

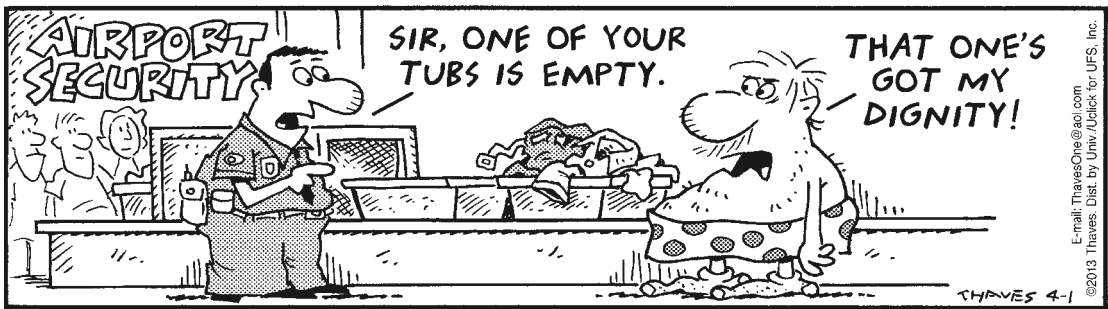
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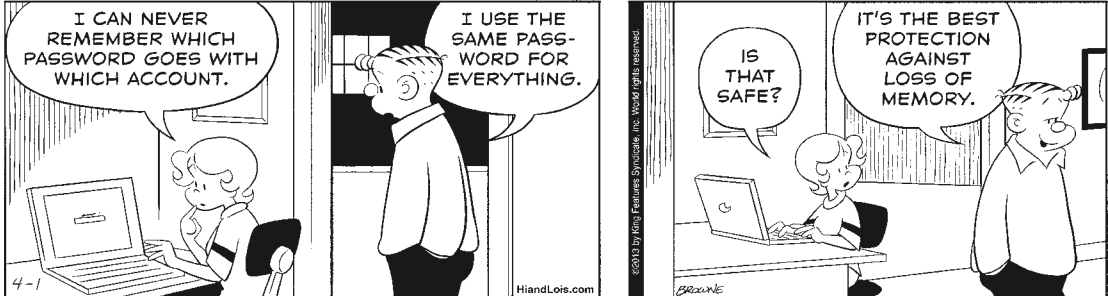
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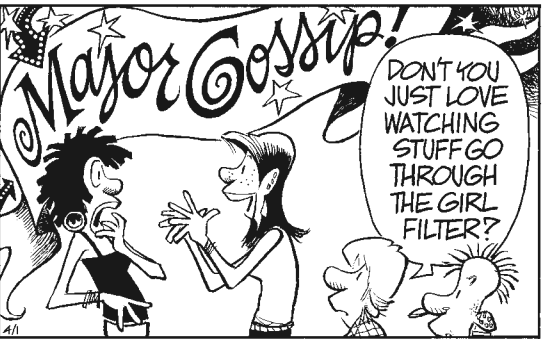
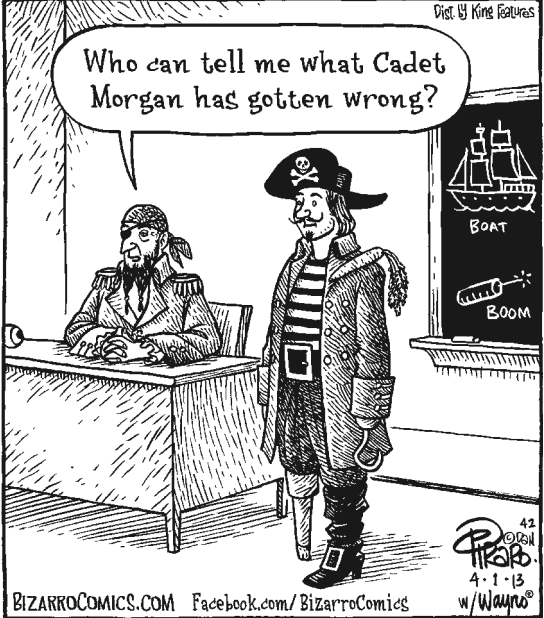
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# What Fools We Mortals Be, Trying To Pull Off A Joke!

DEAR READERS: It's April Fools' Day, the day on which I share some offbeat letters and examples of readers' efforts to pull my leg. It's all in fun — so enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married almost 10 years. He has always been a good husband, but recently he has been coming home increasingly late. He says he's putting in overtime.

The other day when I was doing the laundry, I discovered a red stain on his underwear. He said they were painting the bathroom at work and he had gotten paint on it when he used the facilities, but it looks more like lipstick to me.

