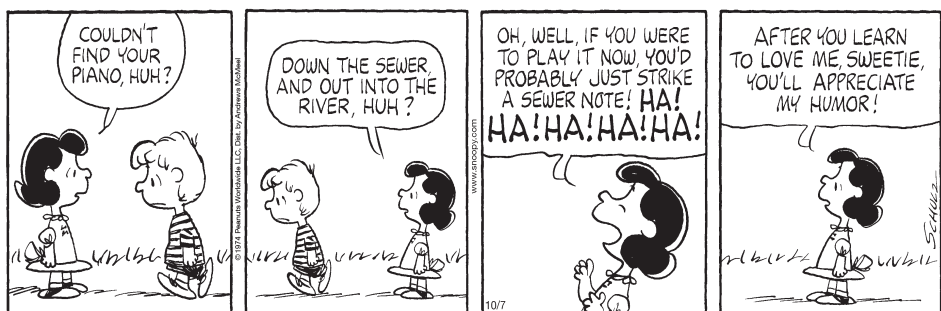
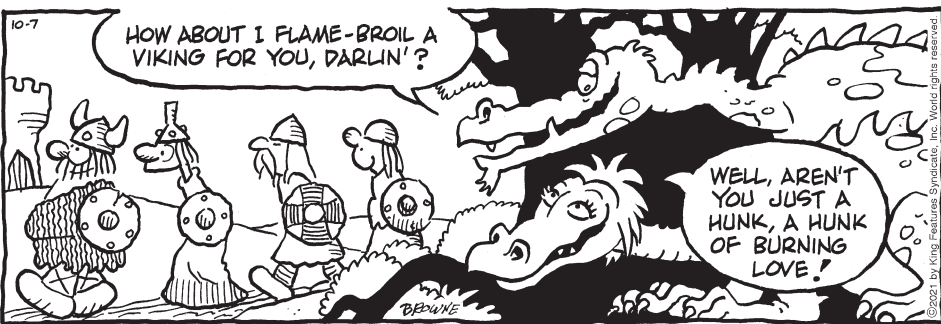


