

Peanuts



Hagar The Horrible



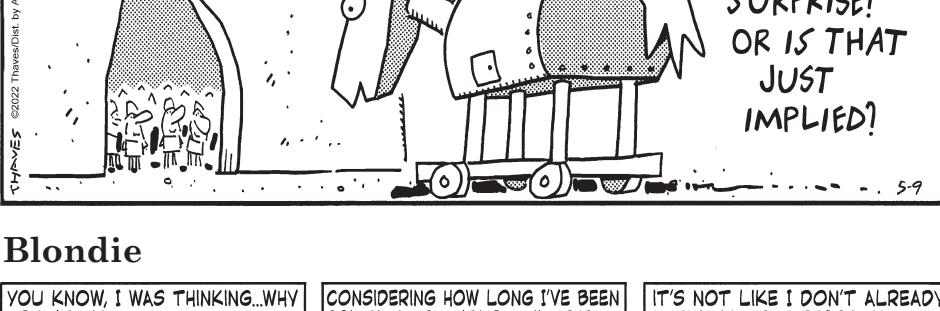
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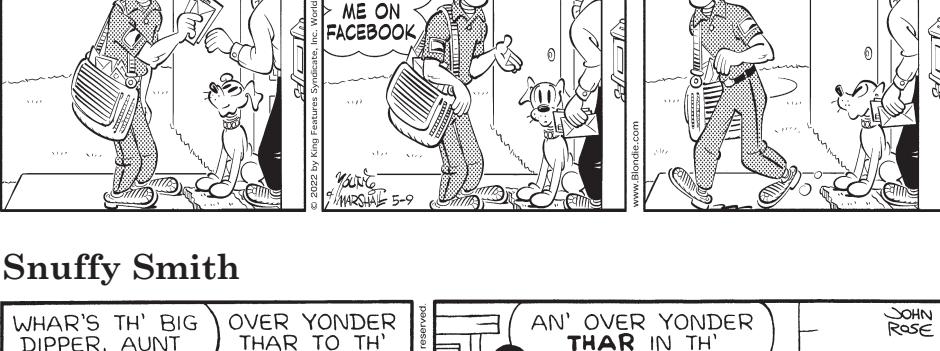
Garfield



Frank and Ernest



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Give yourself plenty of time to figure out what you want to achieve this year and how best to initiate your plans. Listen to the voice of reason and those offering wisdom and experience. An untimely move or change will be difficult to recover from, but one based on facts and practicality will offer rewards that put a smile on your face.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) --

Take stock of what you have and what you can discard. Cleaning house will give you a new lease on life. Don't give up on your dreams because of the work entailed. Follow your heart!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) --

Remember mistakes and regrets before making a questionable move. Refine your strategy to fit current trends. Concentrate on doing a good job, and the rewards will be gratifying.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) --

Use your resources wisely. Call on those who are quick to respond, and offer unique suggestions. Stop worrying about things you can't change. You'll win someone's monetary support.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) --

Work with what's available. Don't vie for someone's attention. Keep your wallet in your pocket. Trying to buy love or favors will lead to unwanted changes. Assess your emotional well-being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) --

Avoid emotional traps and people who use manipulative tactics to take advantage of you. Pay attention to what things cost and look for a way to reduce expenses instead of adding to them.

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

Put some thought into fixing up your space. Working alongside someone who shares your values and beliefs will give you the boost you need to be successful. Work on self-improvement.

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

A creative endeavor will keep you busy and out of trouble. Don't give in to pressure. Attend industry events and share information with people who can help you advance.

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

Problems with friends, relatives or peers will emerge. Keep your thoughts to yourself and don't believe everything you hear. An exciting opportunity will come with financial rewards.

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

Pace yourself to avoid fatigue. A change at home will be welcome but costly. Put your plans and a budget in place before you begin. Call in favors if it will help you get what you want.

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

Stick close to home and to people who bring out the best in you. Do what makes sense and say no to anyone prompting you to make unwanted changes. Concentrate on home improvement and good health.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) --

A change in how you handle money and resources will be detrimental to what you are trying to achieve. Keep things moderate and straightforward. Stick to the truth and to a budget.

