

PEANUTS

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DEAR ABBY

Friend sees too much risk in monitoring home remodel



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: For several years, my husband and I were good friends with "Pam" and "David." About a year ago, we moved to a new house just a few blocks from theirs. They decided they liked some of the features of our new home and immediately started remodeling theirs to resemble ours. Pam and David both work and I am retired, so Dave asked if I would go to their home throughout the day, while several workmen did this extensive remodel. I refused, saying I wasn't comfortable alone in someone else's house with a bunch of strangers milling about, not to mention the responsibility if something was broken or stolen. (The company wasn't bonded. They are just random guys doing side jobs.)

friends accept a refusal with good grace.

Dear Abby: Is it possible to "choose" to forgive someone? My 20-year-old nephew recently turned his life around. He has a good job, a nice girlfriend and a baby on the way. But when he and my sister were living with my late mother a few years ago, he trashed Mom's basement (where he was living), and it cost her hundreds of dollars to repair the damage. He also stole money from her and once threatened my life. He smoked and drank as a teen, quit school, and did nothing more than play video games.

I'm glad he has changed his ways, but he has never apologized for the way he treated us. It seems I'm expected by everyone to forgive and forget, but I can't. Please don't suggest counseling. He wouldn't go.

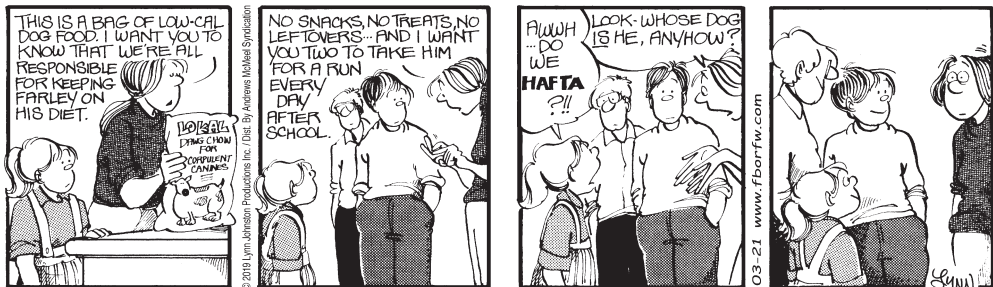
I don't want to be estranged from his girlfriend and my great-nephew, but I have no interest in engaging with him unless he makes amends for his past behavior. My sister always seemed oblivious to his bad behavior. In her eyes, her son can do no wrong. Is there any way to reconcile his particular past with the present? — Still Angry in Minnesota

Dear Still Angry: Yes, it is possible to choose to forgive. But it doesn't appear that your nephew has completely turned his life around. Part of growing up is becoming a responsible individual. Making amends for past misdeeds is a part of that process your nephew seems to have skipped.

If you would like to have a relationship with his girlfriend and their child, nothing prevents it. But it doesn't mean you must have amnesia about the way you and your mother were treated by your nephew. Talk to him about this so you can get the closure you are seeking.

