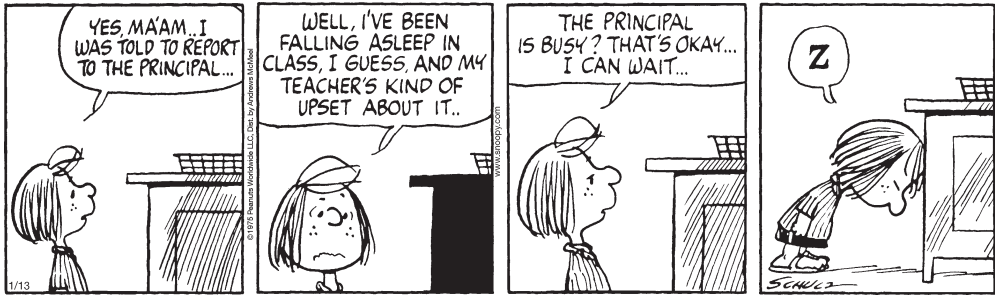


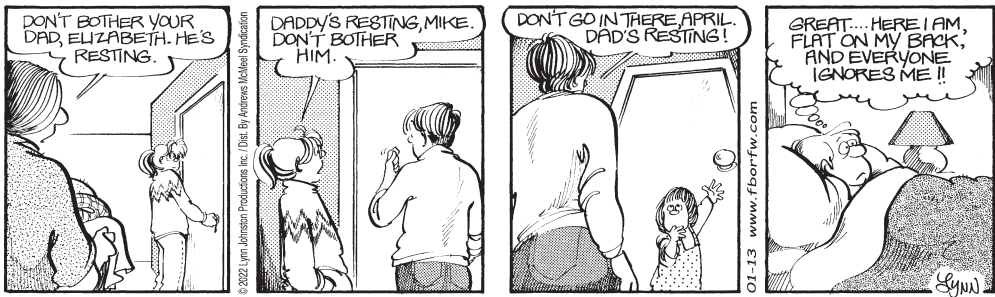
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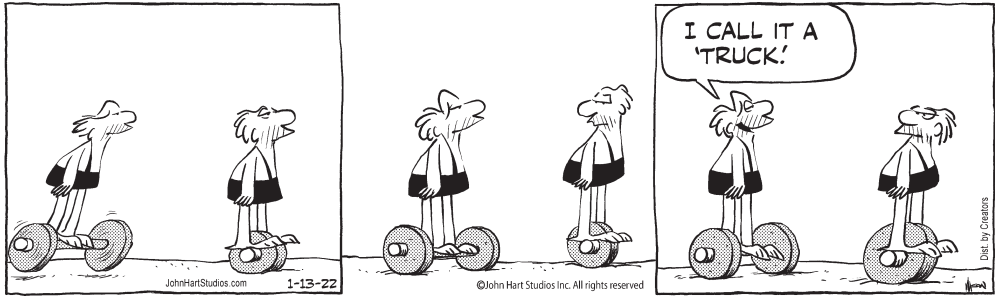
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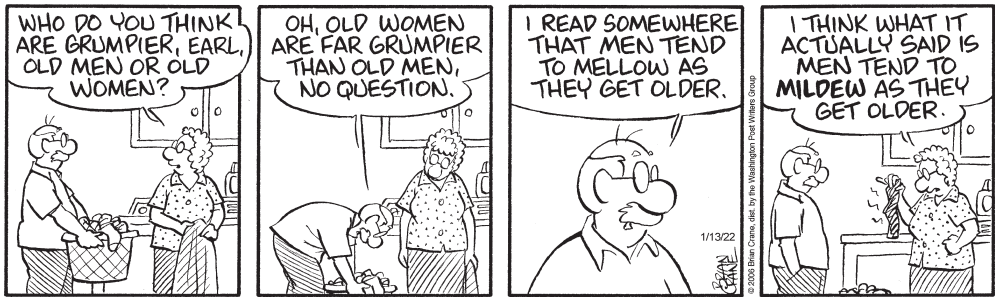
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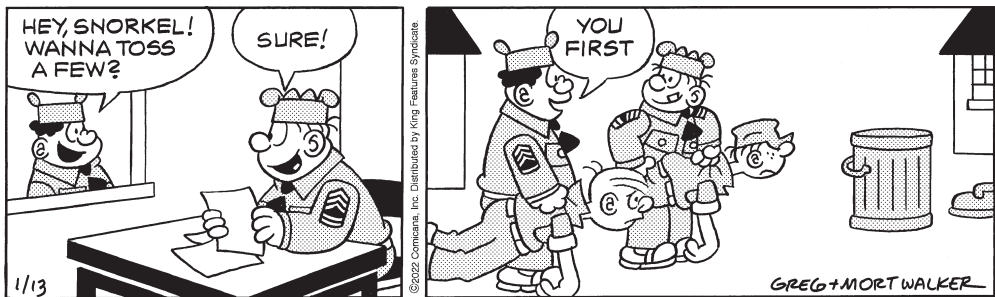
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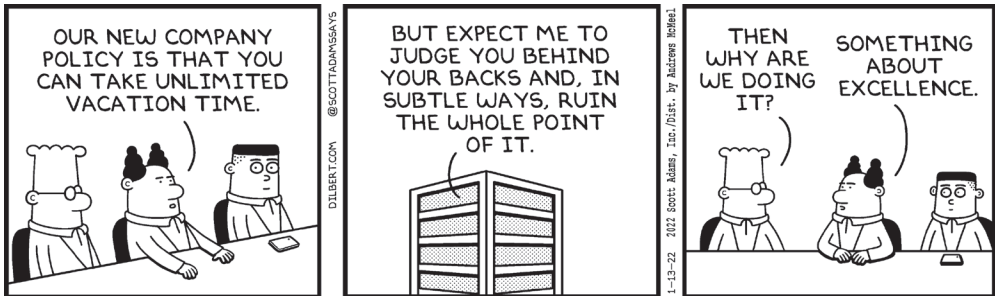
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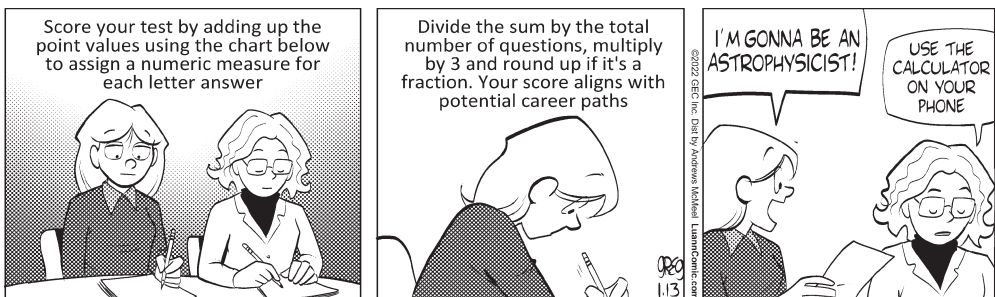
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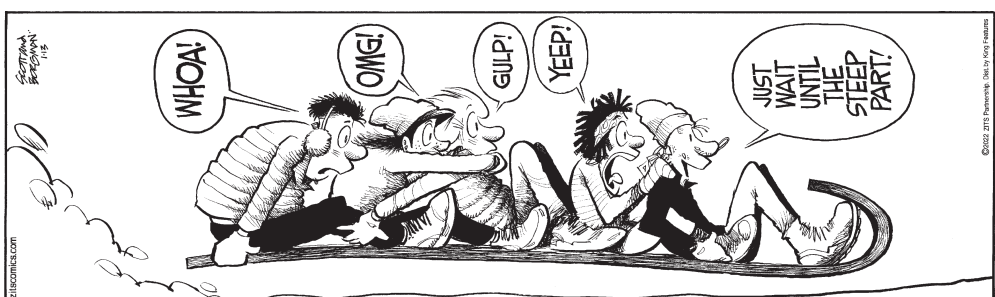
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DEAR ABBY

