

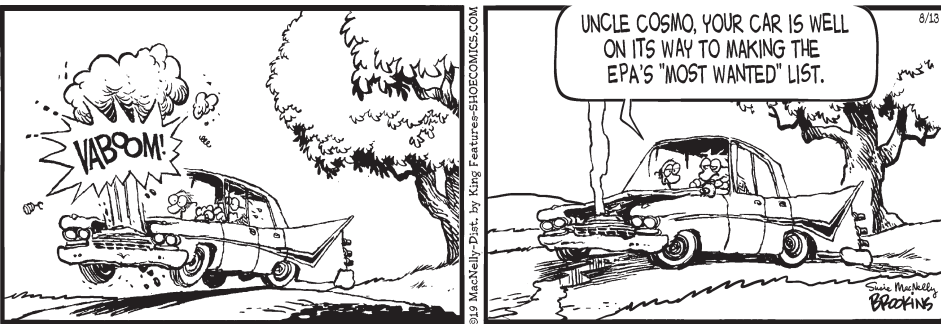
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Hagar The Horrible



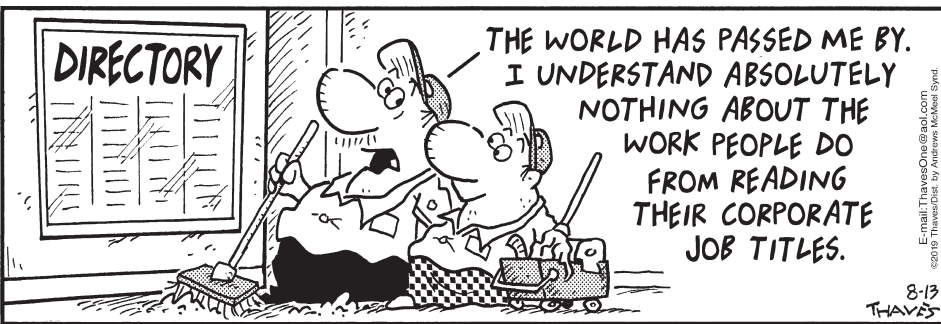
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Frank and Ernest



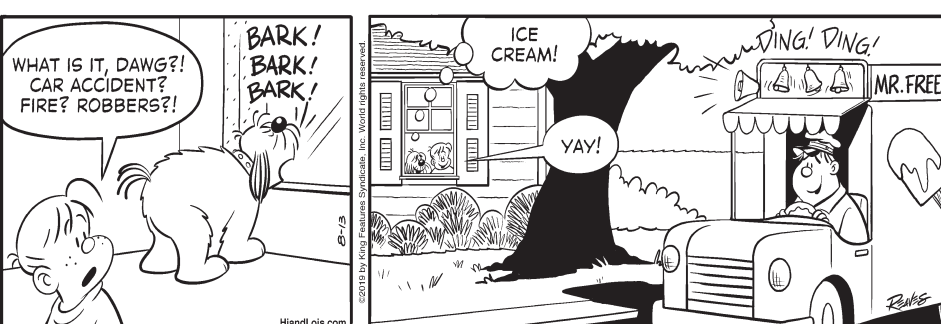
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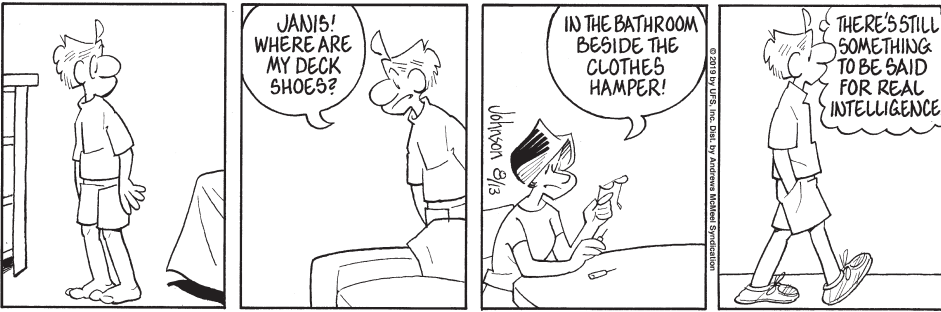
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

A reflective attitude will help you distinguish what's best for you this year. Consider how you handle change and interact with important people in your life. Look for positive openings, new beginnings and ways to use your skills to advance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Stay calm. Your state of mind will play a role in how changes unfold. Look for an opportunity. A positive attitude will help attract good people and produce stellar results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Do whatever it takes to bring about positive change. Your actions will be more effective than your words. A domestic change will bring unusual and unexpected results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Reconnecting with someone from your past will be eye-opening. It will either encourage you to appreciate what you've accomplished or offer insight into how to move forward with grace and aplomb.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Take your time and listen carefully. Someone will mislead you or change his or her plans at the last minute. Be prepared to adjust to whatever comes your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - A break will be rejuvenating. Taking a business trip, visiting a place you've never been before or seeking out information that can help you get ahead is encouraged. Romance is highlighted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Consider what you can do to make improvements at home that will satisfy everyone's needs. Listen to suggestions and stick to a set budget. Use your resources to achieve your goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Stand on guard, as emotions will surface due to someone's inconsistency. Don't fret; go about your business and take care of your responsibilities. In the end, it's what you accomplish that counts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Only take on what's doable. Refuse to let someone goad you into something you don't want to do or shouldn't do. Take care of personal matters before you offer to help others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - You don't have to fall in line behind someone else. Use your ingenuity, intelligence and skills to do the best job possible. Outdo, outsmart and outmaneuver.

