

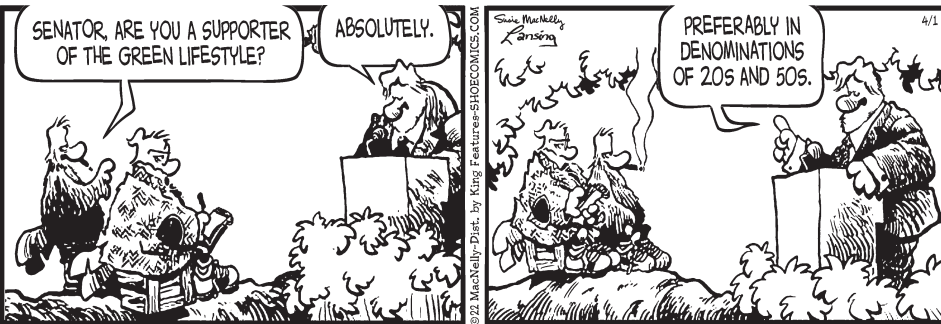
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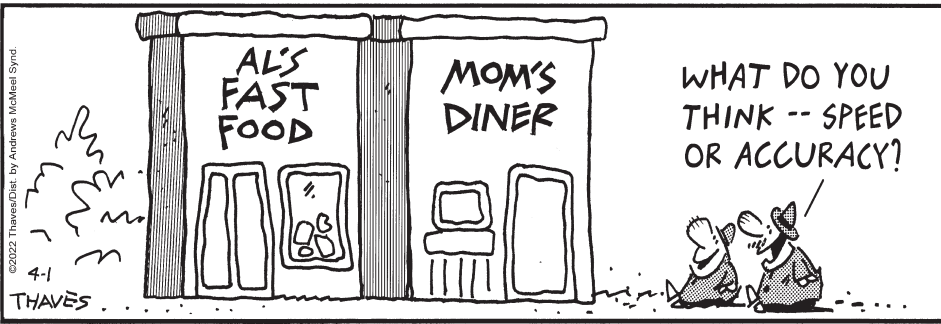
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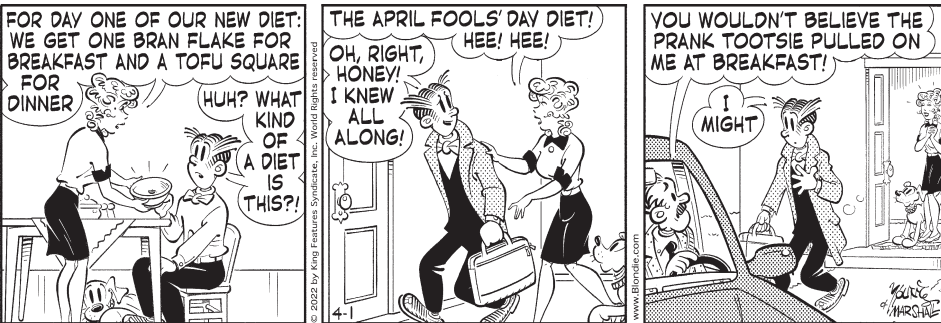
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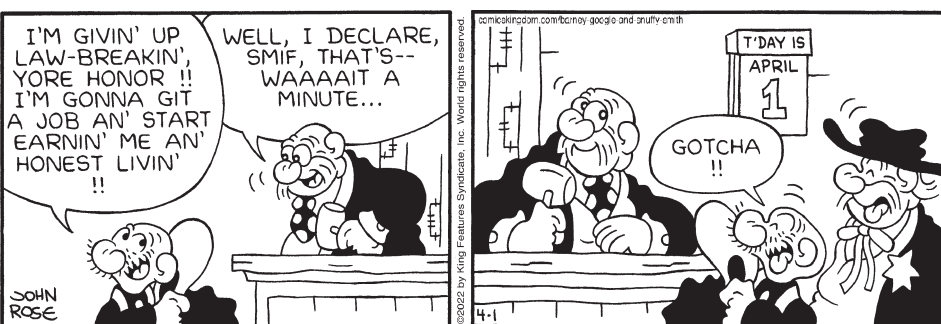
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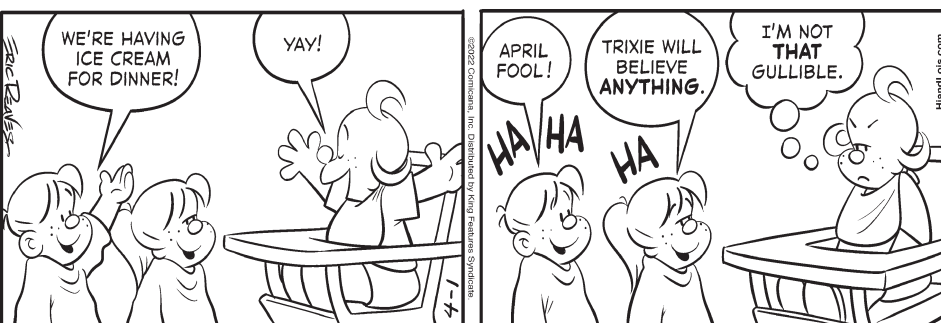
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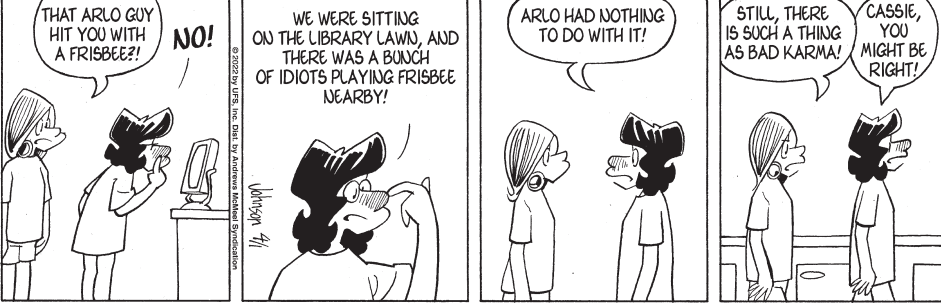
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Speak your mind. Take the initiative to make your dreams come true. Be responsible for your happiness and construct a life that satisfies your needs and warms your soul. Invest in yourself and in your ideas. Surround yourself with people who share your dreams and beliefs. Set a standard, and you'll realize your expectations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Head down a path you find inviting. Be receptive to what others have to offer and open to trying something new. Personal improvement is favored, and love and romance are encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be aware of your surroundings and what everyone else is doing. Caution will prevent someone from taking advantage of your vulnerabilities. Play to your strengths.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You have knowledge, experience and good timing in abundance, so don't let anyone interfere with your plans. Challenge anyone who gets in your way, and seek out those who can help you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Reflect on what's gone wrong and adjust to ensure that it won't happen again. Preparation is the key to getting things right the first time. Avoid emotionally manipulative people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't worry about the changes others make. Go about your business, and people who share your concerns will offer help. A special relationship will enhance your life and give you a new perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Set high standards and stand by your word. Don't let others' actions cause you to do something questionable. Your future is dependent on how you handle others and the degree of your dedication.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Plan to socialize with people who challenge you mentally and physically. Unique plans for two will strengthen a relationship and lead to general life stability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Try something different. A personal change may not please everyone, but if it sits well with you, that's all that matters. Take responsibility for your happiness, and your life will fall into place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Get involved in activities that require strength and agility. Work alongside people who share your goals and beliefs. A healthy, happy routine will help you do and be your best.

