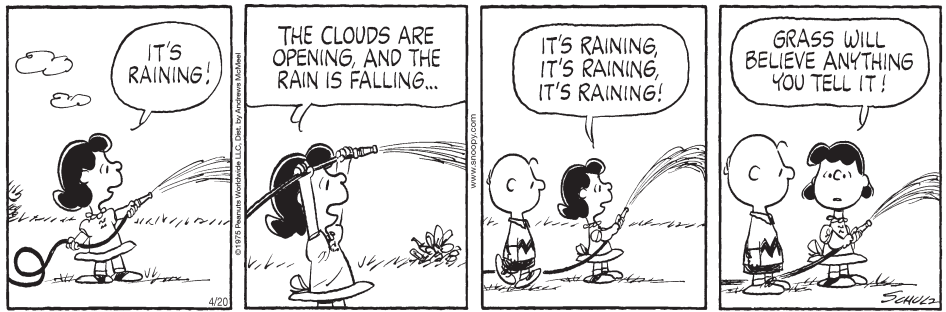
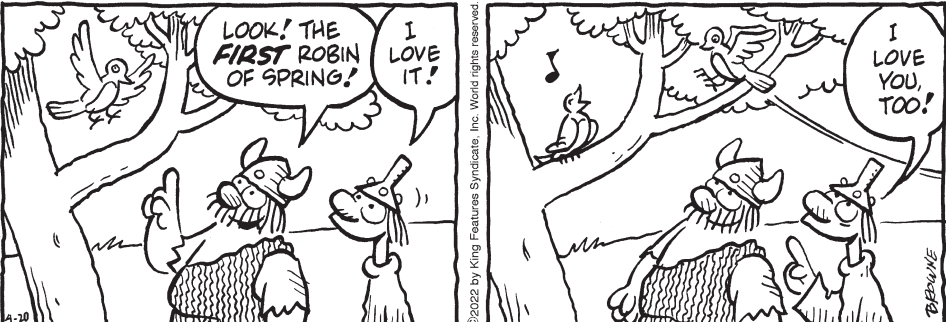


