

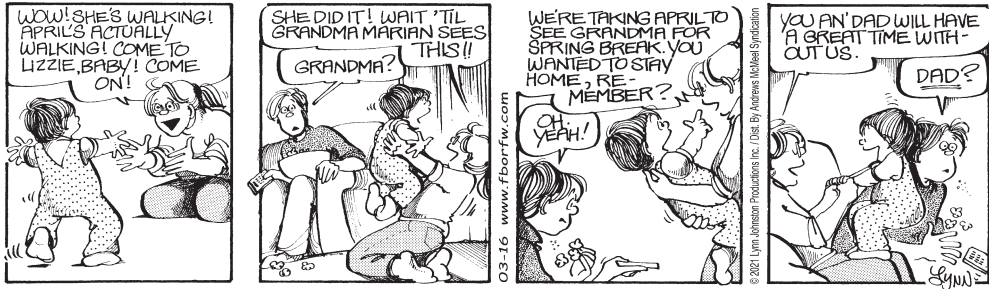
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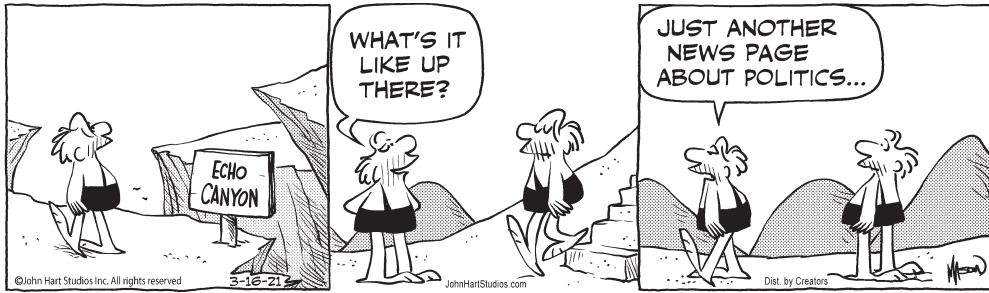
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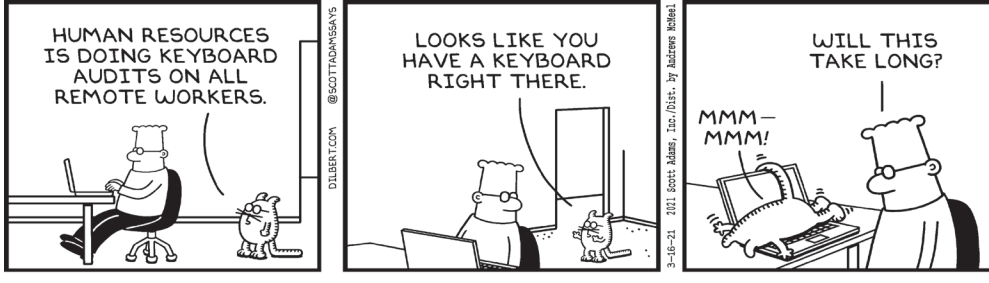
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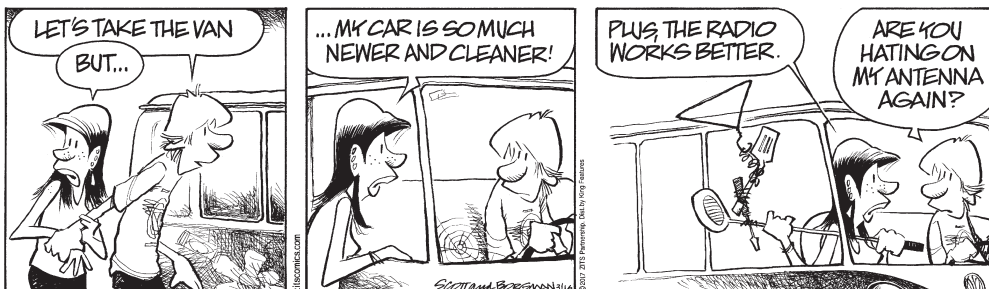
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DEAR ABBY

Boyfriend takes charge after couple moves into his house

Dear Abby: I have been with the same man for almost 30 years. We are not married and have no children together. He is 15 years older than I am.

We have been living in his house for the past seven years. I feel more like a renter than a partner in this relationship. I give him money every month, and we sleep in separate rooms. He wants to control everything in his house, including how to clean, cook or what we eat. I bite my lip to avoid starting a confrontation.

He is a lifelong bachelor, while I have two adult children and a couple of grandkids. I'm not sure how much more of this I can take. I work all day; he doesn't. I want to leave, but at the same time, I care and worry about him. What should I do? — Disillusioned in Illinois

Dear Disillusioned: Quit biting your lip. Gather your courage and start an honest conversation with your housemate in which you tell him you have been unhappy with the status quo for a long time. Then outline the changes that would make you happy. If he isn't willing to compromise, then pack your bags and leave because you will know the feelings you have for him are not mutual.

