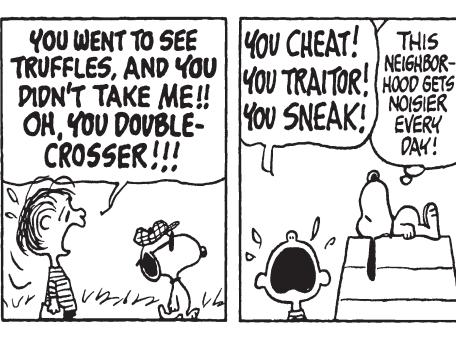


Peanuts



Your Birthday today:

Visualize change before heading in a new direction. Have patience and wait to see what others plan to do before you barrel ahead on your own. Keeping the peace and maintaining a standard of living will be necessary this year. Recognize your finer qualities and hone your skills.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Be brief but to the point. Give no one reason to doubt you or question what you plan to do next. Work toward maintaining a stable environment using intelligence and well-thought-out plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Touch base with someone making changes or doing something that interests you. Find out all you can and consider how you can follow suit. Follow your heart and share your intentions and feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- A responsible attitude will divert trouble. Avoid unrealistic people. Refuse to let your emotions lead you down a rabbit hole. Don't believe everything you hear or follow someone for the wrong reason.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Ease stress and focus on looking and feeling your best. Don't get into a conversation with anyone looking for a fight. Concentrate on personal change, growth and a healthy lifestyle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Trust and believe in your skills, and move forward with enthusiasm. Fine-tuning what you already have in place will be more effective than changing direction. Be loyal to the right people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't turn down help or guidance from someone experienced. Turn a partnership into an opportunity to use your skills and knowledge uniquely. A romantic gesture is favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Be careful how you handle situations at home and at work. Someone will take what you say or do the wrong way, leaving you in a vulnerable position. Concentrate on self-improvement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Live and learn. Let experience be your guide to a better life and happy relationships. Talk with like-minded people, and you'll come up with a plan that will benefit everyone. Romance is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Follow the money. Avoid joint ventures or shared expenses. Protect your health, wealth and meaningful relationships. Conversations can resolve issues, but there will be an emotional cost involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Keep your thoughts to yourself. Collect information, find out where everyone stands and look for alternative solutions within the guidelines of any rules or regulations you face.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Use your intelligence to counter any attempt to take advantage of you. Keep socialization and entertainment to a minimum. Something may tempt you, but beware the emotional and physical costs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Stick close to home and make changes that will lower your overhead and add to your comfort and convenience. Let go of things you no longer need. Romance is encouraged.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I reconnected with an old flame, "Ollie," eight years ago. We would see each other and catch up during a weekly event he hosted. We're both married with kids. We kept it non-physical but connected emotionally. We chatted every day and confessed our attraction to each other while still not engaging in anything more than our weekly encounters among friends.

People often assumed we were husband and wife. At the time, I was going through a horrible period in my marriage. My husband, "Pete," was emotionally abusive and one night even threatened to kill me. Pete and I went to couples counseling, and I went to counseling on my own.

During the first five years of reconnecting with Ollie, he was supportive, accepting and very kind. I fell in love with him, and he with me. We had one quick hug before I left for the holidays. When I returned, we had an intimate kiss. Then COVID hit. Obviously, there was no physical contact after that kiss, but we still talk nearly every day. We have seen each other at business functions among friends twice in three months.

Pete has actually changed and has apologized for how he treated me. We got along nicely during the quarantine. I am just no longer attracted to him. I no longer trust him. He knows nothing of my friendship with Ollie. I also don't think Ollie will ever give in to his feelings for me. What can I do?

-- CONFOUNDED IN IOWA

DEAR CONFOUNDED: Go back to your counselor. You have some heavy decisions to make about how you want to live the rest of your life. Remove Ollie from the equation and ask yourself if you really want to stay married to someone to whom you are no longer attracted and no longer completely trust.

Some people are so fearful of the prospect of being alone that they stay in empty or abusive relationships. Figure out whether you have the strength to go it alone, and you will have the answer to your question.

DEAR ABBY: I live in an over-55 condominium community in Florida. Overall, it's calm and quiet, which is why I moved here. My favorite pastime and form of exercise is to go to the pool. However, some neighbors think nothing of playing their music loudly in the pool area.

