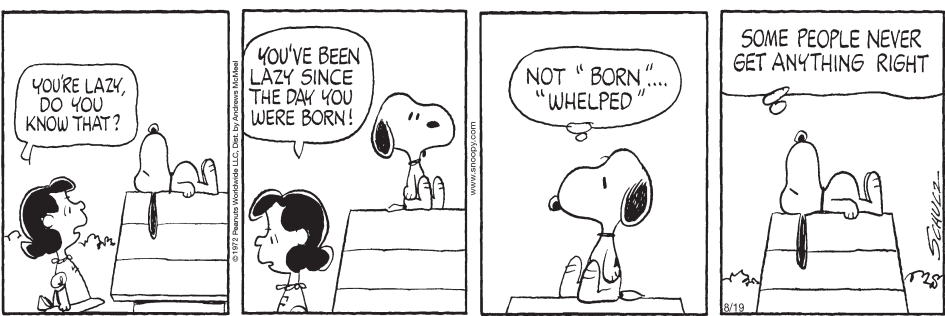


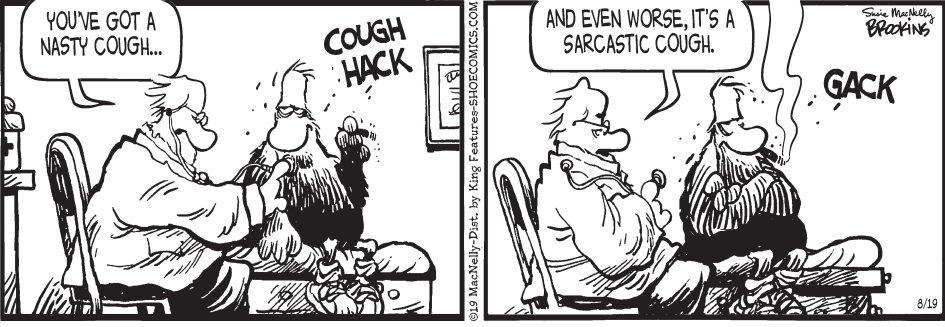
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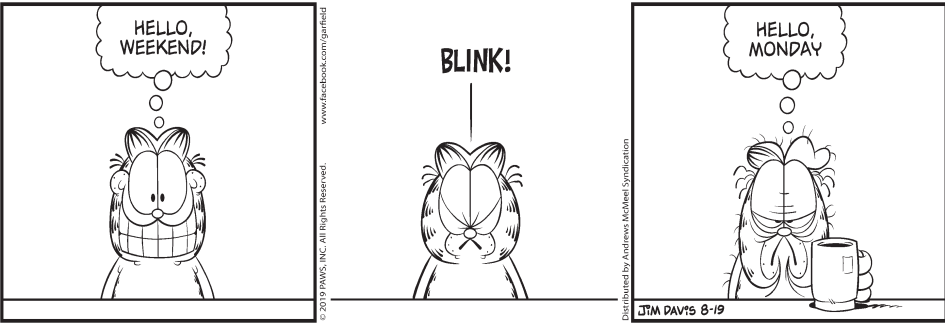
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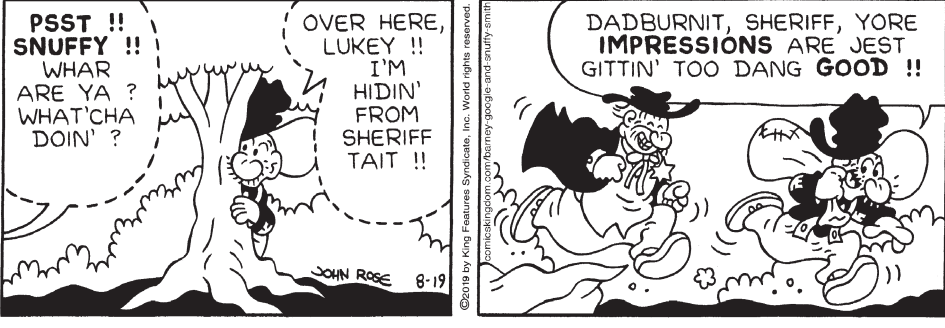
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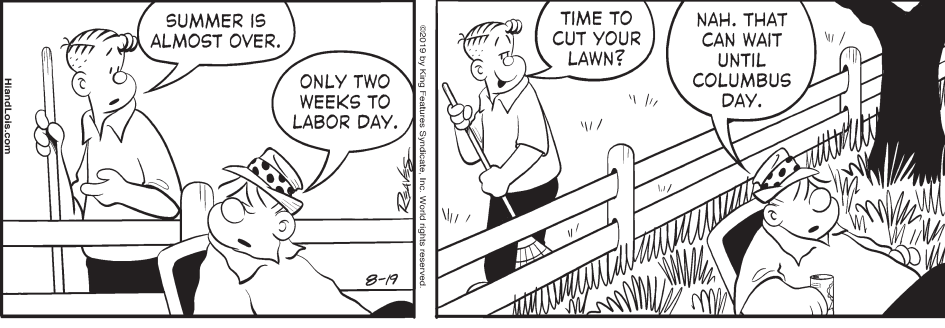
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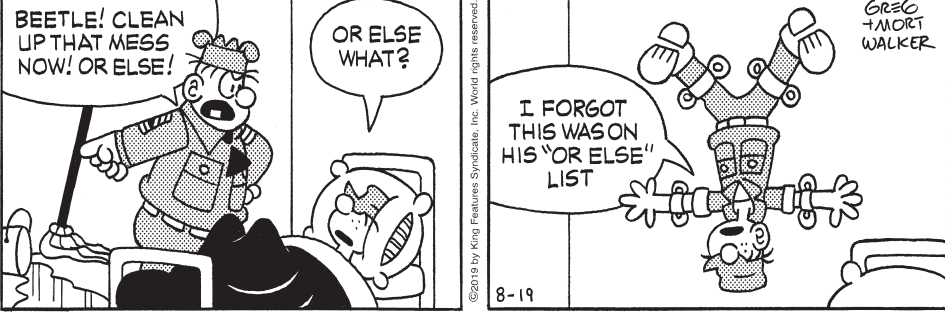
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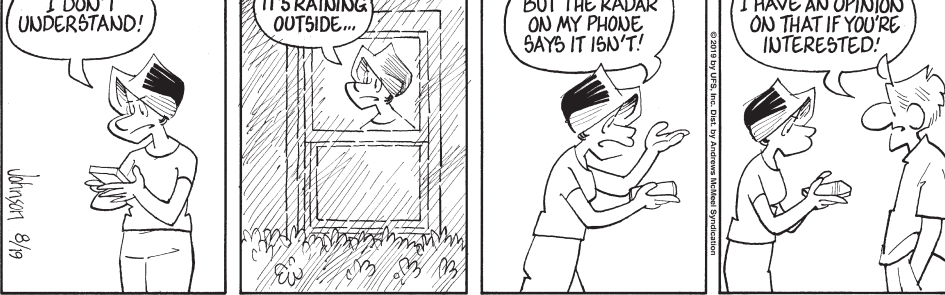
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Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

