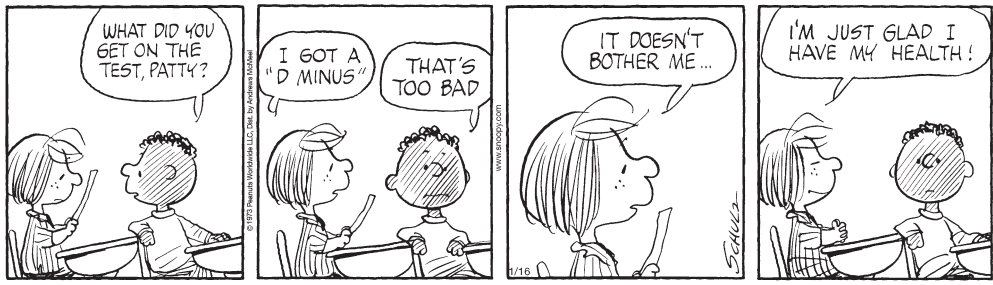


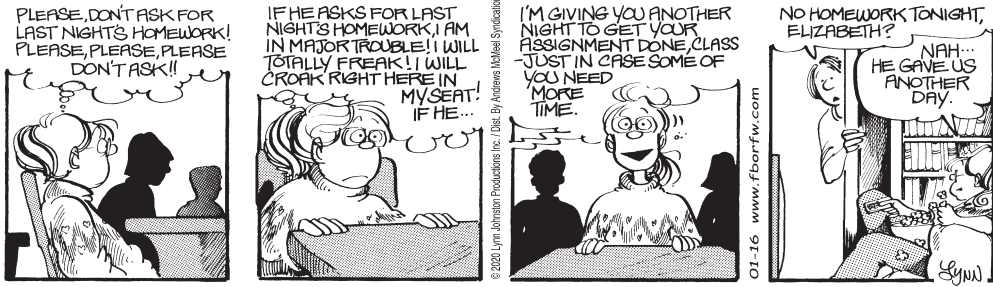
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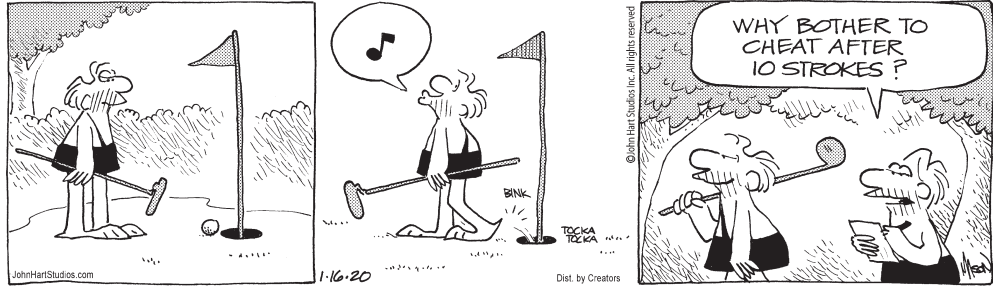
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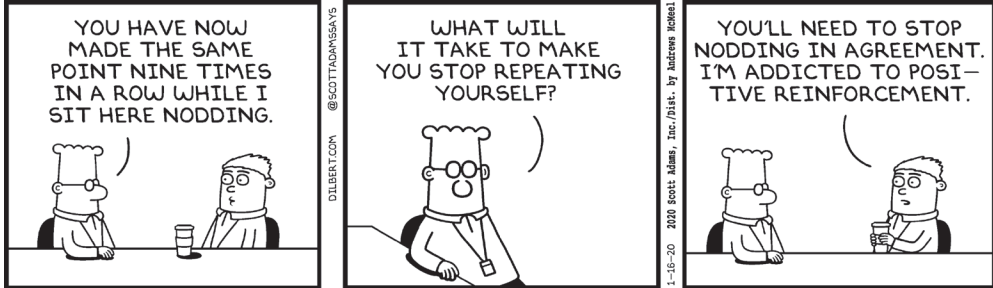
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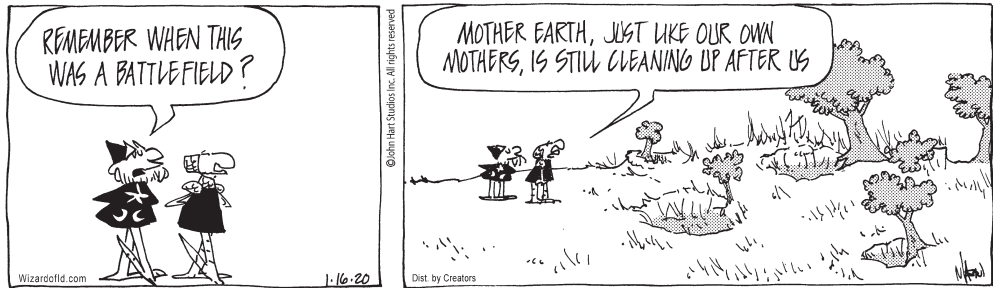
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DEAR ABBY

Man disabled as a teenager is haunted by parents' inaction



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: When I was a junior in high school, I suffered a neck injury (at school) that damaged my spinal cord. I recovered mostly from that, but I have residual weakness in my right side and severe neck pain. I was able to work until, at 57, I had to go on disability. Because of that, my financial situation is difficult, increasingly so now that my wife will be retiring.

At the time of my injury, my parents didn't sue the school, although clearly the school was responsible. I was too young and certainly in no shape to address the situation.

A lawyer approached my parents at the time, and my physician stated my injuries would limit my long-term work abilities and drastically affect my life. My parents were aware that I would have limited work years, thus affecting my financial situation. I feel anger toward them because of their inaction regarding my injury and not suing the school.

