

## Peanuts



## Your Birthday today:

Be assertive but patient, friendly but cautious and helpful but good to yourself. Attention to detail and discipline will help you finish what you start. Listening and understanding how best to contribute and when to step back will encourage better relationships with others and fewer misunderstandings and mistakes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

-- Don't let the little things get to you when there is so much to be grateful for. Be bold, speak your piece and stick up for yourself and for others who could use some help.

T AURUS (April 20-May 20)

-- Distance yourself from temptation. Don't be fooled by a disguise. Do your own thing and control your destiny. Put your heart and soul into what makes you happy. Work by yourself, if you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

-- Branch out, explore new possibilities, network and socialize with people who inspire you. Be a good listener, process information and see what you can do to broaden your horizons.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

-- Be cautious regarding what and whom you invest in. Establish what you want to achieve before taking off in a new direction. Sit back and observe; let someone else take the risk. You can think big on a budget.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

-- Do your own thing. Learn as you go, and don't look back. Your determination and charm will help you outmaneuver anyone who tries to get in your way. Concentrate on what you are trying to accomplish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

-- Be realistic when it comes to your relationships with others. Refuse to buy into someone's plan if it doesn't suit your needs or isn't cost-efficient. A change may tempt you, but you should be wary of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

-- Don't stop midstream. If you want something, go for it. Say what's on your mind and put your plans in motion. Taking a strong position will discourage others from getting in your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

-- Dream big, but don't take on more than you can handle. You'll get caught in a tight spot if you make unrealistic promises. Stick to basics and change only what's necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

-- Assess your situation. Consider what you can achieve, and use your skills to make life more meaningful or pleasant. Don't trust others to help. Be smart and depend on yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

-- A feud with a friend, relative or peer will set you back. Stick close to home and focus on following a healthy lifestyle. An overdue domestic change will give you the boost you need to excel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

-- Slow down and rethink your game plan. Taking a realistic approach to work and how you live will help you decide if you want to continue down the path you are heading. Prioritize happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

-- Go about your business behind closed doors. The more unfamiliar others are with you and what you are trying to achieve, the easier it will be to reach your destination.

## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two elementary-aged children. My mother occasionally babysits for us and freely volunteers to do so. If we sometimes hire sitters, she seems offended. However, she insists she must watch the children in our home, never hers.

While we appreciate her time, it would be lovely to drop the children off at her home occasionally rather than have to leave our house if we want a date night. I have made gentle suggestions, which she invariably declines. I should mention the condition of her home is borderline hoarder status. We have offered to sort things with her, and even hire a company to help her move anything she could part with.

Her house is starting to smell funny and it's definitely not very clean. I'm at a loss about why she won't address this. It's not a time issue; she's retired. I suspect she's deliberately making the house unwelcoming to avoid having anyone over, including her grandchildren.

When she babysits at our house, she sets a very early end time (i.e., 9 p.m.), then complains about how tired she is and gets a bit martyrish, although she has told me on many other occasions that she enjoys our kids and they are "easy" to watch. I can't help but feel this issue might be resolved at her house. Am I unreasonable, or do you have other suggestions? -- DATE NIGHT IN MICHIGAN

DEAR DATE NIGHT: You aren't being unreasonable. I would describe your attitude as "entitled." Your mother is also entitled. She's entitled to set the time and place in which she will be performing this free service for you. If your date will extend beyond the time your mom is "available," you will have to hire someone else, and she will have to accept it.

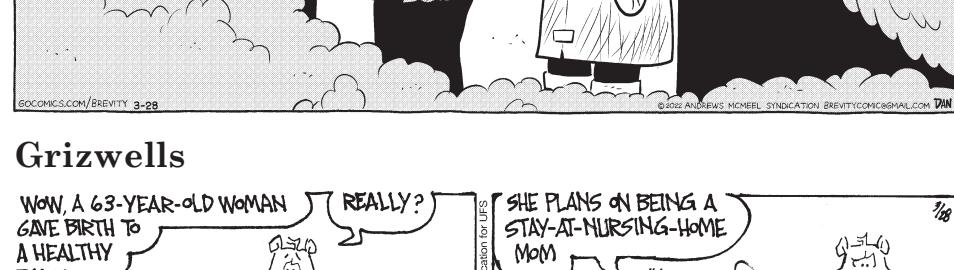
P.S. Continue to press your mom about the issue of her hoarding, because it may be a symptom of a larger problem.

DEAR ABBY: My partner, "Josh," is a musician who insists on still practicing with the band even though he doesn't have gigs. We have two fragile family members who would die if they got COVID-19, so we have tried to avoid any risks. Yet he still does band practice with people outside our household. The bandmates are not careful like we are and one even has weekly gigs with another band!

I want to ask Josh to stop band practice altogether, but I'm afraid he will resent me, fly off the handle and ultimately end our relationship. I wish I didn't have to worry and ask this stuff, but he keeps putting himself in situations that violate everything we have worked so hard to accomplish. Why is it so hard for him to give up in-person practice? Why can't he put everyone's safety first? I'm so conflicted, Abby. What do I do? -- BAND GIRLFRIEND IN NEW YORK

DEAR GIRLFRIEND: If you are as deeply worried about the safety of your medically fragile relatives as you have stated, YOU should end the relationship. Josh may need to practice with his bandmates so they don't replace him. He cannot be responsible for their behavior, and for you to expect him to be is unrealistic.

