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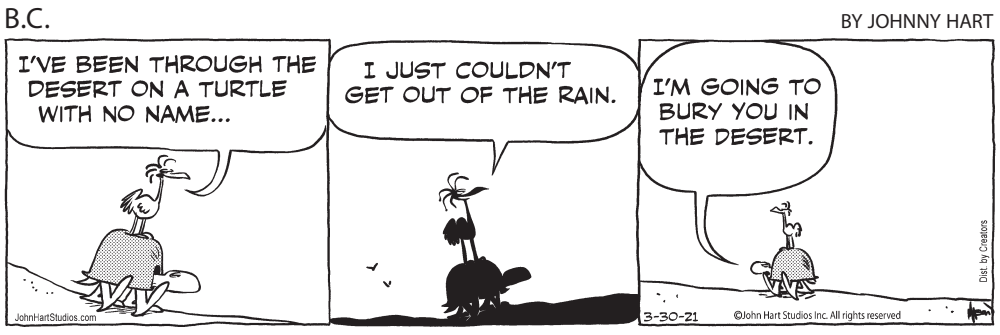

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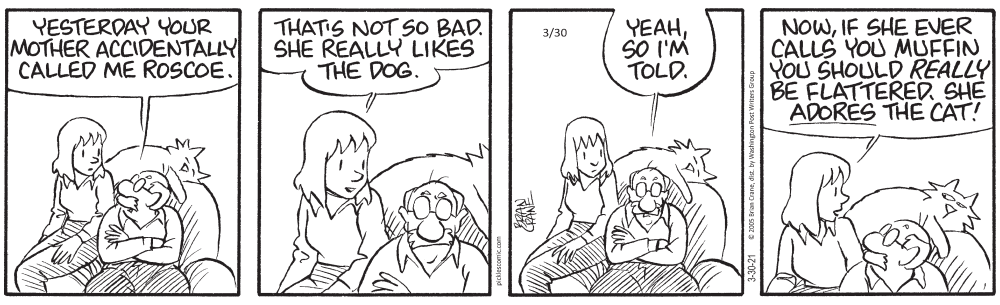

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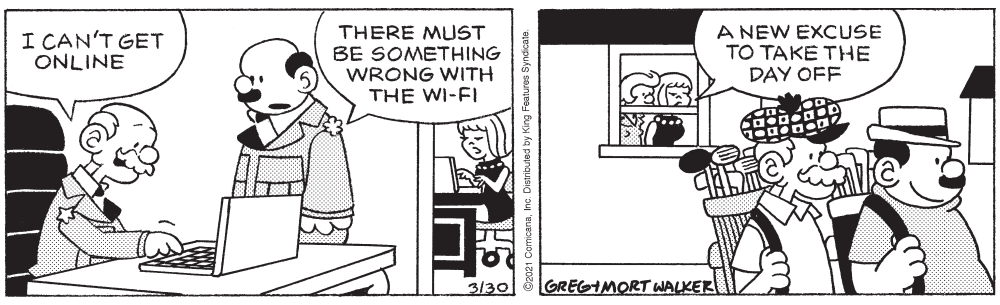

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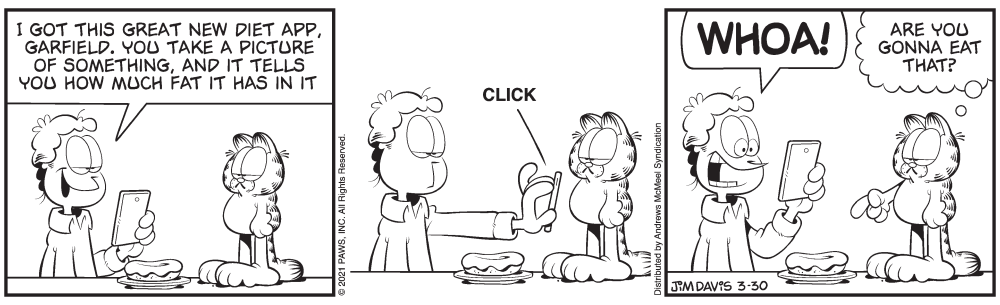

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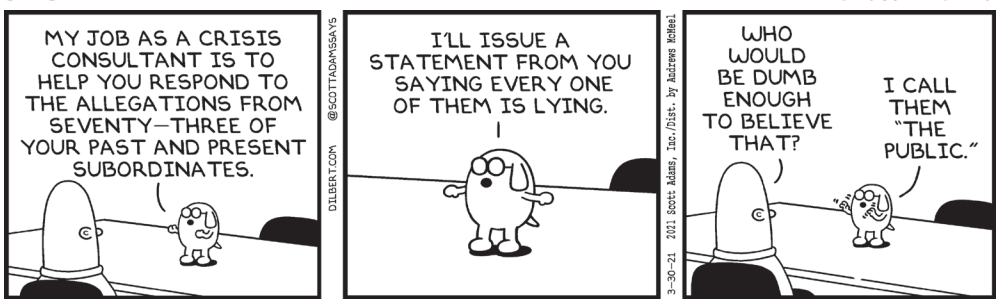