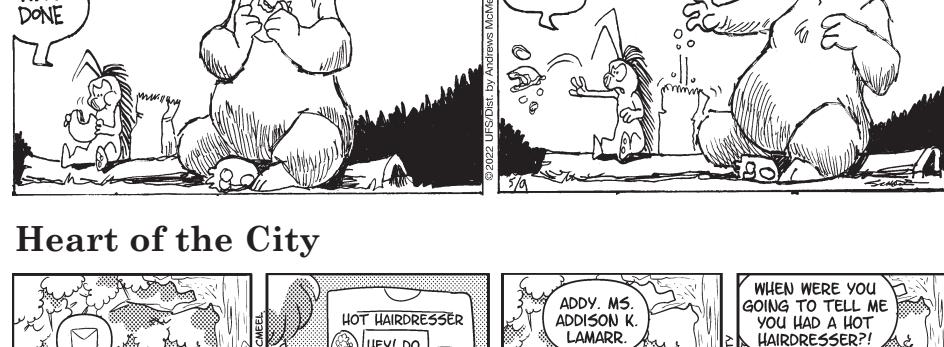
ARIES (March 21-April 19) --

Keep your plans to yourself; if you reveal too much information, someone will look for a way to interfere. Use your charm to keep the peace. Work on projects that directly benefit you.

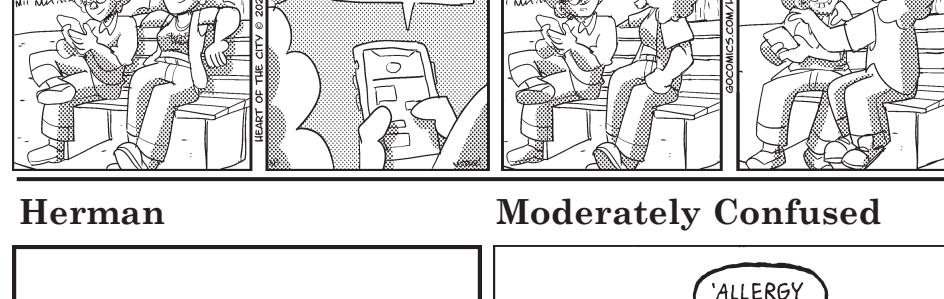
Brevity



Grizwells



Heart of the City



Herman



Moderately Confused



Born Loser



DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Rowan," and I are getting married this year. It is my second marriage and his first. Rowan has a young son I'll call "Sean" from a previous relationship. I have a good relationship with Sean, and expressed to Rowan that I'd love to include Sean on our honeymoon, so we can have a proper first family vacation. (Rowan's custody agreement states that no unmarried parties may live together when their child is present in the home.)

Rowan was enthusiastic about it, since I'll finally be able to have proper bonding time with Sean in a home environment overnight. But when I bring this up with anyone else, they say I am selfish for wanting to play "Mom" and include my soon-to-be stepson on a vacation that's supposed to be for just me and my fiance.

We want to share this time with his son and have a fun family vacation. Are we doing the wrong thing? Should we leave Sean out? Why, with so many different family dynamics, is wanting to include Rowan's son regarded as selfish?

-- UNSELFISH IN THE SOUTH

DEAR UNSELFISH: You and Rowan should listen to your hearts instead of listening to unsolicited advice. Wanting to include Sean on the trip is the opposite of selfish, and it is your and your fiance's privilege to decide.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's daughter has decided that her children should not call me "Grandma," because I'm not their biological grandmother. She says her mother is their grandma and not me, even though her father and I have been together since before the birth of her children.

Eight years later, she told them not to call me Grandma. I am so hurt about it I can no longer bring myself to go over to their house. Please tell me how I can deal with being so blatantly disrespected by my husband's daughter. I seem to be good only for birthday presents and Christmas gifts. -- SLIGHTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SLIGHTED: I subscribe to the philosophy that the more love there is in this world, the better. I would take it a step further and add that the more loving grandparents there are in a child's life, the better. Your stepdaughter's announcement to the children at this late date that you are not their grandmother seems spiteful and hurtful. That said, there's nothing positive to be gained by shunning the children if you love them. What they call you is less important than the relationship you have with them. If you continue staying away as you have been doing, you will only drive a deeper wedge between you.