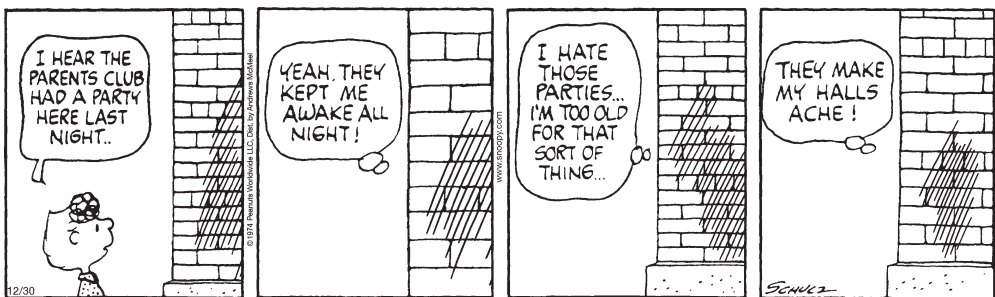


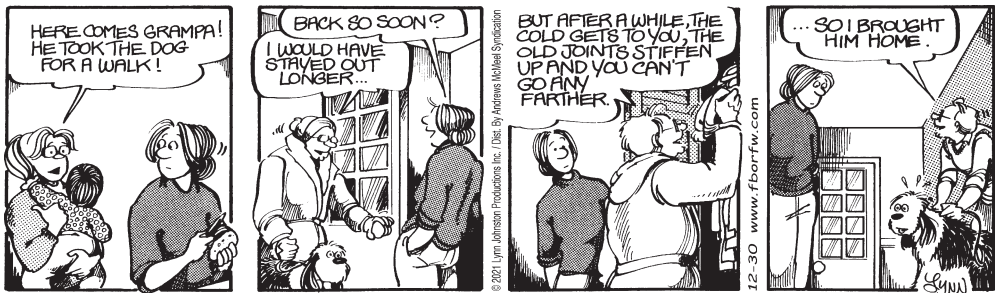
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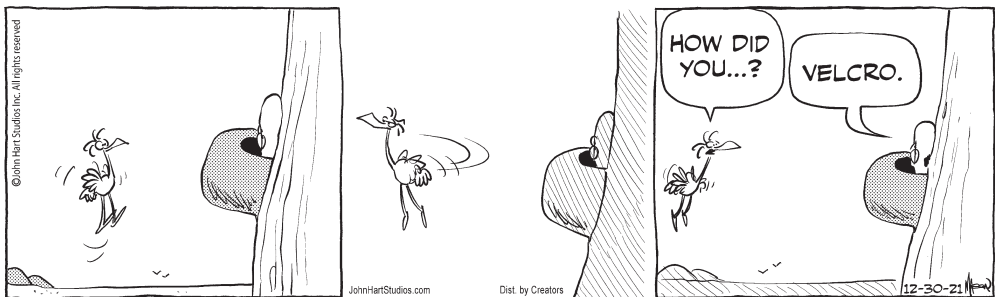
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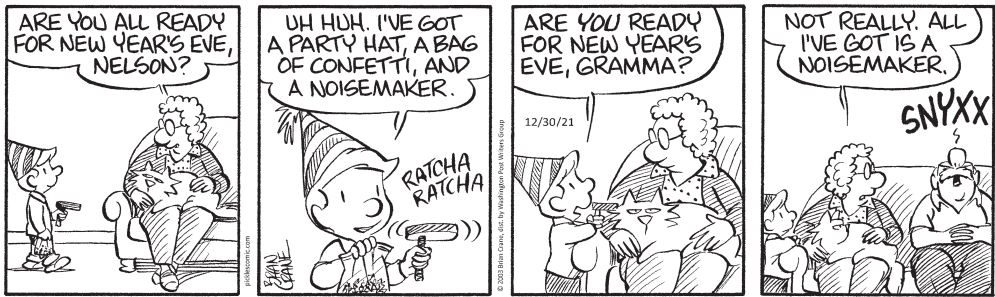
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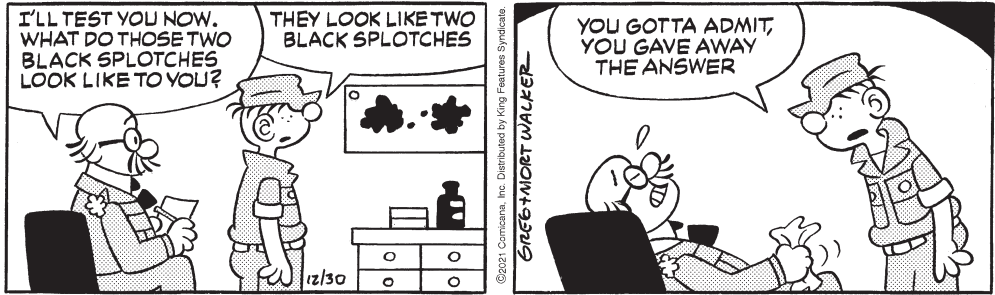
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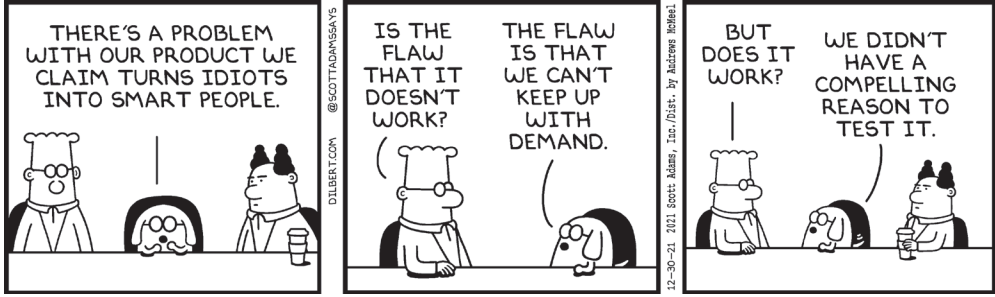
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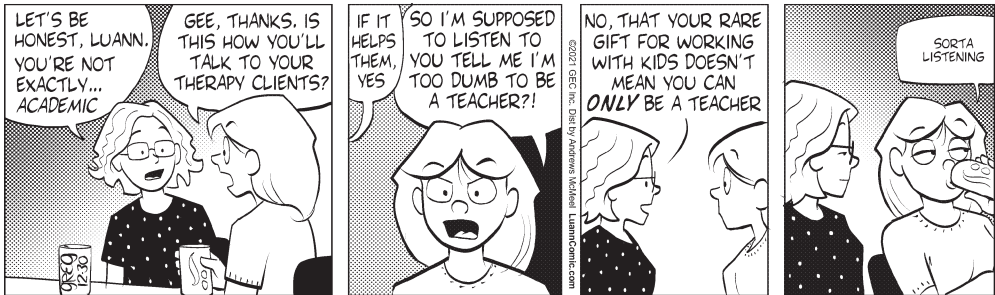
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DEAR ABBY

Young woman's temper has her siblings on edge



JEANNE PHILLIPS
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have a younger sister I love dearly. I respect and admire her. "Elise" is intelligent and talented. She is a minister's wife and a mother to small children. Due to some unfortunate family circumstances when she was young, she has some emotional scars she's trying to overcome. Sometimes at family gatherings she'll "explode" and lash out at whoever triggered her. Her outbursts usually take us all by surprise.

drinks, and not for the better. He brags, repeats himself and presents in a way that's annoying and embarrassing. His alcohol personality will never change — it is who he is. He's been like this for the entire 13 years I've been with him.

