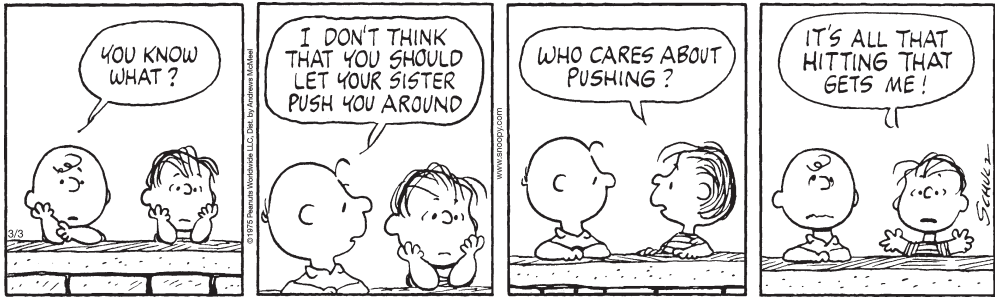


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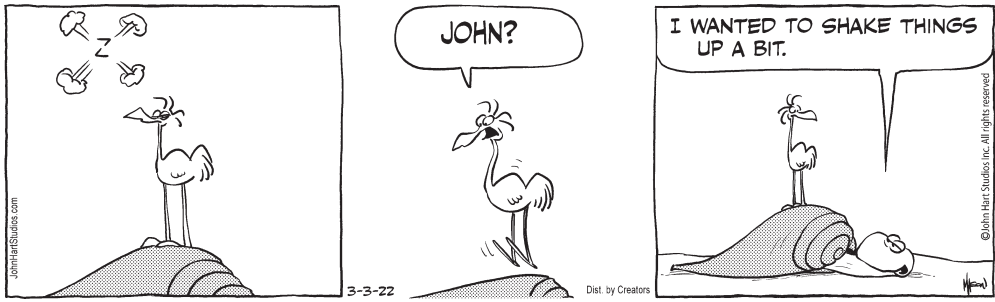
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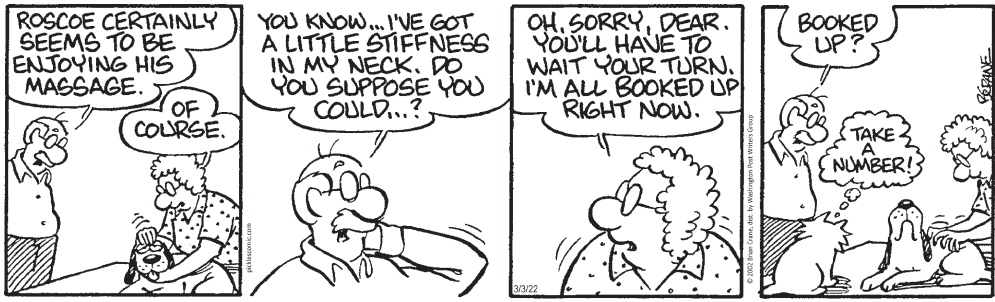
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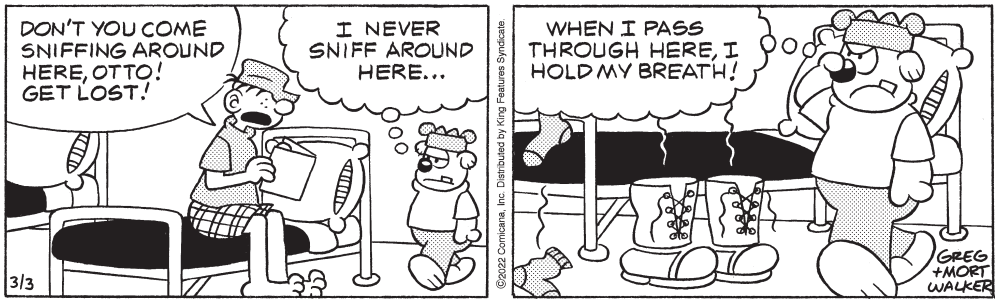
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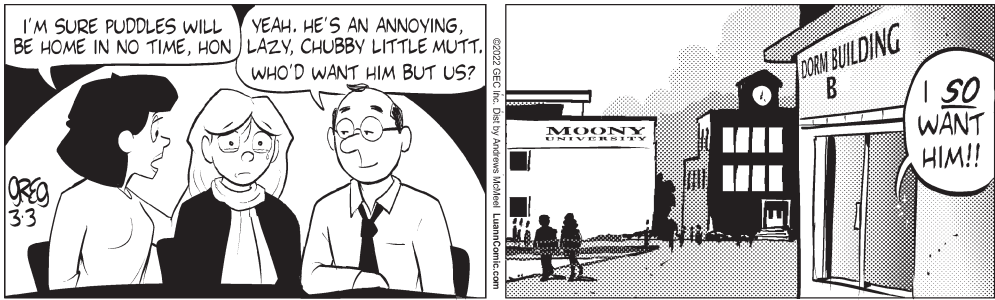
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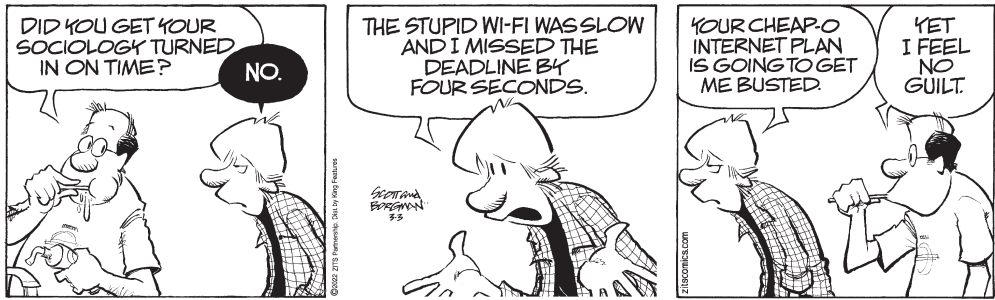
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DEAR ABBY