A partner is cast aside amid a man's struggles



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: For the past three years I've been with a man I believe is the love of my life. Early on, he admitted to a porn addiction that has plagued him his entire life and sabotaged past relationships. With my support, he began his first real attempt at recovery, which included a team of mental health practitioners.

His progress over the past three years, while not linear, has been tremendous. He's an entirely different person. I would describe our relationship as 90% joyful, 10% agony. I agree the cycle must be broken, and only he can do it.

A week ago, he had a difficult relapse and ended our relationship. His therapist feels he needs to be on his own to focus on recovery. While I am devastated, I agree. But I can't understand why he's giving up on us forever and making big decisions like getting off the mortgage on the house we bought less than two years ago. He swears it has nothing to do with me, and that if it weren't for this addiction, he would spend the rest of his life with me.

If his plan is to live alone, be single or celibate, and focus on recovery, why wouldn't he also pause on major financial decisions? Why is he done when there is clearly hope for recovery and reconciliation? — Broken-Hearted In Oregon

Dear Broken-Hearted: You have involved yourself with someone who has a terrible track record when it comes

to relationships. Whatever his plans for the future may be, he does not want a committed relationship with you, nor does he want the financial responsibility and the tie to you that the house represents. It is now time for you to start looking after your own needs and goals. If you stay busy and don't isolate yourself, it will lessen the pain you are feeling.

