

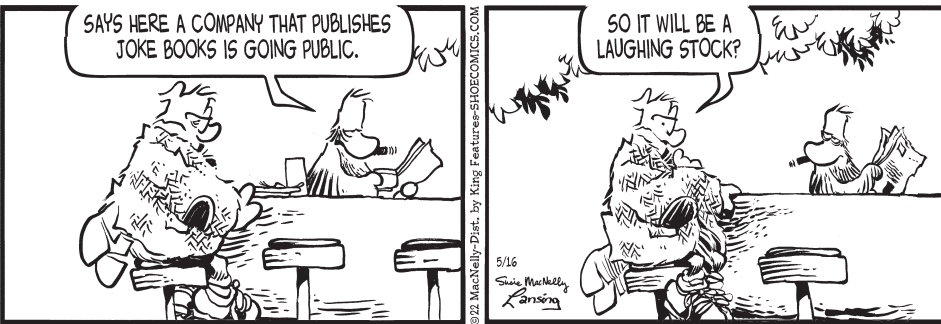
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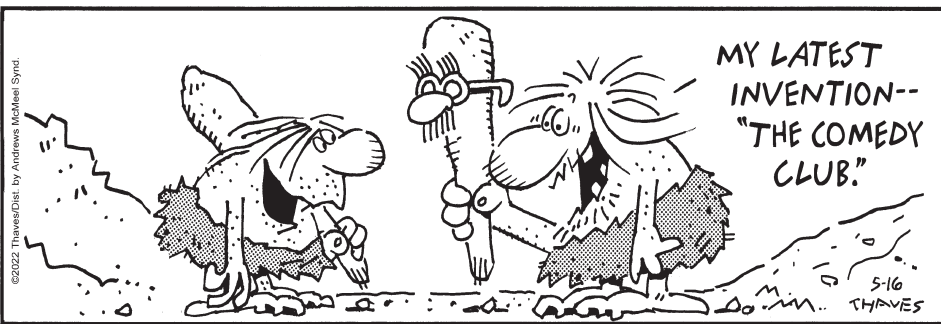
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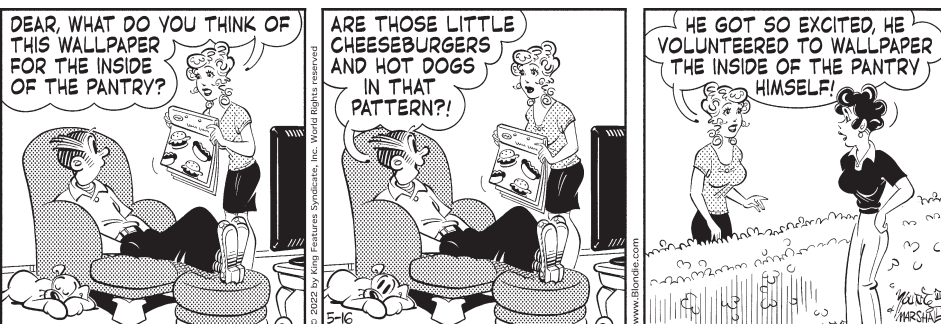
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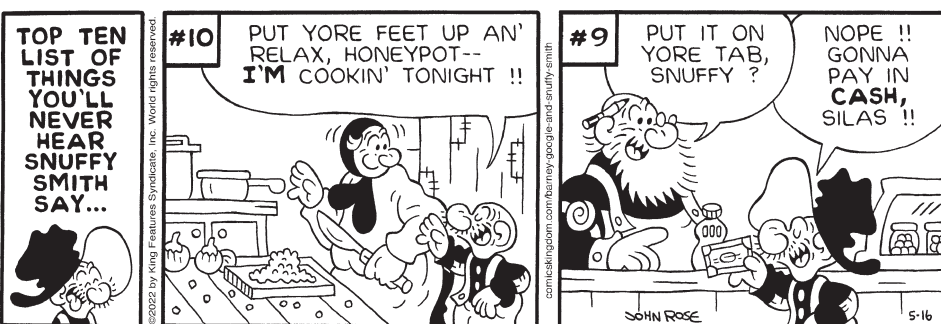
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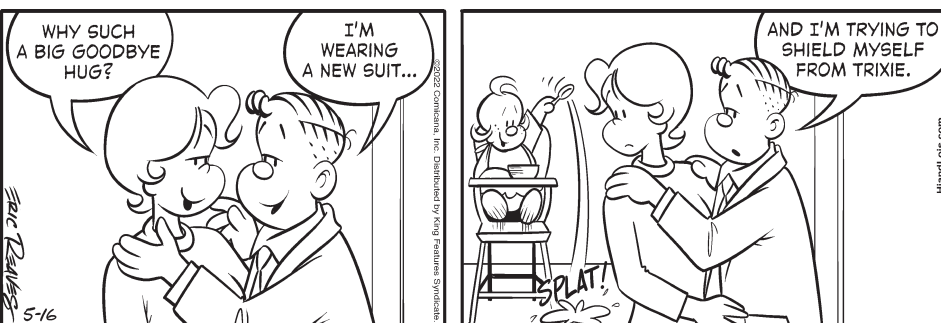
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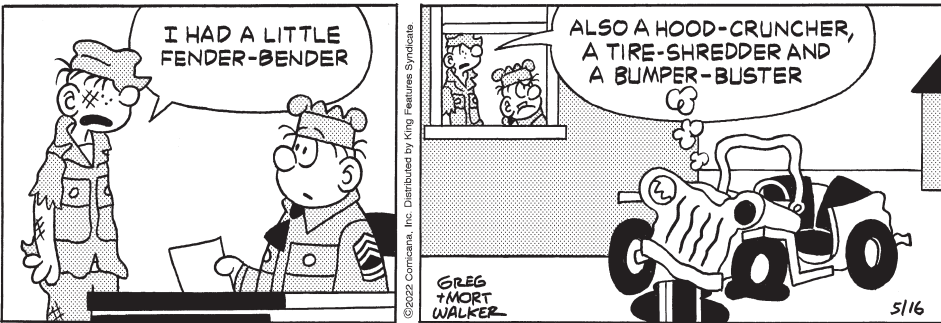
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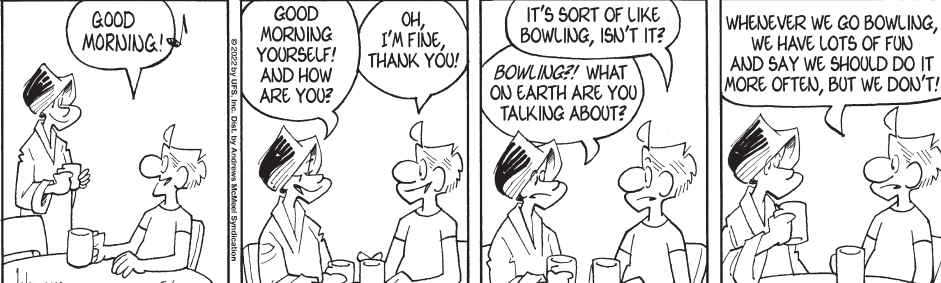
**Hi and Lois**



