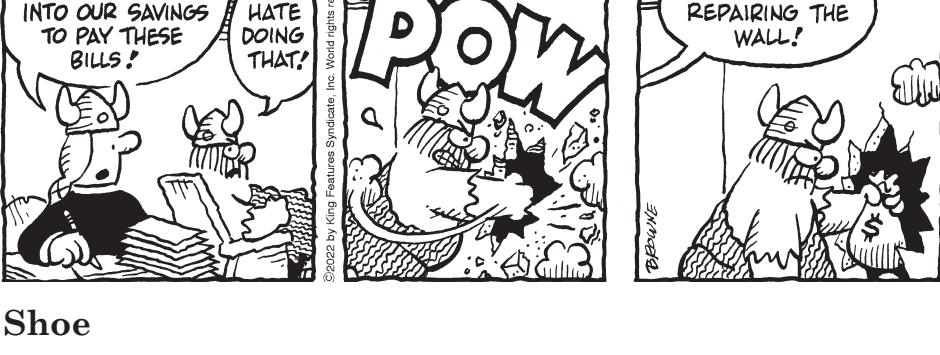


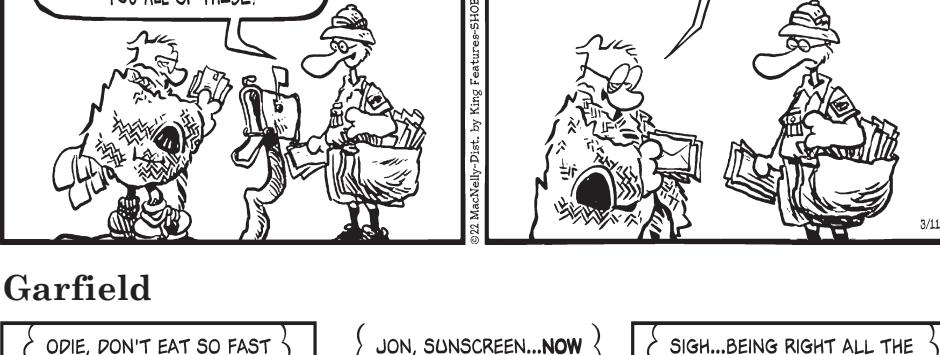
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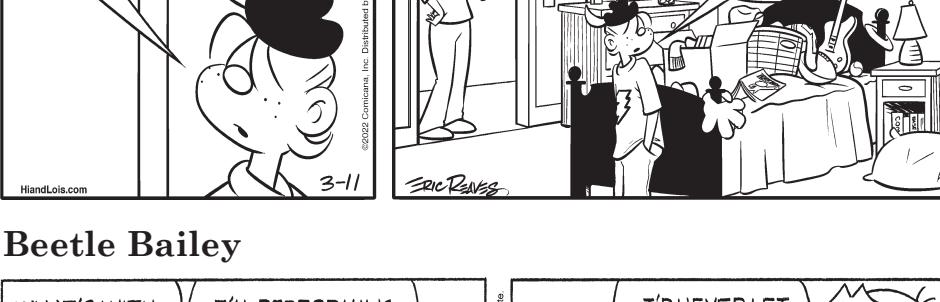
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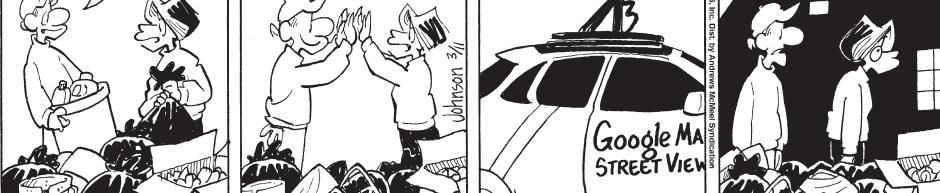
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Organize your thoughts and create a plan that will help you structure what you want to accomplish this year. Abide by rules to avoid setbacks. Be innovative, think big and share your vision, but recognize what is and isn't doable. Your sense of timing will have to be impeccable for best results. Home improvements will make your life easier.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

- Concentrate on home, family and building a life of comfort and convenience. Take responsibility for your happiness and bring about the changes necessary to help you excel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

- Assertive action will impress someone who can help you speed things up. Get involved in meaningful projects and focus on better health, relationships and overall success.

T AURUS (April 20-May 20)

- Express your desires and follow through with your plans. Don't let others influence you to make decisions that are not right for you. Take a secretive approach in order to dodge interference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

- Speak to whomever is in charge to bypass red tape. Getting the lowdown before you begin something new will allow you to act quickly and secure your position.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

- Educate yourself before you take on something foreign to you. Go directly to the source, ask questions, take notes and head in the direction that offers hope and promise. Share your thoughts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

- Discuss money matters, contracts and health issues with someone who can shed light on situations that baffle you. Don't feel obligated to make sudden changes because someone else does. Test your strength.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

- Hang out with people who have something to contribute. Gather knowledge and experience, and be open to suggestions and doing things differently. You will make worthwhile connections.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

- Keep emotions in check when dealing with professional matters and discussions that can influence your reputation and goals. If you want to get ahead, discipline and hard work will be necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

- Take care of personal matters, finances and your home and family. Listen to complaints and offer solutions. Build a place of comfort and convenience that people find welcoming.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec.