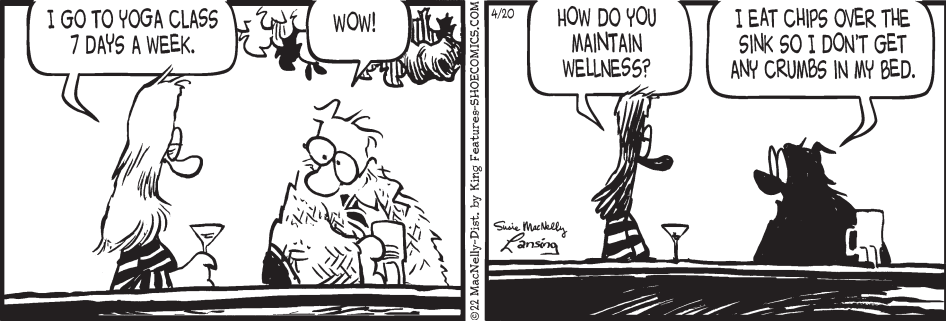
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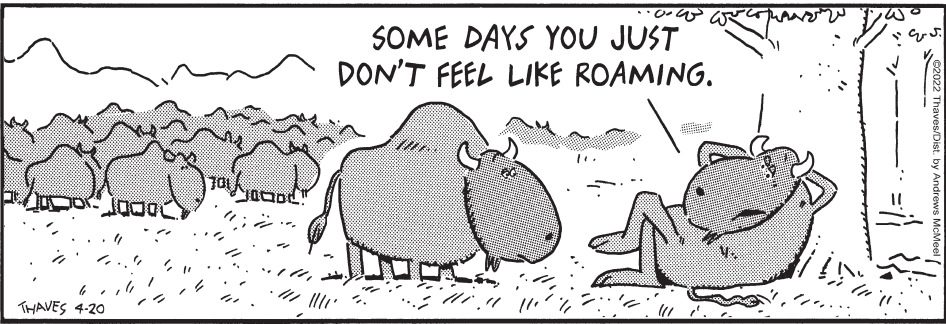
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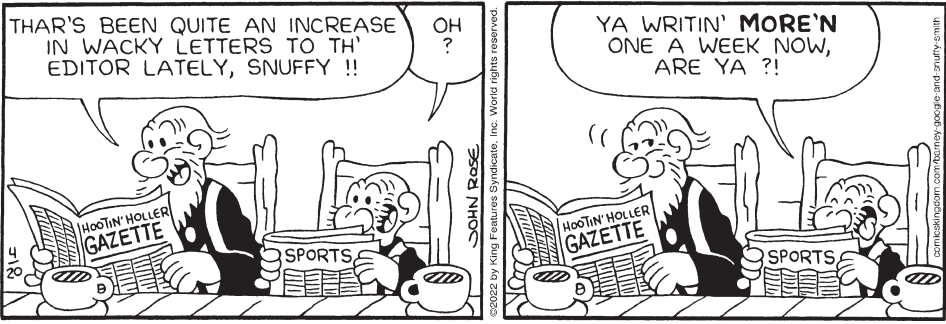
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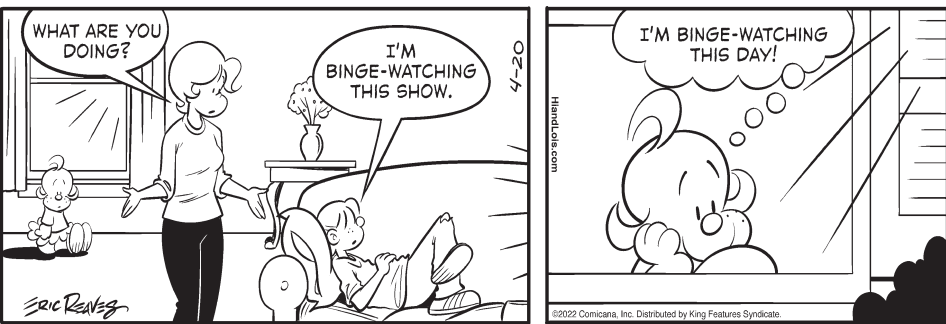
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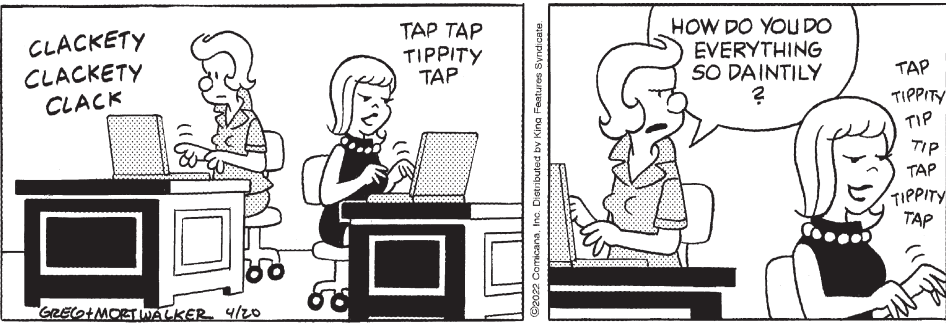
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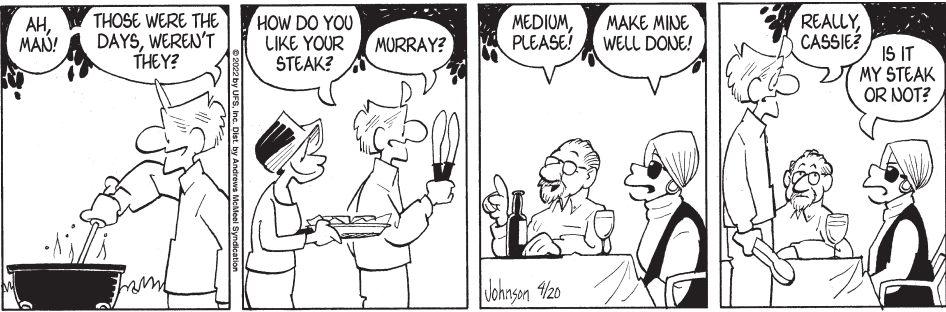
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Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Refuse to let emotional situations influence how you handle your money, health or contractual matters. Put your energy where it will have the biggest effect and ensure that you maintain a stellar reputation. Choose practically over risk, and make changes that help you excel instead of limiting what you can do to get ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't trust anyone to invest or take care of matters for you. Handle sensitive situations with compassion, but don't pay for someone's mistake. Do what's best for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Get all the details, then proceed with diplomacy. The wrong move can cost you more than you want to give up. Observation and discipline will help you overcome temptation. Don't risk your health or wealth.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Taking care of business will help you get attention. It will be challenging to please everyone, so target your market carefully. Put your energy where it counts, and make changes based on facts and wisdom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't believe everything you hear or invest in something because of someone else. Protect your money, possessions, health and position. Dedicate your time and effort to self-improvement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Accept the inevitable, and you'll find a positive way to move forward. Unexpected benefits are heading your way. Be patient and work with what you have; good things will happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Simplify your life. Put your energy into self-improvement, raising your qualifications and heading in a direction that makes you feel good about yourself. Avoid joint ventures. Do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Take control and make decisions that improve your position, not someone else's. A change will help you gain respect and support. Embark on something that motivates you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Maintain discipline, and avoid overdoing, overspending and overindulgence. Put a strategy in place, and work diligently to achieve your goal. Reset your attitude to focus on moderation and simplicity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Call a spade a spade, and stick up for truth, justice and making the world a better place. Be a role model, and you'll turn heads and make a name for yourself. Do what's right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Confusion will set in if you let others meddle in your life. A conscious effort to make a positive difference will help you maintain your reputation and ward off negativity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Put your emotions on the back burner and your energy into doing what you do best. Focus on getting ahead, not going into battle with someone trying to get a rise out of you. Concentrate on self-improvement and personal gain.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You'll learn the hard way if you trust someone to do things for you. Take charge of your life, learn all you can and refuse to participate in something questionable. Patience and prudence will pay off.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I had weight-loss surgery three years ago and lost 134 pounds. Two years later, I traded addictions and became a problem drinker. During this time I met a man, but my drinking came between us and we broke up. I stopped drinking three months ago. He contacted me and, when he found out I had quit drinking, we had lunch and talked and we are now dating again.

