

COMICS

MARMADUKE



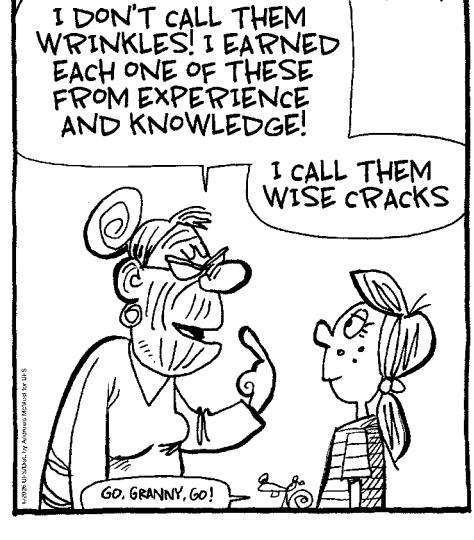
"Marmaduke comes in every day to give everyone a 'like.'"

HERMAN



"They warned us in hairdressing college this day would come."

REALITY CHECK

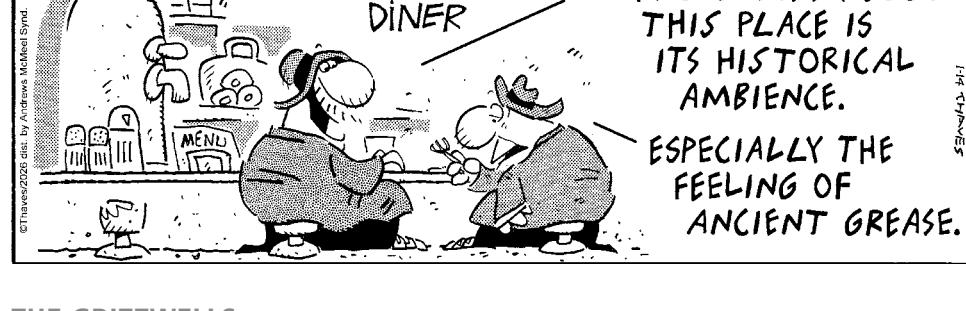


MODERATELY CONFUSED

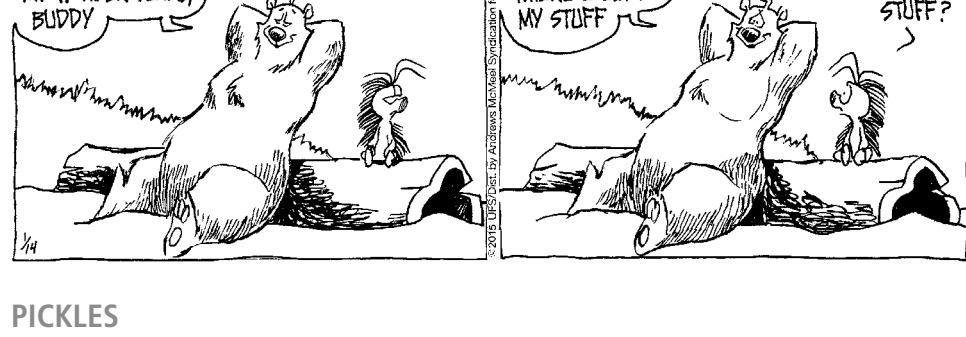


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THE GRIZZWELLS



PICKLES



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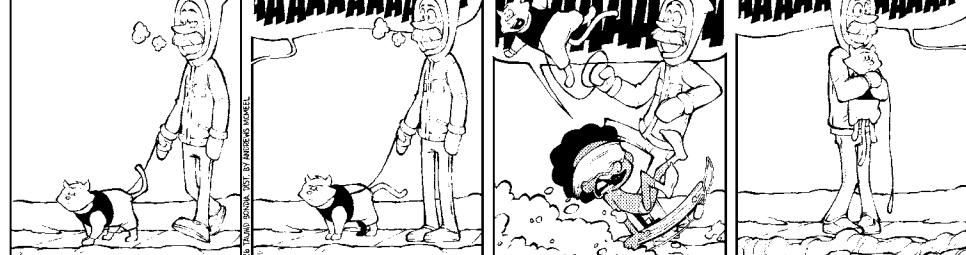
BORN LOSER



