

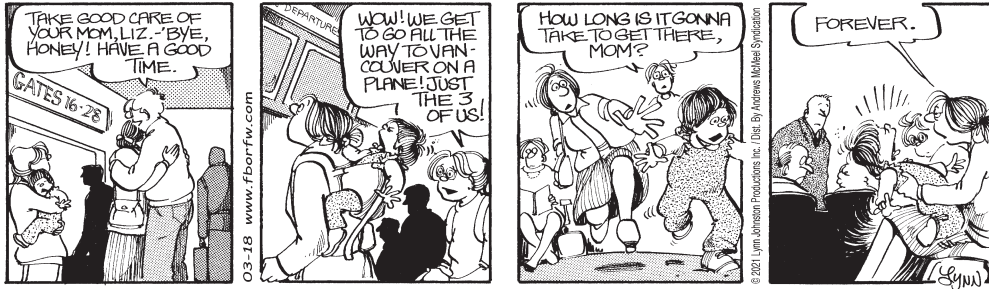
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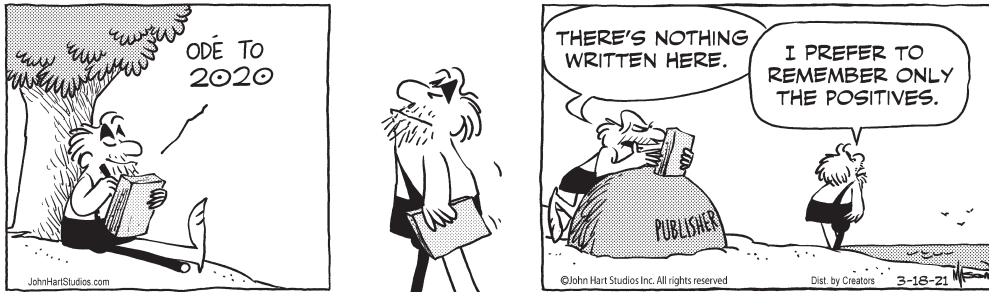
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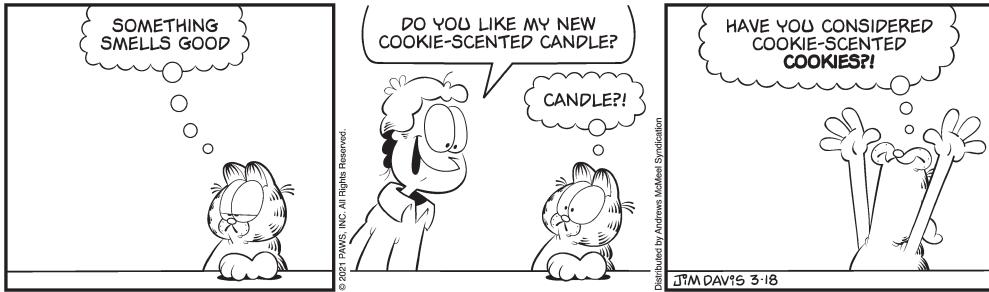
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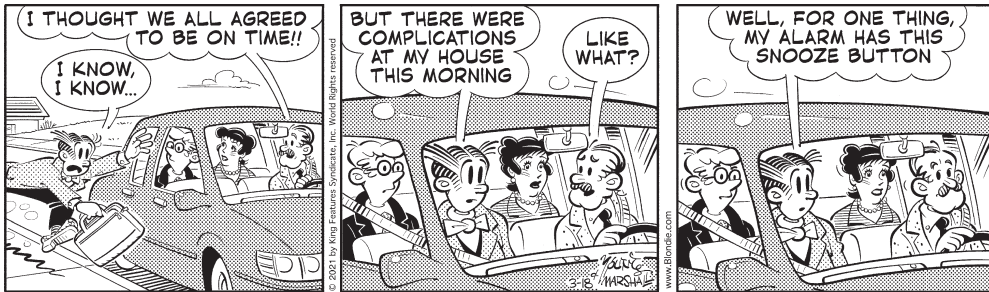
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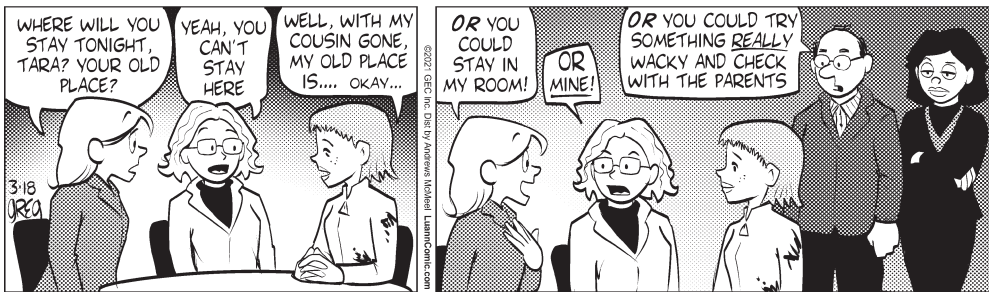
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DEAR ABBY

Couple's future is threatened by fiancée's grief, depression

Dear Abby: My fiancée and I have been together for four years. I have lost a lot of people in my life, so I am used to death. She, on the other hand, didn't experience it until two years ago, when she lost her grandfather. The next year, her mother passed, and last year we lost a child — her oldest — my stepson.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My 13-, almost 14-year-old daughter, "Gabbi," is a shining star of responsibility and being self-driven. She also likes nice things.