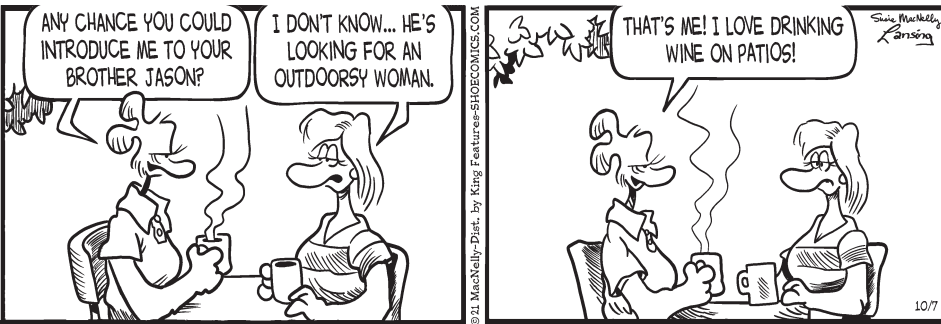
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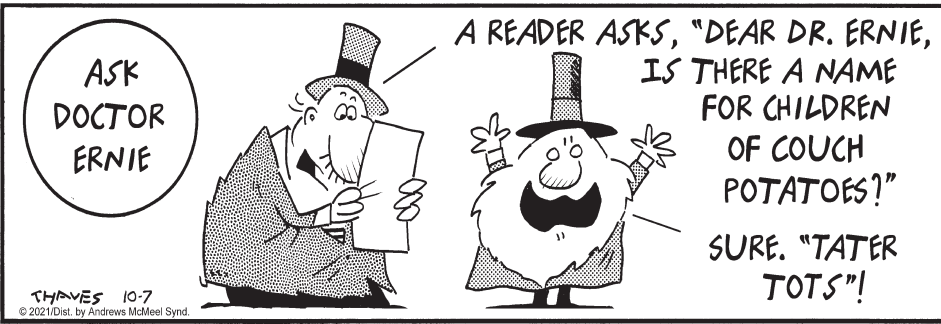
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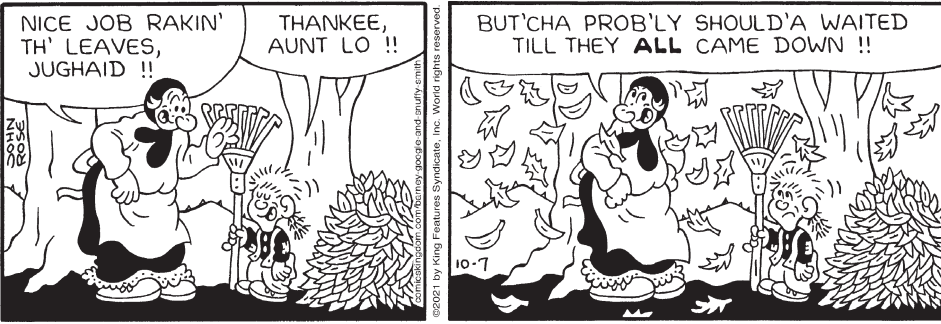
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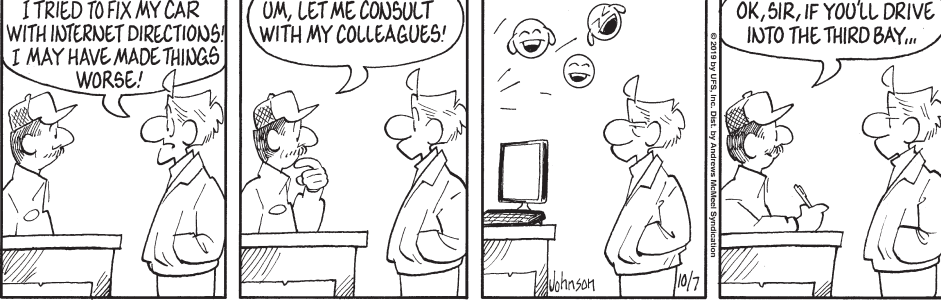
**Hi and Lois**



**Beetle Bailey**



**Arlo and Janis**



**Your Birthday today:**

Set high goals and stretch your imagination to envision things you have only dreamed about doing. You will find a way to far exceed your expectations. Plunge into the unknown, gather information and pour your energy into doing the extraordinary. Embrace life wholeheartedly. Live, love and laugh.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- A calculated move will position you exactly where you want to be. Share your feelings with someone you respect, and you'll receive suggestions that will encourage the best outcome.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Pay attention, get information from reliable sources and think twice before you react to domestic situations. It's essential to take care of your responsibilities before someone complains.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Limit your spending to ease stress. You can plan something special for a loved one that doesn't cost a penny. Time spent making plans or committing to a bright future will pay off.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Be aware of what others are doing and saying before making promises you may not want to keep. Do your research, listen carefully and take better care of your physical and emotional well-being.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Question an expenditure before putting your money on the table. Use your insight, intelligence and savvy to ward off a glib sales pitch. Be prepared to push back.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A financial change will lead to a more manageable lifestyle and less stress. Be sure to do what's best for you. Generosity will buy only fair-weather friends. Be smart and save your money.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- You are sitting in a good position. Consider what you want and who you can reach out to for suggestions, information or hands-on help. Partnerships look promising, and romance is favored.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- If you want to change, make it happen. Don't wait for others to make the first move. Ask questions, analyze situations and do your best to stabilize conditions that could turn sour quickly.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Be careful how you express yourself. It's essential to get all the facts straight. Verify the information you receive and be patient when dealing with others. Choose charm over force.

