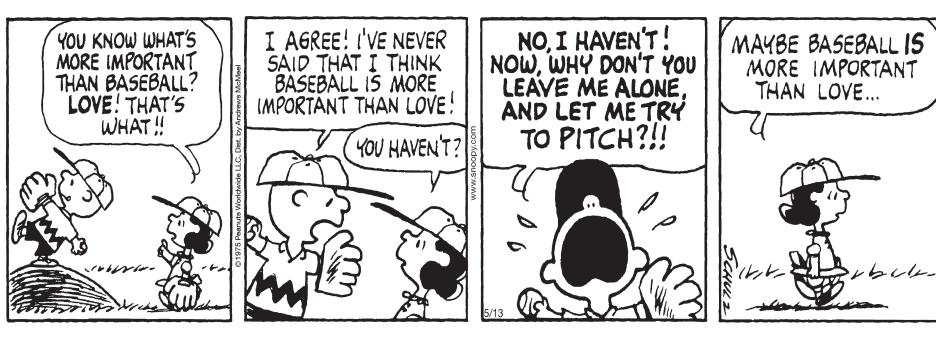


## Peanuts



## Your Birthday today:

Concentrate on being a good closer. Listen, assess and make counteroffers. Show compassion and understanding, and make sure you include something for everyone. Being a crowd-pleaser will help you get things done this year. Size up and sort out any differences that might slow you down or stand in your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

– Jealousy will set your emotions on fire. Separate yourself from whatever is happening and try to be rational. Nothing is as you imagine or assume. Don't act on assumptions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

– Don't wait until the last minute to make plans. An organized outing will allow you to enjoy your day. Information shared among friends, colleagues or family will be valuable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

– Stop worrying about what others do or say and put your energy into something that intrigues you. Gain experience that will encourage you to expand your qualifications.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

– Stick close to home and to what and who are familiar to you. Keep an eye on someone who is inconsistent or making unpredictable changes that could put your finances at risk. Stand up for your rights.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

– Don't spend money just to impress someone. Mix business with pleasure, and you'll make headway in a relaxed environment geared toward cooperation. A partnership looks promising.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

– You'll be right on target regarding ideas and plans. Time spent with people who share your beliefs and goals will help you broaden your vision. Sharing expenses with a colleague will work out quite well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

– You'll get a good look at what's possible if you attend a seminar, industry event or community project. Pitch in and help a cause, and you'll make valuable connections.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

– Trust your instincts, not what someone wants you to believe. Push yourself to be more resourceful and to put time aside to take care of your needs. Enjoy a spa day, or just kick back and relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

– Emotions will spin out of control if you get into a debate. Be kind and keep the peace without giving up too much. Look for a budget-friendly incentive to inspire others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

– Assess your expenses and think about your lifestyle. Look for ways to keep yourself in good shape and help you save money for something you want. Don't let anyone deter you from pursuing your dream.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

– Evaluate your relationships, consider with whom you have the most in common and plan to spend more time together. Sticking to a routine will help ground you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

– Act on your words. Share your thoughts and intentions with a loved one, and it will lead you to sort out the best way to make your goals realistic. Shared ideas, expenses and space look promising.

## Hagar The Horrible



## DEAR ABBY

Advice written by  
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My sister and I have always been close. She's married to a man I have always thought is domineering and arrogant. I also suspect that he's emotionally abusive from things she has confided over the years. These include days of the silent treatment, refusing to celebrate her birthday because he doesn't believe in it and discouraging her from taking a job she was interested in. He refuses to go to counseling and says whatever problems there are between them are her fault. I hold my tongue and try to tolerate him because she has chosen to stay with him.

He recently participated in a marathon and was connected to us and many others through social media so we could follow the entire two-day event from start to finish. After a day of constant "dinging" on my phone, I found his need for attention over the top and stopped following. My sister was very upset about it. She said she was embarrassed and hurt. When she asked why I stopped, I told her the truth.