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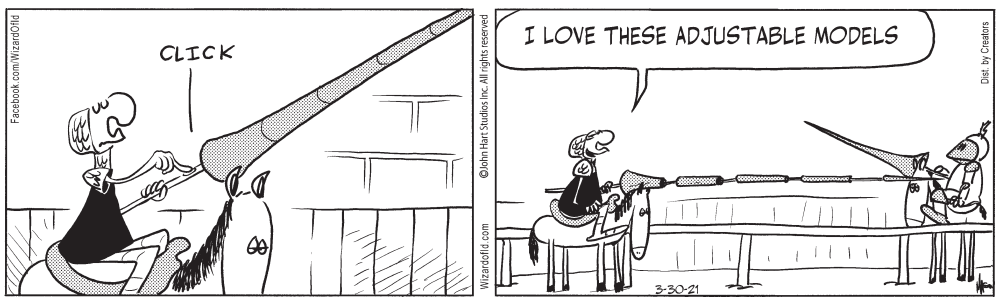

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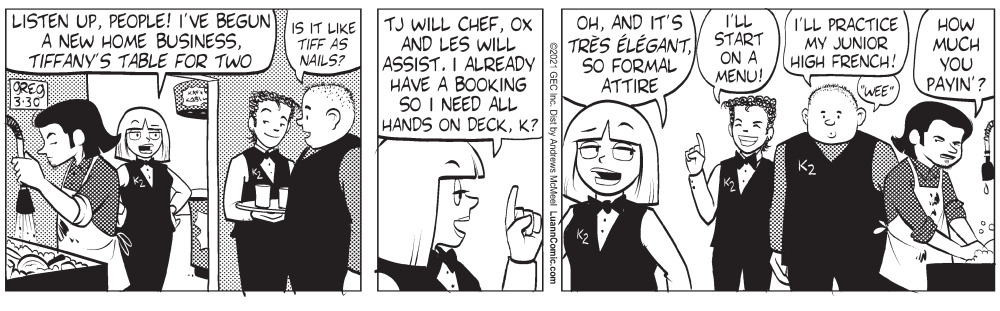

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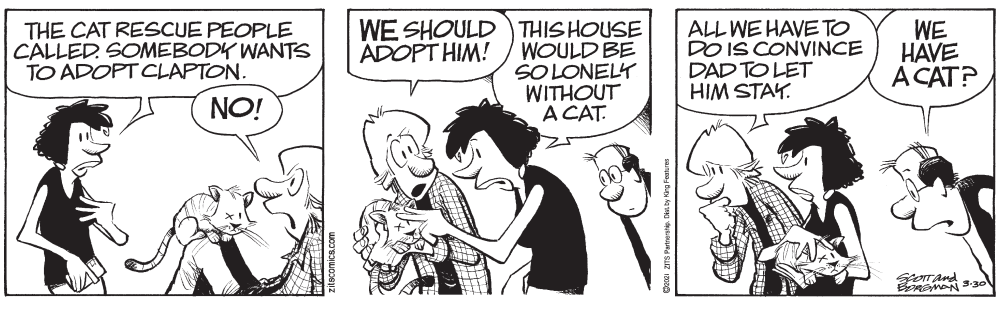

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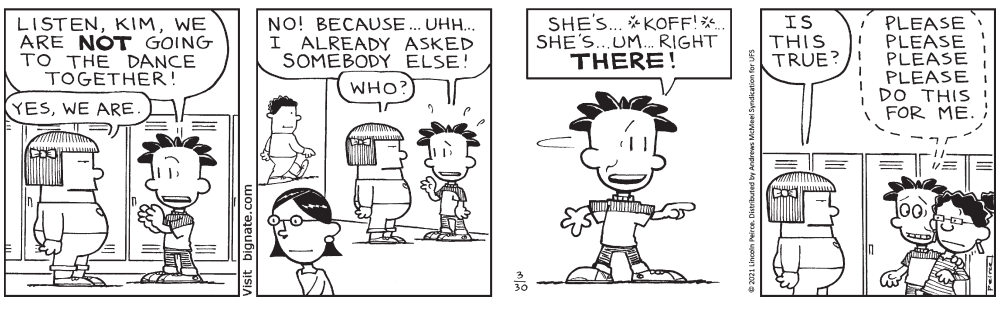

DEAR ABBY

Best friend calls the police after man threatens suicide

JEANNE PHILLIPS
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a woman in my late 30s. "Tim" and I have been best friends for more than 10 years. Over the last few years, he has struggled with depression and addiction, and I have done my best to help him.

A few weeks back, Tim called me crying and said he was planning to end his life. It wasn't the first time he has spoken this way, but it was the first time he described a plan of action. Because I was alarmed, I called the police to do a welfare check. They went to Tim's home, which is across the country from mine, and took him to a psychiatric facility for several days. Now that he's out, he's furious with me for notifying the police and says I betrayed him. He said he doesn't know if we can continue to be friends.

