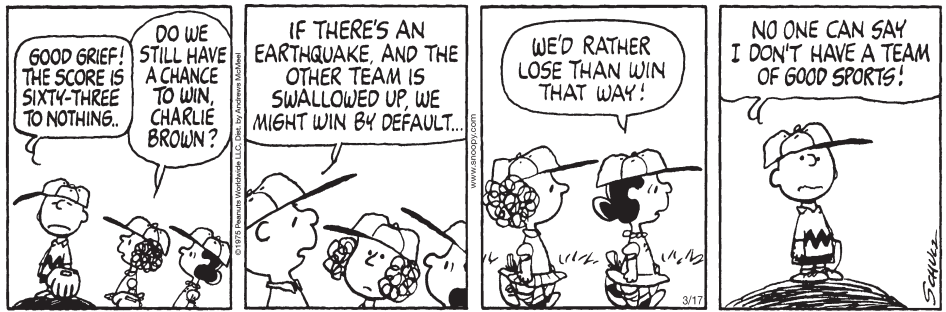
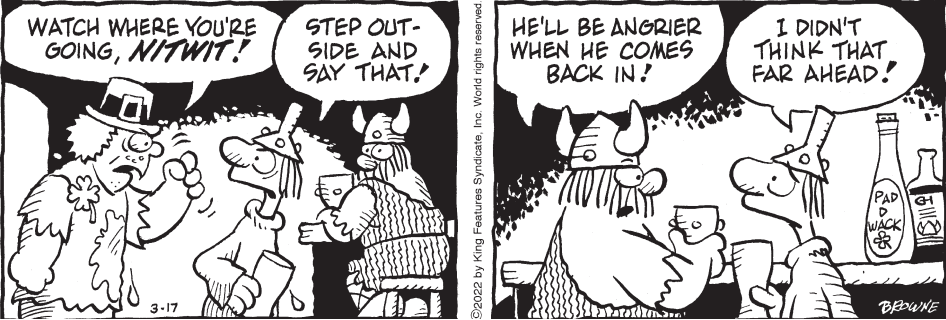