HI AND LOIS



CRABGRASS



All's Fair in Love and Sports?



him because it seems like when I do, he has to take other calls, so I wait for him to call me. When I experiment with a new recipe and share it with him, I'm told how well his daughter cooks or how he or his mother would do it. I don't feel like a priority in his life and like I'll always be last in line to his two daughters and his mother. Am I overthinking or overanalyzing things? — Long-Distance Lovers

Dear Long-Distance: If anything, I'd say you're finally confronting reality. The truth of the matter is you're playing second fiddle in this man's life while you've made him the first chair in yours. After two years of dating, he's not visited your home, integrated you into his close relationships or simply kept up regular, consistent communication. If a breakthrough hasn't happened yet, I doubt it ever will. There are far better options out there for you than this fella -- and I'd reckon a lot closer to home.

"Out of Bounds: Estrangement, Boundaries and the Search for Forgiveness" is out now! Annie Lane's third anthology is for anyone who has lived with anger, estrangement or the deep ache of being wronged -- because forgiveness isn't for them. It's for you. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information.

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Embrace change. Start the ball rolling. Stop waiting for someone else to show you the way. It's up to you to figure out what makes you happy and to pursue things that get you moving and help you make an impression. Idle time is the enemy this year, and regardless of your stage in life, it's still up to you to head in a direction that motivates you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Put yourself out there and make your voice heard. Everything comes at a price, and it's up to you to decide what you are willing to sacrifice to follow your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Stick to your plan regardless of what others do. Work to stay in sync with what's current and marketable. Let your uniqueness lead the way and your discipline help you cross the finish line.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Participate in events that matter to you, and you'll gain insight into how you can make a difference while connecting with like-minded people. A change of habits will lead to progress. Romance is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Invest in something that matters, and you can make a difference. Use your imagination, and offer your skills, time and experience to bring about change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Keep your expenses under control. Don't pay for someone else's mistakes or poor judgment. Focus on getting ahead and staying up to date with technology and what's happening in your community.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- If you want something, find a way to make it happen. Your opportunities will come through communication and recognizing when to make your next move.

ACROSS

1	Small dog	34	Writing fluid
4	Donkey's cry	35	Sloe — fizz
8	Mass of floating ice	36	Reptile
12	Org. for lawyers	39	Peace goddess
13	Marathon	41	Youngster
14	Dalai —	42	In favor of
15	Costa del —	43	Brilliance
16	Currier's partner	46	Impresario
17	In its present condition (2 wds.)	50	Pottery material
18	Thin	51	Sept
20	Montana city	52	— Got a Secret
21	— You Need Is Love	53	Mist
22	Play on words	54	Sit for a painter
23	Avoid	55	The present
26	Horse opera	56	Had a debt
30	Stage of life	57	Struck with solemn fear
31	Charge	58	Dynamite letters
32	Twosome		
33	Author — Levin		

DOWN

1	Elapse	34	Headgear for a horse
2	Old coin of Greece	35	“Bolero” composer
3	Masculine	36	Maple genus
4		37	“Certainly!”
5		38	Show off
6		39	Endure
7		40	
8		41	
9		42	
10	Leave unmentioned	43	Stage
11	Relaxation	44	Repeat
19	Complain persistently	45	Hammer part
20	Coach	46	Lie around doing nothing
22	Furtive look	47	Sluggish
23	Raised platform	48	Gum flavor
24	Beast	49	The Bard's river
25	Costly	50	Amphibian
26	Traveled	51	Tax pro

Go where the action is. Travel and partnerships are favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Mixing business with pleasure will backfire if you haven't thought matters through. Use your intelligence, protect your reputation and focus on unique ideas, a disciplined attitude and positive change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Do something you enjoy with someone you love. Personal improvements will boost your confidence and encourage you to do things you enjoy. Express your feelings and find out where you stand with someone you want to spend more time with.

