

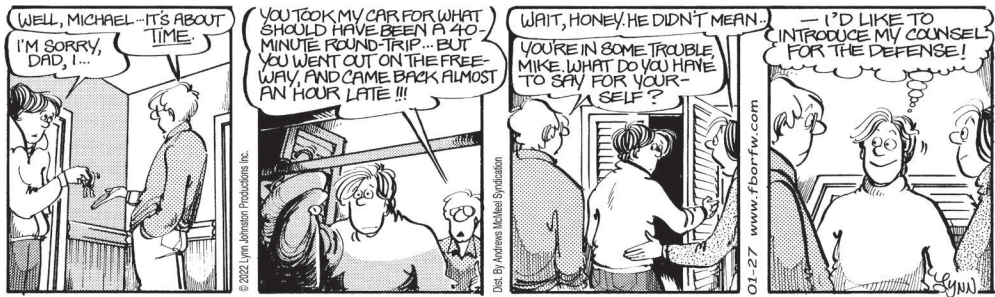
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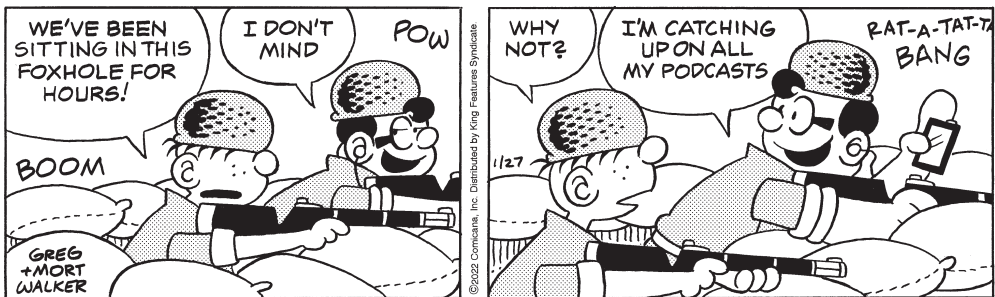
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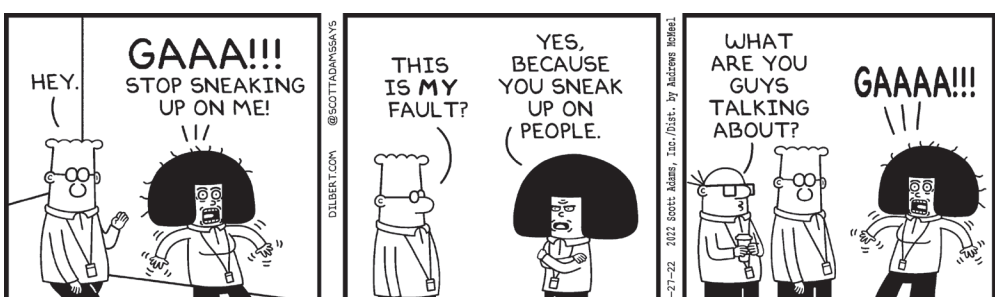
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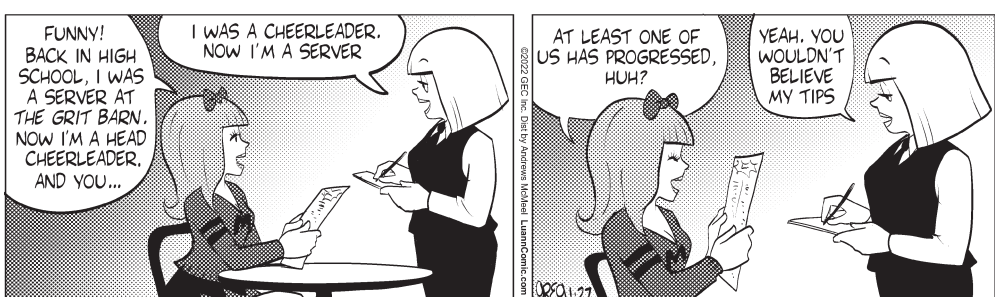
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DEAR ABBY

Father is unsure about reuniting with his son

Dear Abby: My 38-year-old son is in jail for meth. He's been an addict for many years. I tried several times to help him, but he always relapsed. He has been in rehab. His mother and I divorced when he was 7. He was a great kid until the divorce. After that, he became distant and wouldn't talk much to me.



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His mother tried to make up for the divorce by doing everything for him. When I wanted him to do something, like his homework, he would just sit and stare. I couldn't punish him because I was afraid he wouldn't want to come to my place when it was my weekend to have him. I did things with him and tried to show him I loved him, but I think he blamed me for the divorce. (It was my wife who wanted it.)

I don't think he ever loved me like a son normally loves his father. He rejected any advice I tried to offer and paid no attention when I tried to teach him something.

