

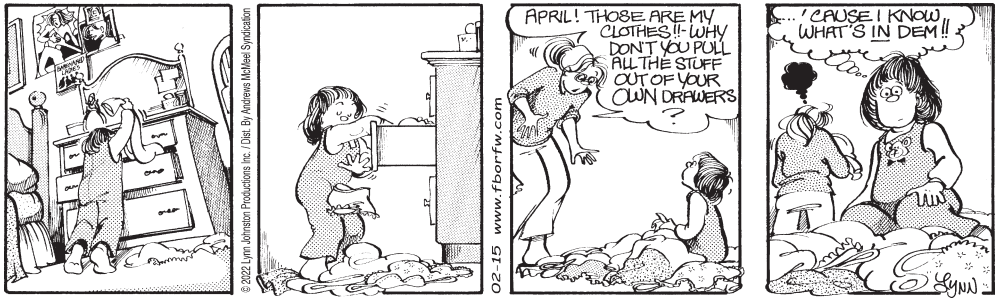
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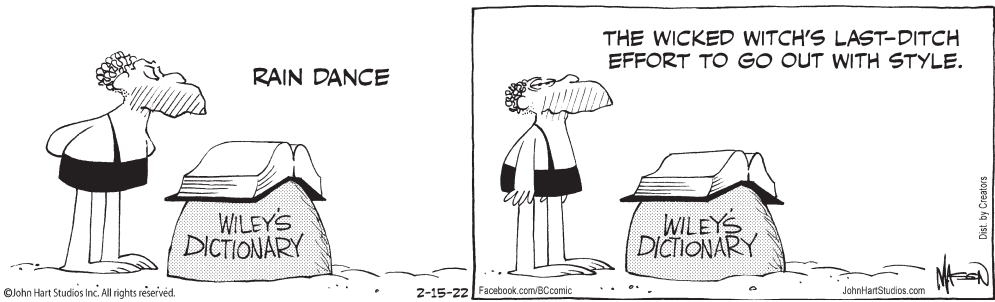
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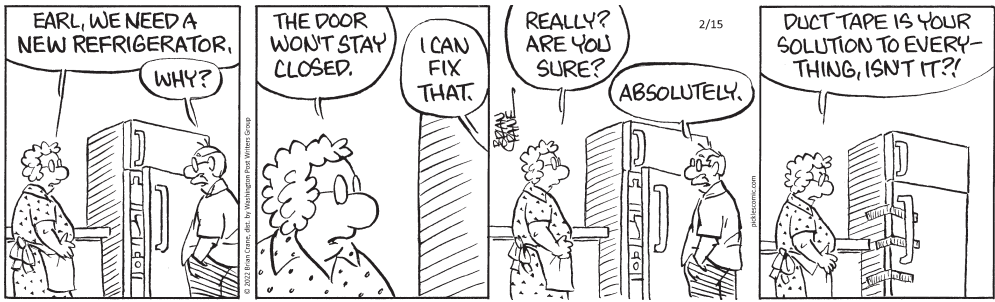
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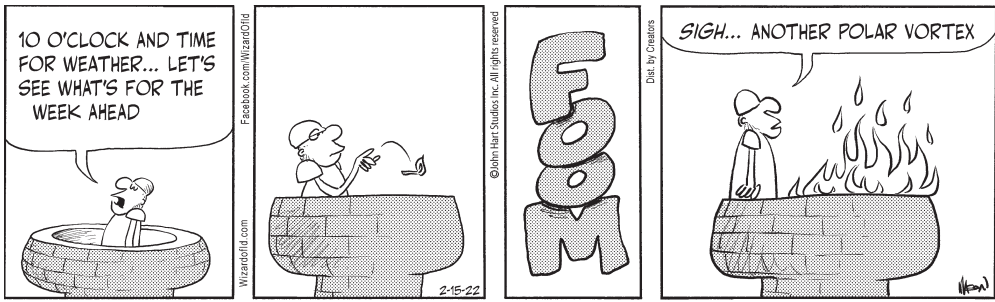
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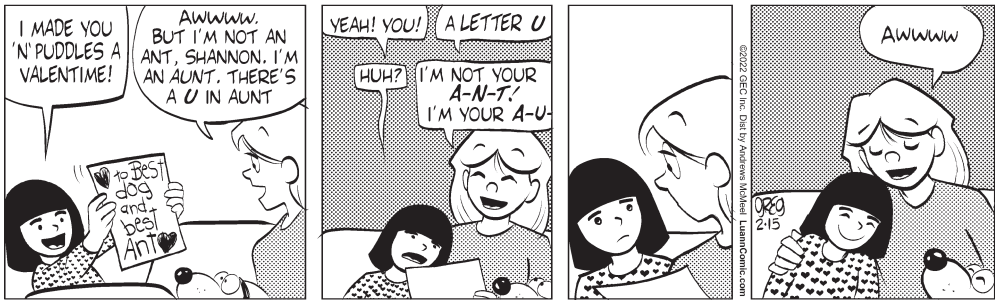
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DEAR ABBY

Woman anxious to avoid making same mistakes



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Aaron," and I have been together almost 10 years. We are both divorced from narcissistic spouses. We have discussed a future together and are working toward it. It's taking so long because Aaron's children are quite a bit younger than mine. I am also working on getting my career established.

does NOT agree to the "joint" sessions, it might be worth your while to discuss couples counseling with another therapist.