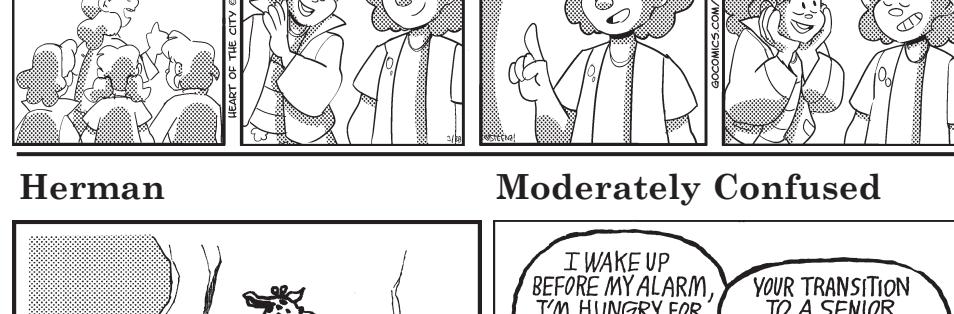
## Brevity



## Grizwells



## Heart of the City



## Herman



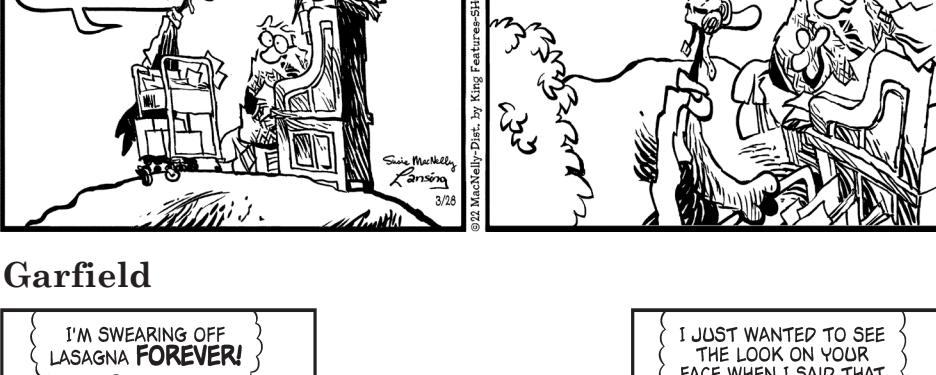
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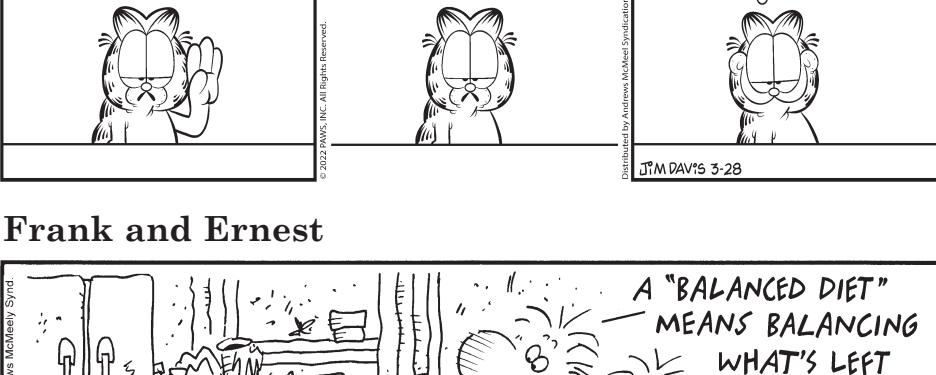
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## Shoe



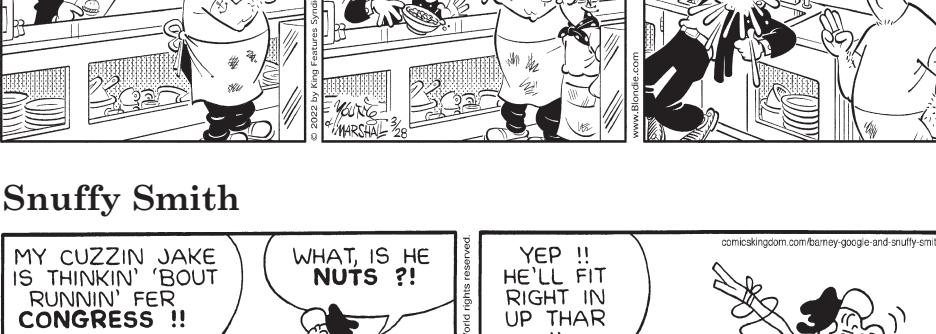
## Garfield



## Frank and Ernest



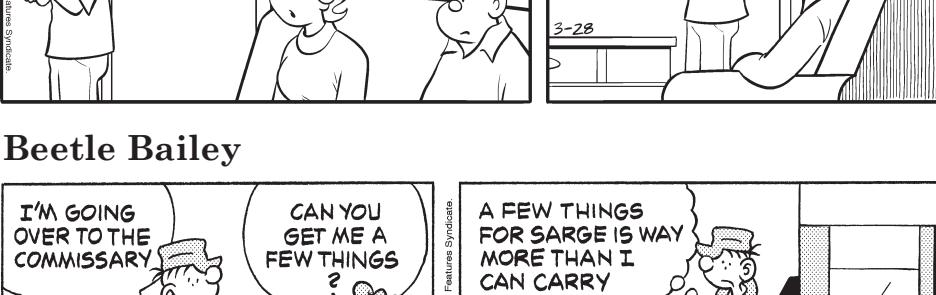
## Blondie



## Snuffy Smith



## Hi and Lois



## Beetle Bailey



## Arlo and Janis



## Born Loser



## Is There a Spring Break for Grade Schoolers?