Now our relationship is damaged. I apologized and tried to smooth things over, but she's now fully aware of my true feelings about him after seeing and hearing how he has treated her over the years. Should I have "kept the peace," as my dear departed mother always said, and continued to keep my mouth shut, or should I have been honest about my feelings? -- PROTECTIVE OF SIS

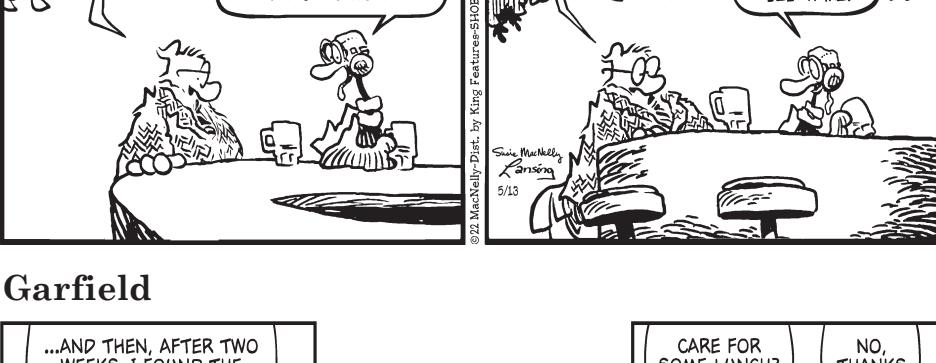
DEAR PROTECTIVE: Because you say you and your sister are close, I am surprised you held your tongue about her husband's behavior for so long. You did nothing wrong by tuning out of the marathon updates. You should not have been expected to be held hostage for two days because your brother-in-law's ego needed bolstering. You were honest with your sister and, in my opinion, did nothing that requires an apology.

DEAR ABBY: My partner and I have been in a long-distance relationship for about a year. After I did some casual social media stalking, I learned he still lives with his ex-boyfriend, in spite of the fact that he continually complains to me about his "roommate," whom he never refers to by name.

On top of that, we made a commitment over the last year to phone each other at least once a day. For the past three weeks, there are times I haven't heard from him at all, despite seeing him active on social media (especially on weekends). It's to a point where I stay awake until all hours, hoping to hear from him. Should I approach him about this, or is this just the end to the "honeymoon phase"? -- WAITING BY THE PHONE IN CANADA

DEAR WAITING: Not only is it the end of the "honeymoon phase," but it may also be the beginning of the end of this romance because it appears your "partner" isn't as eager to contact you as you are to hear from him. Long-distance relationships can be challenging, and you may be happier if you couple up with somebody local.