The possibilities are endless if you use what you already have to your advantage. Attitude is everything, and maintaining a well-balanced lifestyle and a positive mindset will encourage you to exploit opportunities that bring you peace of mind, comfort and joy. Personal gain, self-improvement and romance are featured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Learn as you go. An open mind and a desire to do things on your own will tip the scale in your favor. Don't feel obligated to follow someone else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Step up and take charge. If you want to change, do something about it. Focus on the end results and don't stop until you reach your goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Say what's on your mind and clear the air. Once you know where you stand and how others feel, you will know how to best move forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Set a course and refuse to let anyone sidetrack you. An energetic and disciplined approach will help you bring about positive change and greater freedom to do as you please.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Home and self-improvements will give you a new lease on life. Don't feel that you must abide by someone else's grand plan when you have your own path to follow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Speed things up and finish what you start before someone tries to interfere. The less interaction you have with others, the easier it will be to get things done your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Opportunity knocks. Look over your options and consider what will bring you the most satisfaction and the least stress. Do what suits you best and have no regrets. Romance is highlighted.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Don't reveal information that might be used against you or put you in an awkward position. Moderation should be practiced, regardless of what others choose to do. Personal improvement is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - A passionate attitude can help you reach your goals, but discipline and practicality will ensure that you get there without suffering setbacks on the way. Personal gain and romance are featured.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Think before you act. You may crave change, but that doesn't mean the time is right to make a move. Take your time, plan your actions and leave no room for error.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Spend more time taking care of your physical, emotional and financial needs. Refuse to get caught up in someone else's drama or extravagance. Protect your reputation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - You know what's required, so refuse to let the little things get in your way. Take care of business as well as your physical and emotional health.

