

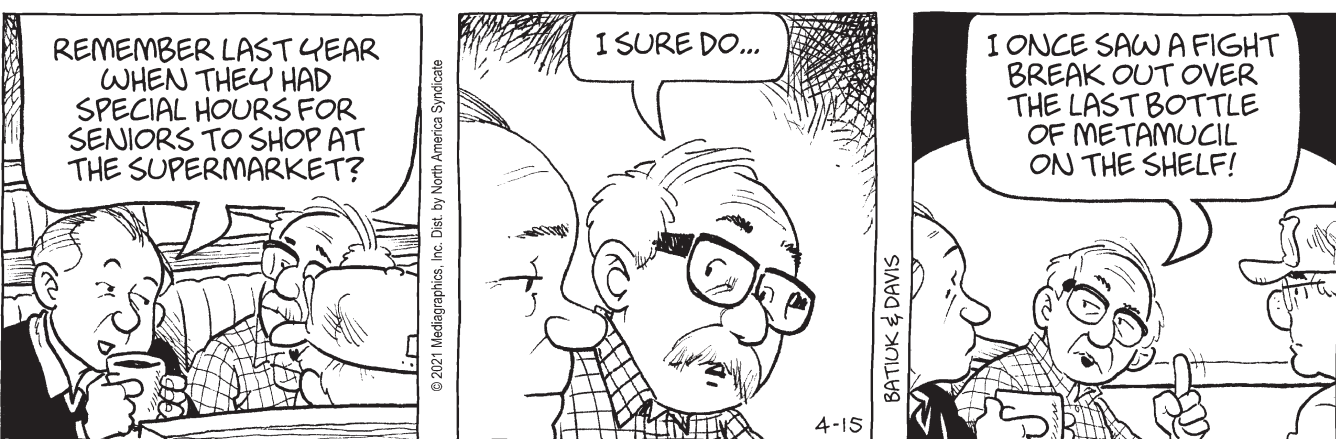
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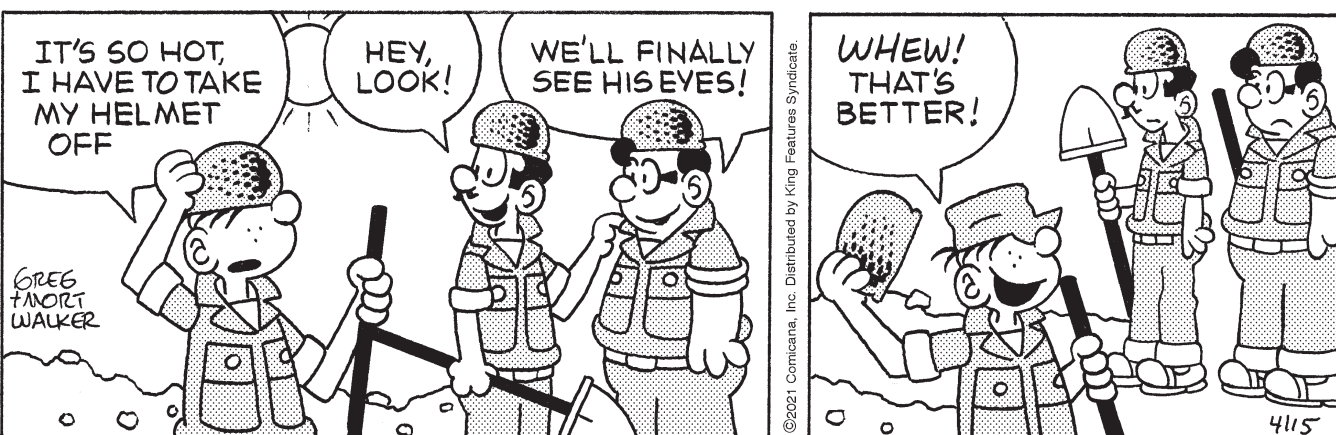
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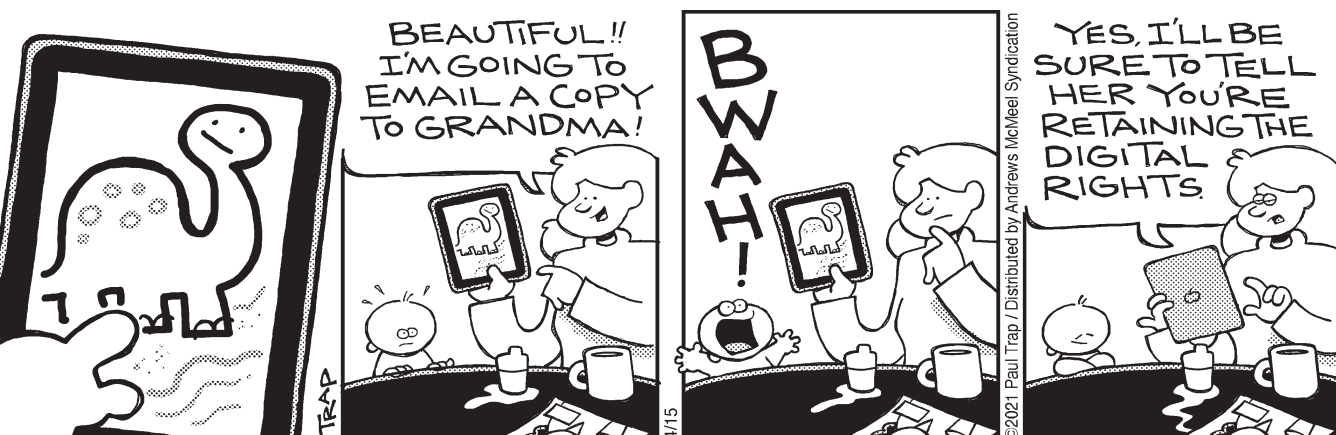
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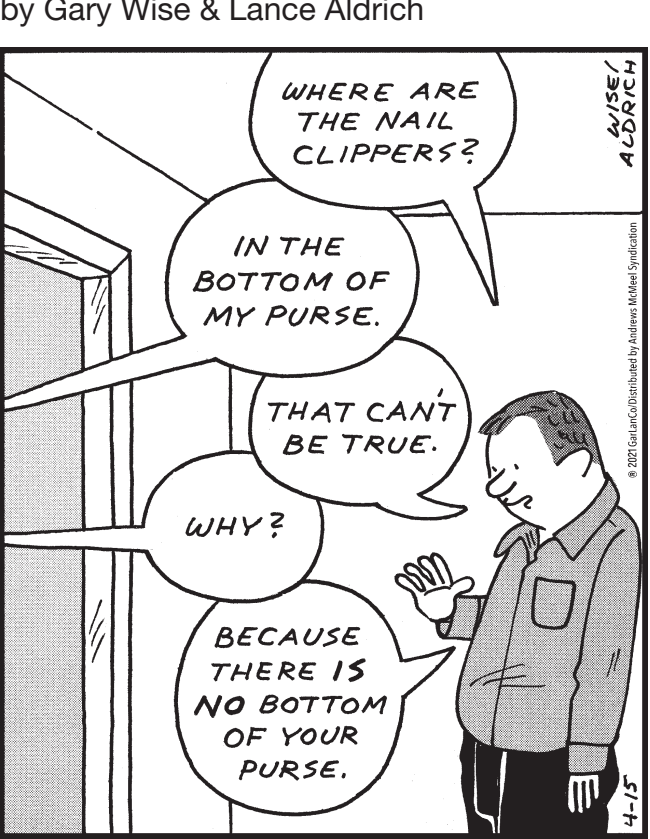
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Keep life, love and your financial matters in perspective. Put a strategy in place to ensure you stick to your budget, and don't take on more than you can handle. You have so much to gain if you pay attention to detail and channel your energy wisely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Put greater emphasis on how you handle your money. Stay within your budget to ease stress. Quality time spent with someone you love will bring you closer together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Put energy behind your plans, and make your dreams come true. It's up to you to do the work; if you count on others, you'll be disappointed. Delve in, get things done and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Live up to your promises and explore new territory. Do the groundwork and broaden your outlook. An unusual opportunity is heading in your direction. Romance is favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Assess your financial situation, then make adjustments. Listen to your heart. Be imaginative, and you'll come up with an inspired plan. A physical change will turn out better than anticipated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't fold under pressure. Shoot for the stars and walk away from unpredictable situations and people. Take ownership of your life, and do what makes you hap-