I feel terrible, like I perhaps made a mistake by calling reinforcements, but I was more worried about the consequences of not calling. My family is telling me I should step away from the friendship altogether, but I can't imagine doing that. Please help. — **Takes Friendship Seriously**

Dear Takes: Your family's advice to step away seems sensible. You did not make a mistake by calling to see that Tim got help after he told you he had a plan in place to take his own life. You were trying to help him and prevent a tragedy, and that's a good thing.

Tim is clearly very ill and, unfortunately, there is little you can do to fix what's wrong with him (which is plenty). If you know his family, inform them about what has been going on. And because he doesn't know if he can continue being friends with you, leave it up to him to decide.

Dear Abby: My brother's wife is pregnant, and there is talk about their moving to the state where her family lives. There are only three people in my sister-in-law's family (one is elderly and two others work full time) who may provide her with support during her transition into motherhood. On the other hand, there are 10 of us who could help them emotionally and physically if they stay here.

My sister-in-law plans on being a stay-at-home mom, which I wholeheartedly support. My brother would move to the state where her family resides only in order to appease her. Our family is closer than her family. I feel we can provide them with more love and support than her family. What can I say or do to show them that living near our family is the best decision? — **Near Is Better**

Dear Near: I'm sure you mean well, but do not make the mistake of trying to "sell" your sister-in-law on staying. It appears her mind is made up. If she feels she would be more comfortable with her own family as she approaches this milestone, not much you can say will dissuade her. Of course, nothing prevents you from telling your brother how you feel, if you haven't already.

You might also suggest they consider renting for a year rather than buying a home right away, to see how they like it. That way, once the baby arrives and reality hits, she may realize she won't have the support she may need, and they may decide to return.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago
March 30, 1921

Pendleton banks will honor the memory of Levi Ankeny tomorrow. The First National Bank will be closed all day and the American National and the Inland Empire bank will close at noon out of respect for the late financier who had been connected with the banking business here since 1882. His funeral will be held in Walla Walla tomorrow from the family home. Friends and business associates of Senator Ankeny are strong in praise of many admirable qualities he possessed. It is said that during the hard times of 1893 he was extremely lenient with those in his debt and that many now successful farmers owe their escape from bankruptcy largely to aid provided by Mr. Ankeny at that time.

50 Years Ago
March 30, 1971

A do-it-yourself program of improvements is under way at the Umatilla County Jail. Sheriff's Deputies Gilbert Pettys and Jack Campbell have donated use of the welding outfits for the project. The improvements are following recommendations made by a team from the Oregon Corrections Division after the county jail was shaken by a riot in January. Improved security is the first goal. A new door allowing better vision is being cut into the lockup area; steel screen is being welded over cell bars, windows are being covered with steel mesh and sheets of steel in some cases; a new individual locking system is being installed on some cells. The mesh will prevent prisoners from reaching into the narrow corridor to grab jailers and from throwing large objects from their cells into the corridors. It will prevent prisoners from reaching cell locks, too.

25 Years Ago
March 30, 1996

The Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton is in sad shape. The ceiling tiles are stained, falling apart, and, in some places, gone completely. Brick walls are cracked. Windows, formerly a conduit for contraband, had to be sealed. Sinks don't turn off. "The aging jail suffers from design problems," said Alan Humphrey, the Sheriff's Department chief deputy. "The labyrinthian facility is a twisting collection of narrow hallways connecting barracks-style living quarters holding up to a dozen prisoners each. Most of the jail is on the third floor of the Umatilla County Courthouse." One living area, however, is on the second floor, connected to the rest of the jail only by an elevator. Humphrey said the elevator can be a formidable obstacle if a corrections deputy has to respond to a dire crisis in another part of the facility. The jail is just too small, he said. To make room for an increasing flow of violent offenders, the jail has had to release those convicted of lesser felonies.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by John W. Hinckley, Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.

In 1975, as the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of Da Nang.

In 1987, at the 59th Academy Awards, "Platoon" was named best picture; Marlee Matlin received best actress for "Children of a Lesser God" and Paul Newman was honored as best actor for "The Color of Money."

In 2006, American reporter Jill Carroll, a freelancer for *The Christian Science Monitor*, was released after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq.

In 2010, President Barack Obama signed a single measure sealing his health care overhaul and making the government the primary lender to students by cutting banks out of the process.

In 2015, German officials confirmed that Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz was once diagnosed with suicidal tendencies and received lengthy psychotherapy before receiving his pilot's license; they believed Lubitz deliberately smashed his Airbus A320 into the French Alps, killing 150 people. Comedy Central announced that Trevor Noah, a 31-year-old comedian from South Africa, would succeed Jon Stewart as host of "The Daily Show."

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Eric Clapton is 76. Rap artist MC Hammer is 59. Singer Tracy Chapman is 57. Singer Norah Jones is 42. Actor Fiona Gubelmann is 41. Actor Katy Mixon is 40.