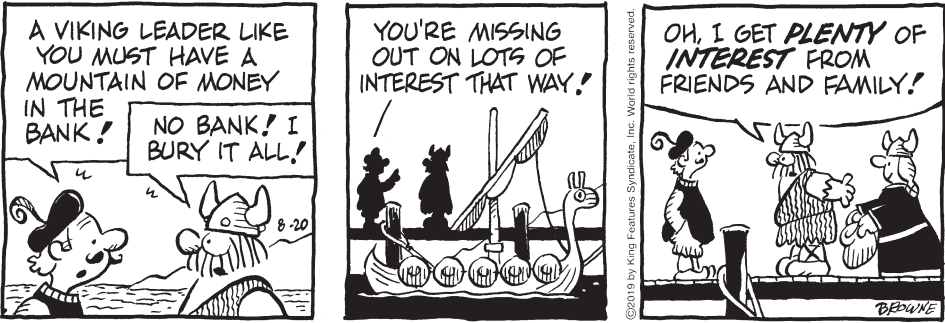


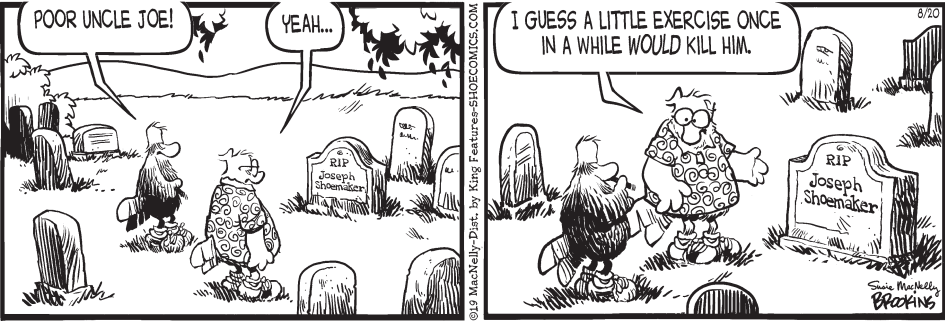
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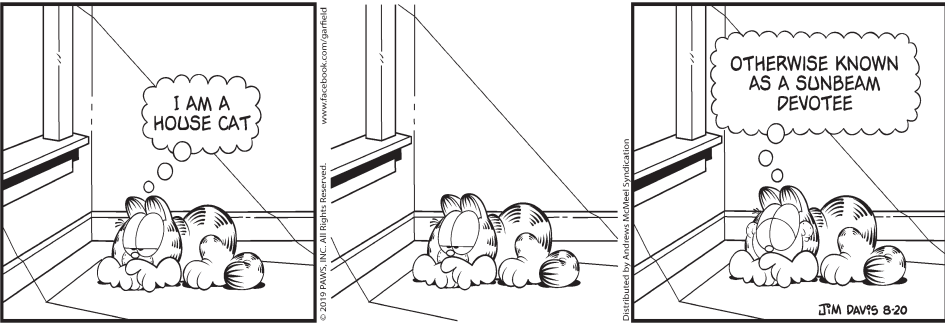
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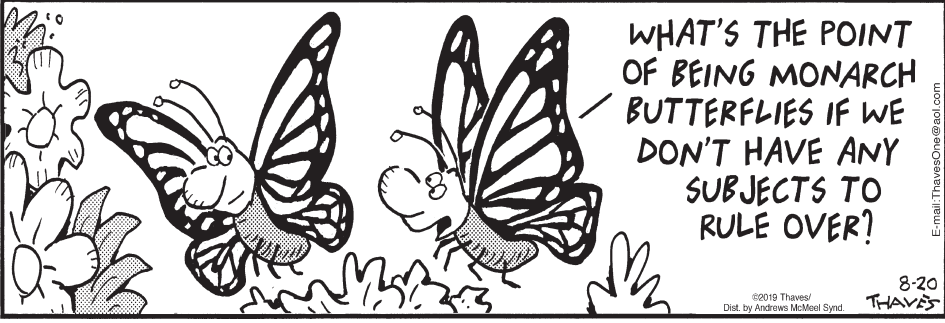
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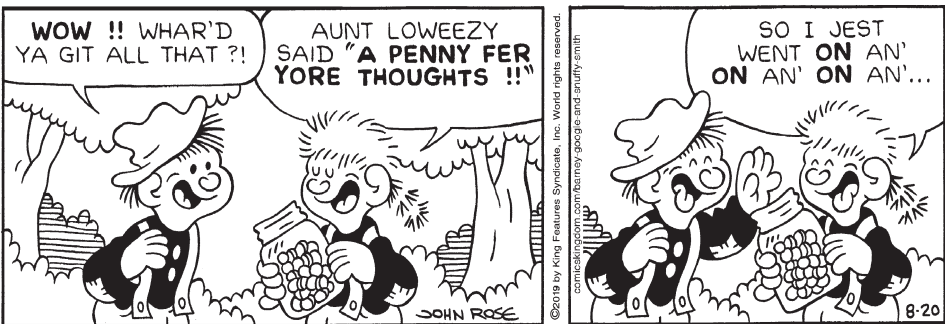