py. Now's your time to shine!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Emotional manipulation will set you back. Walk away from questionable situations and unreliable people. Make personal changes that will contribute to your happiness. Live life your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Aim high, be productive and make your voice heard. Stand up for your rights and lead the way to greater happiness and potential gain. Stop observing and start doing. Don't fold under pressure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Explore possibilities. Make a point to revamp your lifestyle to include well-rounded fitness and diet routines. Follow your intuition, and you'll find a way to reach your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Too many choices will confuse you. Question the motives of others before you agree to anything. Empty promises are likely. Rely on yourself. You will find the happiness you crave.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Fix up your digs and update your appearance. You'll make an impression on someone special. Don't depend on others, and question those who disapprove of you doing what's best for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Take better care of yourself and your finances. Use your intelligence to ward off meddling or lousy advice. Do your research, follow your heart and make positive lifestyle adjustments.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — An emotional trap will lead to trouble. Resist temptation and focus on what's best for you. Self-improvement projects and long-term investments are favored. Don't let anyone take advantage of you.

Sense & Sensitivity

Son resents dad's relationship with half-siblings

DEAR HARRIETTE: My ex-husband remarried a little while ago, and they eventually had a child. He and I share two kids from our marriage.

My oldest is starting to realize that the new child is getting a lot more attention than he did from his dad growing up. My oldest is in his late 20s now, so it seems kind of random for him to be harping on this the way he is. He will often compare his experiences with his father to the experiences that his youngest half-sibling is getting. I feel that it's not my place to address the resentment he's feeling toward his father. I really think that the two of them could benefit from a sit-down. Is it even my place to facilitate this? How can I make that happen? — **Hard Conversations**

DEAR HARD CONVERSATIONS: I think it's OK for you to start the conversation with your son. The reality is that your ex-husband had this child much later in life than when he had your son. I'm sure he has learned a lot from his past and is working to be a more attentive father this go-round. Yes, that may be hurtful to your son, but it is likely what is happening. It would be great if your son could recognize that he does not need to be in competition with his younger sibling. This is just a new time in the family's life.

Recommend that he reach out to his dad to talk. Instead of complaining about how much attention this new child is getting, why not ask his dad to rekindle their bond? Even though your son is older, he still needs his dad. He should say that to his father and ask him to make time to connect. That will likely work much better than making his dad feel guilty for loving his baby too much.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I know nothing about my birth parents. I was adopted when I was a newborn and was



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told very little about my biological mom and dad. I'm now in college and old enough to find myself getting more and more curious. I mentioned my birth parents to my adoptive mom and dad, and they said if I really wanted to talk about it, we could, but seemed clearly uninterested in willingly giving me information about them. I want to know more about my birth parents, but I don't want to upset my mom and dad. I also don't want to go behind their backs to find out more information because I don't want to betray their trust. What should I do? — **Happily Adopted**

DEAR HAPPILY ADOPTED: It is natural for you to be curious and perfectly normal to want to learn more. Tell your parents that you do want to learn more about your birth parents. Assure them that you love them, but this is a natural curiosity, and you would appreciate their help in pointing you to the adoption agency and any other information they have.

You can also start the process on your own. Child Welfare Information Gateway is the government agency that can help you start your research: acf.hhs.gov/cb/faq/adoption7.

If possible, include your parents in your exploration to the extent that they feel comfortable. This may help them know that you aren't going behind their backs. You just want to know.

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