

Peanuts



Hagar The Horrible



Shoe



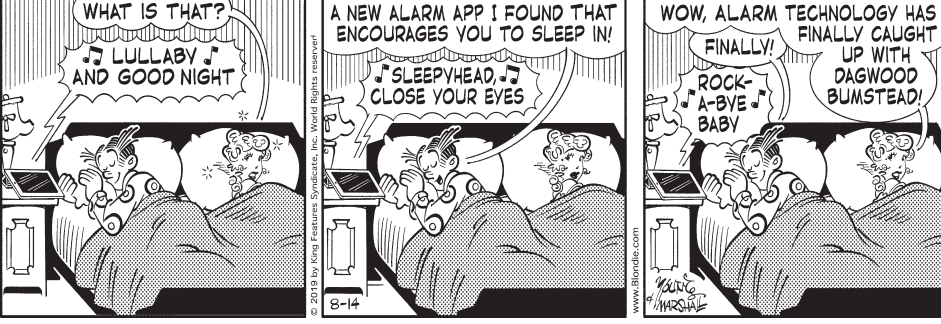
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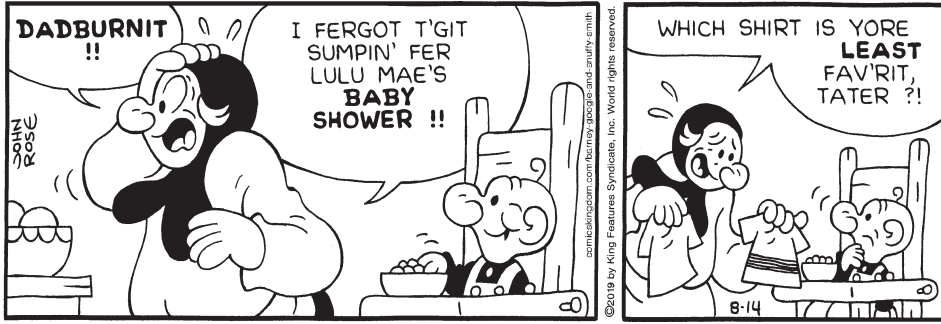
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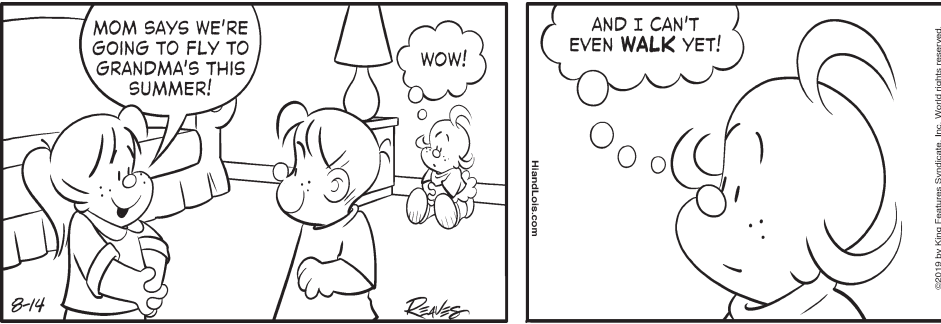
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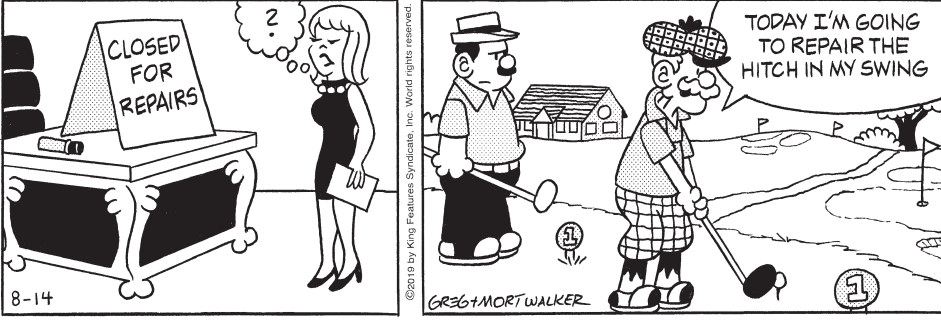
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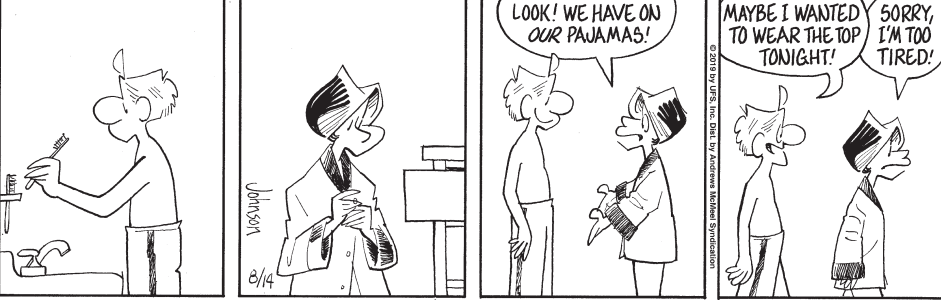
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Take pride in what you do this year. Choose to be meticulous and patient and to walk away from extravagant or unnecessary situations or expenses. Put your energy toward improving your life, relationships and health. Aim to lessen stress and to gain physical strength. Make romance a priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Focus on productivity. Get along with others and avoid letting your emotions take charge in professional situations or when you are making decisions that can lead to trouble with authority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Let others do as they please, and get on with your own business. Don't give anyone the upper hand in situations that concern money, home or partnerships. Strive for equality and fair play.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Get into the swing of things and take part in events that excite you. Updating your appearance or consorting with people who motivate and inspire you should be your focus.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Take care of business before someone complains or tries to take charge. A change may not be expected or wanted, but it should be considered and dealt with responsibly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Personal gains and improvements are heading in your direction. Don't miss out because you are too busy doing things for someone else. Upgrade, update and outdo. Romance is in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Size up whatever situation you face and make the necessary adjustments. Emotions and money won't mix well. Avoid joint ventures that are risky or could potentially ruin a relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Express your thoughts, take action and do what you promised yourself you'd do. Set the standard instead of being subject to someone else's rules. Romance is highlighted.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Stick to what's essential. Don't go overboard or let anyone push you into something outlandish. Discipline will be required if you want to get things done. Avoid temptation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Head in a direction that you feel drawn to and stick to the people you love to be around. Much can change if you follow your heart. Romance is encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Change can be expected. Be careful how you proceed and whom you trust. Take your time and focus on detail, precision, facts and truth. Discipline will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Use your intelligence, and make choices based on what you see, not on what you hear. Home improvements and romance will enhance your personal life and lead to positive change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - You'll be drawn to unusual people and events, but before you immerse yourself in someone else's beliefs or lifestyle, take a moment to think about it. Don't be fooled into thinking the grass is greener elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I've been with my boyfriend, "Rocko," for two years, but in the late months of last year, he became distant. He would disappear for days at a time, block my phone number and ignore me. I was sure he was seeing another woman or taking drugs because he is an ex-addict.

