

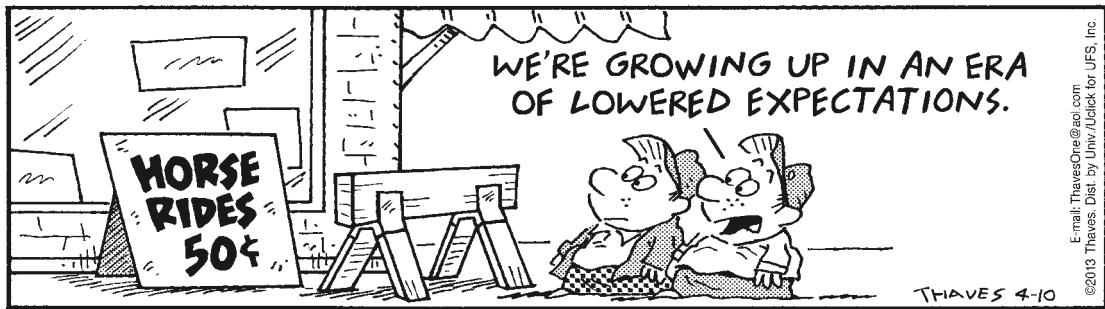
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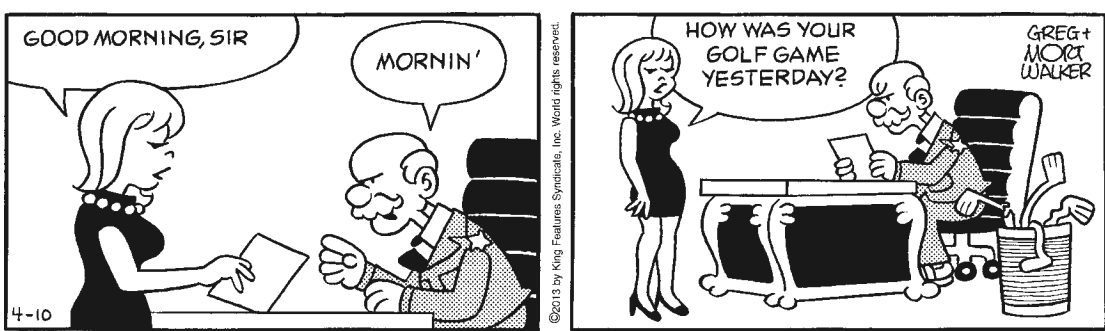
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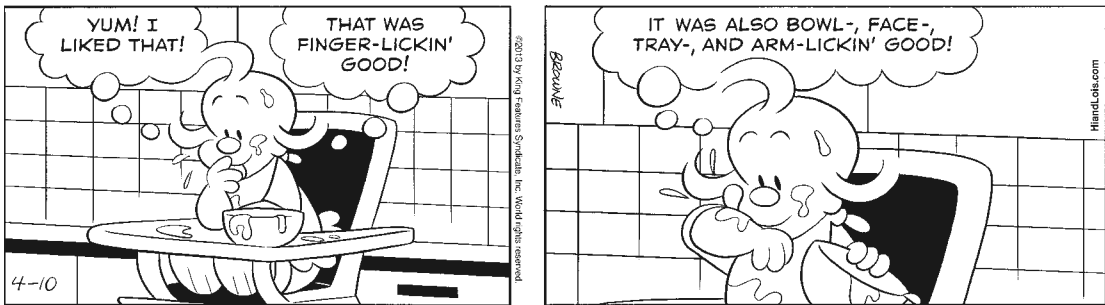
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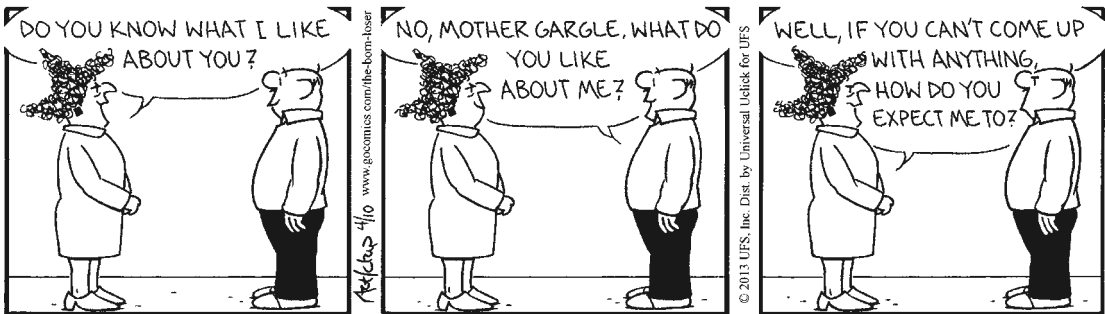
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Girl's Racy Facebook Profile Makes Grandma Look Askance

DEAR ABBY: I have just discovered that my granddaughter's mother helped her get a Facebook page on which she is listed as 17, interested in men and in a relationship. The child is only 11, but you'd never know it from the makeup and hairdo in her photo.