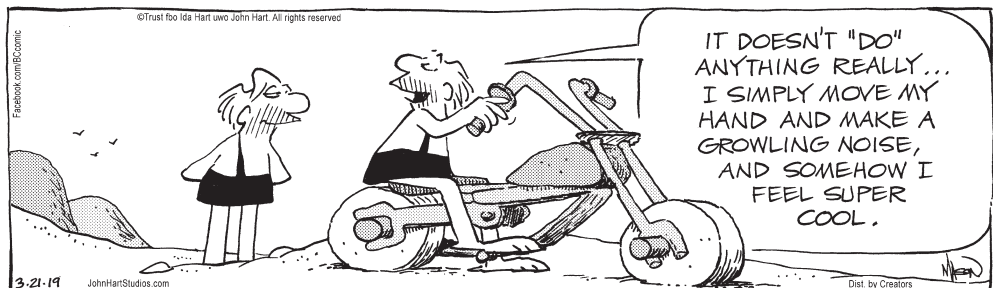
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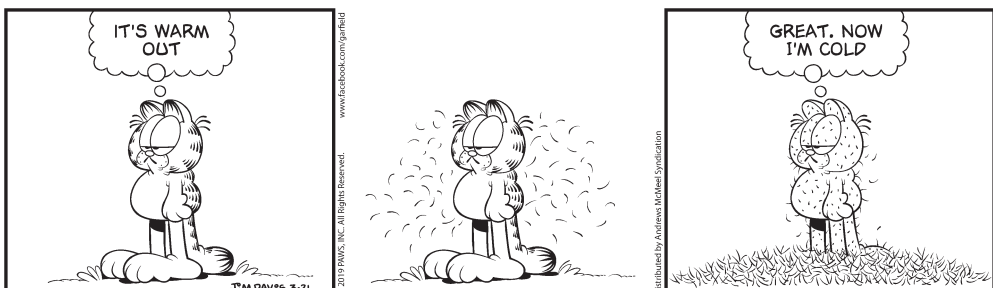
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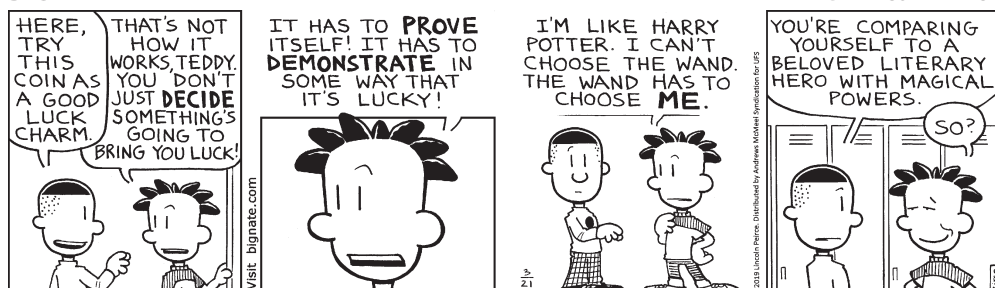
PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 21, 1919

A new addition to the town of Pilot Rock is to be platted and put on the market by John W. Etter, a prominent resident of that place. The land lies northeast of Pilot Rock on the Pendleton road.

The effort will be made to locate the new high school planned for Pilot Rock on the new addition. Saturday, the people of Pilot Rock vote on the proposition of issuing \$35,000 school bonds for building a new union high school building.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 21, 1969

Nolan R. Ferguson, social science teacher at McEwen High School, was presented a certificate at a student body meeting by Commander Roy Moore, Post 130

American Legion, in recognition and honor as an outstanding educator in promoting Americanism to the local school.

The award given Ferguson is the first given in this area following adoption of a resolution by the 1968 American Legion Convention Department of Oregon which decreed that Legion posts recognize and honor outstanding educators promoting Americanism in schools.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 21, 1994

Sixteen-year-old Tiffany Lloyd of Boardman took home the \$500 grand prize from the Kiwanis Kapers talent show. She triumphed over 21 other acts Saturday in Pendleton's Vert Auditorium. Lloyd put on her best Cockney accent for "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" from her favorite musical, "My Fair Lady." She also danced a few steps.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 21, 2006, the social media website Twitter was established with the sending of the first "tweet" by co-founder Jack Dorsey, who wrote: "just setting up my twttr."

In 1556, Thomas Cranmer, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for heresy.

In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

In 1788, fire broke out in New Orleans on Good Friday, destroying 856 out of more than 1,100 structures; one death was reported.

In 1925, Tennessee Gov. Austin Peay signed the Butler Act, which prohibited the teaching of the Theory of Evolution in public schools. (Tennessee repealed the law in 1967.)

In 1935, Persia officially changed its name to Iran.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1981, Michael Donald, a black teenager in Mobile, Alabama, was abducted, tortured and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

In 2007, former Vice President Al Gore made an emotional return to Congress as he pleaded with House and Senate committees to fight global warming; skeptical Republicans questioned the science behind his climate-change documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."

Today's Birthdays: Actress Kathleen Widdoes is 80. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 74. Actor Timothy Dalton is 73. Comedy writer-performer Brad Hall is 61. Actress Sabrina LeBeauf is 61. Actor Gary Oldman is 61. Actress Kassie Depaiva is 58. Actor Matthew Broderick is 57. Comedian-actress Rosie O'Donnell is 57. Rapper-TV personality Kevin Federline is 41. Actress Sonequa Martin-Green (TV: "The Walking Dead") is 34. Actress Jasmin Savoy Brown is 25.

Thought for Today: "Never lose your temper with the press or the public as a major rule of political life." — Dame Christabel Pankhurst, English suffragist (1880-1958).