Dear Abby: I've been seeing a married man for more than 30 years. Everything was fine between us until recently. I have begun to suspect one of my female neighbors is seeing him as well. I'm contemplating getting in touch with his wife and my neighbor's husband and telling them about my suspicions.

Aaron can be passive-aggressive. It isn't often and it generally isn't just over petty stuff, but when it happens it is very hurtful.

I need to know what to do so this relationship with the neighbor will stop. I know by telling on him, I'll lose him, but if the neighbor is after him because of his money, I don't want his wife thinking I'm the one taking it from him. What should I do? — Nervous In Texas

I've been going to counseling to resolve some issues from my childhood and first marriage, and recently realized I have some toxic traits I need to work on and heal. Unfortunately, some of that toxicity has spilled into my relationship with Aaron and hurt him. When it happens, he reacts passive-aggressively for a bit, then things seem to go back to normal.

Dear Nervous: Despite the odds, you have been fortunate in having had a drama-free affair for 30 years. Because you have no proof that your lover is involved with someone else, it would cause less damage to everyone if you shared your suspicions with HIM. I guarantee that if you reveal your three-decade affair to his wife, you can kiss this romance goodbye. If the neighbor couple finds out you accused her, you will make enemies — particularly if your suspicions are not true.

What can I do to get over the hurt I feel when he acts this way? I don't want to repay hurt for hurt. I want to break the cycle. — Healing In The Midwest

I find it ironic that after helping your lover cheat for decades, you are now angry at him for cheating. I see nothing to be gained by creating a scandal to save your injured pride.

Dear Healing: If your "toxicity" is what causes Aaron to react with what you interpret as passive-aggression, he could simply be nursing his wounds. Talk with your therapist about including Aaron in some of your sessions. If the therapist agrees, tell Aaron you think your relationship could be improved if he's willing to go with you. If the therapist

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

A statement recently published here that the East Oregonian will soon be using foreign newsprint is entirely untrue. At the present time and for a great many years past the East Oregonian has secured its newsprint from the Crown-Willamette Paper company which has mills at Oregon City and at Camas, Wash. At no time has this paper considered using European newsprint. However, importations of foreign print during the past year have been very effective in breaking the backbone of war time high prices and therefore have been generally welcomed by publishers. As to price there is at present some advantage in favor of European newsprint but with reference to certain other points there is a distinct advantage to patronizing a home paper mill.

to have mobile homes restricted to parks or located in designated areas in the city. "I've seen it happen after McNary Dam construction and again after the freeway construction," he said. "They move away and leave a pad of cement and a utility pole standing, and the rest of us with homes pay the tax bill."

25 years ago — 1997

Fifteen acres donated in November for the future site of a 32-foot stainless steel replica of the Virgin Mary may instead offer the less holy sight of a gaping gravel pit to motorists passing in Interstate 84. The land's donors, Mary Elizabeth Hansell and her son, John, own the surface rights to the land one mile west of the junction of I-84 and I-82. But the land's deed specifies that mineral rights take precedence over surface rights, and the mineral rights were purchased by Jeddie Aylett of Hermiston with plans to expand his gravel business there. He later learned about the plans to put a statue on the same land. "It's just a tragic situation," said his attorney, Sam Tucker. "We feel really bad about it." The proposed gravel pit is the latest obstacle in Lake Oswego developer Joe Locke's efforts to site a shrine to pay tribute to his deceased mother.

50 years ago — 1972

Ward Otis of Stanfield, is not opposed to people living in mobile homes or trailers, but he doesn't want mobile homes located in his "general residential area" and he is trying to do something about it at city hall. Otis and some of his neighbors appeared at the Stanfield City Council's meeting to protest their area on South Dunne being included in an R-2 or residential and trailers zone. He would like

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 15, 1879, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1967, the rock band Chicago was founded by Walter Parazaider, Terry Kath, Danny Seraphine, Lee Loughnane, James Pankow and Robert Lamm; the group originally called itself The Big Thing.

In 2003, millions of protesters around the world demonstrated against the prospect of a U.S. attack on Iraq.

In 1764, the site of present-day St. Louis was established by Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later.

In 2005, defrocked priest Paul Shanley was sentenced in Boston to 12 to 15 years in prison on child rape charges.

In 1992, a Milwaukee jury found that Jeffrey Dahmer was sane when he killed and mutilated 15 men and boys. (The decision meant that Dahmer, who had already pleaded guilty to the murders, would receive a mandatory life sentence for each count; Dahmer was beaten to death in prison in 1994.)

In 2020, the U.S. government said Americans who were on board a cruise ship under quarantine in Japan because of the coronavirus would be flown back home on a chartered flight, but that they would face another two-week quarantine; about 380 Americans were aboard the Diamond Princess.

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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

