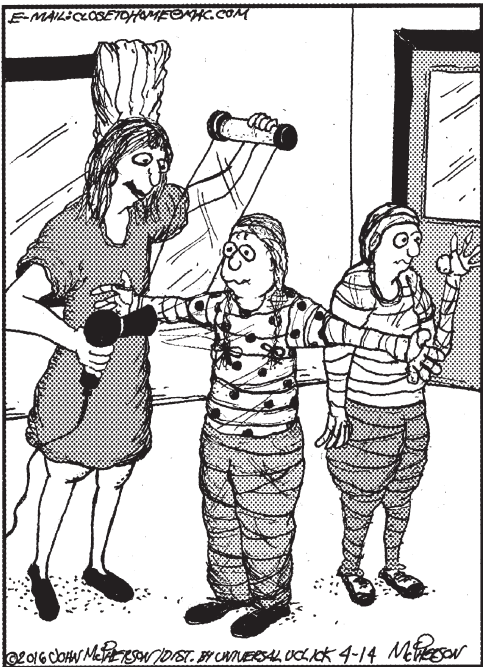


CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



With ticks out in full force and concerned about Lyme disease, Shelly always shrink-wrapped the kids before they went out.

Millionaire keeps financial status secret

**Dear Abby:** I'm a 29-year-old self-made millionaire who has spent the last decade saving and investing my middle-class income. I grew up dirt poor, so at 18 I left home with \$5, went straight to work and never looked back.

Recently, I've realized that I struggle to make friends for fear they'll find out about my financial situation. Those who know only want to talk about money or treat me differently. Most of my peers are broke and it makes me feel guilty. Those with high incomes blow their money on fancy dinners and luxury vehicles. I'm just a working-class woman who likes driving my 10-year-old car, and I don't feel like I fit in with anyone. In fact, I'm developing an anxiety.

A few months ago I went to the bank to deposit a large sum of money and was mortified to see that the bank teller was a friend of the family. I have gone to the extreme of lying about owning homes and going on vacations, and it's making me crazy.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
DEAR ABBY

I even have issues with letting my young daughter's friends come over for playdates, for fear that the other moms will think our house is "too nice."

Do I need counseling or is this just a turning point in my life that I need to grasp?  
— *Money Worries*

**Dear Money Worries:** If someone has to have money worries, yours are the nicest kind to have.

It would be interesting to know how many successful people share your feelings, because I suspect that you are far from alone in experiencing them. (A psychiatrist once told me that many of her successful patients feel like frauds despite their considerable accomplishments.)

A licensed mental health professional can help you to get past these feelings before they cause your daughter to be isolated, and I think the money would be well spent.

P.S. If you feel your banking transactions are not being kept confidential, either change financial institutions or arrange for private banking, which is available for high-net-worth individuals.

**Dear Abby:** I am raising two of my grandchildren because their parents can't take care of them. The kids are still learning acceptable behavior because they were never taught.

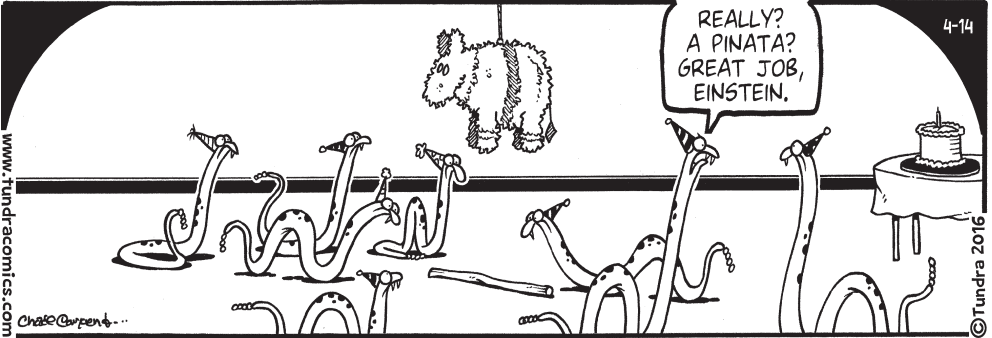
I'll give you an example of something that happens often: I was paying for an item at a store and my granddaughter sneaked behind the counter and reached into the display case. Cupcakes were involved. The saleslady asked her to stop. I immediately got ahold of my wayward offender, glued her to my side until I was finished and then made her apologize.