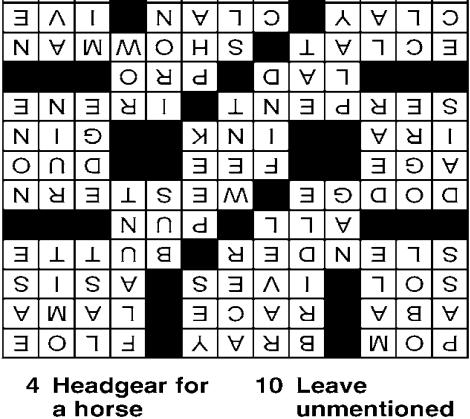
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Be careful how you divvy things up. Partnerships will suffer if you let someone get away with something that irks you. Speak up rather than allowing your emotions to swell out of proportion. Romance is favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Fast talk and action will be necessary. Too much of anything will weigh you down. Problems at home or work will escalate quickly if you aren't prepared to make a move. Address financial constraints before it's too late.

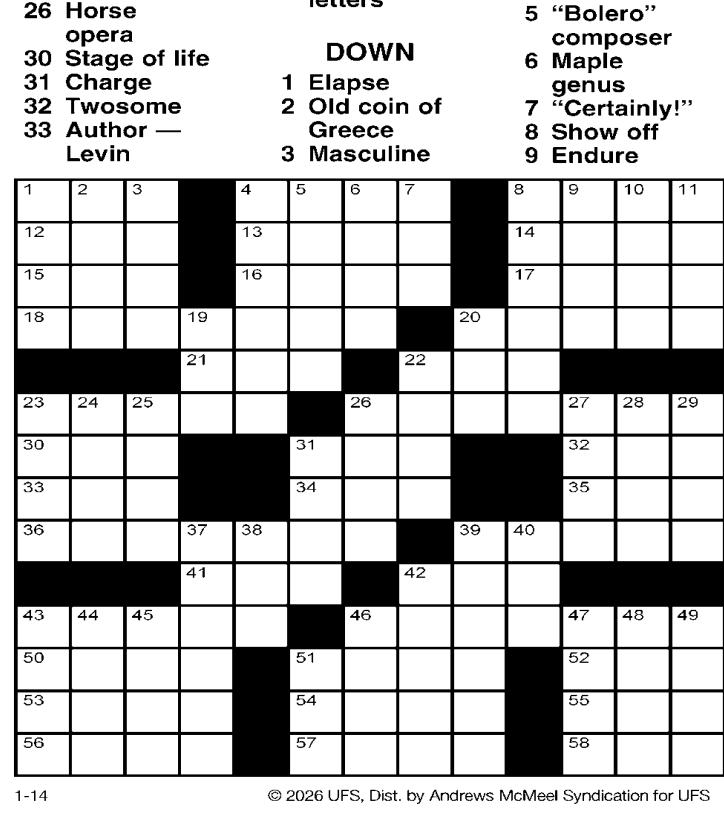
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Emotions will trigger uncertainty and change. Think on your feet and be ready to make a move. You have more opportunities than you realize. Romance is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Stop doubting yourself. Build equity and look for ways to use your skills and money to get ahead. Invest in your ability to be competitive and be ready to parlay your skills into something you want to pursue.

Answer to this puzzle



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5. Furtive look
6. Raised platform
7. Beast
8. Costly
9. Traveled
10. Outer boundary
11. Destroy completely
12. Second to —
13. Discover
14. Made music
15. Dine
16. Removed wrinkles from
17. Argument
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