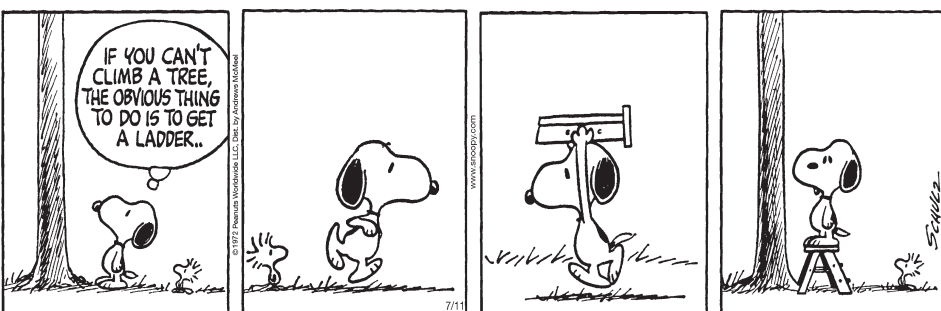
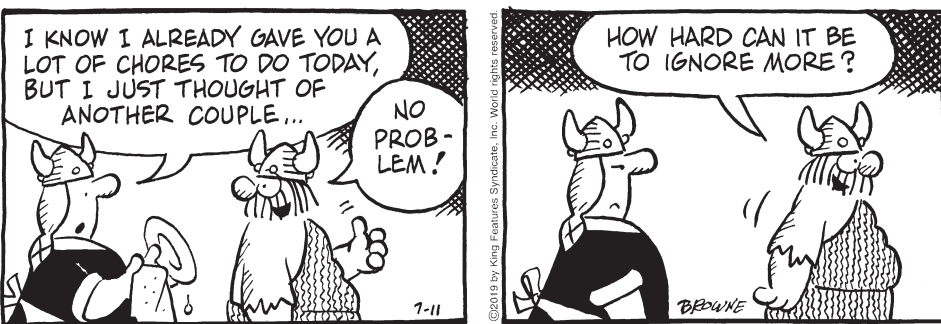


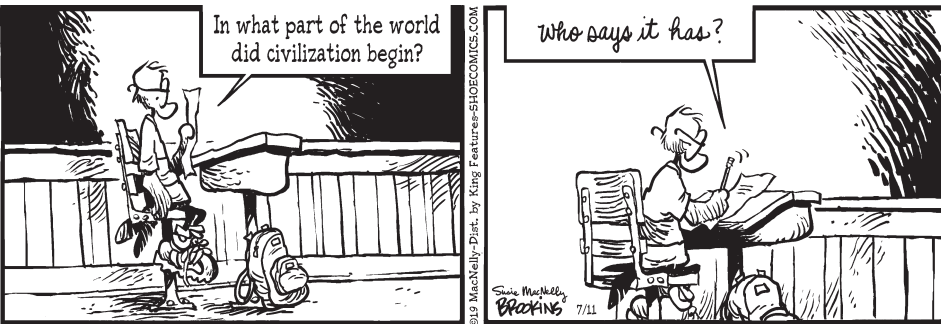
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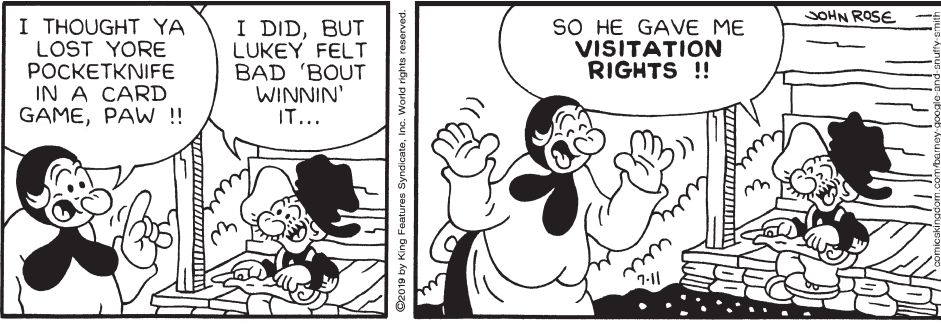
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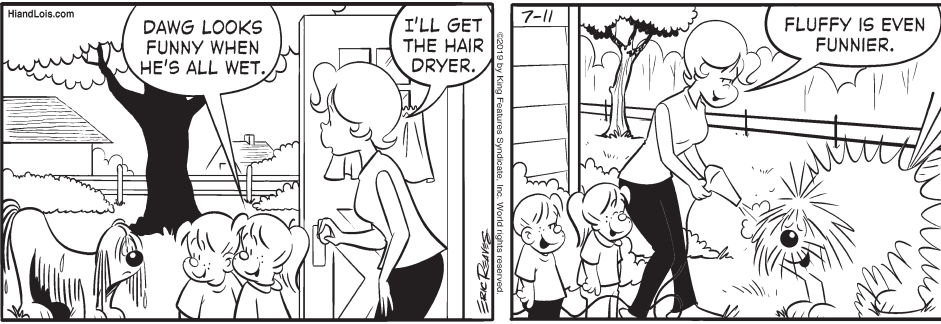
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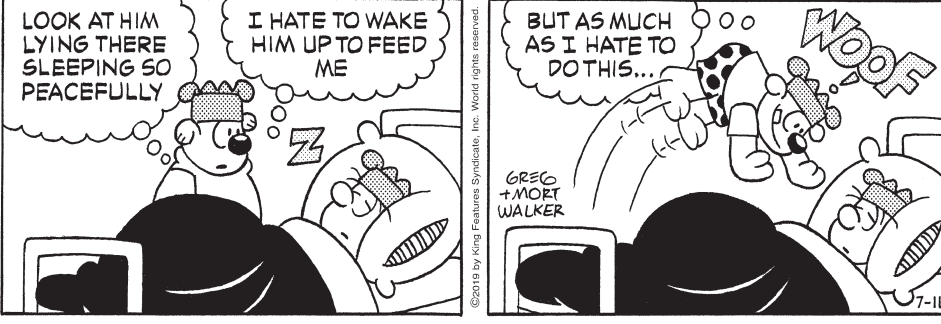
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**Hi and Lois**