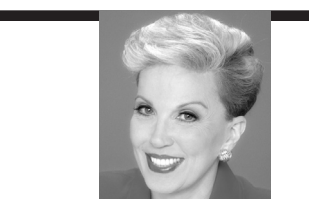
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't let anyone railroad you into something you don't relish. Do your own thing, and make positive domestic changes. It's up to you to choose how you spend your time and money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take the direction that feels right, and don't let others interfere. Your decisions regarding money and business must come from the heart if you want them to work for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Bend a little, and things will swing in your favor. Incentives and compliments will help you persuade others to pitch in and assist you in reaching your goals. Passion will make a difference.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am 15 and have a big problem. My mom and my dad have been married a long time. I was looking through pictures on Mom's phone and found some very inappropriate and romantic texts from "Rob," her business partner. Mom forces our whole family to hang out with Rob, and my brother doesn't like him either. But anytime we bring it up, my mom yells at us and makes me cry. She wants me to be friends with Rob.

One time when we were all at a restaurant, someone asked if he was my dad. I know what she is doing with him, and I can't focus on school because of it. I think my dad knows -- kind of -- but I'm sure he hasn't seen the texts that I saw. I don't want to ruin my family, but I cry about it every night alone. I know my parents won't go to couples counseling, and I don't want to hurt my brother either. Any help would be very much appreciated. -- KID WHO KNOWS THE TRUTH

DEAR KID: Because this is causing emotional problems that are affecting your studies, it can't be ignored. It is time for you to talk about this with a school counselor, a relative or a family friend for emotional support and guidance.