The problem was, the saleslady immediately said, "Oh, it's OK." I then had to ask the saleslady to please NOT tell my granddaughter that it was OK, but instead to accept my granddaughter's apology, because my granddaughter really would think it WAS OK. Your thoughts?  
— *Raising Grandkids*

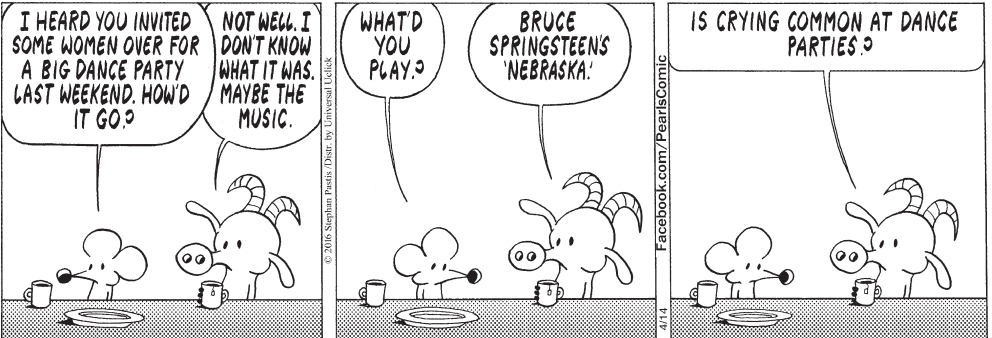
**Dear Raising:** I think the salesperson was simply being polite and professional, and that those children are lucky to have such a caring grandmother watching out for them.

