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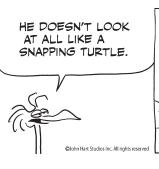


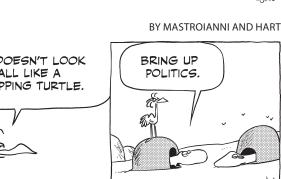




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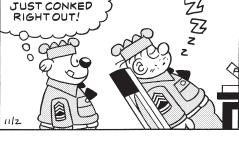






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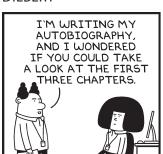
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DEAR ABBY

Friend keeps the finances secret from her husband

JEANNE

PHILLIPS

ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am friends with "Pete" and "Pam," a couple I have known for more than 20 years.

I need a way to address my concerns to Pete. He works full time in a great job, and his salary goes into a joint bank account. Pam handles all the finances and pays the bills. When Pete and I hang out and he asks Pam (for small amounts of money, she says, "Sorry, we don't have it." I

understand that might be the case sometimes, but it happens ALL THE TIME.

Pam also secretly borrows cash from me. She pays it back late sometimes, but not always. I talked with Pam and told her to tell Pete she borrows. I don't think she did, and it concerns me. I'm putting my foot down and not doing it anymore. I'm worried because Pete thinks they

have all this money saved for a house. I'm starting to think Pam has spent it. or most of it. How can I tell Pete as a friend to check the finances without starting World War III? I'd hate to lose my friends over this. — In Danger Of **Losing Friends**

Dear In Danger: Tell Pete everything you have written to me. If he is so financially ignorant that he doesn't know how to check his balances and his credit rating, he should talk with a CPA. Whether Pam has a spending problem or some other type of addiction, he needs to know. He also needs to know how long his dreams of homeownership may need to be postponed if what you are concerned about is true.

Dear Abby: I'm a 37-year-old woman who has had to move back to my mother's home after ending a long-term relationship. I love her dearly and appreciate her letting me stay with her. The problem is, I never have any alone time at home or even out when I socialize. She's close with all my friends and frequently goes to the same bars and res-

taurants I do.

When I go out, she invariably asks me where I'm going and then shows up and sits with me and my group. I love her, but I really need some space. I'm single. I want to meet people when I'm out, and I can't do it with her there. When I try to talk to her about it, she gets upset and thinks I don't "ever" want her around. Please help. — Needing Space In New

Dear Needing Space: Explain that you enjoy her company but need some time by yourself — whether it's at home or with your friends. If you don't want her beside you all the time when you're home, agree on a place you can retreat to for some solitude — like your bedroom.

When you're going out with friends, be clear that you want SOME time with them without her being present because it inhibits you. This does not mean she's not ever welcome, but maybe HALF the time. Encourage her to spend more time with her own friends.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago Nov. 2, 1921

Umatilla County and Mr. John Jones have some common experiences right now in matters of finance, according to facts which have been brought out by a statement on the financial standing of the county. The county is now back just \$69,058.36 to the state on its second half of the state tax money, and the money is past due. In addition to this indebtedness there are \$110,000 in road warrants which are registered and unpaid. The total amount of taxes now delinquent goes to about \$200,000. From 1915 to 1921, the county was on a cash basis on all of its business, but prior to that time, warrants had to be carried at different times. The present indebtedness is thought to be the heaviest the county has ever had, although no record of this has been compiled. The biggest part of the delinquency is thought to be caused by the inability of some farmers to pay their taxes.

50 years ago Nov. 2, 1971

Not all ex-Marines are big, tough and mean. Judy Blackwell, a blonde housewife and student from Helix, used to be a Marine. Mrs. Blackwell joined the Marines when she

was 18 because she wanted to do something different. She also "liked the uniform." While in the Marine Corp., Mrs. Blackwell met her husband, Bob, and was married. They now have a three-year-old child. "I did office work while I was a Marine — accounting. I never got to go overseas," she said. "I'm glad I joined. I got to meet a lot of people. It's amazing all the different kinds of people there are." A student at Blue Mountain Community College, Mrs. Blackman is going to school on the G.I. Bill, majoring in accounting. "The Marine Corp was a worthwhile experience," she said.

25 years ago Nov. 2, 1996

All 56 employees at Gilroy Foods onion processing plant will be unemployed as of March 1997. Company headquarters in Gilroy, Calif., announced the plant's closure Thursday. The company said the facility is being closed because of "excess onion production capacity in the Gilroy group of plants." Gilroy was recently purchased by ConAgra, Inc., an international food company based in Omaha, Neb.The decision to close the plant was a surprise to employees in Umatilla, said office manager Cathy Murray. "People are going to take a little time to adjust and have it sink in."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Nov. 2, 2000, American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev, became the first residents of the international space station.

1783, General In George Washington issued his Farewell Address to the Army near Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1889, North Dakota South and Dakota became the 39th and 40th states with the signing of proclamations by President Benjamin Harrison.

In 1920, white mobs rampaged through the Florida citrus town of Ocoee, setting fire to Black-owned homes and

businesses, after a Black man, Mose Norman, showed up at the polls to vote on Election Day; some historians estimate as many as 60 people were killed.

South In 1963, Vietnamese President Ngo Dihn Diem was assassinated in a military coup.

In 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

In 1994, a jury in Pensacola, Florida, convicted Paul Hill of murder for the shotgun slayings of an abortion provider and his escort; Hill was executed in September 2003.

In 2003, in Iraq, insurgents shot down a Chinook helicopter carrying dozens of U.S. soldiers, killing 16. In Durham, New Hampshire, V. Gene Robinson was consecrated as the first openly gay bishop in the Episcopal Church.

In 2004, President George W. Bush was elected to a second term as Republicans strengthened their grip on Congress. Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh was slain in Amsterdam after receiving death threats over his movie "Submission," which criticized the treatment of women under Is-

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN









BY DANA SIMPSON

BIG NATE