Drug abuse, bad finances derail life of a caregiver



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm conflicted about a relationship I have developed with a 77-year-old lady I'll call "Martha." I have been acting as her caregiver.

For the first three years, I was addicted to pain pills, which Martha and I both get. She expects me to be there every free minute, which, under different circumstances, would be fine. But I have a husband and a dog. I have since gotten sober, while Martha is still strung out. She threatens to destroy my life if I won't do what she wants, and I'm scared to quit because we have loans together.

How do I start having a healthy balance with her and my life? Now that I'm sober, I realize how badly she has been treating me the whole time. Can you please advise me how to distance from her? — Sober Woman In Georgia

Dear Sober Woman: For the sake of your sobriety, your relationship with Martha must end. Do not allow yourself to be blackmailed into continuing one with her. She needs to find another caregiver, and you need to find another job. Because your name is on those loans, you may be obligated to pay them off if she doesn't. This is why you should discuss this mess with an attorney. That Martha still abuses her meds means you may have some leverage.

Dear Abby: My husband and I argue about returning gifts his parents give us. They are well-off and buy excessively

for their grandkids throughout the year, especially at holidays. They also buy multiple gifts for my husband and me. We are drowning in too much stuff and constantly battling clutter in our home.

None of these gifts are from our family's wish lists, nor are they particularly thoughtful. In years past, I have asked my mother-in-law to limit her purchases to three gifts — one toy,

one outfit, one book — with no success. I also have pleaded with her to stop buying me small knickknacks, and have suggested more experience-based gifts. Still, year after year, we come home with a bunch of stuff we neither need nor want.

How can I get my in-laws to respect our wishes? To make matters worse, my husband becomes defensive of his parents when I get frustrated, even though he fundamentally agrees with me. How do I help his parents understand that what they are really giving us is a fight? And, if none of them care about my wishes, how do I get past feeling disrespected and disregarded? — Buried In Stuff

Dear Buried: By now you should have realized that your mother-in-law, "Lady Bountiful," isn't going to change. You will spend less time being frustrated if you let go of your resentment about her spending sprees. My heartfelt advice to you is to develop a sense of humor where she's concerned. If you can't use her gifts, donate, regift or sell them.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Pendletonians young and old who own dogs had better get busy and pay their city licenses because if they don't the municipality is planning to have a vicious dogcatcher go the rounds during the night and grab all of the dogs for which the 1922 licenses have not been secured. "Ten licenses have been issued so far," Judge Fitz Gerald told the council last night, "and there are about 1,600 dogs in this town. That means we are permitting about 1,590 dogs to chase around without licenses. I think it's time to put a stop to this sort of thing." Mayor Hartman suggested that the identity of the official chaser of canines be kept secret. That will make it hard for the pups to dodge when the round-up of outlaws begins.

50 years ago — 1972

Area cattlemen — alarmed by an outbreak of calf rustling — cast a wide loop today for "two-legged coyotes." Lincoln Porter, Pilot Rock rancher, added a \$500 personal reward for the rustlers, who stole four of his calves, to the \$1,000 reward being offered by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Besides the calves stolen from Porter's feed yard at Nye

Junction, at least five other calves have been rustled from ranches on Butter Creek the last few days. The calves are only about a week old. They weigh 60 to 100 pounds and at the sales yard would bring \$50 to \$75. Porter said cow-calf operations like his usually won't sell the calves until they attain a weight of 500 pounds or so. At that time, the calves each could bring \$180 or more.

25 years ago — 1997

Good news for mushroom hunters could mean bad news for law enforcement officers this year. With three significant fires in the Blue Mountains last August, those burns should produce healthy patches of morel mushrooms this spring. But since those were the major burns in all the Northwest, hordes of hunters will probably concentrate on the area southeast of Ukiah and northwest of Sumpter. Regardless of how the fire season goes, officials from the three national forests, state police and sheriffs' offices brace themselves for the influx of pickers every year — particularly commercial pickers that converge in camps that can swell to hold more than 100 people. Problems stem from turf wars during the season, which usually begins in early April and can continue to the first of August.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 3, 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after take-off from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 1791, Congress passed a measure taxing distilled spirits; it was the first internal revenue act in U.S. history.

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure creating the National Academy of Sciences.

In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as

President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.

In 1943, in London's East End, 173 people died in a crush of bodies at the Bethnal Green tube station, which was being used as a wartime air raid shelter.

In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz, a day after they had finished filming the last episode of "The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show."

In 1966, death claimed actors William Frawley at age 79 and

Alice Pearce at age 48 in Hollywood.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

In 2020, in a surprise move, the Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate by a half-point, its largest cut in more than a decade, to support the economy in the face of the spreading coronavirus.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