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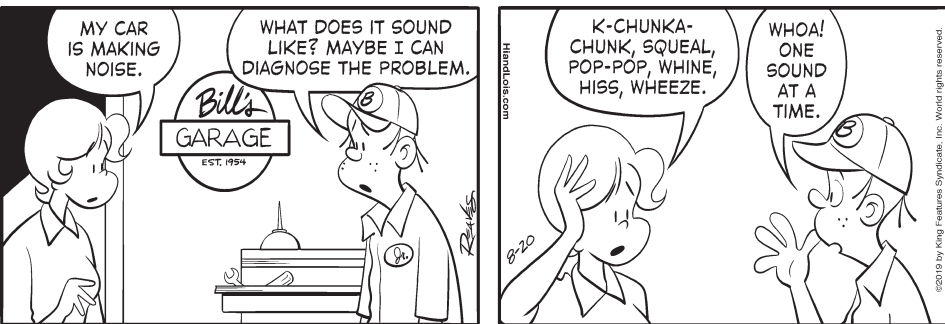
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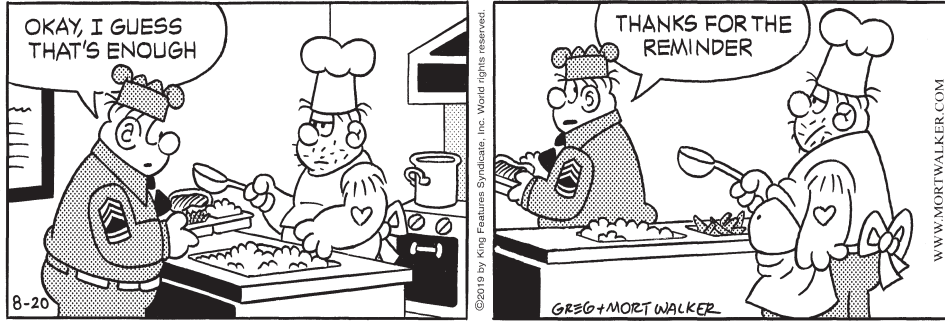
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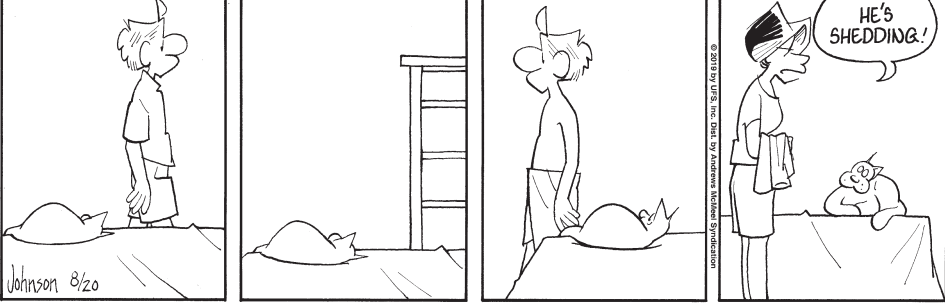
**Hi and Lois**



