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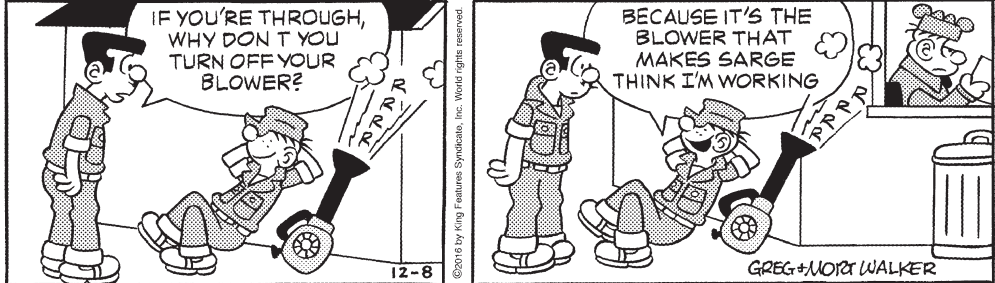
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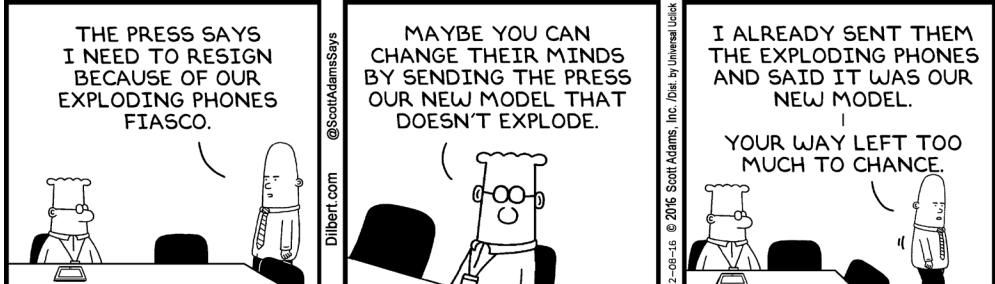
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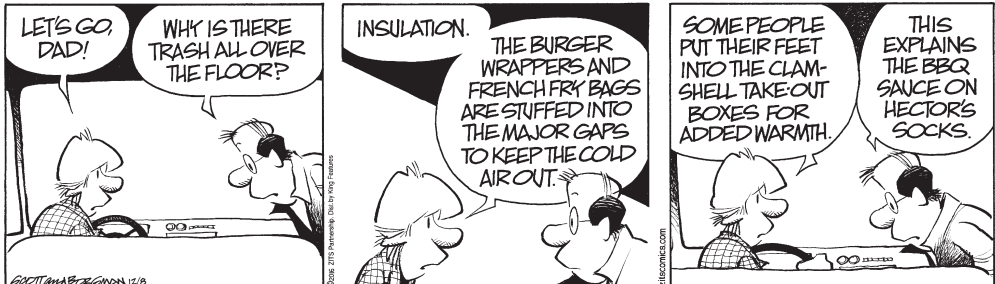
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DEAR ABBY

Girlfriend seeks the best way to nudge boy out of dad's bed

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. I moved in with him about a year ago. He has a 9-year-old son, 'Todd,' who stays with us every other week.



so much stuff to sort through — both business and personal — that I don't know where to start. I'm overwhelmed and having so many anxiety attacks I can't get the things done that I need to.

Todd is a great kid, but he has a genetic disorder and still often wets his bed. When it happens, he changes his pajamas and then climbs into bed with us. I don't mind, but I have told my boyfriend we need to start the process of his son not getting in bed with us three to four times a week.

When I sell this place, I know I'm going to be devastated. I have been suffering with depression for more than 20 years, but now I seem to have hit bottom. My business is failing. I have a couple of friends, but they have their own families and problems. This is affecting my physical and

Because I know it's going to be a process that is going to take time, I'm trying to get it started now. I really don't want an 11- or 12-year-old sleeping in our bed. How should I get this process started without nagging my boyfriend? — Great Kid, But ...

mental health. How can I get past it? I'm not a religious person. — Alone And Sad

Dear Great Kid, But ...: You have a point. Todd is a little too old to be climbing into bed with the two of you. What needs to be addressed — with the boy's pediatrician and possibly a urologist — is the issue of the bedwetting. After that's been resolved, suggest that your boyfriend have a talk with Todd and explain that he's old enough to sleep in his own bed.

