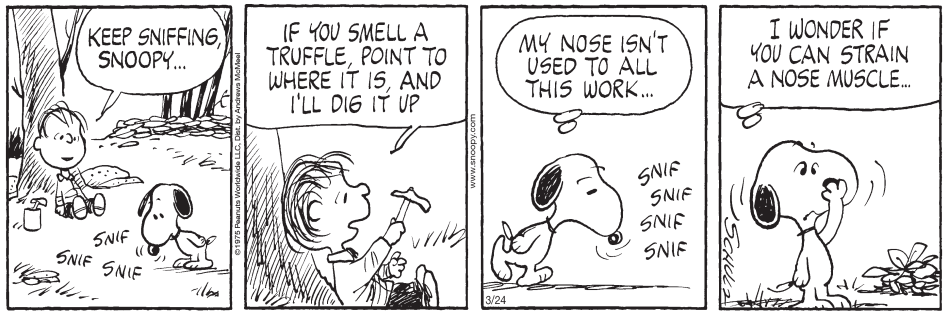
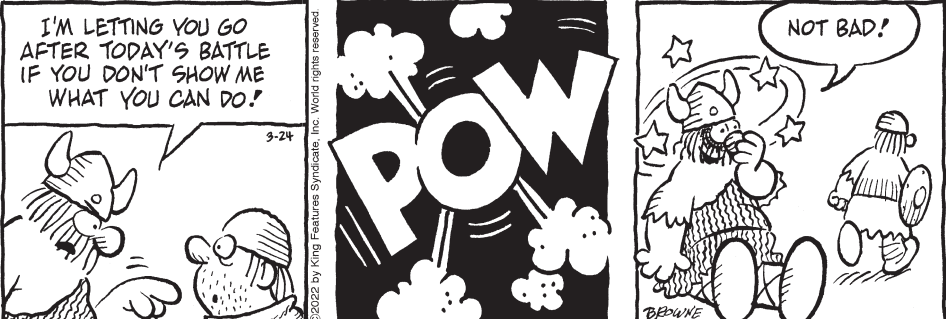


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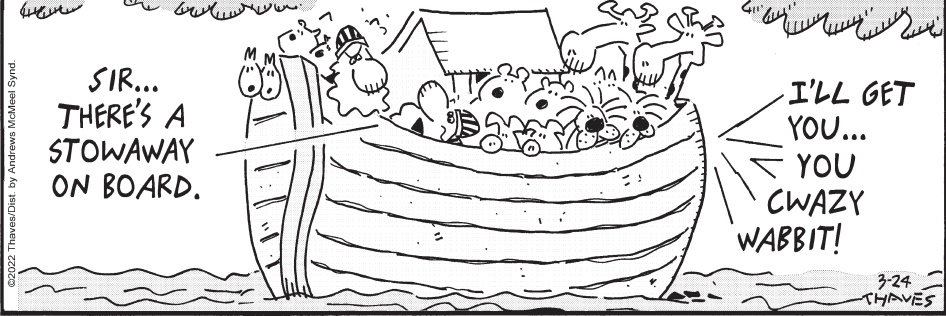
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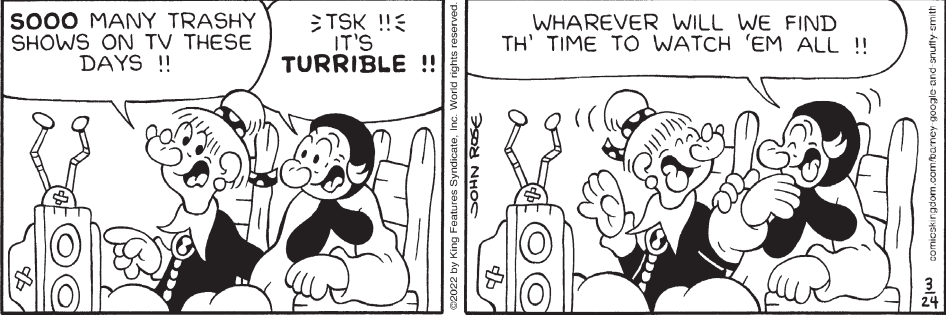
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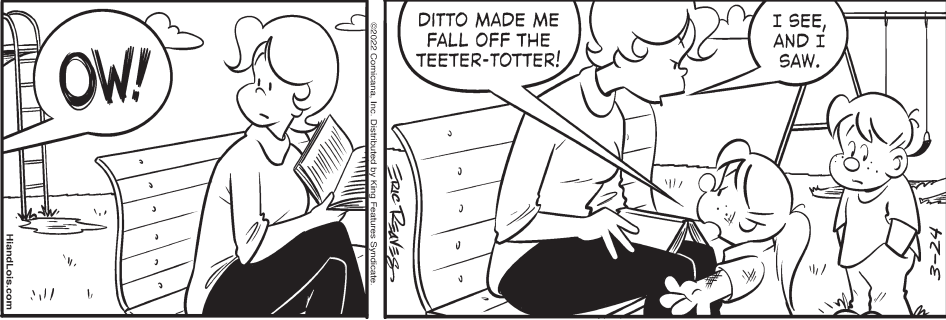
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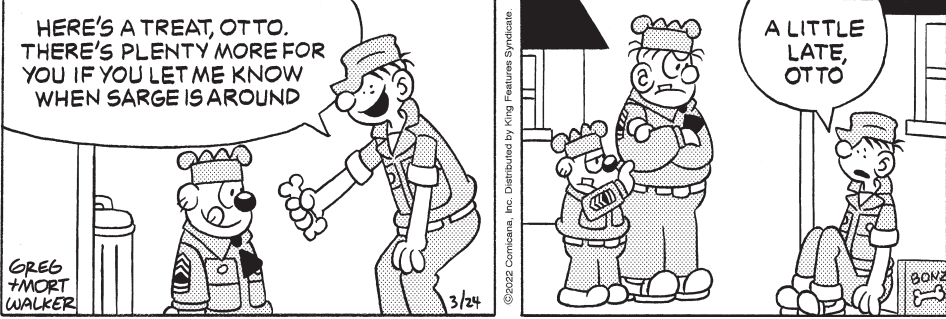
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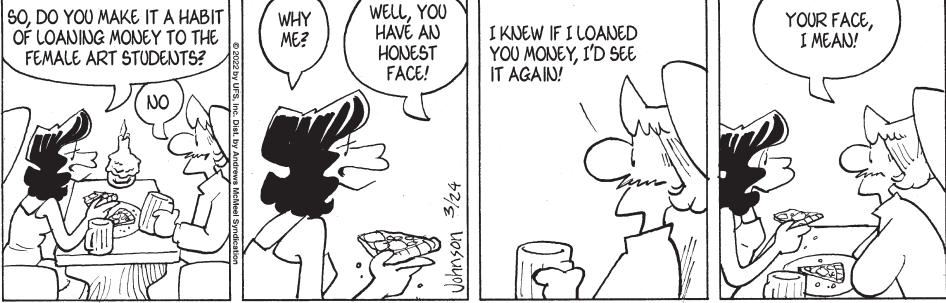
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