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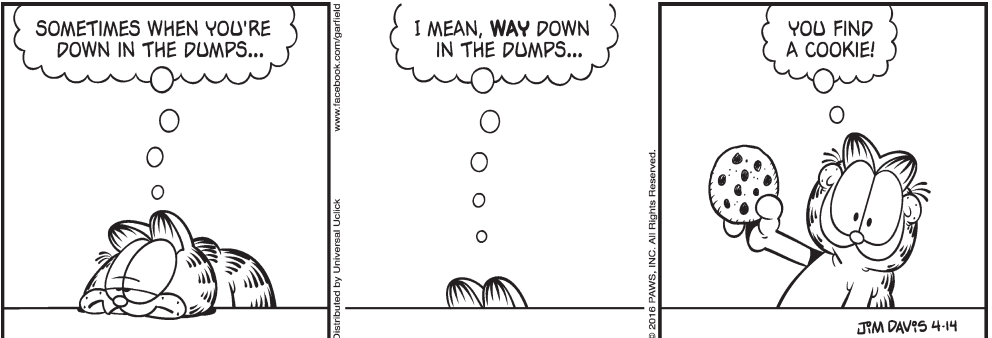
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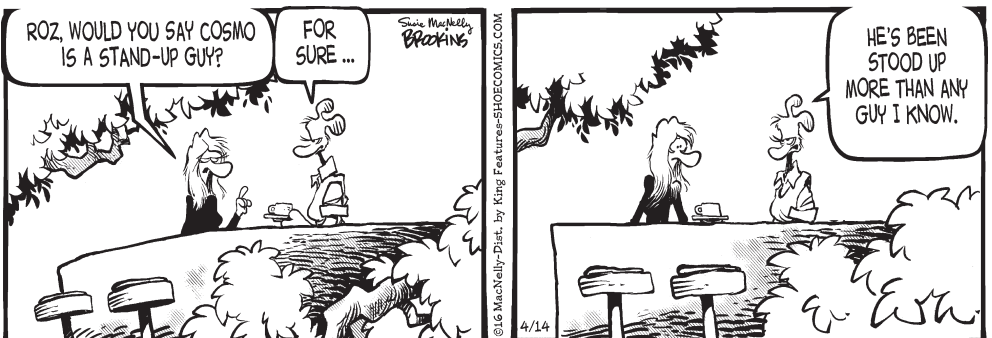
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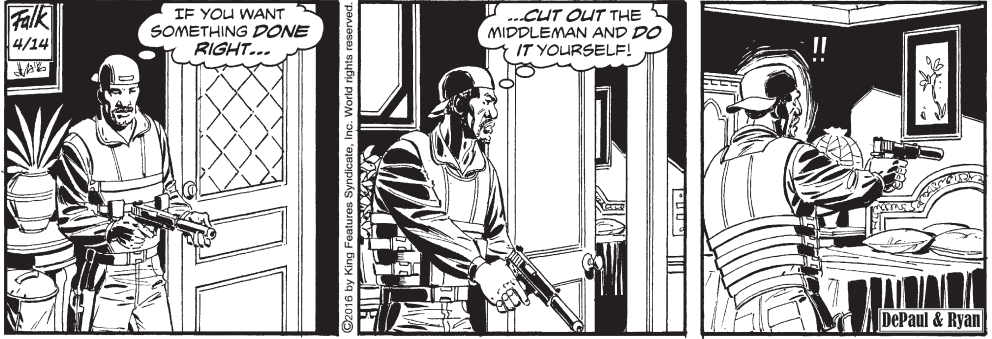
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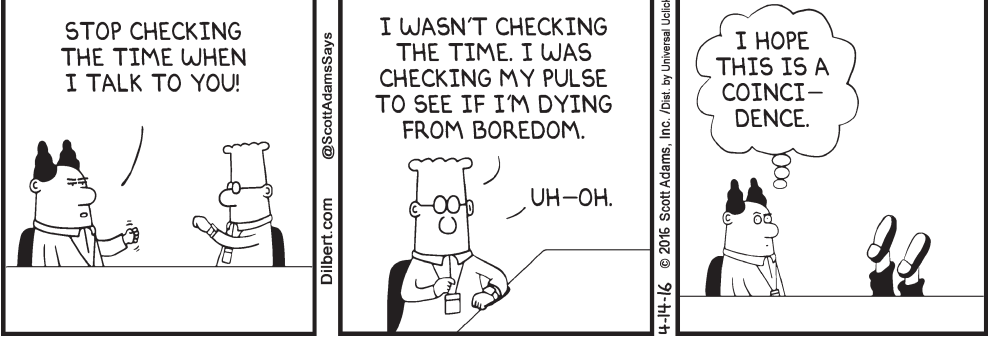
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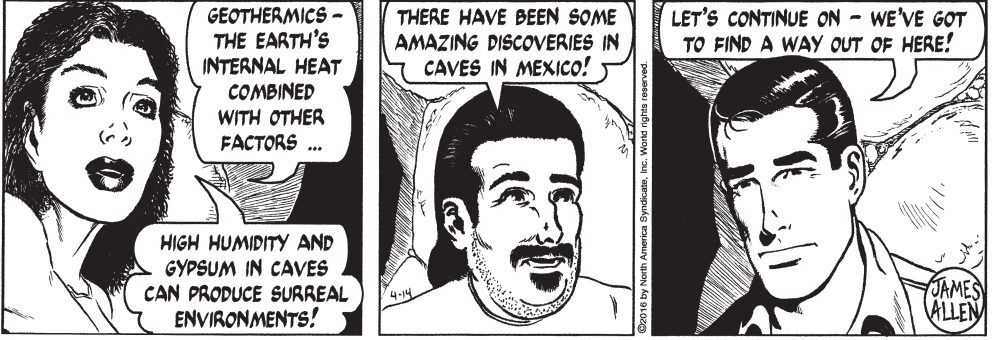
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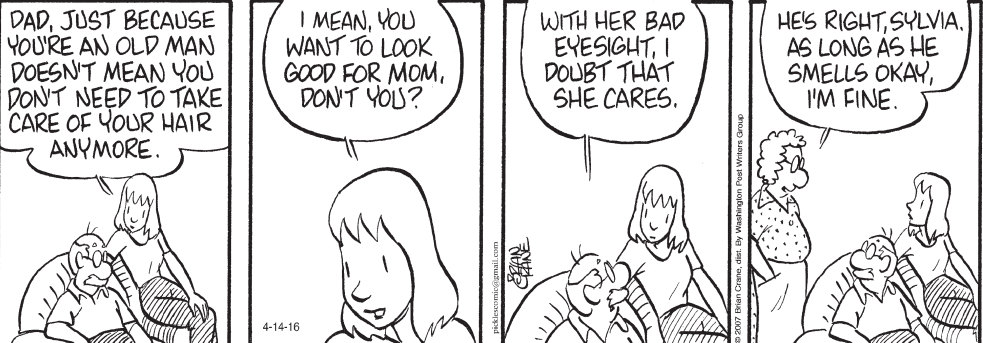
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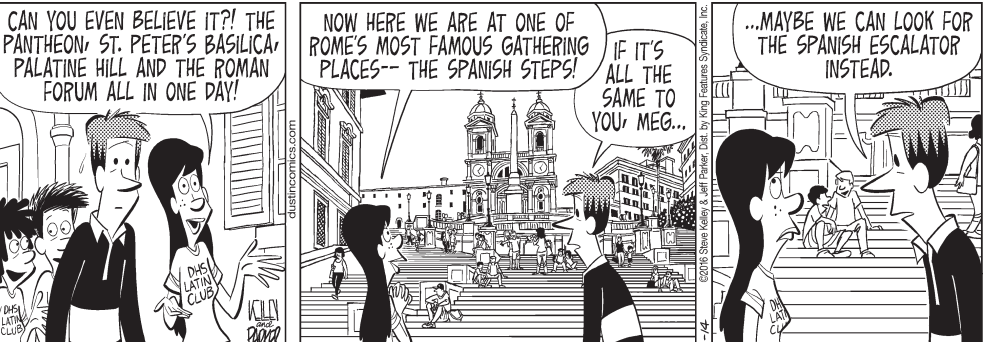
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Daily Horoscope