**Beetle Bailey**



**Arlo and Janis**



**Your Birthday today:**

Live and learn. Take all the experience you've gathered throughout your life and make it work for you now. Tie up loose ends and start living your dreams. A little discipline will help you gain perspective on what's really important to you. Streamline your life.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** - A conversation will be eye-opening. Listen to others, but don't make a drastic change just because someone else does. Use the information you receive and come up with a formula that works for you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Personal change can be made. Consider what's outdated or no longer your thing and make adjustments. Spiritual growth and lifestyle changes are favored, while joint ventures are not.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** - Pay attention to the people who have always been there for you. Neglecting your responsibilities will result in complaints. Take care of personal affairs and tell someone how much you care.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** - Make practical choices, even if someone is trying to push you in a direction that intrigues you. Put safety first and you'll have no regrets.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** - Use your charm to get your way. Enthusiasm will be infectious, and compliments and affectionate gestures will help you gain popularity. You'll get good results if you honor your promises.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Take your health, personal finances and relationships seriously. Don't miss out because you neglected to take care of business or failed to recognize what someone else was doing or saying.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** - Get together with old friends, relatives or someone you used to work with, and you'll be offered information that can help you make a personal decision. Romance is highlighted.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** - Check out what others are up to and see if you can pitch in and help. You can make a difference and gain respect at the same time.

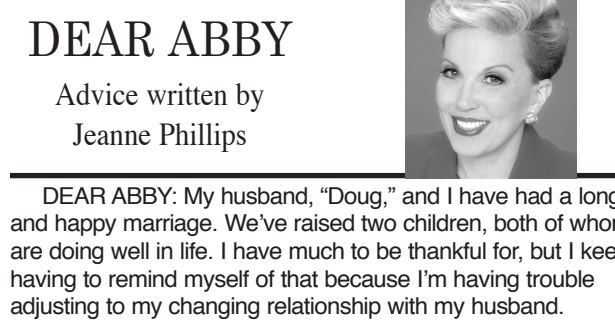
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** - Go directly to the source and get the information you need to make the right decision. You'll have more to gain if you are productive and do things yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** - Someone will offer an inflated proposal. Get whatever you want in writing before you make a commitment. Take care of business personally, and avoid being duped by someone.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** - Physical activities will help you lower stress and lessen anger. Stop worrying about someone or something you cannot change, and focus on making your life better. Choose peace over discord.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** - Helping someone may make you feel good, but don't let anyone take advantage of you or use you. Offer suggestions, but use your energy and money to better yourself, not others.

**DEAR ABBY**



Advice written by  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Doug," and I have had a long and happy marriage. We've raised two children, both of whom are doing well in life. I have much to be thankful for, but I keep having to remind myself of that because I'm having trouble adjusting to my changing relationship with my husband.

We have a grandson. The boy has become the focus of my husband's world. Because of that, Doug no longer wants to do things with me. He says he has too much to do or he is too tired to go out, so I go to social events by myself. In fact, I do everything by myself. If our grandson calls, though, Doug has all the energy in the world.

I try to interact with the two of them, but when I do, I feel like a third wheel. Doug no longer compliments me and is rarely interested in being intimate. I have worked hard to take good care of myself, and I try to look nice for him every day. He doesn't notice.

I'm actually starting to resent my grandson - something I never thought would happen. Do I just carry on and hope things get better? If I should talk to Doug now, how do I do it without sounding petty and immature? - **MARRIED, BUT LONELY**

**DEAR M.B.L.:** Something has gone wrong with your marriage. It appears your husband is using your grandson as a way to buffer himself from you. "Too tired" and "too busy" are excuses, not reasons. If discussing this with him doesn't change things, then it's time to talk to a marriage and family therapist - or a clergyperson, if you have one - about what has been going on.

**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband and I were first married, he was in the Army, stationed in North Carolina. While we were there, his good friend and Army buddy "Mac" became a close friend of mine. There was an instant connection.

I haven't seen Mac since he got out. It has been nine years, but we remain in touch - texting, talking on the phone, playing video games together.

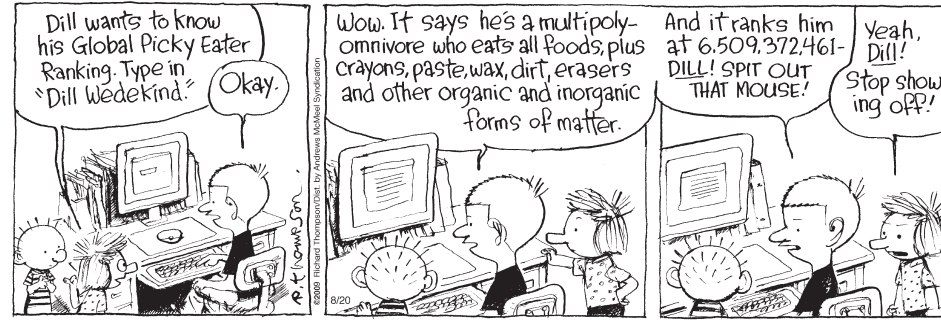
Abby, I believe I may be in love with him. It's not something that happened overnight. This is something I have just come to realize. Do I remain friends and keep this secret or tell him I believe I love him? I am not sure how to handle this. - **BLURRED LINES IN TEXAS**