I am heartbroken that she is being "marketed" this way and that her prospects for a life of achievement and happiness are zero. I have little to no contact with her because I have been put off by her mother's "street" attitude. If her lips are moving, the woman is lying. My granddaughter is disrespectful and ignorant.

What breaks my heart is that I had hoped to pass on to her items that have been in our family for generations, including a sizable inheritance. What can I do to salvage a relationship with a girl who wants nothing to do with me? Failing that, where can I turn to replace her with a more suitable heir? My son can't father any more children. — SAD GRANNY IN FLORIDA

DEAR SAD GRANNY: Your granddaughter may be disrespectful because her mother dislikes you, and you haven't been around enough so the girl could really get to know you. Also, she is only 11. Her mother is presenting her on Facebook in an inappropriate manner (to put it mildly), and the result could be tragic.

Is it possible for your son to talk with a lawyer and seek custody? If it's not, he should contact child protective services. Rather than "replace" your grandchild, it would be better for all concerned to HELP her.

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, I found out that my wife of 14 years was sneaking around behind my back with her high school sweetheart. I confronted both of them and it ended. I forgave her, but I still can't sleep at night because of something that's bothering me.

His wife has no idea about the affair, and I feel guilty that I haven't told her about everything that happened.

Some of my friends say I should call her and tell her, but now it seems like it happened too long ago to bring it to her attention. Also, in an attempt to get her husband to come clean — which he did — I promised him I wouldn't tell his wife.

My wife and I have patched things up and we're having the best years of our life together. So the question is, should I break my word and possibly upset my new relationship with my wife so I can not feel this guilt? — CAN'T SLEEP IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CAN'T SLEEP: Surely there's a better cure for your insomnia than causing needless pain to the wife. The affair ended years ago, and she is blameless in all this. Because you are still having trouble sleeping, talk to your doctor about it. Some sessions with a psychologist or a licensed family therapist may help you to assuage your guilt and find closure.

DEAR ABBY: I have had the same barber for several years and he is a good friend. While he was on vacation, I used another barber in the shop for a cut. I really like how he cut my hair. How can I change barbers without causing hurt feelings? — LOOKIN' GOOD IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR LOOKIN' GOOD: Barbers are human like everyone else. If you announce that you want to make a change, there probably will be hurt feelings. The question you must ask yourself is, is your relationship with your barber/friend such a close one that you're willing to tolerate continuing to patronize him even though you think someone else can do a better job. (Now THAT'S friendship!)

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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 and Moon in Aries if born before 8:22 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013:

This year, you experience a new beginning in a significant area of your life. To others, you will seem as if you have endless energy and creativity, and they will be right. Take advantage of this special year; use it well, but do not step on others' feet. If you are single, you might choose a relationship in which someone puts you on a pedestal. Be careful -- there is only one way to go, and that is down. Go for a more realistic bond. If you are attached, make sure that you share the limelight and/or dote on your sweetie, or he or she might become very uncomfortable and difficult. TAURUS knows how to spend his or her money, and maybe even yours, too!

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)

★★★★ A new beginning becomes very possible. Express your enthusiasm for a project and for the direction in which you are heading. Once you are behind something, it becomes a reality. Share some of your ideas with friends and loved ones. Tonight: Find a reason for celebration.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You have a lot going on. Take your time deciphering your feelings, as they could change rapidly. Rather than act aggressively or get into a fight, stop to see what is happening within yourself. Once you can discuss this reaction, you will feel much better. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ A friendship could take a sudden new twist or turn. You have worked so hard to get to a certain point that you hardly have had any time to relax. Stop and look around. Your feelings very likely will float to the surface, so take some time to deal with them. Tonight: Greet a change positively.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Pressure builds. You might be on the verge of a professional change, or perhaps you are heading in a new direction with a relationship where you look up to the person. Visualize more of what you want, and express your desires openly. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

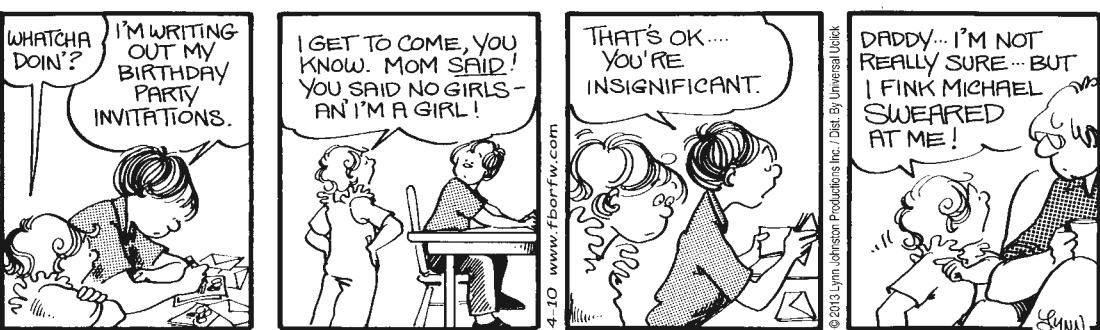
HHHHH Keep reaching out to someone you care

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