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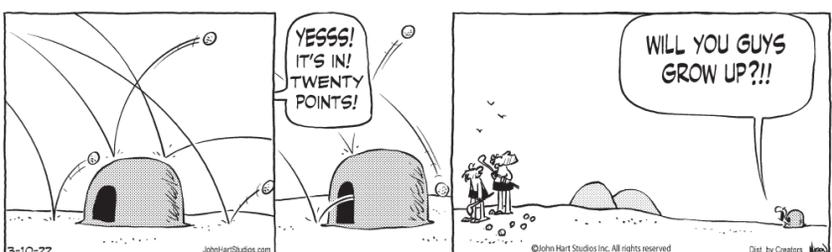
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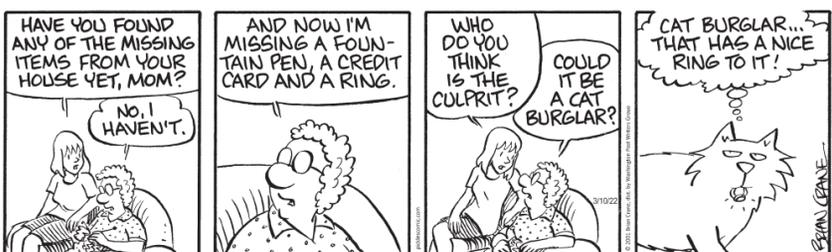
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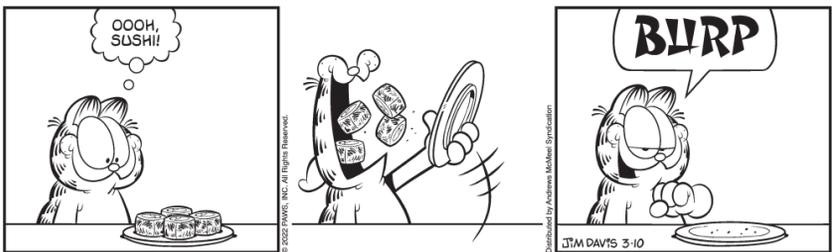
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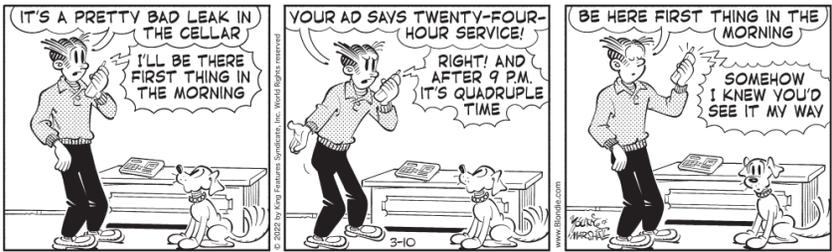
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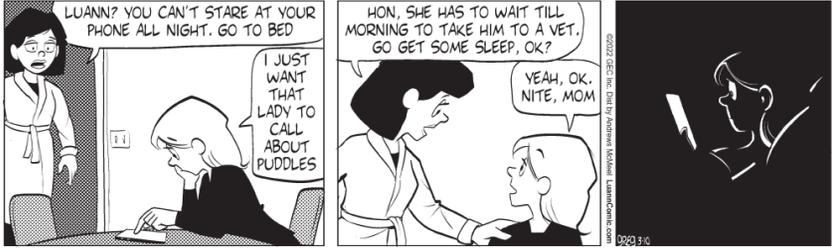
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DEAR ABBY

Man becomes abusive after a horrific event



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: Our house burned down a year ago, and we lost everything. My husband, "Jeff," tried desperately to get to our 2-year-old daughter, but she perished in the fire. I managed to get our 3-year-old son out while he was trying to save our daughter. Jeff ended up in a burn unit on a ventilator for nine days. When he was released from the hospital, things got worse.

We lived with my mom and stepdad for a bit until we found a place, but as soon as Jeff got home, he started hitting me and calling me a cheating slut. We have been together 20 years, and I have been faithful. If I go to the store or to run errands, he gets mad at me for being gone a little too long. If I try to explain what held me up, it's automatically because I'm cheating, but Jeff feels he can leave and be gone for hours, and it's OK for him.