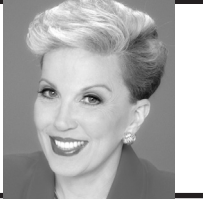
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Greater interaction with people who come from different backgrounds will help you broaden your point of view and assist you in understanding how best to satisfy everyone's needs. Be the peacemaker.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Keep talking until you get it right. Convince others to join in and help you reach your goal. Refuse to let what someone does influence or stand in the way of your progress.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You'll be a bit of a dreamer today. Keep in mind that although dreams can lead to positive outcomes, realism is also required to ensure you aren't trying to do the impossible.

**DEAR ABBY**

Advice written by  
Jeanne Phillips



**DEAR ABBY:** I have been with a man for the last six years. He has been separated for 20 years. When I asked him if he was going to finalize his divorce, he said no. When I said I would like a commitment, he said he gave me one when he moved in five years ago. I said I want more. His wife even asked him for a divorce, but he said it's expensive. I told him by my upcoming 50th birthday I want a yes or no on the divorce. What should I do? -- **IN LIMBO IN MASSACHUSETTS**

**DEAR IN LIMBO:** Assuming this man lives with you rent-free, you have spent the last six years with a houseguest who is more concerned with his net worth than your need for validation. If his wife wanted a divorce, it would have happened already, and the issue of property division could have been bifurcated (separated). Obviously, this arrangement is serving them both in some way. Your next step should be to make a final decision about whether the status quo is acceptable to you, because it isn't going to change.

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother-in-law (age 75) apparently doesn't like kids. He and my sister are childless. He just told my husband that what he doesn't like about our family gatherings is the attention everyone shows my two granddaughters. (They are 7 and 8.) At a recent gathering, he actually threw down game pieces and stomped off when they approached. Should I sever contact with my sister and him? I know if I tell my son about this, my son will cut ties with them. What parent forces their children on anyone who doesn't like them? Your advice might help. -- **FAMILY GAL IN ALABAMA**

**DEAR FAMILY GAL:** Not everyone relates well to kids. That said, your brother-in-law's behavior was appalling. Have a private talk with your sister. Could HE be entering a second childhood? Knowing how he feels about children, if you wish to see him and your sister, consider socializing with them separately. If other family members with children invite them to anything other than an adults-only gathering, Sissy and her hubby should politely offer their regrets.

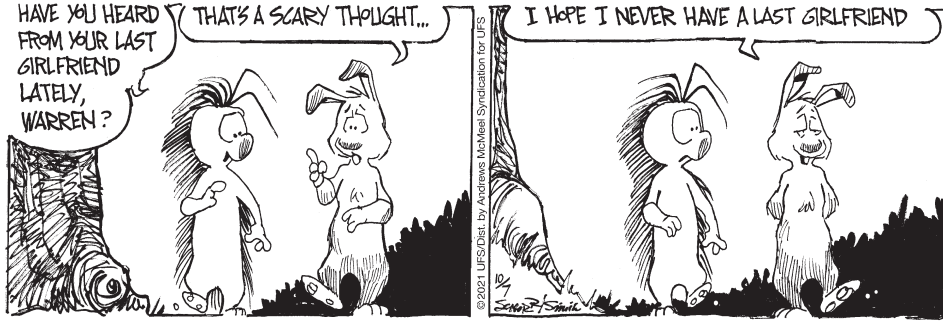
**DEAR ABBY:** I have a class reunion coming up and want some advice on how to stop a fellow classmate from giving a religious sermon. I don't want to hurt his feelings, but after the last reunion, several people complained about his lengthy preaching. I'm afraid if it happens again, some people may choose not to attend. How can I tactfully handle this issue? Any help is appreciated. -- **WANTS TO HAVE A GOOD TIME**

**DEAR WANTS:** Unfortunately, some people don't know how to let go of a microphone once they have one and aren't able to sense they've lost their audience. Handle this uncomfortable situation by advising all the speakers that their remarks must be limited to no more than three minutes. Of course, if the "sermon" runs long, you will have to step forward and call a halt to it by asking the audience to give the person a big hand to show their appreciation. (If that doesn't do the trick, you may have to resort to a hook.)

**Brevity**



**Grizwells**



**Heart of the City**



**Herman**



**Moderately Confused**



**Born Loser**

