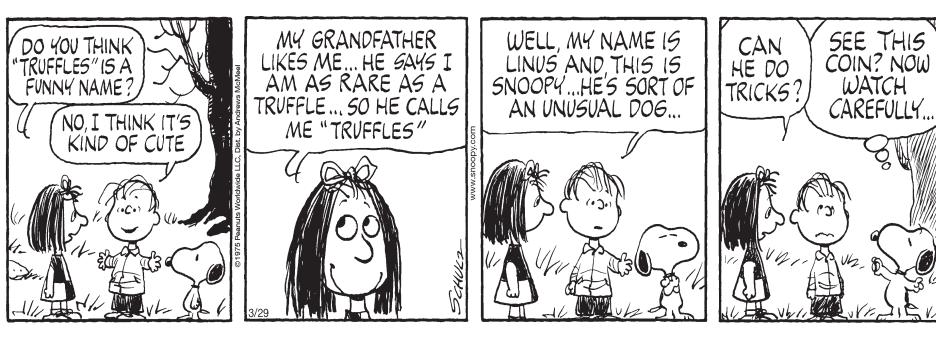


Peanuts



Your Birthday today:

Take the high road. Pursue your goals with strength, courage and intelligence. How you handle others will pay off. Aim for personal and financial stability, and put your mind at rest, knowing you have done the best you can. Physical and emotional improvements are favored, and working with a strong team is recommended.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) --

Take stock of what you've done and what's left to do. Taking an energetic approach and reaching out to those who complement your skills and share your mindset will encourage success.

T AURUS (April 20-May 20) --

Control your emotions when working alongside others. Making a change without consulting others will cause havoc. Use your power of persuasion to get others to do things your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Stick to instructions. Be wary of anyone who tries to lure you down a slippery slope. Temptation is the enemy, and intelligence and practicality will be necessary. Romance is apparent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) --

Keep your thoughts to yourself and do your own thing. You'll leave others wondering what you'll do next. A modern approach will capture the moment and put you in the spotlight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Making a change based on your emotions could cost you. Think matters through before you act. Run your ideas by someone you love and trust, and together you'll come up with a solid plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Get into the groove and make your move.

You have plenty going for you, so don't let anyone stand in your way. Be a leader, look at the big picture and focus on reaching your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) --

Participate in events that give you the platform you need to show everyone who you are and what you have to offer. Share your thoughts and intentions with someone who can help you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) --

Refuse to let anyone goad you into an argument. Gravitate toward people who encourage you to use your skills uniquely and live life your way. Make happiness your long-term goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) --

Listen carefully, but don't get into a debate with someone looking for a fight. Focus on professional gains and taking care of your responsibilities. Discipline will be required.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) --

Work behind the scenes putting together a foolproof plan that will tip the scale in your favor. Precision and attention to detail will ensure that you gain momentum and get things done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) --

Set your sights on accomplishment. Wasting time on something that doesn't fit your lifestyle, budget or skill set will leave you in a vulnerable position. Don't be a follower.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) --

Pay attention to others while letting your imagination run free. You are overdue for a change that will make you feel content and give you peace of mind. Follow a path that brings you joy.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I have a daughter who married a less-than-capable provider because she was pregnant. She's sloppy, hasn't seen a dentist in five years, barely keeps her room clean and is very overweight. She lives with us now because she decided, finally, to go back to school.

We let her live in an apartment we own, and it became so full of roaches -- because they didn't clean their dishes or floors -- that we left it "as-is." We are afraid to buy anything for them to live in again, because they have no regard for their things, their child's things or any place they live. What should we do when she finally gets a job, if that happens? Do we move her someplace and let her mess it up? Must we take care of everything? -- RAISING A CHILD-ADULT

DEAR RAISING: It's a hopeful sign that your daughter has finally decided to return to school. However, from your description, she may be severely depressed and need to be seen by a doctor. That she would raise a baby in a filthy roach-infested dwelling has me concerned about her ability to function as a parent.

Be a little more patient with your daughter and encourage her to follow through with her schooling. If the apartment still belongs to you, have it professionally cleaned and permit her to stay in it AS LONG AS IT IS KEPT CLEAN ENOUGH THAT THE BABY CAN SAFELY LIVE THERE.

Once she graduates and finds employment, give her enough money for a down payment or a deposit on an apartment. Look after your grandchild while she's working if her husband is incapable of doing it, which likely will be the case. Most important, make sure your grandchild is properly cared for.

