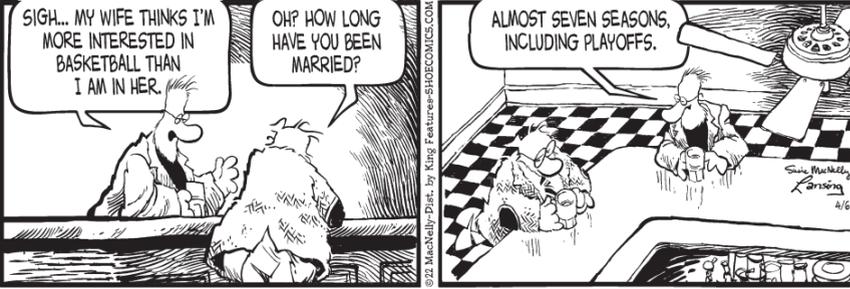
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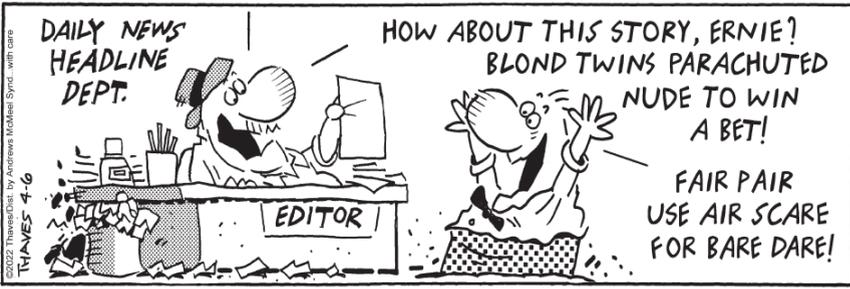
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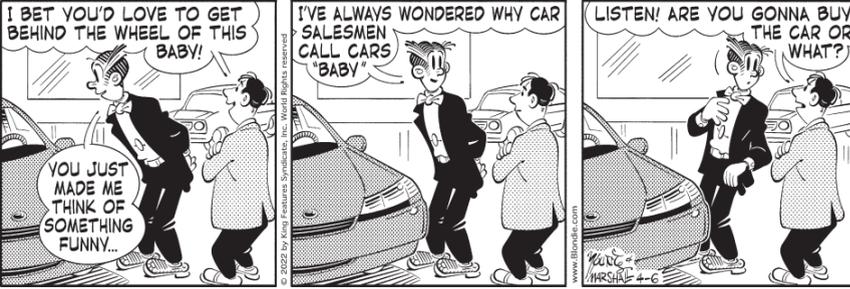
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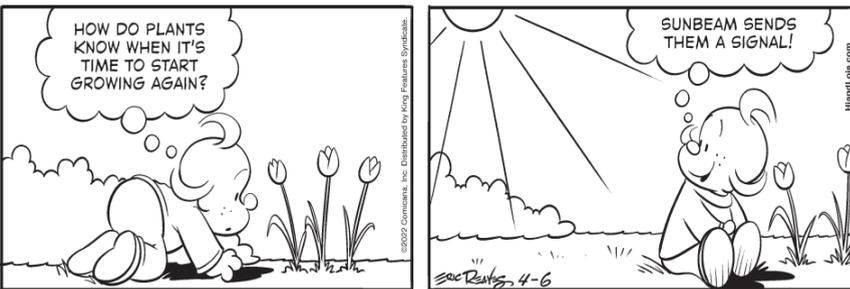
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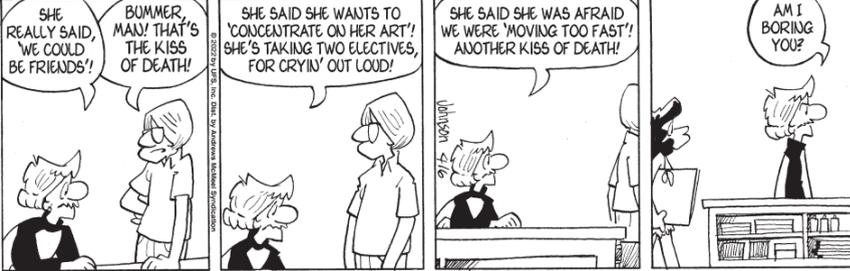
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Put a to-do list together and map out a plan that will help you fulfill your wish list. Don't fold under pressure or let someone talk you into doing things that don't complement your agenda. Speak your mind, stay on course and protect what means the most to you. Change only what you have to. Avoid overreaction and indulgence.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Question anything that causes uncertainty or puts you in a vulnerable position. Keep your plans simple, regardless of what others do or say. Distance yourself from strict people.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Overreacting will lead to trouble. Keep life simple, live within your means and do your best to go with the flow. Seek out helpful people with whom to work and then get cracking.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Look at the logistics before entering an agreement. Too much wiggle room can lead to dangerous side effects. Nothing in life is free; be prepared to work hard to reach your goal.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Don't mix business with pleasure. Keep your personal thoughts and life to yourself. Rumors will spread quickly if you are too trusting or get involved in gossip. Pay more attention to self-improvement.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Put more time and thought into the conversations you have with others. Focus on truth, offer facts and look at potential partnerships closely before getting involved. Change is unwise at this time.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Concentrate on making a difference. Working alongside your peers will help you understand what you can do to improve relationships. Refuse to let anyone coax you into extravagant behavior.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Be part of the solution. Gather information, share your thoughts and take the initiative to get things done. How you treat others will influence the outcome. Stay calm and keep the peace.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Problems with people in your life will surface if you are too possessive or protective. If you love someone, give them the freedom to figure things out for themselves. Stay in the background.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Push your way forward. Refuse to let anyone stand in your way or ruin your plans. A problem at home will escalate if you or someone else hides the truth or causes emotional havoc.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Change begins with you and how you live. Consider how you can use your assets to lower your liabilities. Listen to suggestions, but, in the end, do what makes you feel comfortable.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Fix up your space. Discuss your plans with anyone affected by the changes you want to make. The input you receive will help you get things done without interference.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - An emotional situation will escalate. Listen carefully, verify information and stick to a plan you know you can achieve. Taking on too much or being self-indulgent will lead to loss.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: A dear friend I have known since we were children was murdered. She was lovely in every way, and I am bereft. I cannot process my grief over her untimely passing because it was accompanied by such trauma.