**Beetle Bailey**



**Arlo and Janis**



**Your Birthday today:**

Sort through the clutter and tie up loose ends. Concentrate on personal growth and what makes you happy. Participate in any changes that will affect your status or position. Be innovative and offer alternative ideas. Take charge instead of leaving things up to others. Take a passionate approach to maintain a good rapport with people who can help you get things done.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Look at things from every angle and decide what's best for you. Don't jump on someone's bandwagon. Pay attention to detail and maintain a level head when dealing with authority figures.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Leave nothing to chance. Stop worrying about others. Put your energy into expanding your interests, skills and creative ideas. A disciplined attitude will keep you in the game.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Pay attention to detail and do things that encourage others to help. Keep the momentum flowing and your options open. A joint venture will ease stress and give you financial freedom.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Broaden your outlook, pick up skills and learn something that will help you raise your earning potential. Set high standards and discuss plans with someone you can rely on for good advice.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Take nothing for granted. Control your emotions and put yourself in someone else's shoes before complaining or criticizing. Focus on personal growth instead of trying to change others.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Do something you feel passionate about, and you'll find a way to make it profitable. Invest time and money into updating your skills and marketing what you have to offer.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Participate, network and listen to what others say. The information you gather will help you develop a solid plan. Don't let anyone limit you or prevent you from making progress.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Your emotions will be difficult to control. A designated space for a certain project will ensure your success. Self-improvement, fitness and a relaxing break are encouraged.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Avoid crowded venues or people who don't respect your privacy. A renovation or change you make to your home or lifestyle will encourage you to free up time to do what makes you happy.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Trouble will surface if you are too open about your thoughts. Keep your secrets to yourself and go about your business. A physical change will give you a needed boost.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Don't sit back; go after what you want and don't stop until you are happy with the results. Expand your interests, but don't overpend. Do the work yourself and take credit for what you accomplish.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Explore the possibilities and implement updates. Stay on top of technology and industry standards; you'll gain respect. Make changes to improve your position or apply for something new.