DEAR ABBY: When I was in high school, I stopped going by my short nickname and began going by my more formal given name. Everyone has been respectful, except my significant other. When he met me 20 years ago, the change had already occurred. Yet he continues to call me by the nickname. He does it whenever he talks about me to others, and it often leads to my being in a social situation and having to correct people.

When I have tried to impress upon him how important this is to me, he says I am being "trivial." Abby, it is my NAME, and I think I have the right to be called what I want. I consider his refusal to understand how I feel a sign of disrespect. Am I wrong? -- CALL ME BY MY NAME

DEAR CALL: No, you are not wrong. Your significant other should have made more of an effort to call you by your preferred name 20 years ago. Had he done that, by now it would have become habit. Correct him every time he uses the wrong name, whether it's in private or in public.

For many people, this would not be a deal-breaker. However, because it is for you, it may be time to consider replacing him with someone who wants to help you be the person you want to be, rather than put a stumbling block in your way.

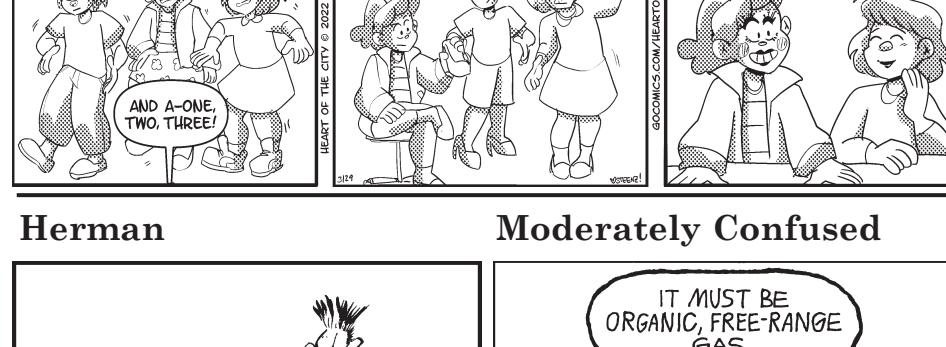
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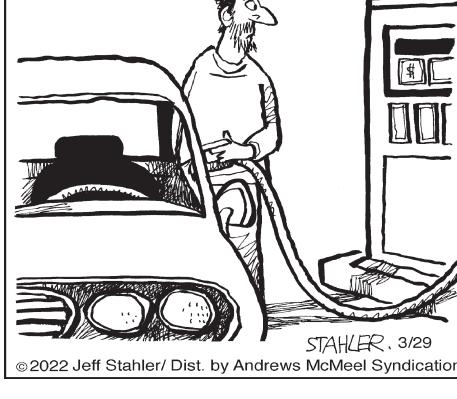
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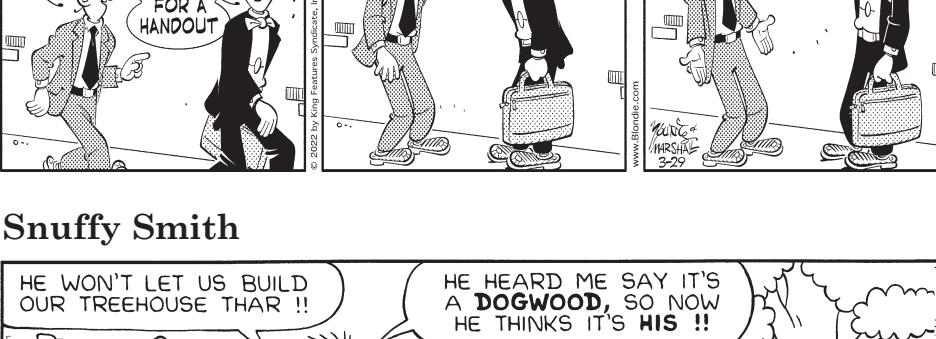
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Frank and Ernest



Blondie



I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING NOTE OF MY ATTIRE

PRESNTATION IS EVERYTHING!

Snuffy Smith



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



AND PICASSO!

YES!

WE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON, DON'T WE?

Born Loser

I THINK OF OUR OFFICE AS A TOOLBOX, AND EACH EMPLOYEE IS A DIFFERENT TOOL WITH A UNIQUE FUNCTION.

I THINK OF MYSELF AS A SWISS ARMY KNIFE - A JACK-OF-ALL TRADES. WHAT WOULD YOU BE, CHIEF?

THE HAMMER, OF COURSE!