DEAR ABBY



Advice written by Jeane Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 7-year-old granddaughter, "Hannah," is the light of my life. Her mother walked out on her when she was 2, and her mother's parents don't know she exists. Her mother hid her pregnancy and delivery, and the child has lived with us since birth.

My heart has always broken for her maternal grandparents. I could not imagine not knowing Hannah and missing out on her life. I have always wanted to send them pictures or even introduce her to them (they don't live far from us). My husband says it's not our place, and we run the risk of them trying to get some kind of custody.

Currently, my son and Hannah's mother share legal custody, but he has full physical custody. There has been no communication from her mother in at least five years.

Hannah is starting to ask questions about her mother, and we have always been truthful with her. It will not be long before she puts things together and realizes she has another set of grandparents. Should we inform them about her grandchild? - **HOLDING A SECRET IN THE EAST**

DEAR HOLDING: Because your son has full physical custody of Hannah, tell him about your concerns. Hannah's maternal grandparents have been in the dark for so long, the news of her existence is bound to be a bombshell. There's a reason why their daughter didn't want them to know about her, and as you pointed out, there could be legal ramifications. Because Hannah is now asking questions about her mother, her father should prepare to answer them for her. However well-intentioned you may be, this matter is for your son to deal with, not you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a teen girl. "Chloe" and I have been friends since first grade. Even though we went to different high schools and have made other friends, we still remained close, spending summer vacations with each other's family.

We are now juniors in high school. Last summer she told me she's a lesbian and shared all her feelings with me. I understand her, and we're still close friends, sharing each other's secrets. Her family knows and accepts her sexual orientation as I and my family do.

Three months ago, she met a partner, and I was truly happy for her. Unfortunately, her partner must feel insecure about our friendship because she has turned Chloe against me. Chloe no longer returns my calls or texts.

I miss my friend and confidante badly and can't get over it. How can I get over my loss? I can't understand why we all can't be friends. I don't know what to do. - **MISSING MY BESTIE IN FLORIDA**

DEAR MISSING: You can't "all be friends" because Chloe's girlfriend is threatened by the long-standing relationship you have had with her. This has nothing to do with you; it is a reflection of the girl's insecurity and possessiveness. If things don't work out with Chloe's girlfriend, there is a distinct possibility that she will be back in your life. Do not burn any bridges, but do continue to form relationships with other people. It will help to soothe the loneliness you are feeling.

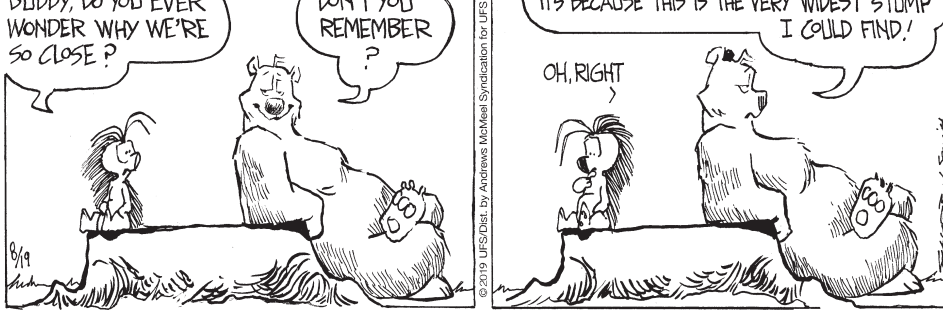
DEAR ABBY: I would like to throw a 70th birthday party for myself, but I don't want the guests to think I'm doing it to get presents. What should I do? - **LOOKING TO HAVE FUN**

DEAR LOOKING: Include with the invitations: "The only present I require is the gift of your presence."

Cul De Sac



Grizwells



Heart of the City



Herman



Moderately Confused



Born Loser