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Certain people who know the facts all too well are likely to exaggerate and distort them for their own entertainment.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You strive to leave the world better than you found it, preferably with many smiles in your wake. Your commitment to add good cheer wherever you go will be the side project that becomes a main part of your legacy.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your leisure time is too precious to spend on entertainment you're not that into. Your work time is the same: Just because you're getting paid doesn't mean you should settle for being less than totally excited.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You are quite vigilant about showing up where you're expected. Don't go soft when it comes to your own schedule! You have one hour to spend on your favorite activity.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You're not expecting anyone else to bring you to life, and yet you cannot deny that being around certain people just makes you feel better, more vibrant and more joyful.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll be working on something uncomfortably exciting today. Are you really qualified? No! There is no way for you



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to be qualified except by taking it on now. That's what makes it a bold adventure.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** It's your curious attitude that opens the world to you. You never have to worry where this is going next. Being genuinely interested in one thing will immediately link you to the next thing.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The great skill that trumps all the other skills right now is listening. When you do that well, you give yourself a distinct advantage, standing out in a sea of self-involved individuals.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Discussing and accounting for your time will be a key component of this day. It will be useful to keep a log of your activities, especially if those activities involve reading.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** It happens every so often that you find yourself in a predicament you don't quite understand. You've achieved many years of wisdom and yet maybe you're still too young for this one.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Impatience and laziness are the evils to combat now, as they will lead to far worse sins. Any tendency in this direction needs to be rooted out and replaced with compassion and usefulness.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Maybe you were going for a certain prize in the beginning, and it's still very important to you that you get this, but the joy of achievement is the true treasure you'll take away from the experience.