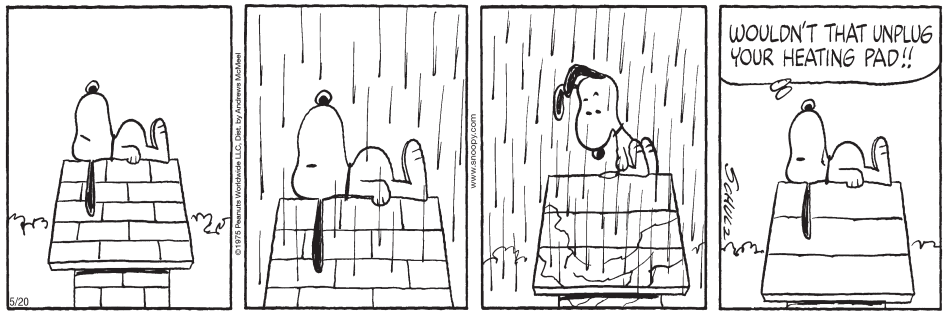


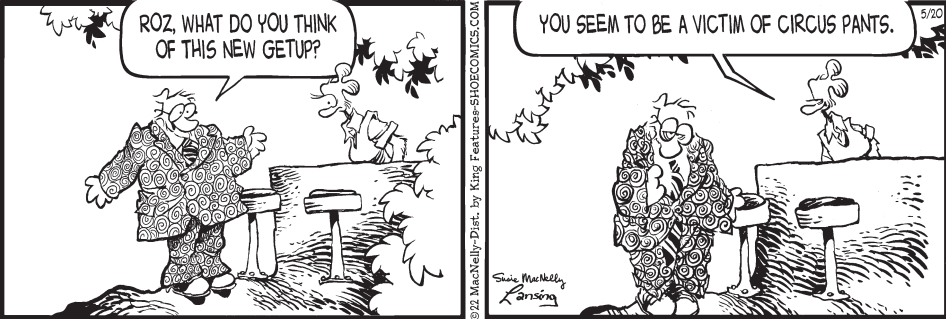
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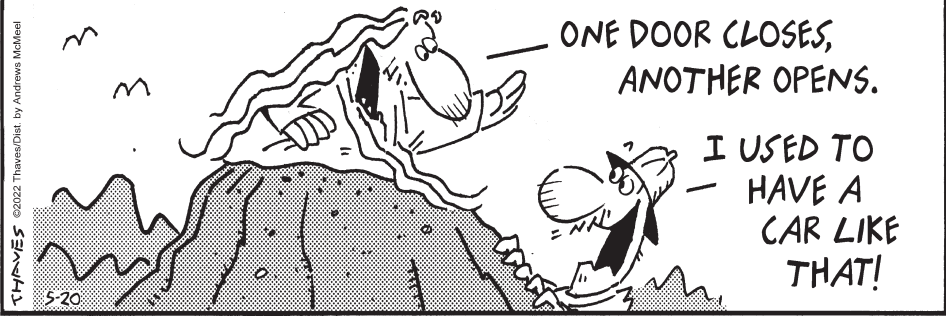
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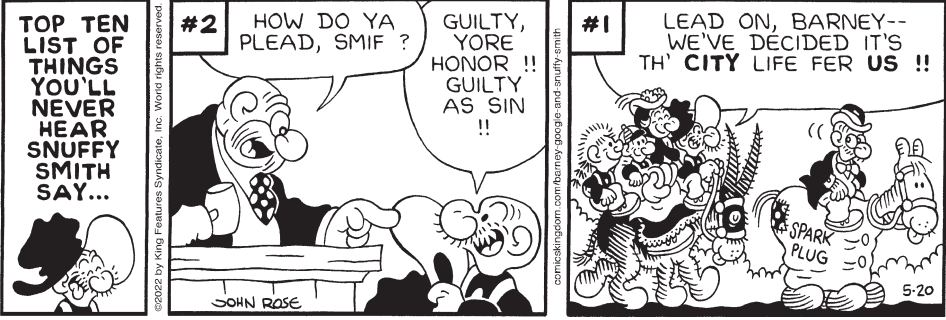
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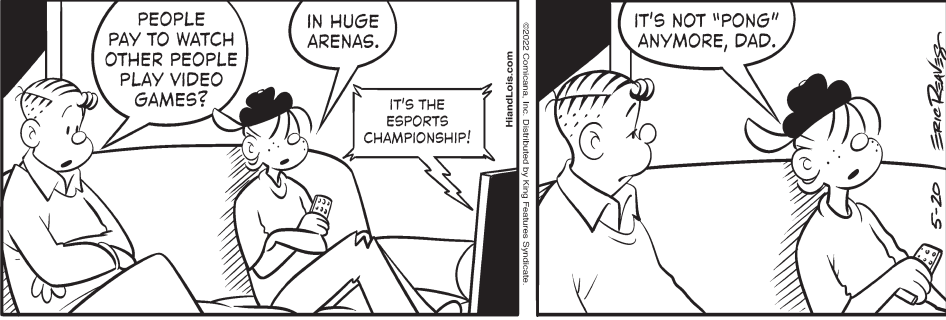
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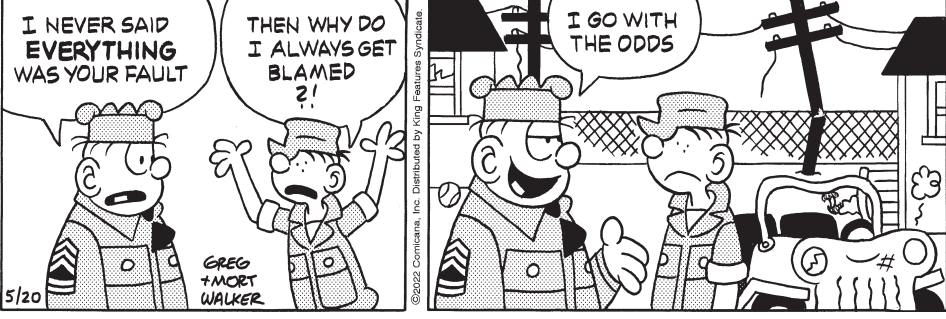
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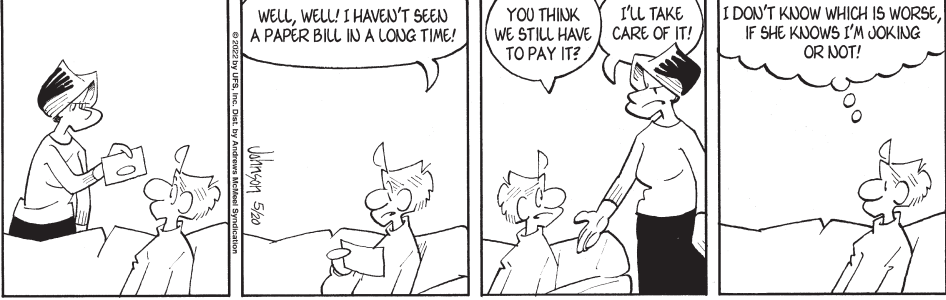
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Take pride in what you do and how you handle situations. A friendly nudge or gesture will prompt others to do their fair share. Keep an open mind and encourage others to help bring about positive change. Try to get in tiptop shape and set standards that help maintain a healthy and happy lifestyle. Listen to your heart, but use common sense.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- It's up to you to make things happen. Don't sit around waiting for someone to step in and take charge. Consider what makes you happy and implement a schedule that offers peace of mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Speak up, promote your intentions and concerns, and do your best to make a difference. Look for a unique way to use your skills, intelligence and connections.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Pay attention, pitch in and help, expand your circle and learn through observation. Consider how different relationships transform and evolve. Take the path that makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Speak from the heart. Show how passionate you feel about your pursuits. Don't offer false hope. Honesty will keep you out of trouble and prevent you from making unrealistic promises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Discuss possibilities with experts, and gain insight into what you can do on your budget. Reach out to someone you trust to keep your secrets. Take responsibility and do the needed work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Look at the bright side, be positive and use your charm and diplomacy to win favors. Shoot for the stars and put in the energy required to meet your expectations. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't play with fire. Leave well enough alone when dealing with a friend, relative or loved one. Bide your time, and work on personal growth and creative endeavors. Steer clear of trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- You'll gain insight into what's happening if you trust your instincts and rely on experience. Speak up and make your feelings and intentions clear. Do something to lift your spirits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll regret a change or decision made under duress. Keep anyone who is pushy at arm's length. Don't take a risk that can lead to poor health or injury. Stick close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take on a challenge that stimulates your mind, body and soul. Explore possibilities and work quietly to raise your earning potential by doing something you enjoy. Romance is featured.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Pitch in and do your part, and you'll make new connections. Knowledge is power, and the information you gather now will help you make better decisions. Aim for more stability.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Activate your resources and connect with people you know you can rely on to get things done. Learn on the go and implement innovative methods. Refuse to let your emotions get in the way.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My father died five years ago at 90. For the last 20 years of his life, both my sisters shunned him because they disliked his second wife (who predeceased him). She had never been anything but kind to us all. They refused to speak to him and, when he was dying, announced that they wouldn't attend his funeral.