I love him, but I can't take it anymore. When our son acts out and starts being mean to me, Jeff tells him to respect me, but I think to myself, "How can you tell him to respect me when you don't?" Abby, please help me. — So Lost In The East

Dear So Lost: Insist he seek help from a licensed mental health professional. If he refuses, you cannot remain married to him because his physical and emotional abuse may continue to escalate.

Have an escape plan in place before you confront him. A safe way to formu-

late one would be to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The toll-free number is 800-799-7233 and the website is thehotline.org. Do it NOW.

Dear Abby: My high school friend returns to our hometown once or twice a year. Her last several visits were exhausting. She talked about herself for hours without asking one question about my life. She objectifies men and calls people weak for expressing their emotions.

Our friendship has been a long one. But the more I understand myself, the more I see how toxic she is for me. I have reached the hard realization that I no longer want to be around her. I don't like who she is or how she makes me feel.

I would like us to simply drift apart, but she can be a bully. When I have tried to be unavailable, she has bullied me into seeing her anyway. My partner says I need to break up with her, but I don't want to hurt her or have a confrontation. How can I gracefully exit this relationship? — Stressed In The West

Dear Stressed: There may not be a graceful way to exit from a relationship with a bully. Ask yourself which would be worse: telling her exactly what you have written to me, or allowing yourself to be steamrollered into another exhausting and frustrating encounter with her. Once you have the answer to that question, you will know exactly what to do, which may start with blocking her number.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Pendleton Mayor George Hartman is generally given credit for being a versatile man, and to his other accomplishments he has added the distinction of having opened the doors of the vault in the basement of city hall. By so doing he has put himself in a position to "kid" Judge Thomas Fitz Gerald, who has been trying to get that old vault lock unfastened off and on for years. It was in 1914 when the doors were last opened. The combination had been kept, even though manipulation of the lock invariably failed to secure entrance to the vault. This morning the mayor after working carefully for a few minutes was amazed when the combination worked. Among the papers brought to light are the record of the old Eureka lodge.

50 years ago — 1972

Six Umatilla County sheriff's deputies encountered a crowd so belligerent at a teenage beer party about midnight last Friday that they refrained from making any arrests. "It was the wildest crowd I've ever seen," said Deputy Vance Baltrusch, who led the deputies. "We took the beer and told them to break up the party." Baltrusch said he feared arrests

would precipitate a riot. He and the other deputies estimated that 100 youths were at the party at a ranch home north of Pendleton. "The deputies broke it up before anyone got hurt and that's the important thing," said Chief Deputy William McPherson. He said an investigation is under way into the source of the 15-gallon keg of beer the deputies confiscated.

25 years ago — 1997

The Umatilla Vikings came back from a halftime deficit and beat the Santiam Christian Eagles to win the state title of the OSAA-U.S. Bank Class 2A Boys Basketball Championship Saturday night. The 59-54 victory earned Umatilla its first ever Class 2A state boys basketball title. The Eagles led 16-10 after the first period, and increased the lead to nine points early in the second quarter before the Vikings rallied to within two points at the break. "We're a second-half team," said Lee Lafferty, who led all scorers with 21 points on 50 percent shooting from the field. He was 4-of-6 from 3-point land. "It's hard to explain," Troy Johnson said of yet another second-half comeback. "It's like we use the first and second quarters to get warmed up and then we use the second half to kick butt."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 10, 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tennessee, to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea, maintaining his innocence until his death.)

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln assigned Ulysses S. Grant, who had just received his commission as lieutenant-general, to the command of the Armies of the United States.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard

Bell say over his experimental telephone: "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you" from the next room of Bell's Boston laboratory.

In 1913, former slave, abolitionist and Underground Railroad "conductor" Harriet Tubman died in Auburn, New York; she was in her 90s.

In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for 13 months, died at age 73; he was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev.

In 2015, breaking her silence in the face of a growing controversy over her use of a private email address and server, Hillary Rodham Clinton conceded that she should have

used government email as secretary of state but insisted she had not violated any federal laws or Obama administration rules.

In 2019, a Boeing 737 Max 8 operated by Ethiopian Airlines crashed shortly after taking off from the capital, Addis Ababa, killing all 157 people on board; the crash was similar to one in October 2018 in which a 737 Max 8 flown by Indonesia's Lion Air plunged into the Java Sea minutes after takeoff, killing all 189 people on the plane. (The aircraft would be grounded worldwide after the two disasters, bringing fierce criticism to Boeing over the design and roll-out of the jetliner.)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

