

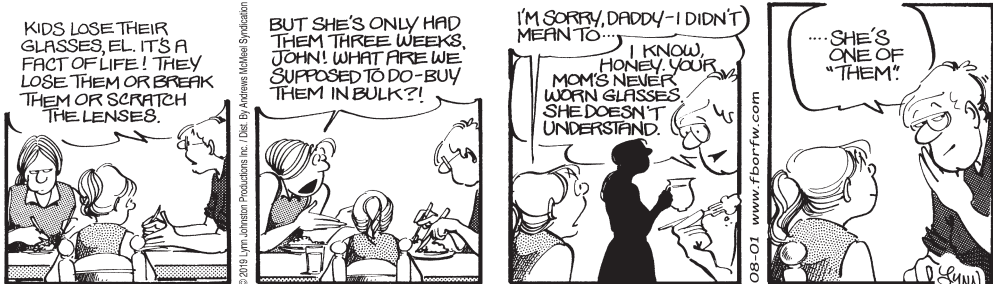
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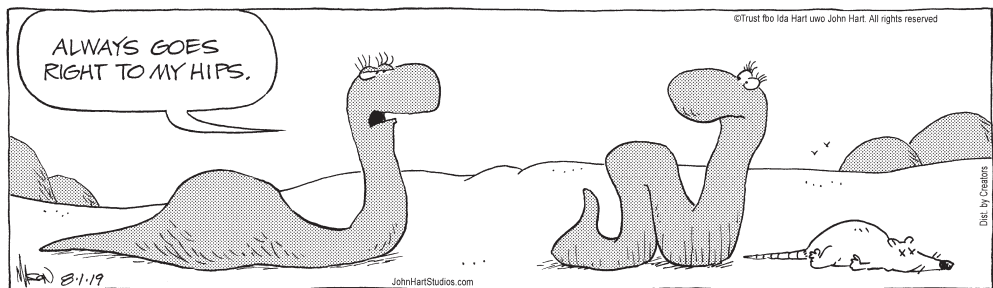
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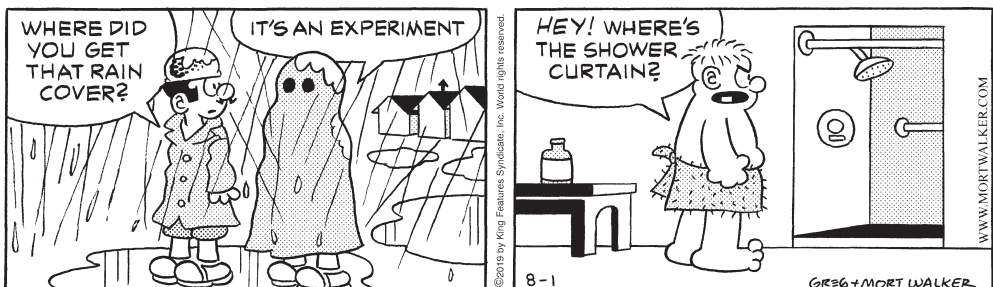
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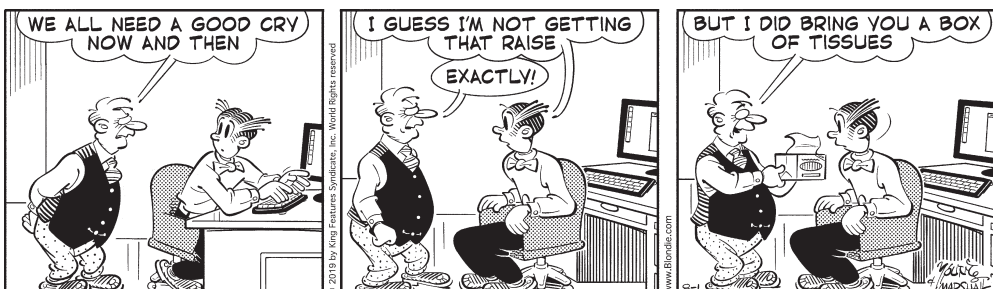
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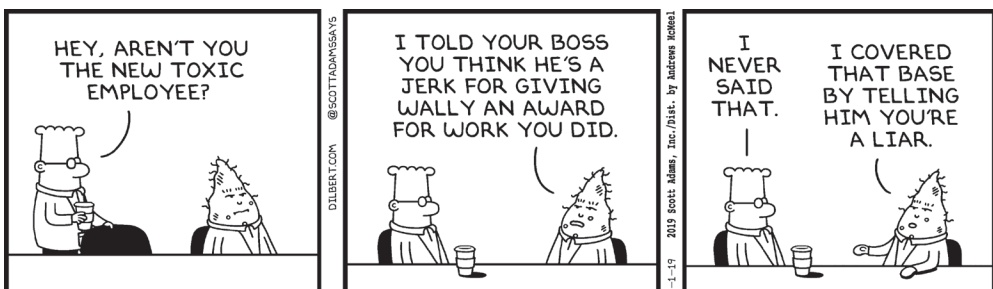
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DEAR ABBY

Dad's long disappearances give family cause for alarm

Dear Abby: My father's behavior has been very peculiar lately. He and Mom have been married for 45 years. Of course, all marriages go through ups and downs. They have had their share of health problems. Both are doing OK but are dealing with some medical issues.