I also think at some point you should talk to your mother about what you found on her phone. Tell her that's the reason you don't want to be friends with her business partner. Your sense of right and wrong is valid, and don't let her tell you otherwise. Do not be surprised if she's upset about the fact that you know what has been going on, so be prepared for it. I am sorry you have to go through this. It's a shame.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my husband and I bought and moved into a very old, small house in our ideal neighborhood, which has beautifully manicured yards, nice people and a lot of diversity. We had a vision for this place, and it was perfect for us.

A friend of mine, "Maggie," who I knew had a judgmental streak, repeatedly asked to come see the house, which I knew was nowhere near in the condition for visitors. After about her 10th request, I told myself maybe I was overreacting to her potential reaction, and I invited her into my home for a tour. Three years later, my husband and I remodeled our home to fit our vision. We are happy.

Six months after the remodel was complete, my husband and I were at a friend's house and Maggie was there. At one point, Maggie's husband commented to us that he couldn't believe we had moved into that "s--- shack." My husband's jaw dropped. Maggie jumped up and said, "I didn't call it that!" Of course it was logical that she did. She had seen it; he had not.

To this day, a year and a half later, I cannot get over why someone I invited into my home would say something so horrible about it behind my back or that her husband would repeat it among a group of mutual friends. My husband refuses to engage with Maggie and her husband. What should I do? -- PROUD OF MY HOME NOW

DEAR PROUD: I am sorry you didn't write sooner about this. If you had, I would have advised you to tell Maggie exactly how that incident made you and your husband feel. It is a little late for that now, but you would certainly be within your rights to clear the air if you wish. What they said was uncalled for.

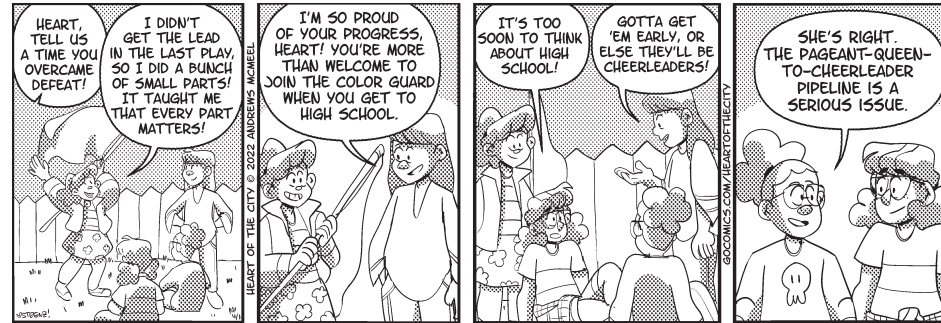
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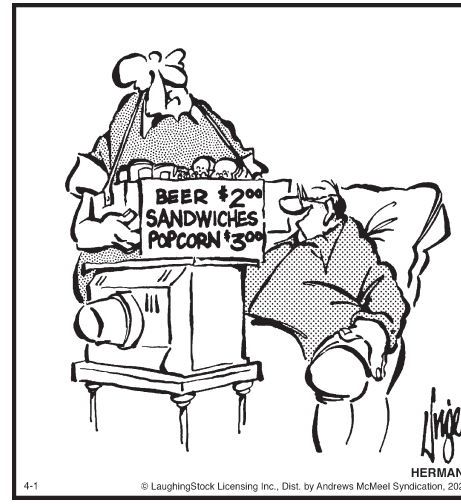
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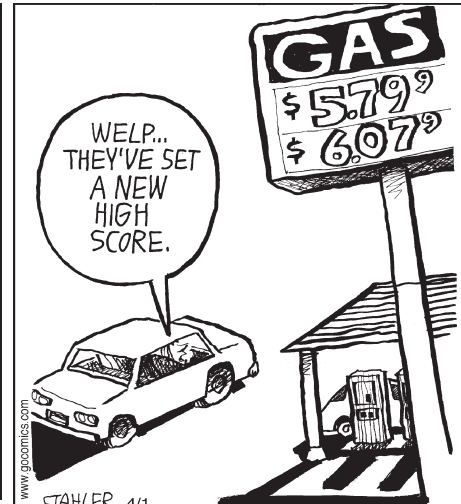
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