Dear Alone And Sad: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. Grief after the death of a loved one is a normal emotion, and you might find comfort by joining a grief support group. This would not only give you a safe place to talk about your feelings, but also help you to feel less isolated.

Dear Abby: I am a single, 55-year-old man. During the last year, I have felt lost. My mother, my last close relative, passed away. My brother and sister died years ago, as did my father. We were a very close family. Now I am an orphan!

If you haven't already done so, schedule an appointment with the physician who has been treating your chronic depression (assuming it has been treated) and ask to have your medications reviewed. If you have not received treatment, tell your doctor what has been going on and ask for a referral to a licensed therapist who works with a psychiatrist who can prescribe something appropriate.

I don't have children and I'm not sure what I need to do. I'm in the process of selling the family home/office where I worked for the last 30 years, but I feel guilty about it. There's

And remember that while selling the house/office is closing a chapter in your life, it is also signaling the beginning of a new one. It may give you the renewed energy — as well as the financial means — to salvage your business or start one. Please know I wish you a happy future.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 8, 1916

Lee Caldwell, Pendleton's champion broncho buster who has won more honors in bucking contests than any other one rider, is now the owner and proprietor of the Bungalow pool and bowling parlors, having purchased the place from Alfred Peters. Caldwell has mapped out a program of extensive improvements and will give his own attention to the business. Caldwell's personal popularity and wide acquaintance will be an asset in his new undertaking.

5,800 figure in 1964 and considerably below the 1962 figure of 6,007. At the same time, Rada said, the county's birth rate has dropped almost 50 per cent in 11 years from 923 in 1955 to close to 500 this year. Up to this week there were 481 births in Umatilla County. The sharp drop in the birth rate is in contrast to other areas where the rate has steadily risen and more school facilities have been needed to take care of the swelling school population.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 8, 1966

What effect would a declining population have on schools, was the question tossed out at the Pendleton School Board meeting Tuesday. Asst. Supt. Rudy Rada said a recently completed school census shows there are an estimated 5,300 children between the ages of 4 and 19 living within the school district. This is a drop from the

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 8, 1991

After Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, war spread throughout the Pacific and civilians were not out of harm's way. Paul Taylor of Hermiston was a merchant mariner who sailed the troubled waters surrounding Pearl Harbor before and after the surprise attack. Only 10 days after U.S. Pacific Fleet was decimated, Taylor's ship — the S.S. Manini — was sunk by a Japanese submarine. Taylor and 19 shipmates spent 11 days drifting in lifeboats before being rescued.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 343rd day of 2016. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Imperial Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date: In 1765, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, was born in Westborough, Massachusetts.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued his Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction for the South.

In 1914, "Watch Your Step," the first musical revue to feature a score composed entirely by Irving Berlin, opened in New York.

In 1940, the Chicago Bears defeated the Washington Redskins, 73-0, in the

NFL Championship Game, which was carried on network radio for the first time by the Mutual Broadcasting System (the announcer was Red Barber).

In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1962, the first session of the Second Vatican Council was formally adjourned. Typographers went on a 114-day strike against four New York City newspapers.

In 1972, a United Airlines Boeing 737 crashed while attempting to land at Chicago-Midway Airport, killing 43 of the 61 people on board, as well as two people on the ground; among the dead were Dorothy Hunt, wife of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt, U.S. Rep. George W. Collins, D-Ill., and CBS News correspondent Michele Clark.

In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

Today's Birthdays:

Flutist James Galway is 77. Singer Jerry Butler is 77. Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies) is 75. Actress Mary Woronov is 73. Actor John Rubinstein is 70. Rock singer-musician Gregg Allman is 69. Reggae singer Toots Hibbert (Toots and the Maytals) is 68. Actress Kim Basinger is 63. Rock musician Warren Cuccurullo is 60. Rock musician Phil Collen (Def Leppard) is 59. Country singer Marty Raybon is 57. World Bank President Jim Yong Kim is 57. Political commentator Ann Coulter is 55. Rock musician Marty Friedman is 54. Actor Wendell Pierce is 53. Actress Teri Hatcher is 52. Actor David Harewood is 51. Rapper Bushwick Bill (The Geto Boys) is 50. Singer Sinead O'Connor is 50. Rock musician Ryan Newell (Sister Hazel) is 44.

Thought for Today: "So long as governments set the example of killing their enemies, private individuals will occasionally kill theirs." — Elbert Hubbard, American author (1856-1915).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