A disciplined attitude will help you overcome emotional mistakes. Refuse to get caught up in the moment. Educate yourself before you head down a path that presents uncertainty and confusion. Live with what you've got until you are sure you can successfully realize your dreams and reach your expectations. Self-improvement and personal growth are encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take a trip down memory lane before you jump into something that has blurred your vision. Look at the odds and consider how much you want something before you become entangled in a dodgy situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Assess situations. Don't let your emotions dictate what you do next. Think matters through and strive to do what's best for everyone. Don't rely on uncertain or unpredictable people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- False impressions will be rampant. Get the facts before you make a move that can affect your position or reputation. Be aware of regulations and contracts that need to be addressed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Be careful how you interpret someone's words or gestures. Look out for your interests and your physical and emotional well-being. Choose your associates wisely. Don't agree to something unless you're all in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- An unexpected situation will push you to rethink your strategy. Get out and observe what's happening, and you'll get a hint of how to use your skills to get ahead. Take charge of your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- More action and less complaining will be necessary. Look over your financial or contractual position and implement an adjustment before it's too late. Stay ahead of the competition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Showcase what you have to offer. Networking and setting up meetings will require finesse if you plan to attract attention. Leave nothing to chance; preparation and presentation will be critical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Consider what's required to make a desired change. Refuse to let anyone outmaneuver you. Recognize who your friends are, and distance yourself from anyone who is unpredictable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Learn from experience and trust only firsthand information. Pay attention to detail and how you present yourself. Your actions will show how reliable you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't spread unverified information. A money matter will have emotional implications if you offer a false impression. An unexpected change someone makes will turn out to be beneficial.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Seek out those who have helpful experience. Don't rely on big talkers or someone who has an emotional hold on you. Put your energy into the projects you enjoy and do well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Listen to what others say. Find out the rules and regulations before you decide to get involved in something that can affect your position or status. Take the safe route.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have gotten engaged and we are being married in a year or so. Everything about him is wonderful, and I'm excited to share my life with him -- except for one worry. I have been an animal lover my entire life. After living with him this past year with my two cats, I have slowly come to the realization that he absolutely loathes the idea of pets.

Besides my inability to understand this (he has never had a bad past experience with an animal), it makes me question his compassion (or lack thereof) for all things living. Should this be a red flag, worthy of reconsidering our engagement? -- CRITTER LOVER IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR LOVER: Perhaps. Not everyone is an animal lover, but it's usually because they haven't had pets or been exposed to them. This does not mean they lack compassion for all things living. It simply means they haven't interacted with different species.