## Shoe



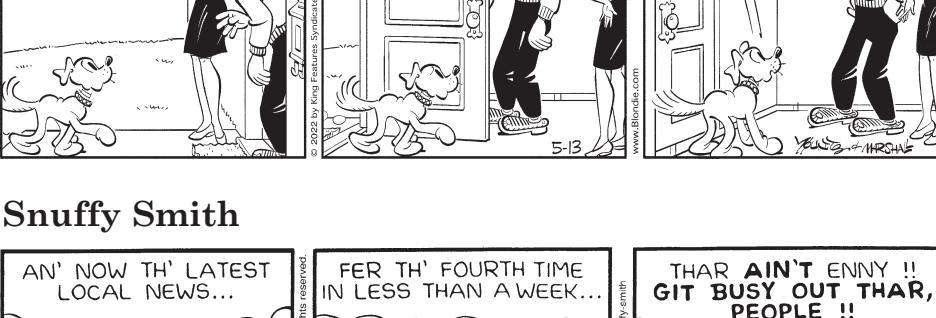
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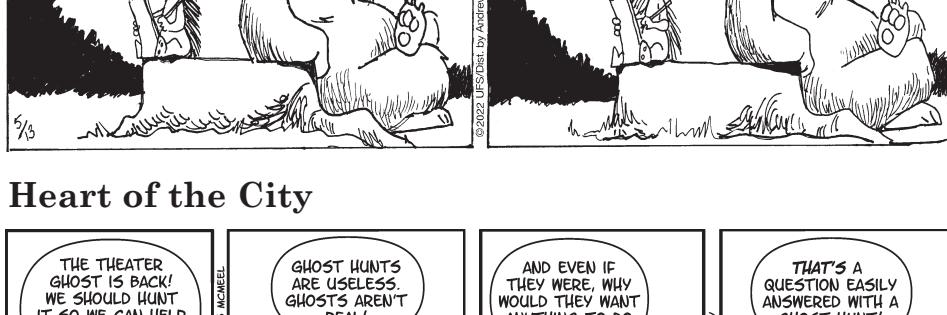
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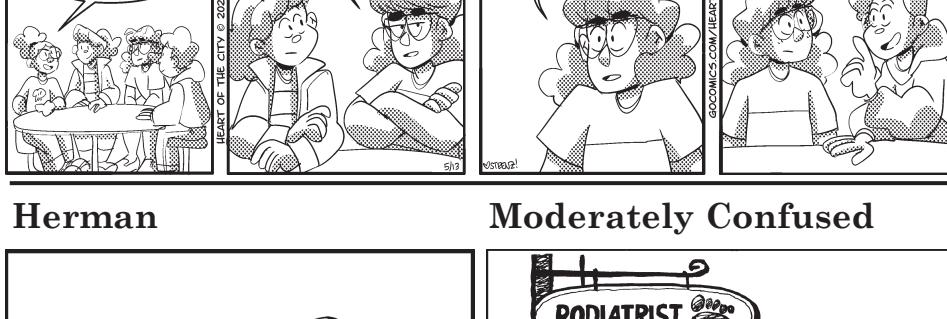
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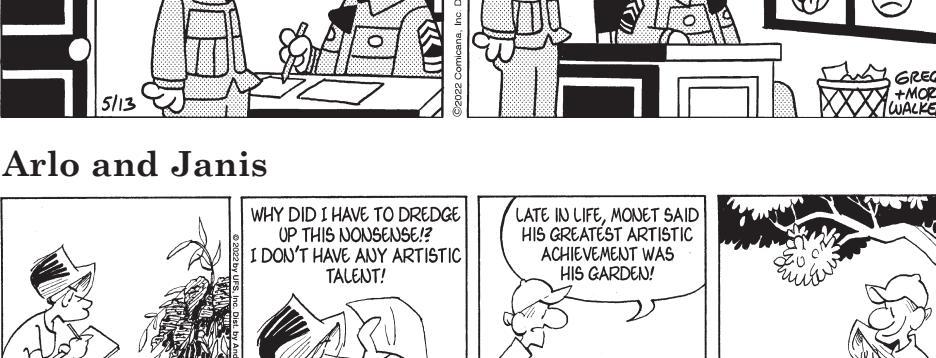
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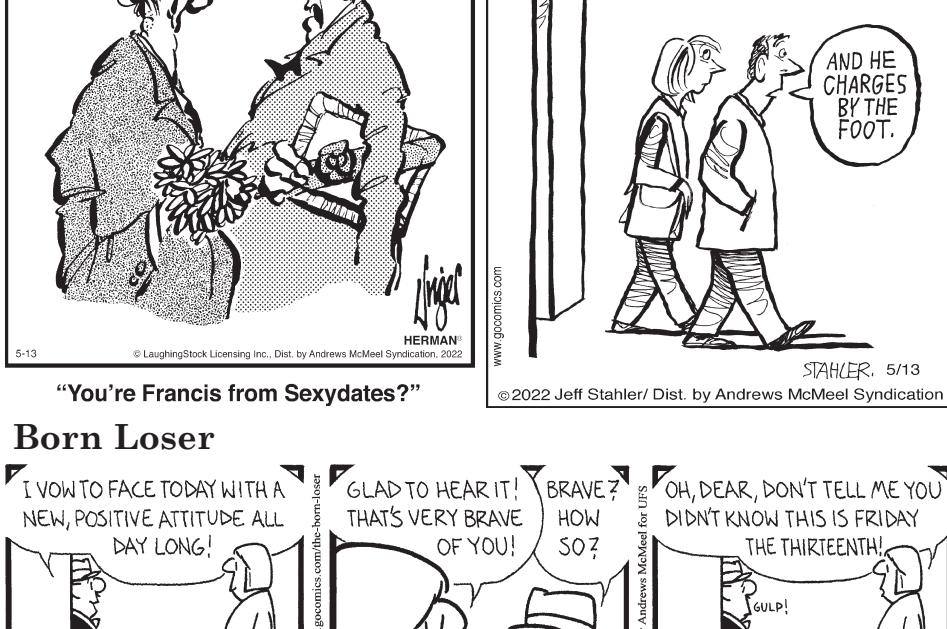
## Heart of the City



## Beetle Bailey



## Herman



## Arlo and Janis

