PEANUTS









FOR BETTER OR WORSE









BY JOHNNY HART EVIDENTLY, I FELL ASLEEP IN A MIXED-USE ZONE...

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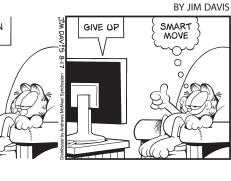




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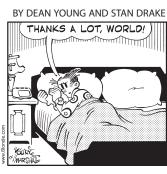










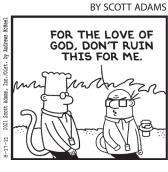


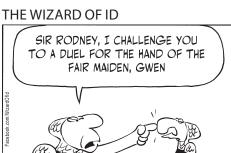
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LUANN WHY DON'T YOU DEZ, I HAVE A HUGE MOVE BACK INTO BEDROOM WITH TWO SHOWER, A SAUNA

ZITS

60, I TOLD SARA SHE HAD BIG NOSTRILS.









DEAR ABBY

Guilt after friend's death calls for self-forgiveness

Dear Abby: My dearest friend passed away five years ago. He was a severe alcoholic, and his death resulted from it. I was aware of how bad things had gotten and I was trying to talk him into getting help. I live across the country but visited and spoke with him often. I was considering telling his parents how bad things were since they were mainly supporting him, but I was torn because he was an adult, and I didn't know if it would be appropriate.

Well, while I was considering it, he passed away, and I haven't been able to get over the guilt. I feel like I should've done more. I have a strong urge to tell his parents I knew how he was doing and was contemplating telling them and how sorry I am that I didn't. Would it be selfish, like rubbing salt in their wounds, just so I can find some kind of peace? I have been going back and forth with this since his death. I have such regret that I didn't do something more. I don't know if their forgiveness would help me, or if I'd just be hurting them more. Your opinion on this would be helpful. — Full of Regrets

Dear Full: Please forgive yourself and stop second-guessing. You are guilty of nothing more than being a caring friend. The deceased was responsible for his own alcohol-related death. If his parents were supporting him financially, they were already aware their son had a serious problem. Because after five years you cannot stop flogging yourself, you have two options: Discuss



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this with your religious adviser, or ask your doctor or your insurance provider to refer you for some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist with whom you can work through this.

Dear Abby: I have had a girlfriend for about three years, but I have recently begun to feel indifferent about our relationship. We have to travel at least 45 minutes to see each other and don't always see each other on weekends. I have been

trying to convince her to move into my townhome, but something new arises each time I bring it up.

Recently, a younger woman (she's 21, I'm 32) showed an interest in me during one of my sports games. I have talked to her and won't let any relationship develop outside of being friends. She's religious and I'm not, and that's a deal-breaker for me. I'm torn between continuing to try to build my current relationship, trying to pursue the new one, or taking a step back from relationships to focus on my personal goals. Any thoughts, Abby? — Pondering in Pennsylvania

Dear Pondering: It doesn't appear that you OR your girlfriend of three years is really ready to take things to the next level. If you were, you wouldn't be debating whether to trade her in for a newer model. As to the younger one, you just stated clearly that her religiosity is a deal-breaker for you. Your third option makes the most sense. Concentrate on your personal goals for a while, and with time, your love life will work itself out.

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Aug. 17, 1921

A \$15,000 concrete and brick building which will provide five store rooms for Pendleton business firms will be built immediately on the corner of Main and Railroad streets by C.J. Koch who owns the property, according to announcement made today by Mr. Koch. The building, whose location will be one of the best in the business district, will have a frontage of 100 feet and will extend back for 92 feet. All the store spaces will face on Main street. The building will be one story high but Mr. Koch expects to add a second story later. Mr. Koch, who retired from the furniture business a year and a half ago, still owns the brick building on Webb street where the Cruickshank & Hampton furniture store is located.

50 Years Ago Aug. 17, 1971

Twelve Pendleton youths journeyed to the Oregon Capitol in Salem today to receive a check for \$300 for winning first prize in the statewide anti-litter campaign sponsored by the Governor's Commission on Youth. Gov. Tom McCall and Secretary of State

Clay Myers, making the presentation, said they were "tremendously pleased" at the response from the youth volunteers. Pendleton won in competition with youth from 22 cities in Oregon. The group covered an 18-mile stretch of highway between Pendleton and Milton-Freewater and picked up 1.7 tons of littler.

25 Years Ago Aug. 17, 1996

An urban upstart delivered a crushing defeat to a rural veteran Friday in a firsttime watermelon seed spitting contest amid an amazed crowd in downtown Portland. Crowds gathered as about a half-dozen dignitaries and celebrities puckered up to see who could send a watermelon seed flying farthest through the air. It was the crowning moment for Portland Mayor Vera Katz, who defeated long-time spitter Hermiston Mayor Frank Harkenrider. The seed-spitting contest was a new element to the watermelon giveaway that promotes cooperation between Hermiston and Portland and the east and west sides of the state. Though no one came close to the world record of 66 feet 11 inches it seemed everyone had a record amount of fun.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On August 17, 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1807. Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany.

In 1863, federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding.

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. 8th Air Force bombers attacked German forces in Rouen, France. U.S. Marines raided a Japanese seaplane base on Makin Island.

In 1964, Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa was sentenced in Chicago to five years in federal prison for defrauding his union's pension fund. (Hoffa was released in 1971 after President Richard Nixon commuted his sentence for this conviction and jury tampering.)

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

In 1982, the first commercially produced compact discs, a recording of ABBA's "The Visitors," were pressed at a Philips factory near Hanover, West Germany.

In 1983, lyricist Ira Gershwin died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 86.

In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at Spandau Prison at age 93, an apparent suicide.

In 1988, Pakistani President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq and U.S. Ambassador Arnold Raphel were killed in a mysterious plane crash.

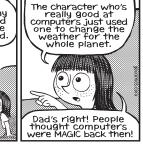
In 1998, President Bill Clinton gave grand jury testimony via closed-circuit television from the White House concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky; he then delivered a TV address in which he denied previously committing perjury, admitted his relationship with Lewinsky was "wrong," and criticized Kenneth Starr's investigation.

In 1999, more than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Turkey.

In 2017, a van plowed through pedestrians along a packed promenade in the Spanish city of Barcelona, killing 13 people and injuring 120.

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