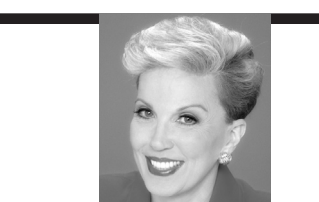
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - You will find it challenging to settle down if you let others' words or actions get to you. Take a deep breath and concentrate on your responsibilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Look for opportunities to boost your standard of living. Consider what you can do to alter your cash flow. Set priorities and improve your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Check out what's available. Let others do as they please and head in the direction that excites you the most. A lifestyle change will alter the ways you think and do things.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
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DEAR ABBY: Sometimes when my husband has been drinking, he does things I consider inappropriate with his cousin and childhood friend "Jasper." The most recent incident involved my husband pulling down his pants and showing Jasper his private parts. Later that night he tried to grab Jasper's crotch.

To me, Jasper seems slightly uncomfortable, but he just laughs it off. When I confronted my husband about it, he said I was overreacting and he was "just messing around." I don't think he's gay, but it almost feels like he is cheating on me. Am I overreacting, and what should I do? - **CONFUSED IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR CONFUSED: Your husband's immature behavior "sometimes when he has been drinking" is EXTREMELY inappropriate. How many times has this occurred? Listen to your gut and get to the bottom of this because it appears you are married to a problem drinker who may need help.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my mom and I started a book club. For the most part, it's been a lot of fun. But one member, "Maeve," has to be the smartest person in the room no matter the topic. She often belittles other members she considers less educated than she is. She also frequently doesn't read or finish the book. She uses the excuse of, "Oh, I read that years ago, and I didn't have time to review it again."

Maeve is retired, and I don't mean to judge what she does with her time but, if all of us who are working can find time, surely she can too. Abby, would it be terrible to ask her to leave the book club? Every other member has complained to either me or my mom about Maeve. What should we do? - **BOOK ADDICT IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR BOOK ADDICT: Talk privately with Maeve. Tell her how her actions have made the rest of the members uncomfortable and give her some examples. Then tell her that if she can't keep up with the reading and contribute in a positive manner - which is the reason the club was formed - she should withdraw.

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married woman. After 45 years of working full time and raising three great children, I decided to retire. I loved working and raising my children, and I am now thoroughly enjoying my retirement.

I do not yet have grandchildren, and my days are quiet and simple, which is fine with me. My husband and I enjoy little things - the crossword puzzle, discussing the news, going to a play or concert and enjoying the company of our children and extended family when we get together.

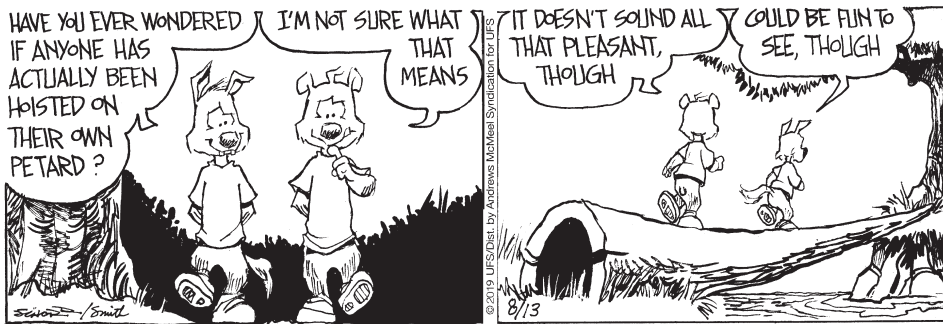
The problem? My working siblings and their spouses constantly ask, "So, what are you doing with your time?" If I say, "Enjoying each day as it comes," they scoff and say, "So, you're just doing NOTHING?! Are you ever going to work again?" It makes me feel sad and judged, and I don't know how to respond. What can I say to these folks who think I'm "doing nothing"? - **LOST FOR WORDS IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR LOST FOR WORDS: You can feel sad and judged only if you allow it. All you have to say to these people is, "I'm finding plenty of things to devote time to - spending more time with my husband, chief among them - and I'm wallowing in it!" Then smile.

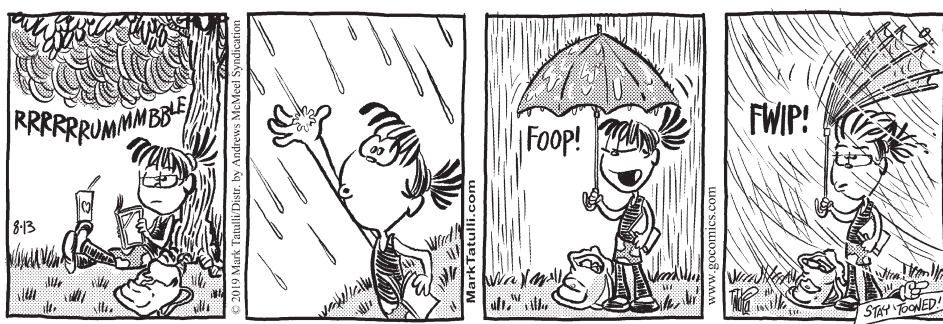
Cul De Sac



Grizwells



Heart of the City



Herman



Moderately Confused



Born Loser