I feel like I have always had to do the heavy lifting to try to have a relationship with him. If I never heard from him again, I really wouldn't miss him. All he has ever been is a taker. Should I bother trying to get in contact with him while he is in jail? — Frustrated Father In Texas

Dear Father: Your son is sick — an addict. That he is in jail will hopefully mean he can attain sobriety. Reach out to him one more time. He may believe you deserted him and his mother be-

cause she allowed him to believe it, which would explain his attitude toward you all these years. It might be of some benefit to him to be reminded that you love him and care about his well-being. Once he is clean, he may have a different attitude where you are concerned. If not, at least you tried.

Dear Abby: I have ended a four-year romantic relationship. When times were good, they were very good. I had some of the most joyful and wonderful experiences of my life with him, my children and his family.

However, when the going got rough, he started seeing other women and, later, was hateful to one of my tween children. I know in my head the relationship had to end, yet I continue to cry over the loss every day, and my sleep remains disrupted.

What's the matter with me that I'm pining over a man who turned so sour? How can I help myself move through this? — Too Many Tears

Dear Tears: I sympathize with your disappointment. Now dry those tears and remind yourself that, had the romance continued, you might have married someone who would verbally abuse your children and cheat on you. You aren't crying over the loss of "him" as much as grieving the loss of a dream that didn't come to fruition. Stay busy and focus harder on looking ahead.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922 That Buddy Reed and Kid Brooks will meet again to compete for honors in the ring is assured, according to a statement made today by Herb Reed who is managing his brother. The boys were on last night in Pendleton in a four-round battle which the boxing commission ordered discontinued at the end of the third round when Brooks had a pair of badly swollen peepers. The Pullman boy remonstrated at the decision of the referee which gave the battle to Reed, as a result the boys will mix again within the next 30 days in a six-round scrap.

50 years ago — 1972 The recent announcement by the Oregon Highway Commission that Stanfield will be by-passed by Highway 32 has raised the ire of some of the Main Street business people. Stanfield variety store owner-operator Willard Welch said that he is "pretty mad." Welch was at the meeting in 1970 in the city council chambers when state highway officials said the routing would remain down Stanfield's Main Street. He says he was assured at the meeting that if any change in plans should develop that he and others on the street would be notified. "I am just sick

about this," he said in the wake of hearing the surprise announcement. Elton Frazier, who has operated a service station on the street for 12 years, said, "If they take us off the highway, I am not going to be here."

25 years ago — 1997 The skeletons of the Cold War — hundreds of thousands of rockets, bombs, land mines, artillery shells and sprayers loaded with deadly nerve gas — lie in concrete bunkers called igloos in the chemical weapons depot a couple miles west of Hermiston. Concerned that 103 of the weapons already have leaked, the U.S. Army is eager to build a high-tech incinerator, like ones already operating in Tooele, Utah, and Johnston Atoll in the South Pacific, to destroy the deadly agents. With the blessing of the state of Oregon, the Army will award a contract to build the incinerator at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. Barring a successful lawsuit from opponents, burning will begin in 2001 and be finished by 2004. Originally a conventional munitions storage facility, the Oregon depot was established in 1941 on 20,000 acres of sagebrush. Chemical weapons started coming in 1962 and now fill 89 igloos in a high-security area.

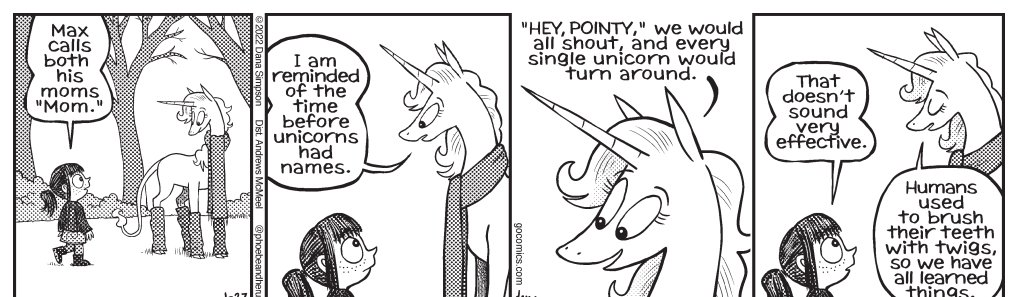
TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft. In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp. In 1888, the National Geographic Society was incorporated in Washington, D.C. In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years. In 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentra-

tion camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, greeted the 52 former American hostages released by Iran at the White House. In 2010, Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPad tablet computer during a presentation in San Francisco. J.D. Salinger, the reclusive author of "The Catcher in the Rye," died in Cornish, New Hampshire, at age 91. In 2013, Flames raced through a crowded nightclub in southern Brazil, killing 242 people. In 2018, a suicide bombing in the Afghan capital of Kabul killed more than 100 people; the attacker was driving an ambulance full of explosives and raced through a security checkpoint after saying he was transferring a patient to a hospital. In 2020, China confirmed more than 2,700 cases of the new coronavirus with more than 80 deaths in that country; authorities postponed the end of the Lunar New Year holiday to keep the public at home. U.S. health officials said they believed the risk to Americans remained low and that they had no evidence that the new virus was spreading in the United States; they advised Americans to avoid non-essential travel to any part of China.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

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