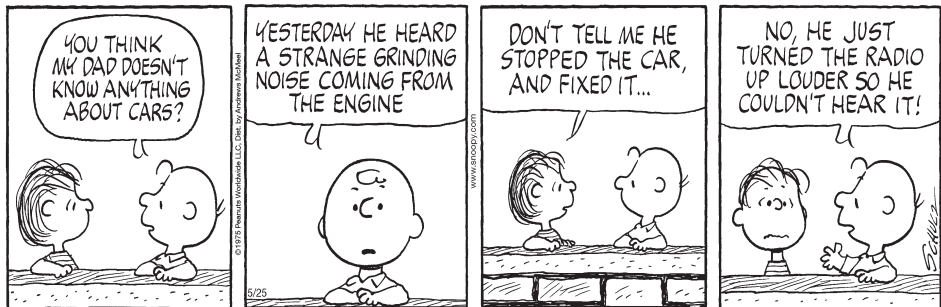


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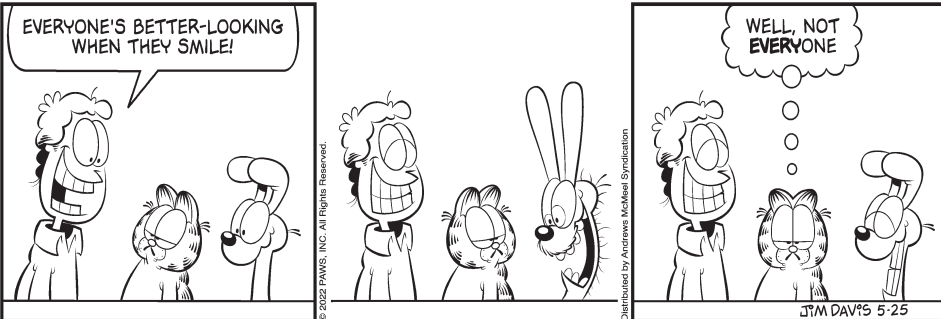
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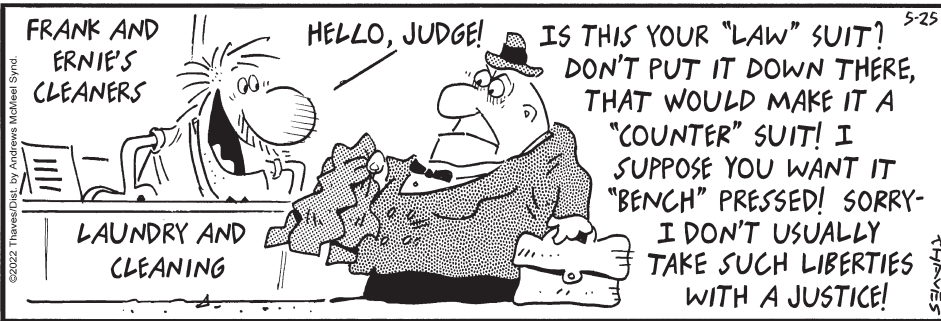
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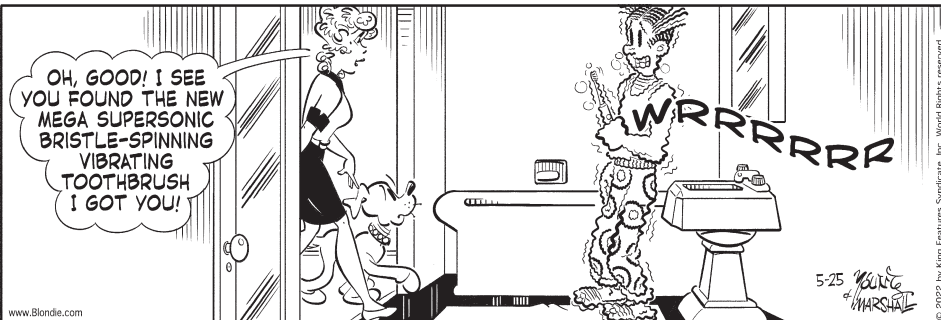
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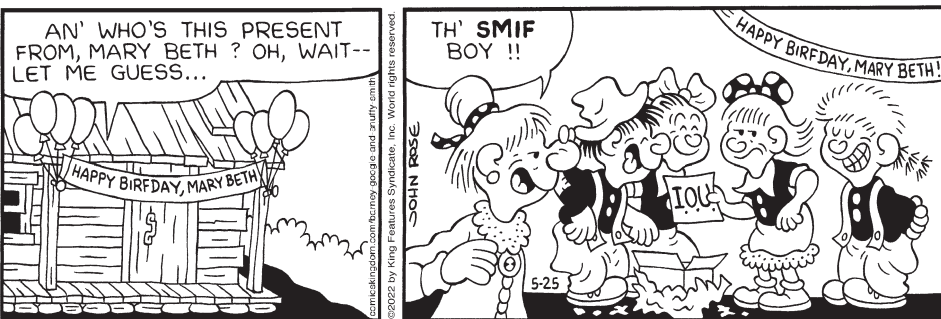
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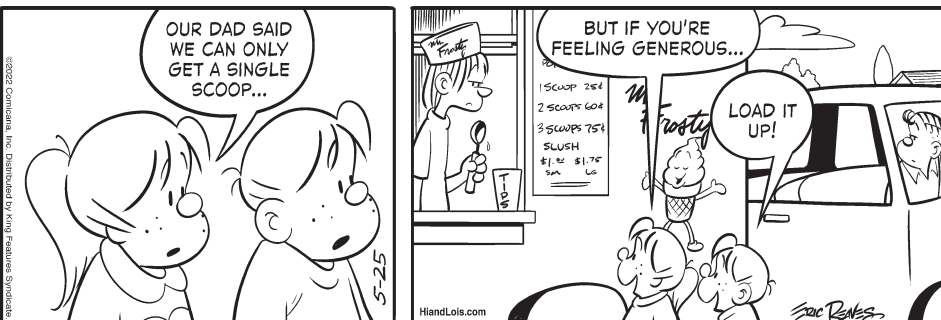
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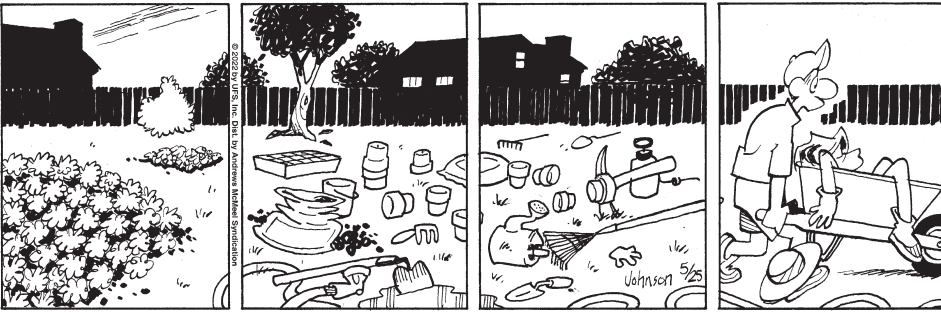
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Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Participating in something you believe in or helping a worthwhile cause will promote good connections with people who have plenty to offer. Dig in and set priorities that will help you take a fundamental role in something that makes you feel good about your contribution and gives you the power to make a difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Do your part and contribute something worthwhile. Step out of your comfort zone if it will help someone fit in to your plans with ease. Speak up and act quickly, and you'll make a difference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Take the high road. Don't let anger settle in when intelligence can help turn things around. Discuss your concerns and solutions with an important person. Take care of financial issues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Pick up information and skills that will help you. Taking a trip, attending a networking event or talking to someone you respect will provide needed insight. Update your image.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Initiate change by taking bold steps forward. Make your plans clear, and you'll gain the support and information you need to proceed. Pace yourself; avoid taking on too much.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Let the past go. You'll hold yourself back if you let bad feelings fester or dwell on something you cannot change. Interactions with people who bring out the best in you will pay off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You'll feel liberated if you do something different or original. Think outside the box and take part in challenging activities. Make a change or move for the right reasons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Spend more time sorting through junk and stuff you no longer use. Hard work will be rejuvenating when you see what you accomplish. Decluttering your space will help you think more clearly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll face opposition if you are open with a friend, relative or peer. Do what works best for you and take care of matters personally to avoid interference. A change at home will prove helpful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Do what makes you happy. Take control of your life and set high standards. Be a leader, not a follower. You can be an inspiration to others as long as you believe in yourself.