**DEAR BLURRED LINES:** What do you think you have to gain by telling Mac you think you're in love with him? If he says the feelings are mutual, do you plan on leaving your husband? For the sake of your marriage, stop texting, talking and gaming with this man and concentrate on your husband. If you keep playing with fire, your marriage may wind up in ashes.

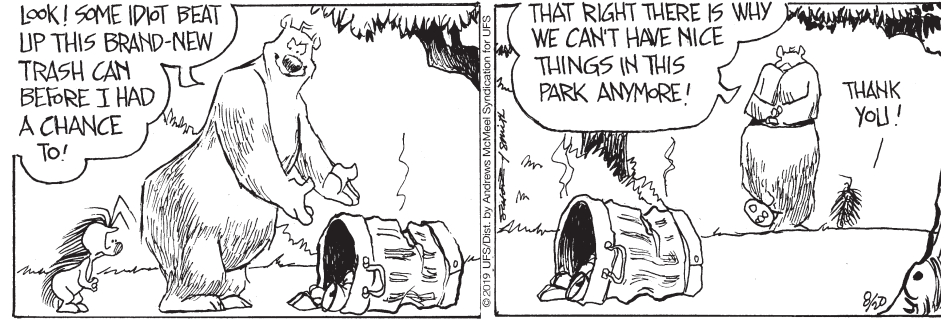
**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter's third-generation, American-born fiance wants to wear a kilt to their wedding. (His late maternal grandmother was born in Scotland.) His parental ancestry claims French and Romanian roots. My daughter would prefer he wear a formal suit or tuxedo to their evening wedding ceremony and reception, which is in an upscale hotel for 100 guests. What to do? - **TO KILT OR NOT TO KILT**

**DEAR KILT:** I'm glad you asked. Your daughter should lighten up, "allow" her fiance to wear whatever he wants to their wedding and respect his reasons for wanting to do so. Look at it this way: It will make for a memorable wedding.

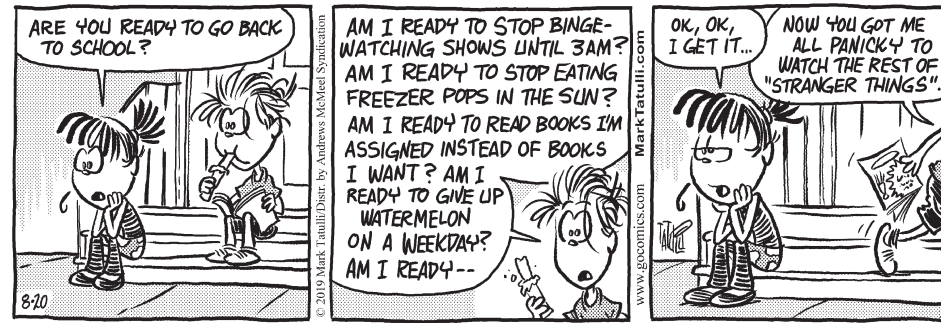
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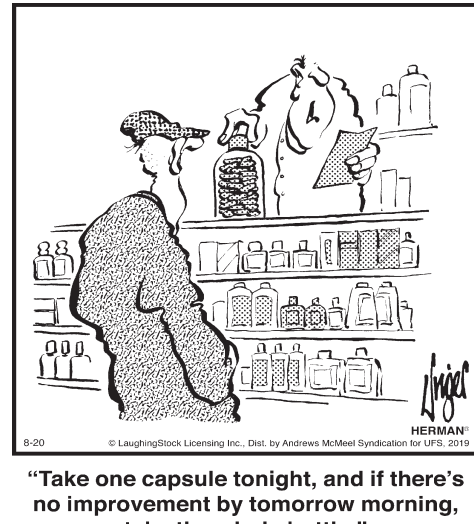
**Grizwells**



**Heart of the City**



**Herman**



**Moderately Confused**



**Born Loser**