He drinks two to three times a week, at most, and says I "overreact" to his personality change. He tells me I shouldn't get so frustrated, but I don't want to be around my husband when he drinks. Can you advise me how to live with him when he's drunk? By the way, it doesn't take much for him to get this way — three beers. Could he be having a reaction to the alcohol? — **Fed Up In San Diego**

How do we, as siblings who have grown up in the same environment, handle this? We don't think our childhoods so terrible, although we did have some challenges, and our daddy does have narcissistic tendencies. He actually recognizes that and is trying to improve himself. Sometimes we feel she makes mountains out of molehills, but we want to be sensitive to her pain. I'm concerned she'll end up controlling our family gatherings in a negative way if these flare-ups don't stop. What do you think could be done? — **Be-fuddled Big Sis**

It's time for you to locate a chapter of Al-Anon (al-anon.org) and attend some of the meetings. This organization was created decades ago to help the friends and family members of people who have an alcohol problem — which your husband definitely has. You are far from alone in having this problem, which you will realize once you get there. Please don't wait. Your reaction to his personality change is understandable.

Dear Big Sis: What could (and should) be done is an intervention by you and your siblings in which Elise is advised to seek professional help for her explosive anger issues. If she refuses and her behavior continues, let her know you support her but can no longer include her.

Dear Abby: My husband's personality changes completely when he

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921
On the farms the recent cold days have offered excellent opportunities for the killing of the winter supply of pork, or the long-yearling beef, or possibly a fat wether, but out at the Pendleton Packing Company's plant artificial conditions are maintained which make every day "butchering day." The company's business has been practically doubled since September. During December about 900 head of hogs have been killed, between 160 and 180 head of cattle and between 500 and 600 head of lambs and sheep. The products of the company are marketed under two brands. The Oregon Pride hams, bacon and lard are gaining friends in Oregon every day, and another line of hams, bacon and shortening is sold under the name of "Campfire." One fact which is of more than ordinary interest is that the company is now shipping in every year more hogs for slaughter in the local plant than are owned in Umatilla county. Practically all of the hogs now being killed are corn-fed products of Nebraska.

in no parking areas marked by yellow curbs, the city has no law on the books forbidding such parking. The oversight was discovered by Milton-Freewater City Atty. James Walton, City Manager Henry Schneider told the city council Monday. An ordinance is being written to correct the matter. Can motorists who paid fines for violating the nonexistent Milton-Freewater law get their money back? Probably not, says an informed source.

50 years ago — 1971
Milton-Freewater officials are blushing, in yellow. It seems that although Milton-Freewater police officers have faithfully been handing out citations to motorists who park their vehicles

25 years ago — 1996
An antique fence sign has become the source of a mystery for Hermiston insurance agent Bill Elfering. When Elfering came to his State Farm Insurance office a few weeks ago, he found a flat yellow object resting against a glass wind break in front of his office door. "Pays the man who pays the premium," says the painted metal plaque advertising the State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company. Listed on the bottom are the agent's name and a phone number: James Phillips, Pendleton 134. "I don't think it'll work anymore," Elfering said of the phone number. The mystery comes in who gave him the sign: Elfering said he has no idea. He contacted State Farm's Company History Unit at their corporate headquarters in Bloomington, Ill., for clues. The fence sign dates to 1941, Elfering learned.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in December 1991.
In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.
In 1860, 10 days after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the state militia seized the United States Arsenal in Charleston.
In 1954, Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G.

Whitfield became the first Black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes.
In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees.
In 1999, former Beatle George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who'd broken into his mansion west of London and stabbed him in the chest. (The attacker was later acquitted of attempted murder by reason of insanity.)
In 2004, a fire broke out during a rock concert at a nightclub in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 194 people. Bandleader and clarinetist Artie Shaw

died in Thousand Oaks, California, at age 94.
In 2006, a state funeral service was held in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda for former President Gerald R. Ford.
In 2009, seven CIA employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer were killed by a suicide bomber at a U.S. base in Khost, Afghanistan.
In 2015, Bill Cosby was charged with drugging and sexually assaulting a woman at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004; it was the first criminal case brought against the comedian out of the torrent of allegations that destroyed his good-guy image as "America's Dad."

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