When an aunt informed them that Dad had left over a million dollars in cash and no will, they couldn't get here fast enough. They caused me major distress by falsely accusing me of trying to steal from them. I have never taken anything from my sisters. I made certain the money was equally distributed, then shut them out of my life.

"Family," to me, is synonymous with loyalty, love and trust. Without it, we're just relations. I plan to never speak to them again. Am I wrong? -- DISGUSTED IN DENVER

DEAR DISGUSTED: You are not wrong. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. With relatives like your sisters, you don't need enemies. In a case like this, it is common sense to protect yourself. Keeping your distance will accomplish it nicely.

DEAR ABBY: Will you mention the problem of adult bullying in the workplace? The bullies are usually buddy-buddy with supervisors and get away with the harassment, which includes name-calling, ridiculing and gossiping, which makes for a very uncomfortable work environment. This happens too often. -- ONCE BULLIED

DEAR BULLIED: Sadly, you are right. It does happen too often. A way to stop it is first to tell the bully that you don't like it. Then start documenting the incidents, including the dates, times and what was done. Take that information to your boss or supervisor and ask them to put a stop to it. If that doesn't help, take your concerns to H.R. If H.R. doesn't stop what's going on, take the problem -- and your evidence -- to the EEOC. What you have described is a hostile work environment, which might be the basis of legal action.

DEAR ABBY: I recently hosted a bridal shower for my daughter's soon-to-be sister-in-law. It was a lovely affair with delicious food and adorable decor. Everyone enjoyed themselves. After it was over, my daughter chided me for not giving a gift. I was dumbfounded, hurt and more than a little angry. The cost of the shower, not including my time and labor, was well over what I would have spent on a gift.

My daughter is angry with me now because I told her she was being rude and ridiculous. Should I apologize and get the couple an additional gift? I have hosted many such events and always thought the party was a gift. -- ANNOYED IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR ANNOYED: According to "The Everything Wedding Shower Book," by Jennifer Jenkins, "It is customary for the hostess to get the bride a gift for the shower, just like everyone else." However, I am not sure I agree with Jennifer. After having expended the time, effort and expense of planning and executing the shower, I really don't think an additional gift was necessary.

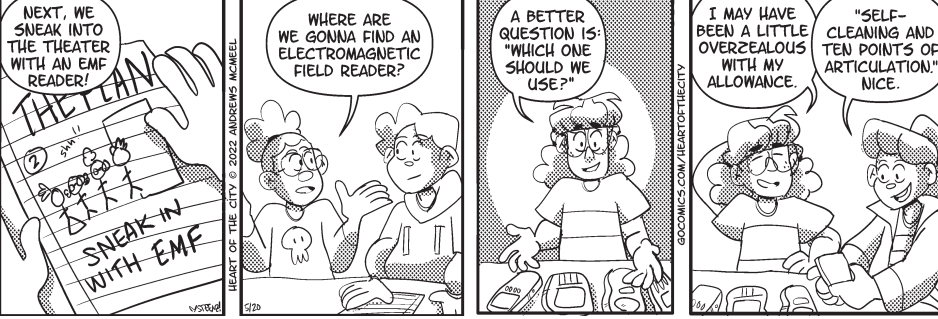
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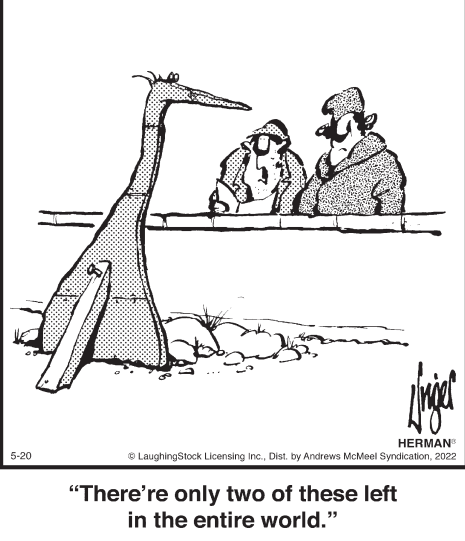
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