After a week of dating, he said, "I notice you are eating more than when we dated before. Have you stretched out your stomach?" I said, "No, because I'm no longer drinking, I now eat three meals a day." He said, "I sure don't want you to gain back all that weight you lost!"

My feelings are very hurt and I'm even a bit angry. I really do like him. What should I say to him that will convey my feelings? I want to stand up for myself without being crass. -- TRYING AGAIN IN ARKANSAS

DEAR TRYING: The next time you are face-to-face say, "I would like to revisit something you said to me recently. You said, 'Have you stretched out your stomach?' I sure don't want you to gain back all that weight you lost!' It was really hurtful. Surely you know I don't want to gain back all the weight either, nor do I intend to. But if eating healthfully means I'll carry a few more pounds than I did when I was drinking, you will either have to accept it or I will have to stop seeing you."

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is having a small wedding. I have one sister that my daughter and I speak with who is invited to the wedding. I have another sister who hasn't been in contact with my daughter in 20 years. We have minimal contact.

The invited sister is now threatening to give her invitation to my other sister! Have you ever heard of such a thing? She feels that no matter what, family should be invited, and she has taken it upon herself to invite our other sister to the wedding. How do I handle this situation? -- MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

DEAR MOTHER: Tell the sister you are still speaking to that when an invitation is sent, it is intended only for the individual whose name appears on the envelope. Contact the sister you speak to RARELY and explain that your daughter's wedding will be a small one, and since she hasn't been close to your daughter in 20 years, she is not on the guest list.

If that doesn't do the trick and she crashes the wedding, don't make a scene. Seat her in the back and explain politely that because she wasn't invited, no accommodation has been made for her at the reception. Focus on your daughter on her big day and avoid any backstage drama.