Images of her murder flash through my mind, especially at night while I'm trying to go to sleep. They also wake me up in the morning. Talking about it makes it worse because it revives the horror, and also because people want to know details as though it is just a story. I feel it is disrespectful to her memory and my affection for her to reduce it to that.

I'm usually a resourceful person, but I have no road map for this. It is of considerable relief that her killer was found, but the details revealed by the media have added to my trauma. I have had friends die at even younger ages from other causes, but not this. Some of our mutual friends are in the same boat as I am, so any guidance you can provide would be appreciated. -- BESIDE MYSELF IN ILLINOIS

DEAR BESIDE MYSELF: I am so sorry for your friend's untimely and tragic death. Clearly, it was shocking and traumatizing for everyone she left behind. You are not obligated to satisfy the curiosity of anyone about the "details." (There is no limit to the amount of curiosity something like this can generate.) All you have to say is you do not wish to discuss it. Period!

Although you didn't mention how long it has been since you lost your friend, because it is causing you to have nightmares, please discuss this with a licensed mental health professional. It may be painful, but it's the most effective way to work through this.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my partner, "Lizzie," for five years. We are both divorced and have created a blended family of six children (four are hers; two are mine). I'm within 10 years of retirement and have a decent net worth. Unfortunately, Lizzie has no savings and is unemployed.

During our time together, I have paid for everything, which I'm OK with. I previously went through a nasty, contentious divorce. It was financially devastating. My ex still brings me back to court every year in an attempt to increase her support, which is a painful process.

Lizzie would like us to get married, primarily for financial stability. I am resistant because I do not want the financial exposure of another divorce. However, this situation creates an inequality in our relationship. Can I address her concern without marrying her, or are we doomed? -- SCARED OF COURT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SCARED: This is a question you should address with your attorney. There are ways you can ensure that Lizzie will be taken care of in the event of your death or incapacity, but they will require documentation. Your attorney can -- and should -- guide you in regard to this.

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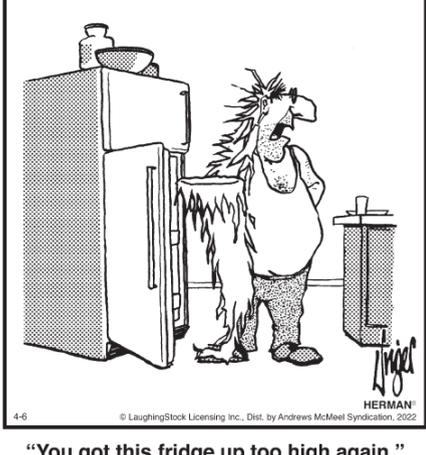
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