

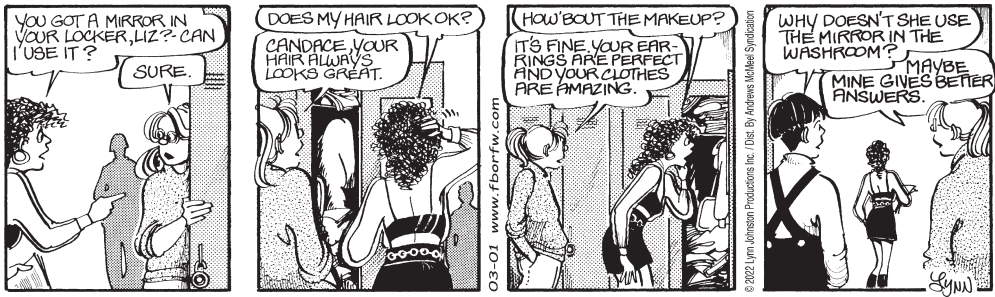
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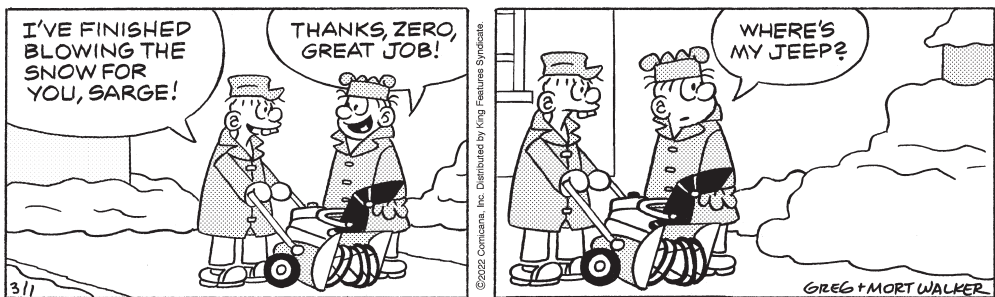
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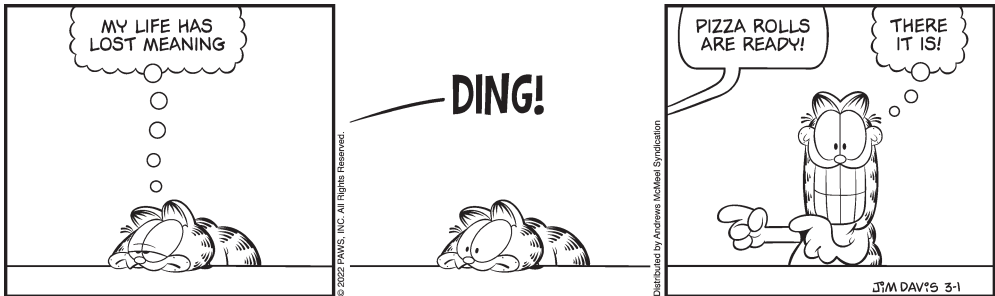
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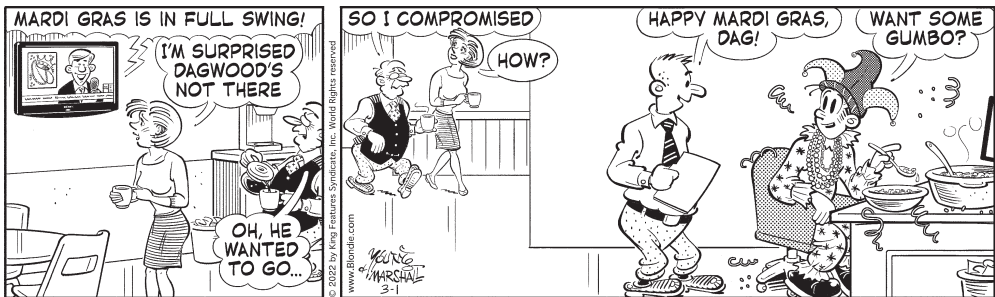