Dear Abby: I've been "friends" with a woman for 25 years. For a time, we were best friends and did everything together, but we couldn't be more different. It caused many fights and disagreements over the years. She has deeply hurt and embarrassed me count-



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less times. She ruined birthdays, damaged other relationships — even ruined my bachelorette party. I don't know why I still bother with her. I think because of our deep roots, it's hard to let go.

At the moment, we haven't spoken in more than two months, and I know she's upset with me yet again. Should I reach out and mend the bond? Do I use this as a stepping stone to start moving on? I love her, but I know it really is a toxic relationship. — Off Again in New Jersey

Dear Off Again: Please reread the last sentence of your letter. Do not bother reaching out and trying to mend the breach in your relationship. You cannot fix what's wrong with this old friend, but you can move on. Her silence is giving you the opportunity. Take it!

Dear Abby: My son is getting married in a couple of weeks. Due to COVID-19, he and his fiancée are having to downsize the list of invitees. This includes asking those who have already RSVP'd "yes" and/or have already given them a wedding gift not to attend. Should they return the wedding gifts to those they are disinviting to the wedding? — Wondering in the South

Dear Wondering: Your son and his fiancée should at least offer to return the gifts. Considering the reason for the downsizing, some of the no-longer-invited guests may tell them to keep them along with their good wishes, while others will not.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago March 16, 1921

Members of the Moosejaw, Canada, baseball team were today invited to make Pendleton their headquarters for spring training, the invitation being sent by wire by the Pendleton Commercial Association through the president, James H. Sturgis. Carl Waters, formerly of Pendleton and who has played here in Western Tri State League games, now first baseman for the Canadian team, is in the city and declares that the manager and owner of the Moosejaw club is favorable to Pendleton as the location for a training camp. The team has been offered the free use of the Round-Up grounds and local fans promise co-operation in securing games for the Canadians. Should they accept the offer, they would come to Pendleton April 10 and remain for three weeks, playing a game each Sunday.

50 Years Ago March 16, 1971

Wind, plus the breaking up of new farmland and the lack of wind erosion programs on farms, has many of the residents of Umatilla, northern Morrow and Gilliam counties upset. Some of them, it was rumored at the wind erosion meeting at Boardman Friday afternoon, are seriously considering taking their problem to the courts. This could pit neighbor against neighbor. Most of the discussion was aimed at large operators, most of them absentee owners who buy raw land and in the winter start tearing it up with plans to install an irrigation system and produce a potato crop

the same year. The ideal setup for deterring wind erosion in new development is to plant a cover crop in the summer or fall, when the ground is broken, and then plant the potato crop the next spring. As a rule this timetable is not likely because of the economics of the situation. Wind erosion is of the greatest concern to the farmer when it blows out his own crop, or if his neighbor's soil is wrecking his alfalfa crop and making his wife unhappy with additional housekeeping chores.

25 Years Ago March 16, 1996

Downtown Pendleton has something other towns want: old-fashioned architecture and charm. It's the need to make the most of these natural assets that has spurred the formation of the Pendleton Downtown Revitalization Committee. The committee, not yet out of its infancy, has yet to outline firm goals. But its chairman, Jim MacKenzie, is already talking about the direction the months-old committee will take in the months to come. A minister at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, MacKenzie draws his experience from well beyond church walls. Before donning the collar five years ago, he spent 16 years as a Seattle banker, helping with the development of Seattle's Pioneer Square. When MacKenzie looks out on Pendleton's main street he views a future that pays home to the past. "We don't want a Western theme park," said MacKenzie, who pooh-poos such projects as artificial. "We want to bring out the historic uniqueness of downtown Pendleton" and spur a vibrant marketplace.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 16, 1945, during World War II, American forces declared they had secured Iwo Jima, although pockets of Japanese resistance remained.

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket at his Aunt Effie's farm in Auburn, Massachusetts.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the

rearming of Germany.

In 1972, in a nationally broadcast address, President Richard Nixon called for a moratorium on court-ordered school busing to achieve racial desegregation.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by Hezbollah militants (he was tortured by his captors and killed in 1985).

In 1987, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1994, figure skater Tonya Harding pleaded guilty in Portland, Oregon, to conspiracy to hinder prosecution for covering up an

attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan, avoiding jail but drawing a \$100,000 fine.

In 2004, China declared victory in its fight against bird flu, saying it had "stamped out" all its known cases.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ray Walker (The Jordanares) is 87. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 80. Country singer Robin Williams is 74. Actor Erik Estrada is 72. Bluegrass musician Tim O'Brien (Hot Rize; Earls of Leicester) is 67. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 67. Folk singer Patty Griffin is 57. Actor Kimrie Lewis is 39.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