Two months ago, he was arrested. I was right - Rocko was on drugs and had been hanging out with another woman. Like any man who's caught, he swears she was "just someone to get high with" and nothing happened between them. It has destroyed my self-esteem. I hate myself, and I can't stop wondering why I wasn't enough.

Rocko is currently in rehab and seems to be doing wonderfully. I have asked him a lot of questions and said I needed him to be truthful. So far he has been honest. However, he still denies anything happened between them.

He says he wants to save our relationship and start a new life together now that he's clean. How do I do this? I don't trust him! I'm already doubting everything he says and does. I know he needs to earn my trust back, but how do I let that happen? How do I even begin to forgive him for everything he has done to us? - JUMBLE OF EMOTIONS IN KENTUCKY

DEAR JUMBLE: You wrote that the way Rocko treated you has destroyed your self-esteem. Work on rebuilding it, and once you have done that, ask yourself why you should continue to be involved with someone as unstable as this man.

Disappearing for days at a time, blocking your number and ignoring you when you reach out is brutal. It is abusive. Rocko has been around this track before and may again. If you don't have it in you to stay and see this through to a possibly positive conclusion, end the relationship.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor regularly goes around gardening in her yard wearing yoga pants with huge tears in the inner thighs and an even bigger hole in the crotch. You can't miss it because she bends over, and stays bent over, for significant quantities of time while she is weeding. Her behind is frequently aimed in the direction of my house and yard.

Abby, you could fit both hands in that hole, and it stretches wide over her pear-shaped rear end! I have kids, and her other close neighbors have kids even younger than mine.

The first time I saw her, I gave her the benefit of the doubt and assumed the tears were recent. But she wears this same pair of indecent pants every time she goes out to garden. Today, when I looked out my dining room window, there she was bent over, flashing her derriere, with a hole in her underwear right where the holes in her pants were.

She isn't poor. She spends lots of money on her garden and updating her house every year. This woman is in her 60s, semi-retired, and loves nothing more than to call the police and the city code enforcement people on any neighbor she dislikes, so I can't talk to her about it because I'm afraid she'll retaliate. Should I send her an anonymous letter asking her to buy new pants? - EXPOSED OUT THERE

DEAR EXPOSED: No. Tell her calmly that you are concerned about your children and ask her to please wear something less "revealing." However, if she refuses, install a hedge to shield you from the view. And practice your "look away" skills.

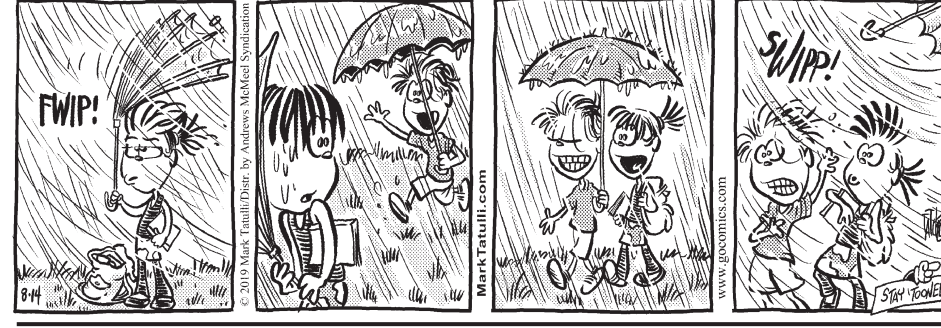
Cul De Sac



Grizwells



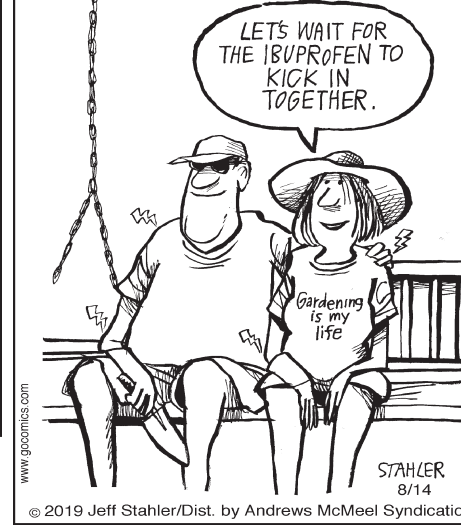
Heart of the City



Herman



Moderately Confused



Born Loser