However, you say your fiancé absolutely "LOATHES" pets. If you plan to have animals in your household in the future, you MUST have some serious discussions about it and lay your cards on the table. If you don't deal with this NOW, it could be a deal-breaker in the future.

DEAR ABBY: As a frequent traveler, there is the inevitability of being seated near children on airplanes. I can't blame kids for becoming a little bit fussy. Often, they seem miserably bored. My sad observation is their parents seem to be unprepared to engage their kids.

When I traveled by plane with my children, I always planned ahead. I packed plenty of healthy snacks, a few surprise treats and games, books and art supplies to engage them. I also talked to them in advance about the trip, the plane, who we were going to visit and what we were going to do after we arrived. Strangers would thank me at the end of the flight for my children's good behavior.

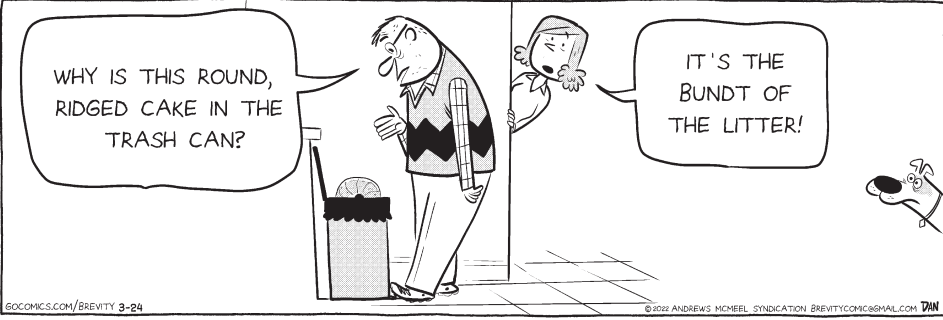
Time on a plane is a perfect opportunity to forgo the hustle and bustle of a typical day. Use the downtime to have fun and enjoy special bonding time with your kids and, hopefully, give the other passengers a break. -- MILE-HIGH PLAY TIME

DEAR MILE-HIGH: I'm printing your intelligent suggestions in the hope that as families travel in the coming months, they will be taken to heart. I'm not doing this for the benefit of airline passengers, but rather the comfort of the children involved. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with my readers and me. You may not be an angel, but today you have earned your "wings."

DEAR ABBY: I find myself depressed 90% of the time because I'm afraid of death. Do you think LGBTQ individuals are doomed after death? Will we go to hell? I'm gay and I worry every day about it. Please settle my nerves. -- STRESSED-OUT IN GEORGIA

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: I'm glad you asked. Please stop worrying, because you are making your own hell right here on Earth. LGBTQ individuals are no more "doomed" after death than are straight people. The misguided individual who planted that idea in your head deserves that fate, not you.

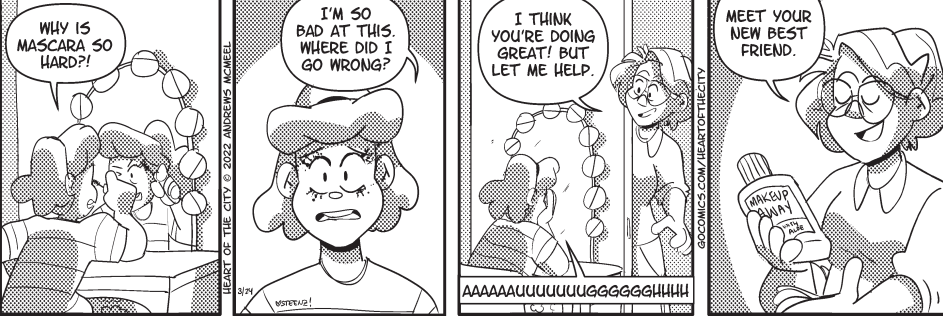
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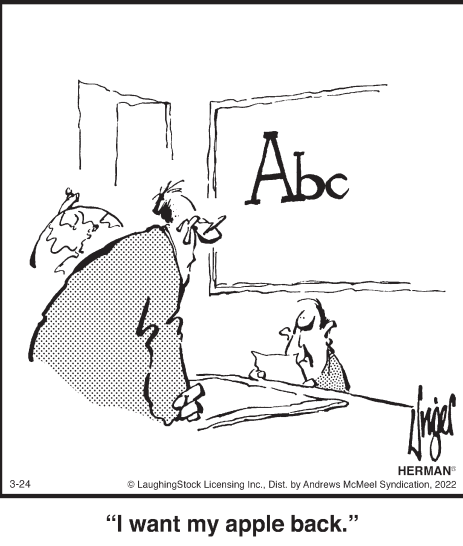
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