I would never subject anyone else to my taste in music in such a public arena, and I can't understand why they think they have the right to inflict it on other people without asking. I have spoken to them politely and asked that they refrain, but they continue to do exactly as they want. Any suggestions? -- DESPERATELY SEEKING PEACE AND QUIET

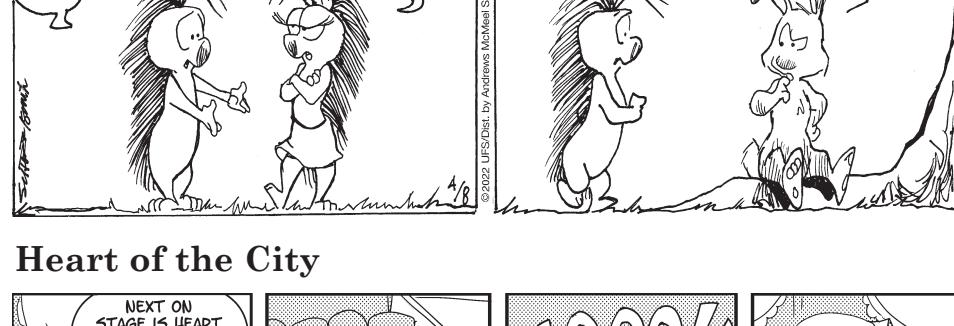
DEAR DESPERATELY: Because you have spoken to the neighbors about this with no success, I will offer some suggestions. The first would be to bring this to the attention of the manager and the board of directors of your condominium association. Consideration for others should not need to be written into the bylaws, but the sad reality is that sometimes it does.

Another solution could be as simple as the music lovers wearing ear buds to enjoy their music without bothering others. However, if that doesn't solve the problem, you may have to invest in noise-canceling headphones for yourself.