Because of my father's actions, I'm afraid for my mother's emotional state. He stays gone for long periods of time throughout the day and sometimes stays out until the early morning of the next day. She always stays up until he gets home. When she calls or texts him, at times he doesn't respond. I've also called or texted him while he was out. When I tried talking to him, he said he doesn't have to explain himself. He's not the best at staying on track when it comes to taking care of himself. It's like he is living another life.

I'm not sure what's going on between my parents. I just know I don't like to see Mom treated this way because it's disrespectful, and I can see she's hurting. My relationship with my father is suffering because of this. I asked him to come to family counseling with me, my siblings and mother. He refuses. I'm praying about this. I just don't know what else we can do. Please help. — Perplexed Daughter

Dear Perplexed: You cannot force your father into family counseling, but you and your siblings can continue to give your mother emotional support during this diffi-

cult time, and that's what I urge you to do. I don't know what your father is up to and neither do you. But if it becomes necessary, a private detective can fill you in, I'm sure.

Dear Abby: I am in a loving and rewarding marriage. Because we have no children, my husband and I are best friends who devote most of our time to each other. My issue is with some of his habits.

He is kind of clumsy, and this has resulted in the destruction of many things in our home — our carpet (spills that can't be cleaned), coffee table (discolored from spilling a caustic material) and sofa (spilled wax and cigar burns). I know he doesn't do this intentionally, but nonetheless, it makes me irate. And it is constant. He apologizes for it, yet it occurs repeatedly.

Is there anything I can do to change this, or must I accept the incremental destruction of my home? And if that's the case, what can I tell myself to make me less angry about it? — Mrs. Destructo in Baltimore

Dear Mrs. Destructo: A certain amount of wear and tear is normal. But your husband may be one of those people — many people are — who "lives" on the sofa. Much of your problem might be eliminated if you made sure that snacks are consumed in the kitchen and no beverages more colorful than water are enjoyed in front of the television. If that's not feasible, consider durable, stain-resistant fabrics when you re-cover your sofa.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 1, 1919

Jerry Bronaugh, Portland attorney and once president of the Mazamas, stopped over night in Pendleton, en route by machine to Yellowstone Park, accompanied by his son. Mr. Bronaugh was quite anxious to have fellow motorists in Portland know that there is sand on the road between Echo and Pendleton and that he was struggling to get his car free from it yesterday. He drove by way of The Dalles, Olex, Ione and Echo and made the trip here in two days. He advises his friends to take the trip slowly if they attempt it.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 1, 1969

Water was a scarce commodity when the Tribal Community Hall on the Umatilla Indian Reservation was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The Pendleton Fire Department, acting on a mutual aid call, emptied a 750-gallon pumper and a 600-gallon tanker on the blaze. Rigs from St. Andrews Mis-

sion, the Umatilla Indian Agency and the Pendleton Grain Growers also threw all the water they were capable of holding at the blaze, but could not squelch it. "We'd have needed at least two hydrants out here to have controlled this," said one Pendleton fireman. Cause of the fire is still undetermined. The community hall was built in the early 1950s.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 1, 1994

The man convicted of trying to kill a Stanfield police officer in February was finally sentenced this morning to more than 35 years in prison. Despite Damon L. Petrie's request that the judge give him "a light at the end of the tunnel," and despite defense attorney Robert Klahn's challenging of a pre-sentencing report, Circuit Court Judge Robert Abrams gave Petrie 35 years and two months in prison for attacking Stanfield police officer Butch Parrish with a commandeered patrol car. Echoing comments he made during his trial, Petrie apologized for injuring Parrish and said once again that his intent was only to escape — not to kill.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On August 1, 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1914, Germany declared war on Russia at the onset of World War I.

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1957, the United States and Canada announced they had agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on an armed rampage at the University of Texas in Austin

that killed 14 people, most of whom were shot by Whitman while he was perched in the clock tower of the main campus building. (Whitman, who had also slain his wife and mother hours earlier, was finally gunned down by police.)

In 1973, the movie "American Graffiti," directed by George Lucas, first opened.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed they'd been secretly married 11 weeks earlier. (Presley filed for divorce from Jackson in January 1996, citing irreconcilable differences.)

In 2007, the eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge, a major Minneapolis artery, collapsed into the Mississippi River during evening rush hour, killing 13 people.

In 2013, defying the United States, Russia granted Edward Snowden

temporary asylum, allowing the National Security Agency leaker to slip out of the Moscow airport where he had been holed up for weeks.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Giancarlo Giannini is 77. Blues singer-musician Robert Cray is 66. Rock singer-musician Suzi Gardner (L7) is 59. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 59. Rapper Coolio is 56. Actor John Carroll Lynch is 56. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 55. Movie director Sam Mendes is 54. Actress Jennifer Gareis is 49. Actress Tempest Bledsoe is 46. Actor Jason Momoa is 40. Actress Honeysuckle Weeks is 40. Singer Ashley Parker Angel is 38. Actress Taylor Fry is 38. Actor Elijah Kelley is 33.

Thought for Today: "As scarce as truth is, the supply is always greater than the demand." — "Josh Billings" (Henry Wheeler Shaw), American author (1818-1885)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