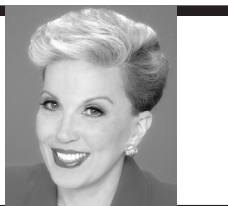
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Be unique, do things your way and dazzle everyone with your ingenuity and ability to bring about positive change. Share your thoughts with someone you know you can count on for support.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take better care of your emotional, physical and financial health. Go over personal papers and update essential documents. Revisit your spending habits and put a budget in place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Don't let inconsistency be your downfall. Work through issues before you share them with others. Don't put yourself in the hot seat unintentionally. Look out for your interests.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I'm about to get married to a wonderful woman. We have been together for 16 years and have two precious kids. Recently, we were treated to bachelor and bachelorette parties, a week apart. Although we all know that what goes on during them isn't real, it's over once you walk out the door.

Well, my fiancée has pictures and videos of her celebration. I knew what "could" have happened, but only in my imagination. Seeing these images, I now find myself constantly comparing myself to the performers. Even though I had told her that the fantasy shouldn't come home in any way, she says there's nothing to hide, which is why she had the pictures and videos done. Am I overreacting? The wedding is still going to happen, by the way. -- FANTASY VS. REALITY

DEAR F.V.R.: While the fact that your fiancée brought home "souvenirs" is regrettable, you are going to have to let go of your anxiety. Regardless of what went on at her bachelorette party, and I know some of them can become pretty wild, you must remember that the men the bride and her attendants interacted with were HIRED for the occasion. (Just like the performers at yours were.) If this has truly affected your self-esteem, you may have to add one more item to the cost of your nuptials -- some sessions with a therapist to help you straighten out your thinking.

P.S. I sincerely hope your precious children never get their hands on that video.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's sister and her husband, "Tom," recently moved to the same town we live in. I adore her, and she has become a close friend. We weren't able to get to know each other during the beginning of my marriage because we lived so far apart.

Since they moved here, she and Tom fight constantly. Every time they do, Tom wants her to come stay with us. I don't mind an occasional overnight stay, but he wants her to move in with us! The problem is she has no income of her own and no car, or even a driver's license. She's totally dependent on him.

I don't feel comfortable getting in the middle of their business. We can't afford to take her in and take care of her, but she has nowhere else to go. What should I do? We can't put her out on the street. -- WITS' END IN THE EAST

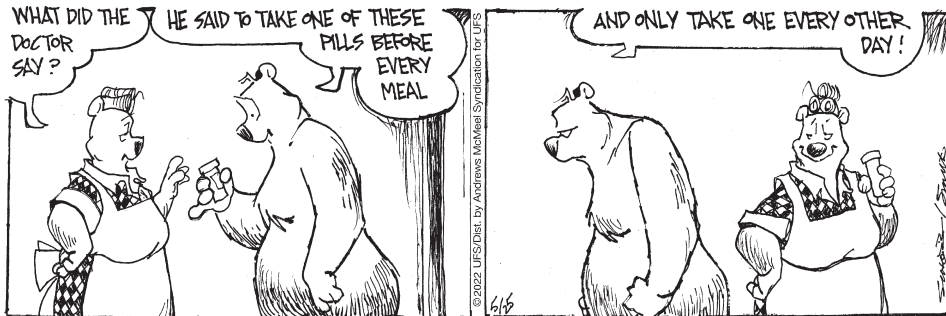
DEAR WITS' END: Your sister-in-law and brother-in-law have not been fighting only since they moved to your community. It appears they have had severe marital problems that weren't dealt with well before they arrived. It's time for your husband to become more involved and talk with both of them.

If there are other relatives in the area, perhaps she could stay temporarily with them. Of course, if Tom has a job, he will have to contribute financially until she becomes independent. In the meantime, encourage her toward self-sufficiency by helping her familiarize herself with public transportation, which she can use to seek employment.

Brevity



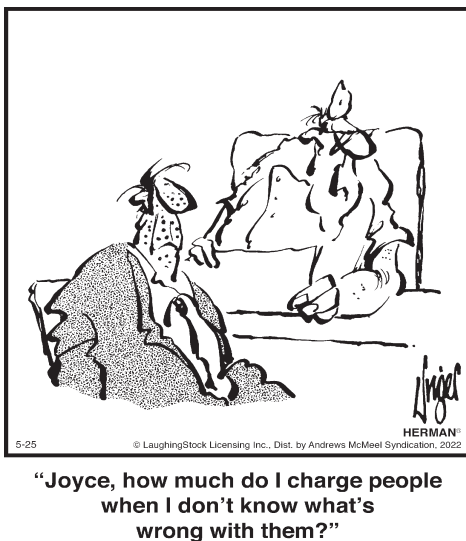
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