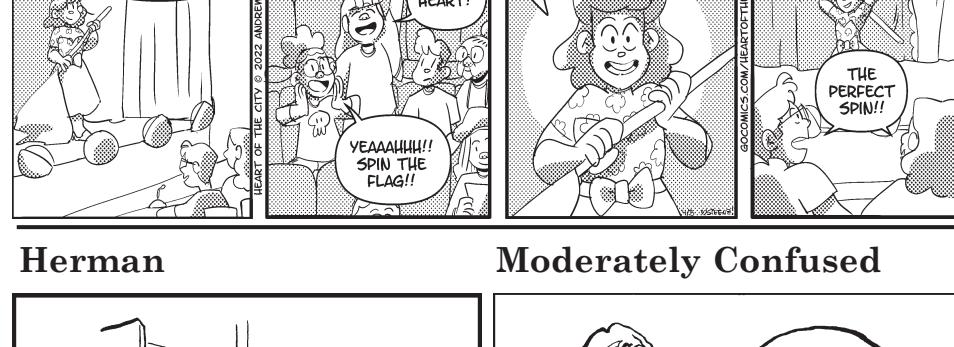
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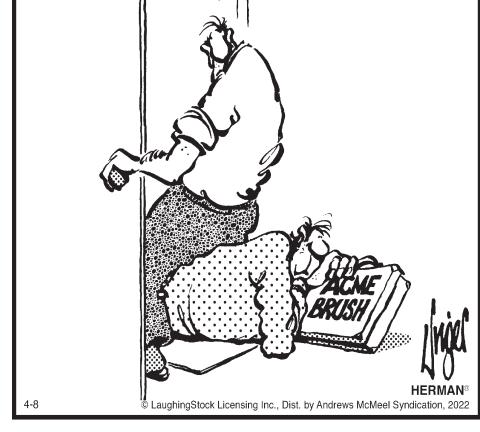
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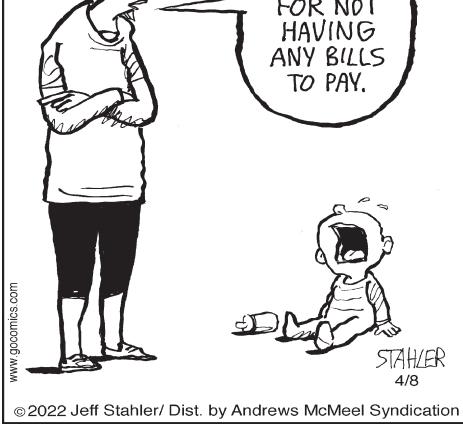
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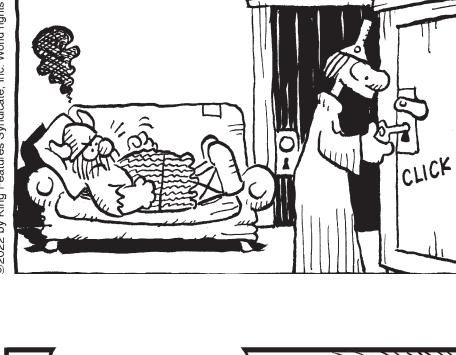
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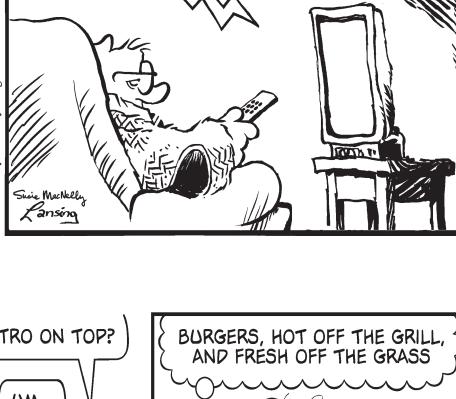
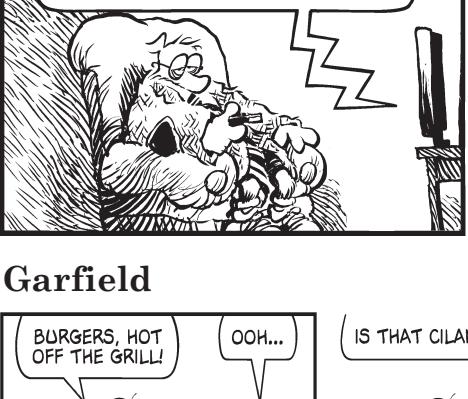
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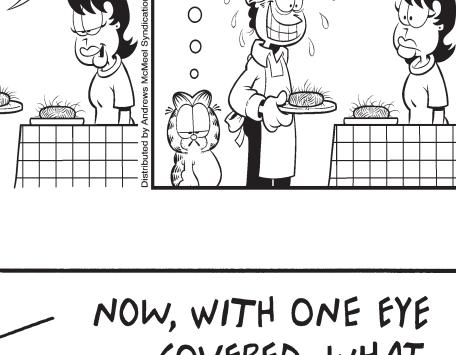
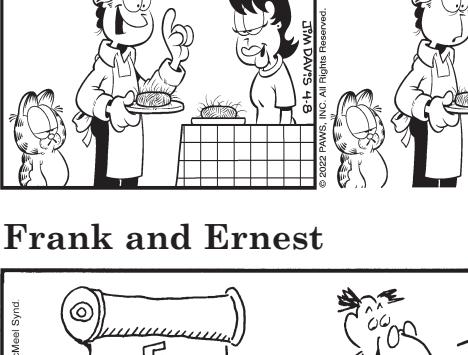
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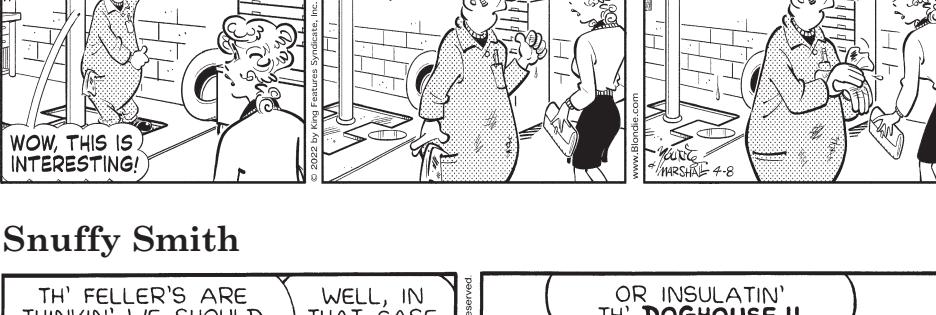
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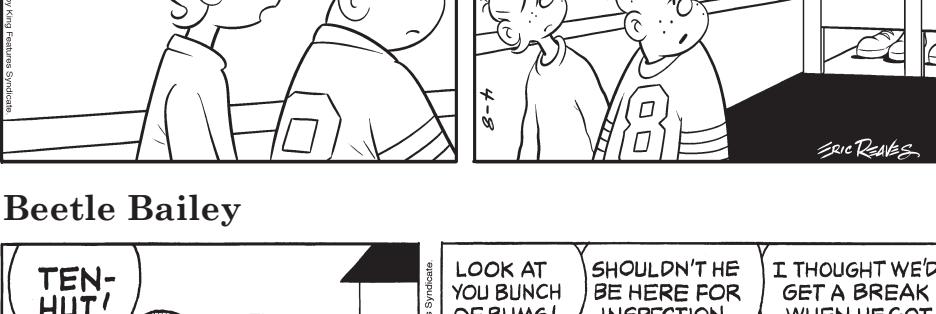
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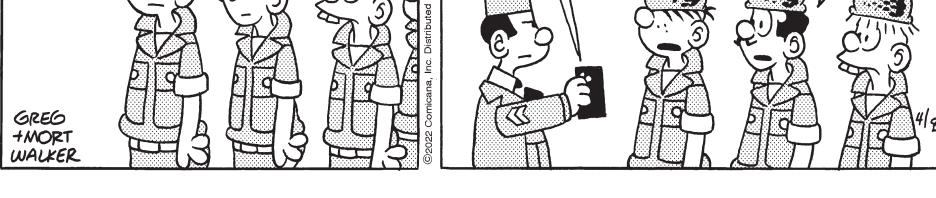
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