**Beetle Bailey**



**Arlo and Janis**



**Your Birthday today:**

Be receptive to learning new things. Lifestyles and beliefs that differ from your own will broaden your outlook and make you more tolerant. Compromise will lead to possibilities that can help you exceed your expectations. If you offer peace and love, you'll win the hearts of those you touch.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - If you care and share, you will make a difference. Personal improvements will diminish insecurities that have been holding you back. Don't be hesitant to engage in events and activities. You may meet someone special.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Hold on to a secret or a surprise you are planning. Prepare to make a big splash when the time is right. A premature gesture won't render the results you want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Participation will change your life. Become more engaged in matters that concern you, sign up and make a difference. Romance is on the rise, and socializing is recommended.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - A change in the way you make or handle your money or to the way you negotiate will lead to more available cash. Discipline will help you make positive adjustments.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Emotional matters will need to be addressed, but first consider using actions rather than words to get what you want. Show your feelings and make positive adjustments.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Check out your options before you approach institutions or large corporations with your plans. Preparation will be the deciding factor when it comes to your success.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Don't fear doing things your way or taking a different approach. Try updating something to suit the changing times. Romance is highlighted.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Mull over your plans before you share them with others. If someone wants to take a different path, so be it; do what works best for you. Build your own opportunities.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - You have plenty to contribute. Don't hesitate to move forward with your plans or to implement change that will help you reach your goal. Treat opposition with dignity, not with force.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - You may know what you want, but make sure to think about the people who will be affected by your decision. Change is only useful if the results you get benefit everyone. Slow down and choose wisely.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Let your feelings rise to the surface, and find out where you stand. You may not like what you hear, but it will give you a place to start if you want to improve.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - Have an open mind, listen to what others have to say and be willing to make reasonable, minor adjustments. Defuse tense situations.

**DEAR ABBY**

Advice written by  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently attended a friend's party that was being given to celebrate their son's 18th birthday. I thought it would be cheeky and fun to buy him a risqué card from an adult boutique, thinking everyone would get a good laugh, and we'd have something to roast the young man with. When he opened the card, he had this look of horror on his face, ran out of the room all teary-eyed and went directly to his bedroom. His mother picked up the card and immediately asked me to leave. I was really embarrassed but unsure about the reason.

I gave them a week or so to cool off. I called back only to be informed by the mother that I had violated her son's sanctity of sexual orientation because he identifies as a "they" and "prefers androgynous boys to women." She went on to explain that as a result of my "indiscriminate sexism," I'm no longer allowed around the family.

I feel I should've been informed of the child's orientation being such an important aspect of his ... or rather, "their" identity, and tried to explain it was an honest mistake and would never happen again. My friend said the damage was done, and they can't forgive that kind of arrogance and blatant disrespect for "their" gender identity and sexual orientation.

Was I insensitive for not asking first, or should the parents have taken the initiative to inform me so I wouldn't make such an egregious error in what I assumed was a well-rounded friendship? Any advice would be great. - **WANTING TO SCREAM IN EUGENE**

**DEAR WANTING:** I think one lesson to be learned here is that some people are not comfortable with sexual humor. Another is that it is a mistake to assume that everyone is straight or cisgender.

I'm sorry that the young person was embarrassed. Your apology should have been directed at them, not their mother. But since the mother has now decreed you persona non grata, you will have to accept it. It's unfortunate. The family overreacted. What could have been handled as a simple teachable moment was blown out of proportion.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am about to blow my top! I am a married father of two in the military who works 12 hours daily to support my family. My wife and I are college grads and have been married five years. For those years we have maintained residence in Hawaii. My wife doesn't work and tries to run a day care that is mildly successful.