Dear Abby: My brother divorced his first wife 10 years ago.

Since then, he has married a wonderful woman my family adores. The problem is, my ex-sister-in-law insists on showing up for family events, which makes these celebrations extremely awkward. Even her children recognize how uncomfortable her presence makes everyone.

I don't mind being the "bad guy" and telling her that she's no longer welcome at family events, but I don't want to cause an ugly scene. How can I diplomatically (but firmly) tell her to stay away? Any suggestions would be appreciated.

— Flummoxed In Philadelphia

Dear Flummoxed: What a sad situation. Your BROTHER, not you, should deliver the message to his ex, well before she shows up at your next family event. He should inform her that when she shows up uninvited, her presence makes everyone uncomfortable, and it would be best that she not impose again. You could lessen the hurt by occasionally seeing her separately, depending upon the circumstances of the divorce.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

The machinery has been oiled for a quick snappy program at Eagle-Woodman hall tonight when Ted Thye of Portland and Ray McCarroll meet in a wrestling bout. Thye has agreed to throw McCarroll twice within one hour or forfeit the match, and whether he can do this is what local fans are interested in seeing. Good preliminaries have been arranged. The bill will start at 8 o'clock and the offerings will be pushed through with quickness, according to McCarroll. At the first meet held here when Basanta Singh and McCarroll grappled, there were some delays between events which made the fans nervous, and this defeat will be remedied tonight. The platform in the hall has been finished and everything is in readiness for the go.

50 years ago — 1972

An experiment in coyote birth control failed last year in Morrow County. But scientists haven't given up hope of finding some method of coyote damage control. "We want a repellent" that will protect sheep, Morrow rancher Henry Krebs said during a panel discussion of predator control presented at a meeting of the regional chapter of the Society for Range Management. Bill Nelson, state supervisor

of the U.S. Division of Wildlife Services, said coyote repellents that have been developed appear to be effective for only about six months. "The coyote population in Oregon has increased steadily since 1955 and it is still going up," he said. Trends in coyote population are determined through two methods — coyote use of scent posts and coyote reaction to a siren. The regular police siren is sounded along an annual route at the same time each year under similar conditions. Coyotes howl when they hear it. Nelson said, "We count the number of coyotes that answer the siren."

25 years ago — 1997

Some of the scholarship money handed out to criminal justice students at Blue Mountain Community College this week came from a very simple source. It represents a lifetime of hard work and simple living, explained a long-time friend of Red and Florence Wishart, who bequeathed a \$114,587 estate to the school. Red Wishart worked for the city water department "for a long, long time," said family friend Lyle Earley. "That's what impressed the heck out of me. Here you've got people working for everyday wages, maybe even low wages, and they're big-hearted enough to give it away." The couple had no children.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 13, 2021,

President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House over the violent Jan. 6 siege of the United States Capitol, becoming the only president to be twice impeached; ten Republicans joined Democrats in voting to impeach Trump on a charge of "incitement of insurrection."

In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1941, a new law went into effect

granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship. Novelist and poet James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland, less than a month before his 59th birthday.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge and fell into the Potomac River while trying to take off during a snowstorm, killing a total of 78 people, including four motorists on the bridge; four passengers and a flight attendant survived.

In 1987, West German police arrested Mohammed Ali Hamadi, a suspect in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner and the killing of a U.S. Navy

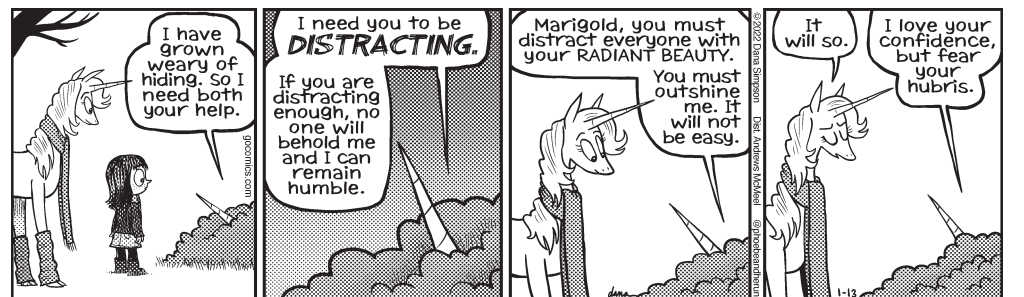
diver who was on board. (Although convicted and sentenced to life, Hamadi was paroled by Germany in December 2005 and returned home to Lebanon.)

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected Black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 1992, Japan apologized for forcing tens of thousands of Korean women to serve as sex slaves for its soldiers during World War II, citing newly uncovered documents that showed the Japanese army had had a role in abducting the so-called "comfort women."

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