Can you tell me how to get the lipstick out of his shorts? — GOOD HOUSEWIFE IN UTAH

DEAR GOOD HOUSEWIFE: There's more to marriage than getting whiter whites. You may be a great housewife, but you're missing the big picture. More important than getting the lipstick out of his shorts is keeping his shorts away from the lipstick. And that's no joke.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend just moved in, and we're going to have a party to celebrate. We have decided to have it here, but the problem is we have just one bathroom.

I think we should rent a porta-potty. We could put it in the hallway next to the dining room. My girlfriend thinks that's tacky, but I think it's a sensible solution. Because this is a fourth-floor walk-up, the porta-potty folks may charge extra to deliver it. Advice, please? — TOM AND NANCY IN NEW YORK

DEAR TOM AND NANCY: Gladly. CHARGE for the use of the porta-potty and two things will happen: You will make enough money to reimburse yourself for the delivery cost, and so few guests will accept

your invitations in the future that your one bathroom will be able to accommodate them.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I and our teenage son came home from a family get-together, and after he went to bed, my wife told me she wants to get a new, "bouncier" bed. We don't want to wake up our son with the noise of our enjoying it. What kind of bed do you recommend?

— MR. ROMANCE IN OREGON  
DEAR MR. ROMANCE: Forget the bed and buy a trampoline. And if your son asks why, tell him you're training to join the circus.



## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: How can I give my boyfriend makeup sex if we never have an argument? — MISS BLISS IN INDIANA

DEAR MISS BLISS: That's a good question. If you figure out the answer, let me know.

DEAR ABBY: I am a married man dating a married woman. She's the love of my life. My girlfriend is sweet, kind, has a caring heart and is very much a lady.

We often sneak away for romantic weekends, where we laugh and enjoy being together and forget our daily routines. Sometimes I'll stop and watch her while she shops or talks to people and admire how beautiful she is. The twinkle in her eyes is as close as I can get to the stars in the sky. I adore her and plan to be with her for the rest of my life.

And one more thing: My girlfriend is also my bride of 40 years! — ONE LUCKY GUY IN TENNESSEE

DEAR LUCKY GUY: Normally I'd advise you to try to turn your wife into the love of your life, but you're ahead of me!

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## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Sagittarius if born before 10:05 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013:

This year you will tend to be more adventuresome than in past years. You have unusually high energy and need a positive outlet. You communicate with excellence; people respond to you. If you are single, you are like a magnet — several admirers cannot stay away. You could be interested in someone who has a very unusual lifestyle. If you are attached, form a habit of jogging or walking every day, or else you could find yourself fighting with your sweetie. Your frustration level might be a problem. SAGITTARIUS encourages you to take risks.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

### ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ Once more, you are energized and ready to go. Others respond to your efforts. Opportunities pop up left and right; know that you are fortunate. Trust yourself to know which way to turn. A call comes in from out of left field that makes you smile. Tonight: Hang out.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Go with the moment, but be sure to include a friend or loved one in your plans. You might be in the throes of anger and trying to suppress your feelings. Know that they will come through anyway. The other party happily will work through this rift with you. Tonight: Togetherness.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Defer to a partner or an associate who seems to have a lot to share. This person might want to have an open discussion with you. Relate to him or her directly, especially if you feel angry or frustrated. Clearing the air will energize you. Tonight: Go for what you want.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

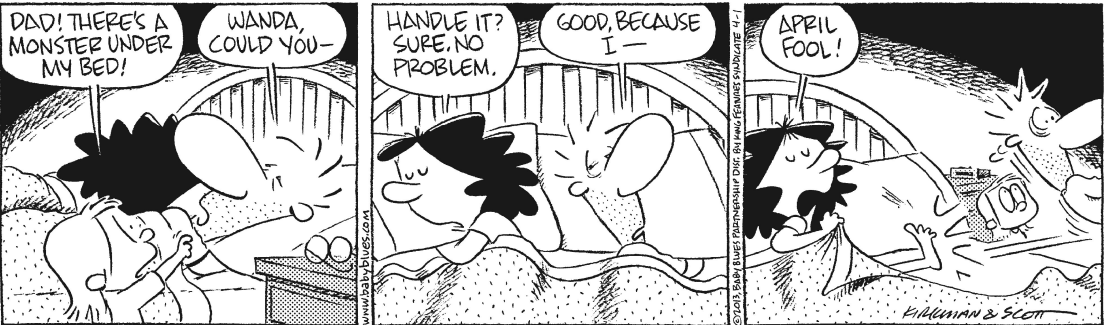
★★★★ You might want to approach a personal matter differently. You'll open up to a positive change, mainly because your sixth sense pushes you in that direction. You are in a period where you make the right choices. Tonight: Back away from a controlling authority figure.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal issue.

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