**DEAR ABBY**



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**DEAR ABBY:** I had a friend I adored. She was someone I had known for over 20 years, but I had to say goodbye to her. I realized she is a shoplifter and also doesn't tip at restaurants.

When she shoplifted, I was with her. I had no idea she was doing it until we got back to the car and one of the items fell out of her bag. I was appalled. I told her to never do it again when we were together, and I have tried not to shop with her since. I realized she wasn't leaving tips when her receipt blew away with a gust of wind. She was in the restroom when I picked it up and saw there was no tip for the server, who was working very hard.

I told her I didn't feel comfortable going places with her under these circumstances, especially with how things have changed during COVID. The last straw was when I caught her trying to sneak into a musical event. There are musicians in my family, and I know how they and others have struggled during these hard times.

She has more than enough money to cover these costs. I don't understand why she does it. The problem is I feel guilty. Should I reach out and suggest we do things that don't involve music, restaurants or shopping? Maybe we can just go for walks and talk? I miss her friendship. -- **TAKEN ABACK IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR TAKEN ABACK:** I don't advise it. The woman you "miss" -- I hesitate to refer to her as your "friend" -- is selfish, stingy, dishonest, self-centered and lacks compassion for others. You need her in your life like a moose needs a hat rack. Find walking companions who are caring, generous and honest with whom to "get your steps in."

**DEAR ABBY:** My younger brother is in his 60s. As a child, he was very active and athletic. Decades later, he is seriously overweight and having trouble with his knees, plus numerous other physical problems. He's addicted to painkillers and takes many other drugs. Over the last 10 years, he has had disagreements with at least 10 people and written mean and spiteful texts. Because of it, he has lost many friends and even his doctor.

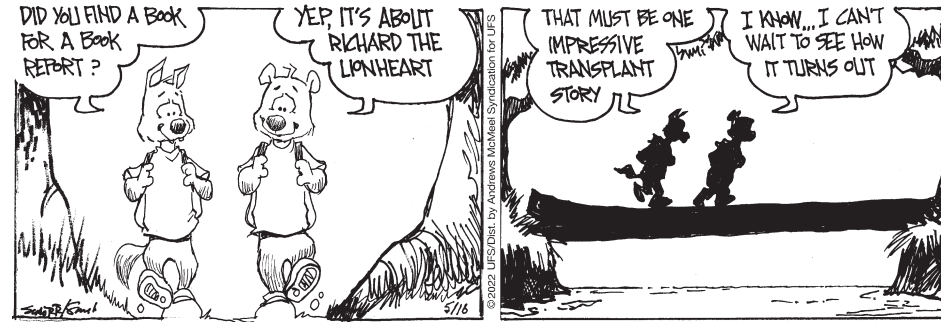
He didn't communicate with me unless he wanted my opinion about something he had done or said. If I disagreed, he sent me hateful, upsetting texts as well. Last year, he asked my opinion about something, and when I disagreed with him, he blasted me again. He also doesn't like my husband or stepdaughter and mentioned them up in his text. I finally decided I had had enough and quit engaging him. Am I overreacting? -- **SECOND THOUGHTS IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS:** I don't think so. Because you want to avoid the pain of interacting with your dysfunctional sibling, your solution is both logical and appropriate. Please do not second-guess or punish yourself for protecting yourself.

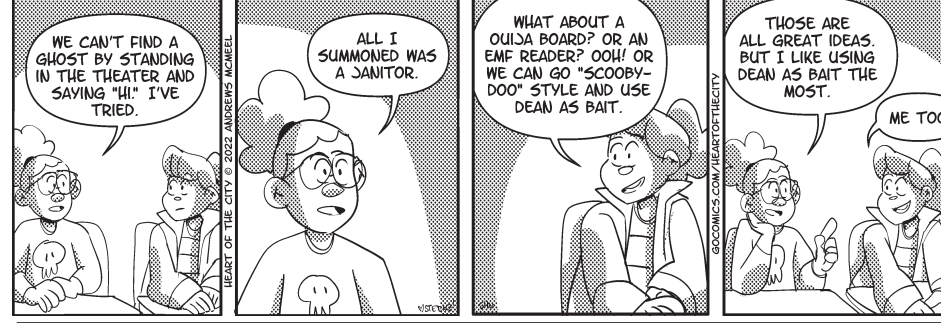
**Brevity**



**Grizwells**



**Heart of the City**



**Herman**



**Moderately Confused**



**Born Loser**