21) - Document what's being said and get what you want in writing. Someone will try to mislead you if given a chance. Be quick; actions speak louder than words. Live up to your promises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

- Consider what you do for a living and how you earn and spend your money. You are overdue for a change, and updating your skills and qualifications will help you explore new possibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

- Do something creative. Turn something you love to do into a profitable pastime. Don't deny yourself the chance to grow personally, financially and emotionally. Romance is featured.

PIRATES (March 20-April 16)

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Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



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His latest "single" thing is that he planned a birthday dinner out with our son and other family members. Guess what? I found out about it from the birthday boy. We have been married almost 50 years. All our children are in their 40s.

I have spoken to him numerous times about his forgetting my presence in a room, but I have never been excluded from a family birthday until now. I am thinking of writing a book titled, "The Most Single Married Man I Know." What should I be doing differently? -- FORGOTTEN WOMAN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR FORGOTTEN: If this has been going on since you and your husband were married, accept that he is someone who is unusually centered on himself. If this is something relatively recent, he may need to be physically and neurologically evaluated by his physician.

If there is nothing "wrong" with him, recognize it's time to fend for yourself. Remember to monitor the thermostat, keep a flashlight handy and be prepared to explore activities you enjoy in case your husband "forgets" to include you in the future.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend's father recently passed away. A memorial has been planned on the day of a wedding I had agreed to attend with my girlfriend. In this situation involving two significant one-time life events, is it more courteous to defer to the living or the dead? -- UNSURE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNSURE: Much depends upon your relationship with both of these people. Because your best friend may need emotional support during this sad time, I am inclined to suggest that you go to the memorial -- and have your girlfriend attend the wedding so you will be represented. If you explain the circumstances to the person who sent the wedding invitation, there should be no hurt feelings.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received a board game as a present. The problem is that I don't like the game. I live alone on disability with a very limited income and don't have anyone to play it with me anyway.

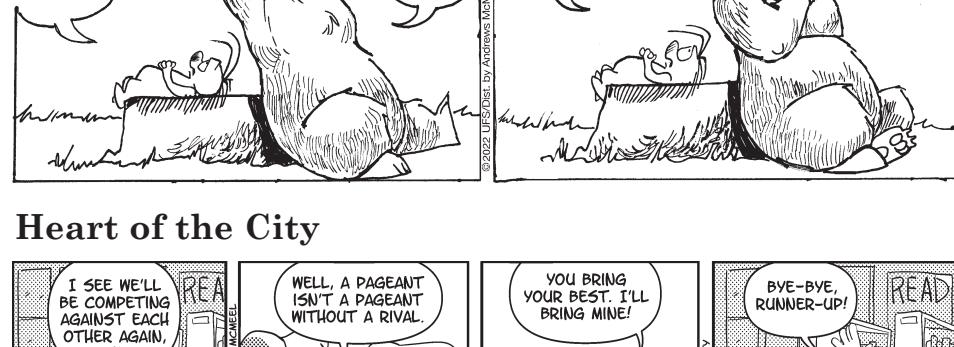
When I mentioned to the giver that I was thinking of returning it, they almost burst into tears. The giver is a relative of a close friend and lives with her. I really could use the money. What should I do? -- WONDERING IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WONDERING: I have said this before, and it's worth repeating: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as they please. Because you don't like the game, have no one to play it with and need the money, return the darn thing. Your mistake was announcing your intention to the giver.

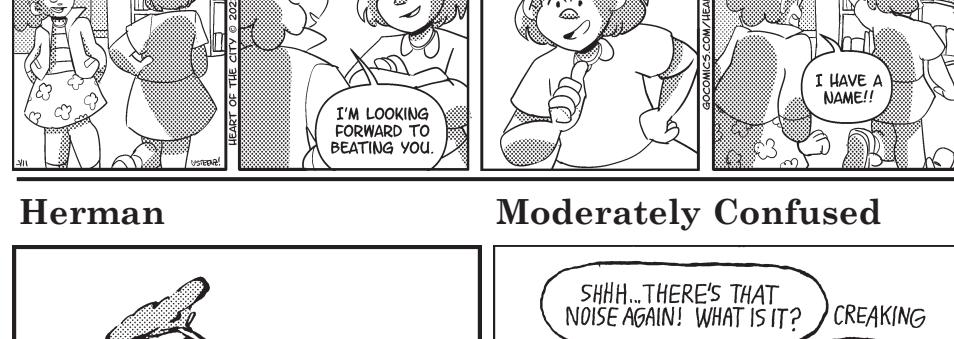
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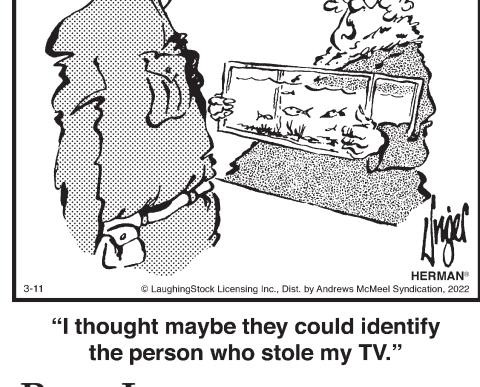
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