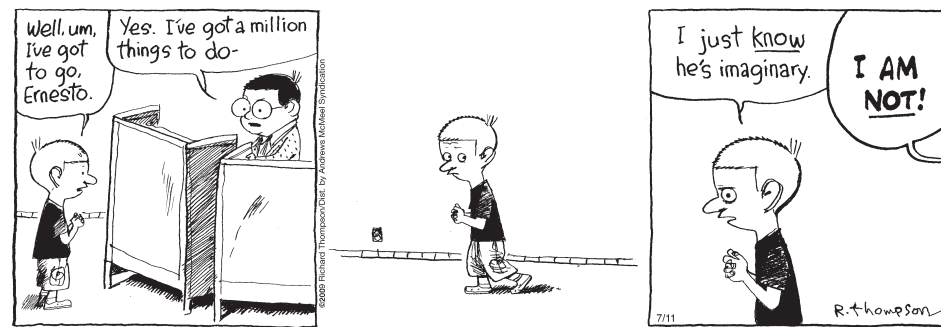
Our home is always dirty because, as she puts it, she is not a housemaid. She doesn't cook often either. Many times I come home so tired I can't see, and the house is a mess. This has caused arguments.

My thinking is, if she's not going to take care of the house, she should get a job and help with the finances. The money she gets from the day care doesn't go toward the household. She considers it her spending money.

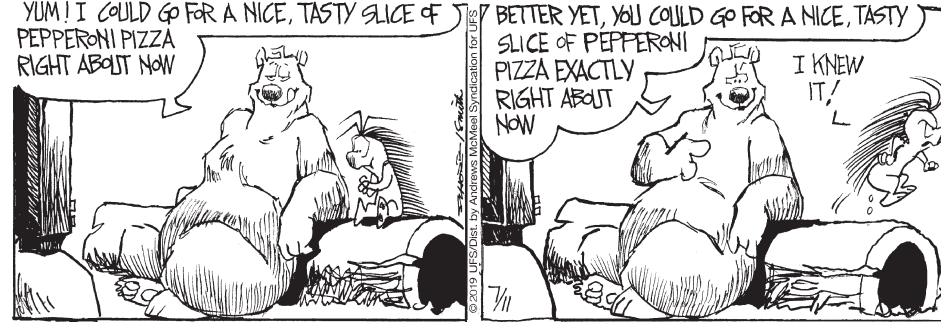
I am ready to bounce and find greener pastures. I have tried talking to her, but she ignores my complaints and plays the victim. We have already tried counseling. It doesn't work because she goes back to her normal self afterward. Help! - **PEEVED IN THE PACIFIC**

**DEAR PEEVED:** Marriage is supposed to be a partnership and, from what you have written, your wife is unwilling to contribute to it. I can't change her and neither can you. Because counseling hasn't resolved your obvious lack of compatibility, it's time to consult a lawyer.

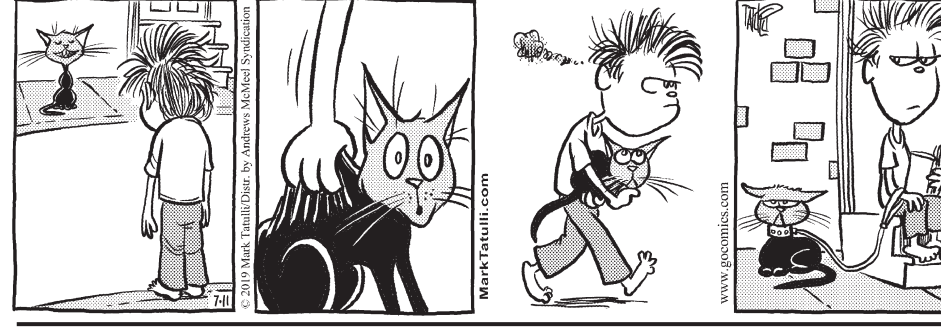
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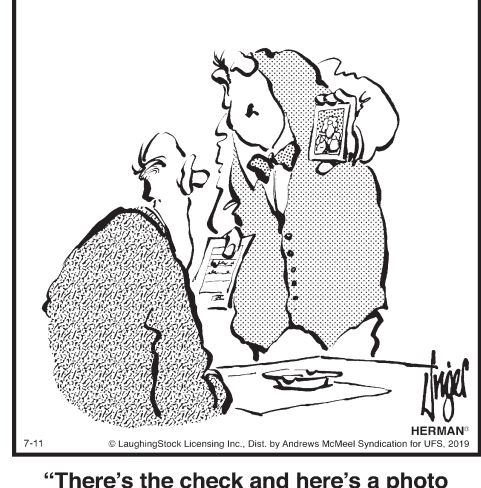
**Grizwells**



**Heart of the City**



**Herman**



**Moderately Confused**



**Born Loser**