Gabbi has been babysitting for my sister for several months and has saved almost every penny, which amounts to hundreds of dollars. I'm proud of her discipline. However, I think she should start buying some of her "frivolous wants" herself.

Abby, she is so lost. She's no longer the same person she once was, and I totally understand that. I'm sad and depressed, too, but she's bad.

I love this woman like I have never loved any other. I can't picture life without her, but lately I have begun to wonder how it would affect me, her and the kids if I left. I'm not equipped to deal with someone else's depression on top of my own. I have been trying, but I'm finding myself getting more and more angry. What should I do? — Torn in the East

Dear Torn: You mentioned that you, too, suffer from depression. Are you receiving treatment for it? If you are seeing a psychologist (and being medicated), discuss this with the person who is working with you. You may need a change in your medication.

It isn't surprising that with so much loss all at once in her life, your fiancée is grieving and depressed. Frankly, while I might suggest she join a support group for help in coping with the loss of her child, she may also need help from a licensed mental health professional.

Although you are tempted, I don't think now is the time to abandon your fiancée and her children. Once she is stabilized, you may not want to leave at all.

I'm willing to buy her and my other children gifts when I can and on special occasions on my single income, but Gabbi often asks me for \$10 here and \$10 there. Because it's more than I can afford, I have to say no and see her silent disappointment. I know the simple answer is to not give in, but I want my daughter to learn that it's OK to spend a little on herself here and there. I'm not sure what words to use to convince her. Can you help? — Mom On A Budget

Dear Mom: Your daughter is old enough for an honest conversation with her mom. Start by telling her how proud of her you are that she has shown how disciplined and responsible she is because those traits will serve her well in years to come.

Tell her you feel bad about disappointing her when you refuse her requests, but now that she's nearly 14, she's mature enough to understand you are the sole wage earner, money is tight and her frequent requests put a strain on the budget. Then point out that she has saved quite a bit of income from her babysitting, and she should direct some of it toward the items she's asking you for.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 years ago March 18, 1921

The present system of naming the streets and avenues of the city of Pendleton was declared to be most unsatisfactory at the meeting last night of the city council. The question of renaming the streets was brought up by Mayor Hartman, who declared it was impossible for anyone but an old inhabitant to tell where any one of the streets of the city were. He suggested a system whereby the streets would be lettered or numbered. Following a short discussion by various members of the council, all of whom were apparently in favor of a change, the city attorney was ordered to investigate the procedure necessary to bring about the change.

50 Years Ago March 18, 1971

It was a fun day at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting as observance of St. Patrick's Day was carried out in honor of the many early settlers from that country. Attorney Phill Mahoney, who arrived in Heppner in time for the St. Patrick's celebration in 1917, sported a brilliant green tie complete with Irish motifs as he told of the early days. Both of his parents came from Ireland, and he knows the background of many of the old timers. In 1917 there was a big parade of Irishmen on Main Street. This was followed by a "football game" at the fair-

grounds, played with a rum bottle. "In time-out they drank White Mule," Mahoney said. The chamber's Irish theme was carried off by Joe Doherty, Pendleton, who sang "Danny Boy." Doherty, whose paternal grandfather and mother came from Ireland, grew up "just over the county line" in Umatilla County, but is claimed as a Heppner boy.

25 Years Ago March 18, 1996

The Queen of the West sternwheeler cruise ship in early April will resume bringing tourists up the Columbia River and, after a short bus ride, into Pendleton for a taste of the authentic West. The flavor, however, will be a little different this year. Stops at the Pendleton Woolen Mills and the Pendleton Underground Tours will remain, but tourists will be treated to a barbecue lunch and Native American show at the Wildhorse Gaming Resort. Last year, the lunch and show took place at the Pendleton Convention Center. Michael Lomax, vice president of the American West Steamboat Company, said since the sternwheeler began making the trip last year, the city has become one of the line's most popular destinations. He said exposure to Native American culture is an important part of the Western experience Pendleton offers. From March to December, tour groups are in Pendleton about every four to seven days.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 18, 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years imprisonment for civil disobedience. (He was released after serving two years.)

In 1925, the Tri-State Tornado struck southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, resulting in some 700 deaths.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing

the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of internment Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their 5-month-old embargo against the United States that had been sparked by American support for Israel in the Yom Kippur War.

In 1996, rejecting an insanity defense, a jury in Dedham, Massachusetts, convicted John C. Salvi III

of murdering two women in attacks at two Boston-area abortion clinics in December 1994. (Salvi later committed suicide in his prison cell.)

In 2018, Vladimir Putin rolled to a crushing reelection victory for six more years as Russia's president.

Today's Birthdays: Composer John Kander is 94. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 85. Jazz musician Bill Frisell is 70. Actor Geoffrey Owens is 60. TV personality Mike Rowe is 59. Singer-actor Vanessa L. Williams is 58. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 57. Rapper-actor-talk show host Queen Latifah is 51.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