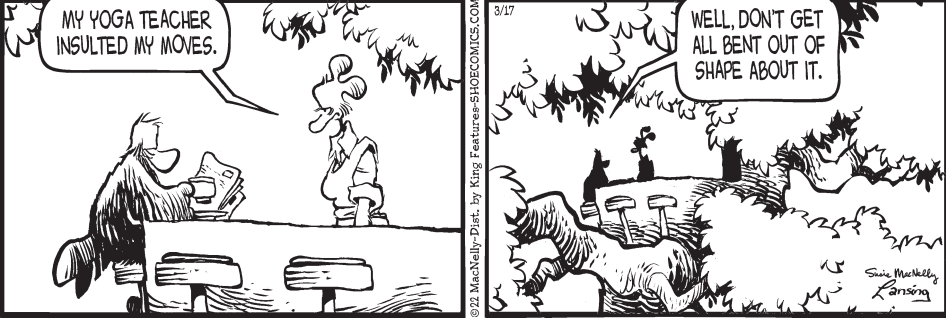
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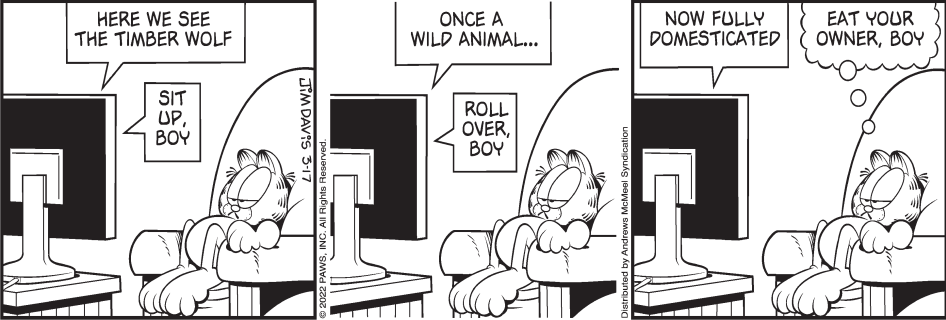
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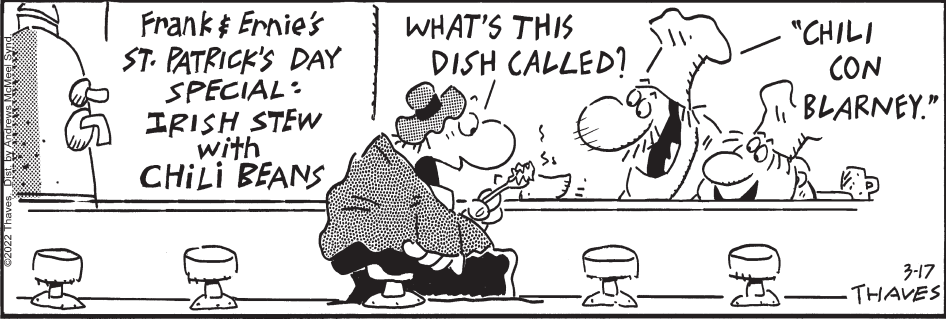
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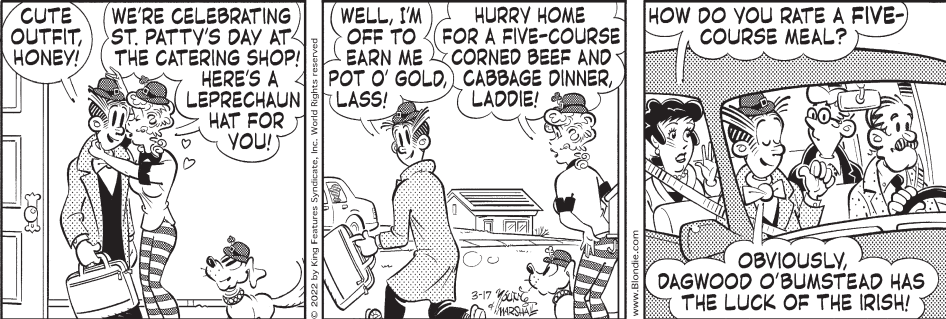
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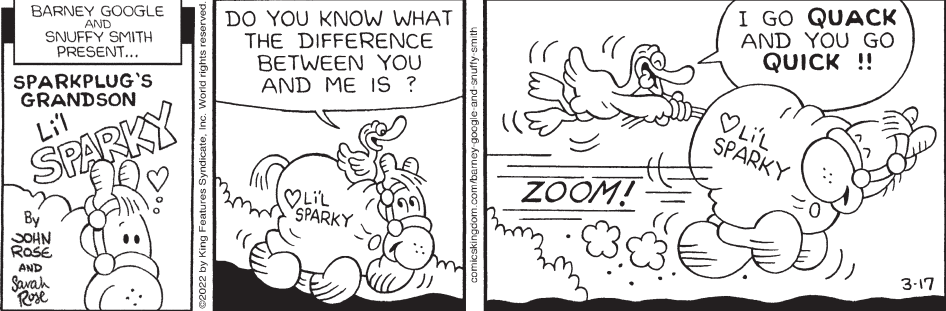
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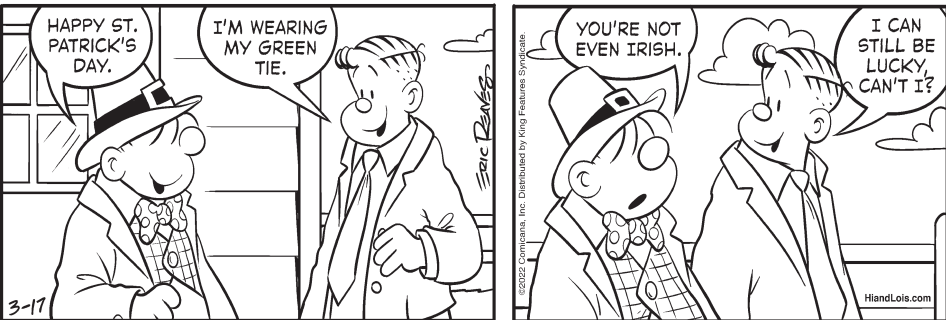
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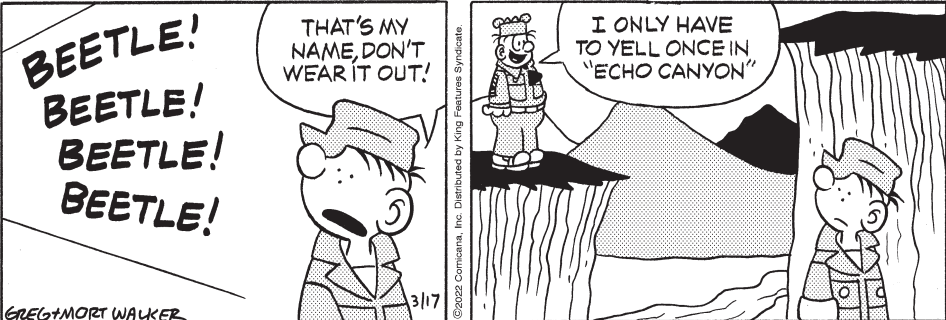
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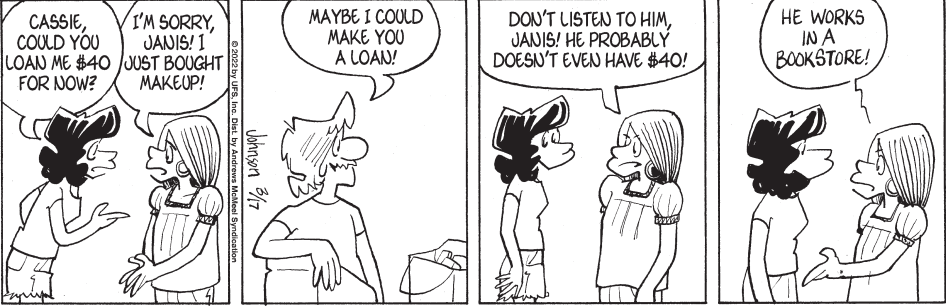
Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Forge ahead with enthusiasm. Be bold, say what's on your mind and make changes that will enrich your life. Consider what makes you happy, and practice what you preach. Be original and explore interests with an eye to utilizing what you discover to reach your goals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Keep things in perspective. Be aware of the consequences so you can limit mistakes. Focus on what's necessary to save yourself the trouble of backtracking. Share only what's essential.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take advantage of the changes going on around you. Be observant and stretch your imagination, and you'll find a way to get things done. Advocate for what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Think matters through, and you'll come up with a plan that will help you make the most of your attributes and take advantage of opportunities that will help you save money and accomplish your goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't waste your time bickering over things you have no control over. Be true to yourself and what you want, and refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans. Personal growth will pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Improve your surroundings. Whether at work or home, functionality will be a crucial component of success. Be methodical and make changes that ensure you can produce the best results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Instability will wear you down. Stay focused on finances and pending medical and legal matters. Leave no room for error or situations that allow someone else to take care of your responsibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Draw on your intelligence and what you know to be true. Base the changes you make on facts and what you can afford. A partnership will enhance your life if you lay down fair ground rules.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Put everything in place before you share what you have to offer. Getting along with your peers and those in influential positions will help you gain ground. Personal improvement is favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't let a last-minute change of plans throw you off guard. Listen to what someone offers, and walk away if you feel you can do better elsewhere. Push yourself forward instead of letting someone else lead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Take a pass if someone is pushy or manipulative. Show discipline and put your energy where it will do you some good. Refuse to let anyone make you feel guilty. Focus on your happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Pay attention to investments, your health, and how you earn and spend your money. Put more thought into your surroundings to ensure you get the most out of the space you call home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Pay close attention to the people around you. Be responsive to the needs of those you love or work alongside. A happy, positive colleague is one who will help you excel.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by  
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I have a girlfriend, "Dawn," who is one of my oldest friends. She's my only friend who stuck with me through the growing pains and different stages in my life. I married a man who I think is the love of my life. He's very macho and proud. We have built a life together, and through stepchildren, exes and family -- through thick and thin -- our love has endured.