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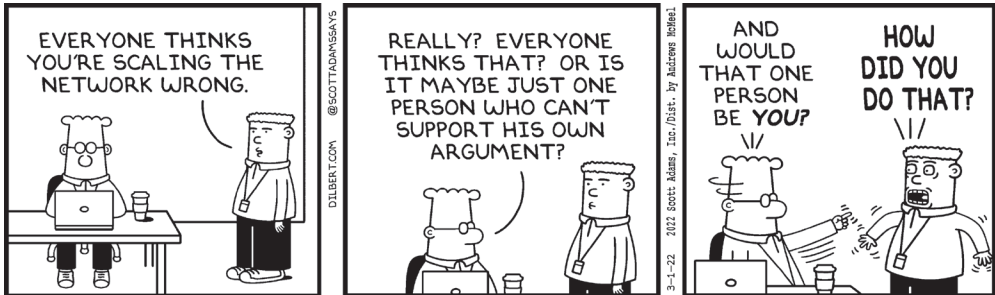
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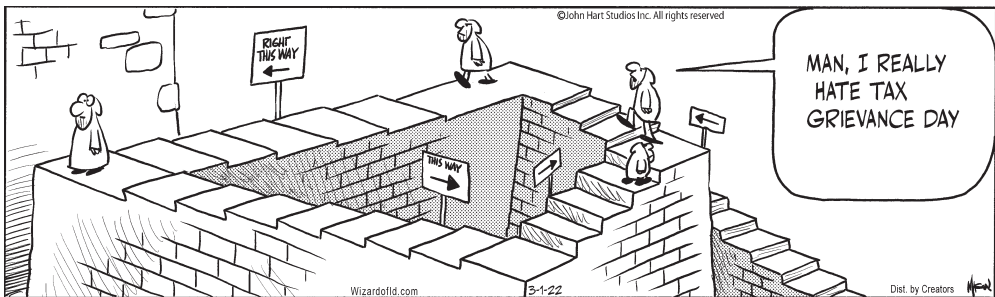
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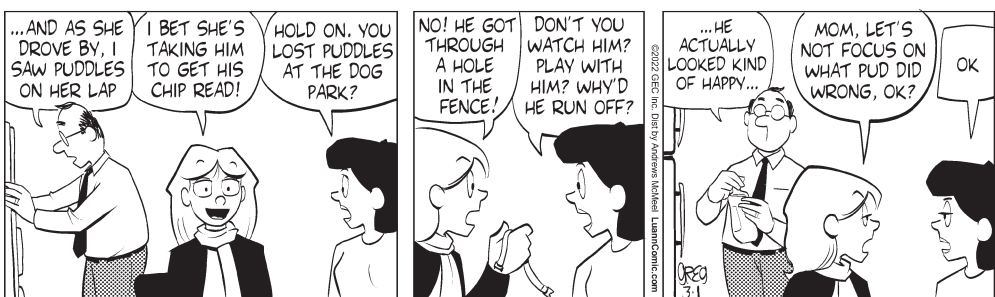
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DEAR ABBY