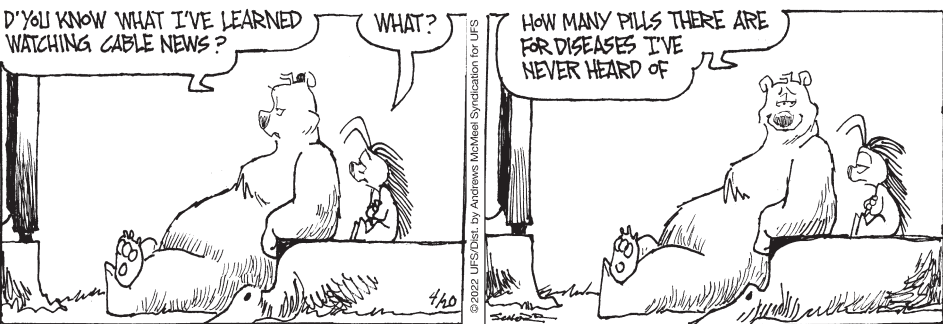
DEAR ABBY: I'm 69 and a retired military man. My wife passed away almost two years ago. I'm very fond of a single neighbor who is 30 and has two children. She has been inviting me for supper at her house at least three times a week and when I leave, we hug. I'd like to kiss her but I don't know if I should ask first or tell her I'm getting attached to her. How do I find out if she has feelings for me? -- PUZZLED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR PUZZLED: A way to do that would be to say, "I'd like to kiss you. How do you feel about that?" Then be prepared for the answer either way.

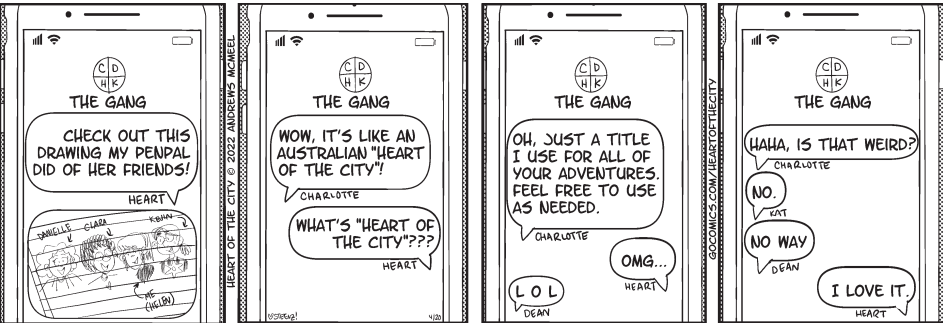
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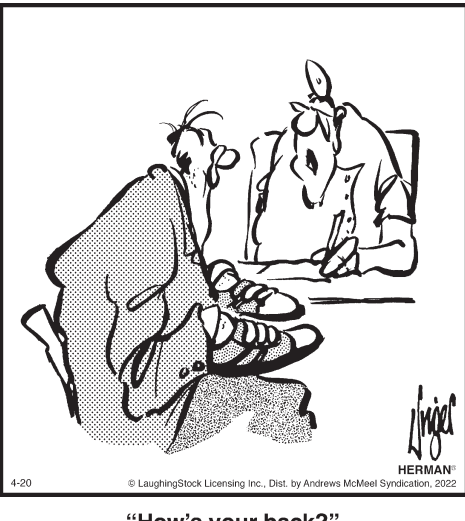
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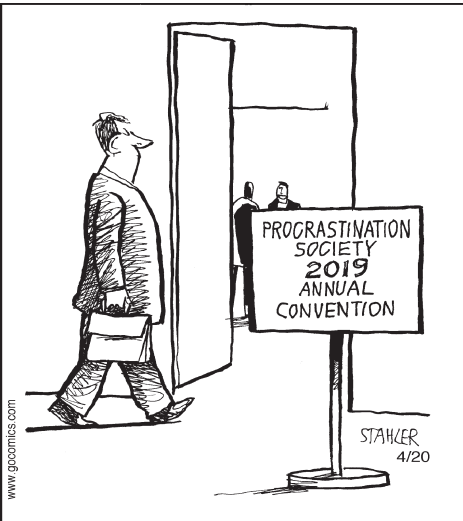
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