Well, my husband is also possessive. Dawn recently asked me to be the godmother of her second child, her son. My husband is offended that I was asked and he wasn't. He has never made an effort to have a friendship with Dawn and her husband, or even met her son since his birth many months ago. He wants no part in the process, which I am very upset about.

What do I do? Should I ignore my husband's feelings, be a good friend and godmother to Dawn's baby and deal with the aftermath with my husband? -- POTENTIAL GODMOTHER IN ARIZONA

DEAR POTENTIAL GODMOTHER: Your husband appears to be not only possessive, but also somewhat self-centered and controlling. It would be interesting to know why he's pouting, since he's not close to your friend nor particularly interested in her baby. Because one spouse is asked to be a godparent does NOT automatically mean the other must be. Some children have only one godparent; others have them in multiples. If you wish to be godmother to Dawn's baby boy, go ahead and do it -- and do not feel you have to apologize for it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm worried my 23-year-old son may be in serious financial trouble. He has always made clear that he wants to run a business instead of working at a 9-to-5 job. He has been working hard trying to start a consultation business for the last four or five years, which sometimes works and sometimes does not.

He's dependent on my credit card, which he was only supposed to use for emergencies, but he sometimes uses it for more than that. I pay off the credit card bills and he owes me all the money he has charged on it. He promises to pay it back, and comes up with the weirdest excuses when he can't.

On a number of occasions I have tried to sit him down and get out of him if he's in trouble, but he keeps insisting that he's "working on things and everything will be OK soon." I want to be supportive, but I see the debt rising and number of lies piling higher. I am worried sick about him. Please help. -- ANXIOUS MOM IN PENNSYLVANIA

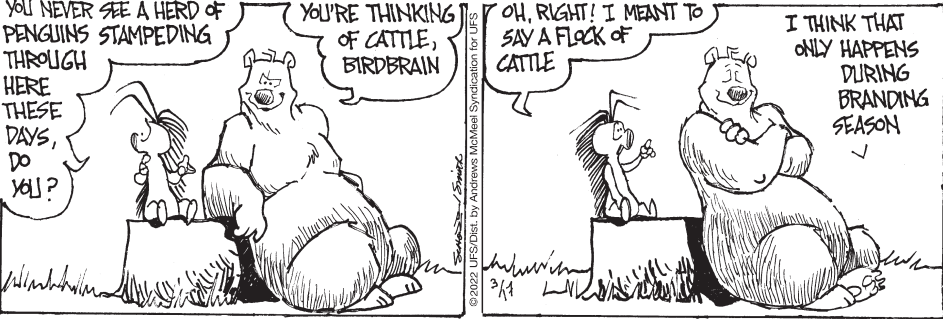
DEAR MOM: Turn off the spigot. You have been your son's "angel" long enough. A business that cannot support itself is a failure. That your son would abuse your generosity and compound it by lying to you is very sad. The way to stop this cycle is to remove him from your credit card and let the chips fall where they may. If he needs a business partner, it should not be you any longer.

TO MY READERS: Today's the day for the wearing of the green! A very happy St. Patrick's Day to you all. -- LOVE, ABBY

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Heart of the City



Herman



Moderately Confused



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