I see them once or twice a week, and I'm wondering if I should bring this up to them now. They're in their mid-80s but are quite lively and take care of themselves. It consumes my thoughts each time I visit them, but I've said nothing. Do you think I should bring this up to them? — **Injured in Tennessee**

Dear Injured: Yes, I do. You deserve to know why they were so apathetic in taking care of your welfare — and they should be made aware of the impact it has had on your life. It may be too late to sue the school for what happened to you, but at least you will have some answers.

Dear Abby: I am suffering from postpartum depression while trying to reconcile with my husband, "Derek." He had several emotional affairs during my recent pregnancy, as well as after I gave birth.

His parents attacked me about the postpartum. I was hospitalized for a week because of it, but they said it was an act. Recently, his mom texted him saying he should use my mental illness as grounds to divorce me. I texted her, asking her to stop attacking me that way. She responded, calling me a devil, saying she's always hated me. Now she's turning his entire family against me, spreading vicious lies. She even accused me of trying to sleep with my father-in-law, which Derek knows is ridiculous.

I have asked Derek to address the situation, but what else can I do? I'm no longer comfortable around his parents or sending my children to be around them. I don't want Derek to be in an awkward position, but it's not fair for me to be attacked with malicious lies because of her jealousy — especially 12 years in. Please help. — **Disrespected in Illinois**

Dear Disrespected: You may be suffering from postpartum, but your mother-in-law appears to have more problems than you do. I don't envy you for being her target, or your husband for having to buffer you.

It might be helpful if the two of you consult a licensed mental health provider to figure out how to deal with her, if that's possible. And Derek should waste no time letting the rest of the family know that none of what his mother is saying is true.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 16, 1920

Parking autos in the center of Pendleton streets, proposed by the board of managers of the Pendleton Commercial Association, will not bring the desired relief, in the opinion of C. E. Penland, chairman of the street committee of the city council. "Pendleton is confronted by three problems that the center parking system will not overcome," Mr. Penland said today. "One is the absence of alleys, another is the narrow streets, and the third is that there are more autos per capita here than in any town in the state." The real remedy for Pendleton's parking troubles is a time limit on parking, Mr. Penland declared.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 16, 1970

Teachers in School District 8R and the school board reached agreement Thursday night on a new salary schedule that means a pay raise ranging between 5 and 6 percent. The new base pay will be \$6,800. Top salary will be \$11,450 for a teacher with a master's degree

plus 45 hours of graduate study. The new salary schedule will cost the district an additional \$69,850 for its 133 full-time teachers and two half-time teachers, five principals and two vice principals. The cost represents \$1.31 per \$1,000 true cash value for district taxpayers.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 16, 1995

Gaming is just like bowling, says one member of the Wildhorse Gaming Commission. It's a recreational activity meant to entertain its patrons, not break them. "So remember, it's not gambling, it's gaming," said Dr. Richard Koch, commission member. "It's not gaming, it's entertainment." The naming of the Wildhorse Gaming Resort is one way the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation works to portray gaming in a healthy, clean atmosphere as opening day approaches for its \$7.5 million resort, expected to open in early March. The six-member Wildhorse Gaming Commission was established last year to not only protect the interests of the tribes but also those of the patrons, said Les Minthorn, commission chairman.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 16, 1991, the White House announced the start of Operation Desert Storm to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. (Allied forces prevailed on Feb. 28, 1991.)

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

In 1987, Hu Yaobang resigned as head of China's Communist Party, declaring he'd made mistakes in deal-

ing with student turmoil and intellectual challenges to the system.

In 1989, three days of rioting began in Miami when a police officer fatally shot Clement Lloyd, a black motorcyclist, causing a crash that also claimed the life of Lloyd's passenger, Allan Blanchard. (The officer, William Lozano, was convicted of manslaughter, but then was acquitted in a retrial.)

In 1992, officials of the government of El Salvador and rebel leaders signed a pact in Mexico City ending 12 years of civil war that had left at least 75,000 people dead.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off for what turned out to be its last flight; on board was Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon.

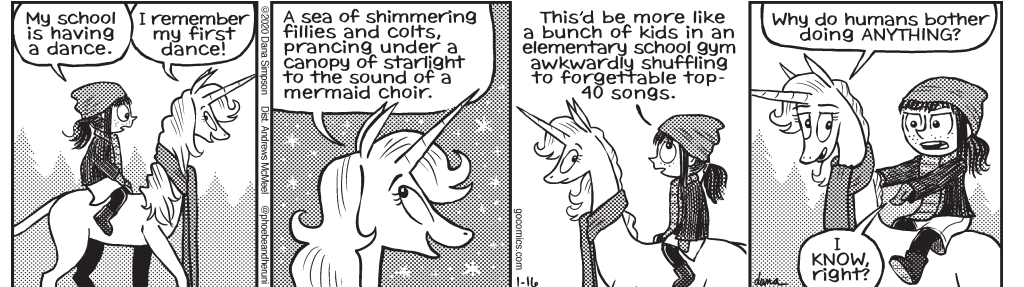
(The mission ended in tragedy on Feb. 1, when the shuttle broke up during its return descent, killing all seven crew members.)

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 86. Movie director John Carpenter is 72. Rock musician Paul Webb (Talk Talk) is 58. Actress Josie Davis is 47. Model Kate Moss is 46. Actor-playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda is 40. Rock musician Nick Valensi (The Strokes) is 39. Actress Renee Felice Smith is 35. NFL quarterback Joe Flacco is 35. Actress Yvonne Zima is 31.

Thought for Today: "I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them." —E.V. Lucas, English writer and publisher (1868-1938).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