Costs quickly adding up for wedding participant



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I couldn't be happier for my friends who are embarking on the next chapter of their lives with their partners, but I'm becoming increasingly anxious about their bachelorette parties. When did the bachelorette party become such a big production? While I have attended my fair share, I think they are getting increasingly extravagant and pricey.

Dear Anxious Attendant: Yes, you should have asked the bride before accepting her invitation to join the wedding party. And it is not too late to speak up. Bachelorette parties and weddings do NOT "go together like a horse and carriage." Explain that all of the costs are more than you can afford. If you do, she may tell you it's enough that you travel to and participate in the wedding. However, if she doesn't, back out so she can replace you.

I'm trying to prioritize my own next step in life, which is buying a home, and it feels like I'm being "invited" to spend a significant chunk of my savings over the course of a few months.

The bachelorette party I'm most concerned about is for a wedding in which I have been asked to be a bridesmaid. For this reason, I feel obligated to attend. The cost associated with the weekend is \$2,500 per person and will total \$20,000 for three days. This equals three months of rent for me, and I'm finding it hard to justify this kind of expense. I get anxious thinking about the other expenses and time-off requests from work.

Dear Abby: My husband, who is in his 60s, wears a baseball cap all day, every day, to hide a bald spot. He has worn that same dirty cap for two years and even wears it to work. He only removes it when he is sleeping. I have suggested he wash it or replace it, but he refuses and he makes a tsk-tsk noise when I tell him I don't think it's healthy to wear something filthy on your head for two years. — Disgusted In Florida

My first instinct is to say "No," but it's hard to refuse a bride who is so important to me. I want to be supportive and involved during this exciting time for her. How much is too much? What is the proper etiquette for being in the wedding party and attending the bachelorette party? Should I have asked about this before accepting to be in the bridal party? — Anxious Attendant

Dear Disgusted: You are correct. According to the Cleveland Clinic, moderate exposure to sunlight increases vitamin D levels in the body, which is not only beneficial to good health, but it also encourages hair growth. Your husband is doing himself no favors by constantly wearing that (dirty) baseball cap, especially indoors. If he does it because he's self-conscious about his bald spot, there are products that can minimize it, and effective surgical options if he would be willing to spend the money.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

The old Woodward tollgate which is in operation on the Weston-Elgin road stands an excellent chance to be done away with if a decision of the court of Umatilla county can be realized. The county thinks the tollgate is a thing of antiquity, a remnant of other times and has no place in the lives and activities of the people of Umatilla county in the days of 1922. No state records have been found and a search is now being made by the county clerk to ascertain whether the operators of the tollgate have legal permission to exact payment from travelers over the road. The Woodward family has been sent formal notice requesting they show cause why the privilege of charging toll should not be denied them. Not only do owners of vehicles of various kinds have to pay, but owners of livestock also have to pay for the privilege of driving flocks and herds over the private road.

of plowed fields and left visibility near zero. Seven separate collisions occurred. One five-vehicle crackup of two big trucks and three cars injured several members of the Vale basketball team. The players were en route home from The Dalles, where the team had upset Wahtonka High School.

25 years ago — 1997

It's not uncommon for jail officials to receive letters from inmates, most of them complaining about the conditions or service during their time behind bars. But it is uncommon to receive a letter thanking the staff for their efforts. One such letter was sent to the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office last month from an inmate who spent a week in the county-run jail. While imprisoned on a second-degree robbery charge, the inmate "was coming down off heroin and to say I was feeling terrible and incredibly ashamed would be an understatement," he wrote. "I'm an addict and I've been in several different jails, but I've never been treated with the respect and concern that you all showed me." It was the first letter of its kind that Sheriff John Trumbo could remember receiving. The inmate ended his letter with a warning against drugs — "Drugs are a terrible thing and its grip is mighty."

50 years ago — 1972

A confused series of traffic accidents occurred in a blinding dust storm about 2:30 p.m. on Interstate 80 North between Rew Elevator and Stanfield Junction. Winds of up to 45 miles an hour churned dust out

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 1, 1974, seven people, including former Nixon White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, former Attorney General John Mitchell and former assistant Attorney General Robert Mardian, were indicted on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice in connection with the Watergate break-in. (These four defendants were convicted in January 1975, although Mardian's conviction was later reversed.)

In 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, New Jersey. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

In 1971, a bomb went off inside a men's room at the U.S. Capitol; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility for the pre-dawn blast.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state as President Andrew Johnson signed a proclamation.

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onstrated radio during a meeting of the National Electric Light Association in St. Louis by transmitting electromagnetic energy without wires.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

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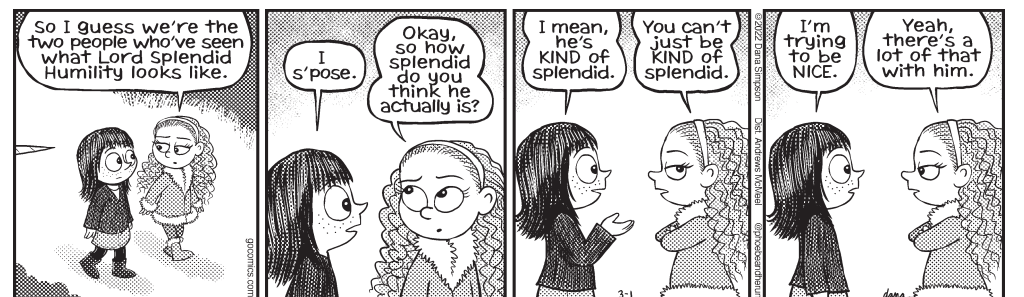
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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

