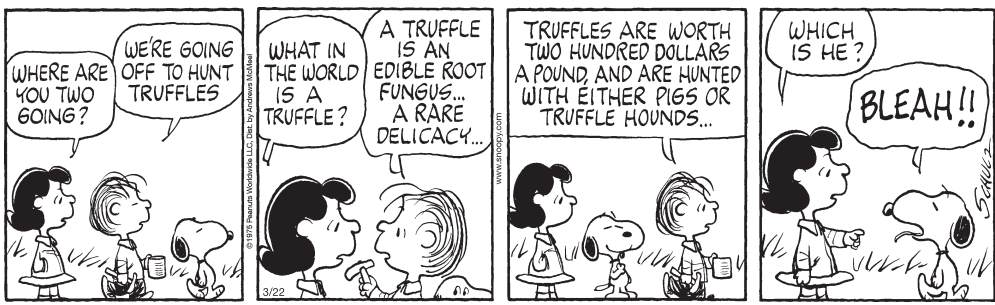


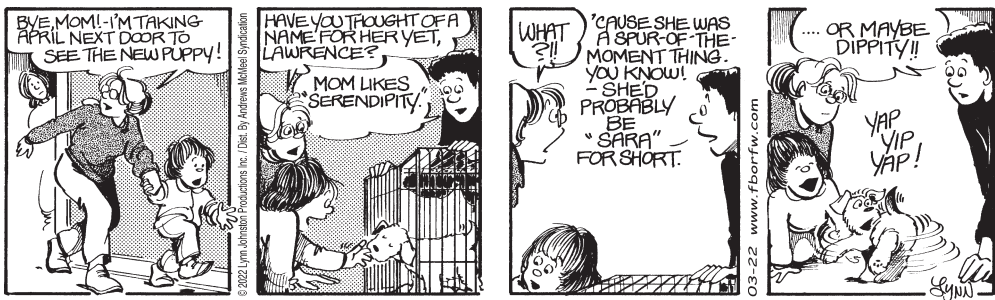
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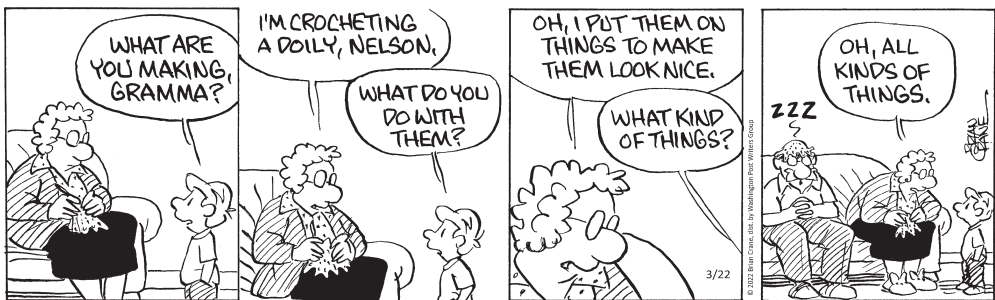
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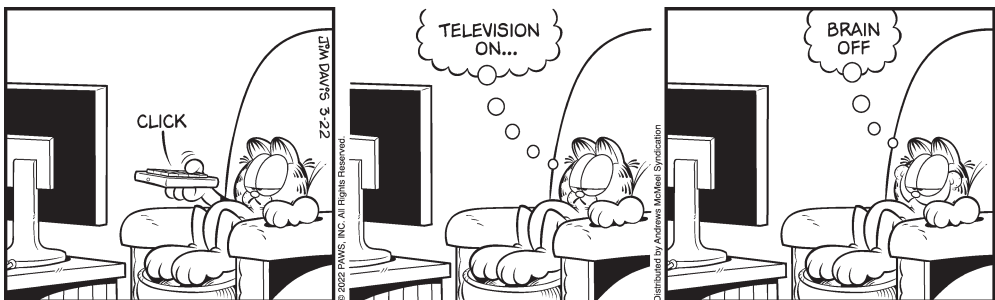
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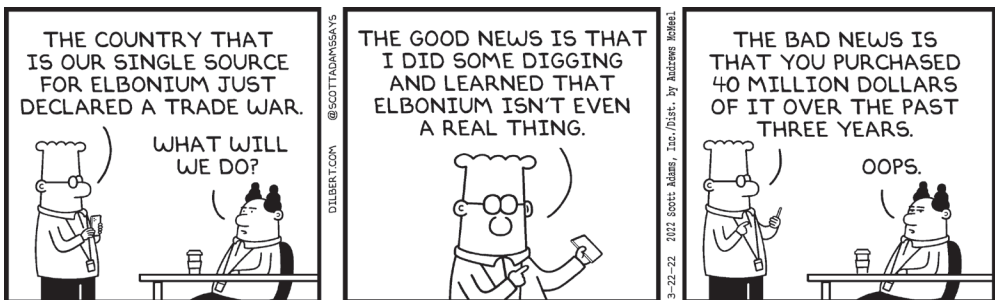
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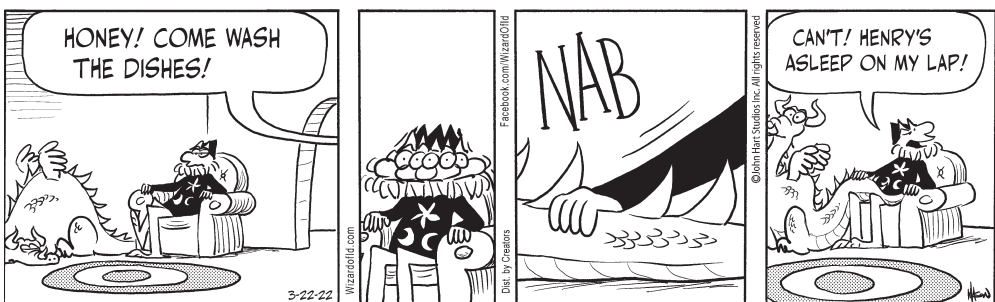
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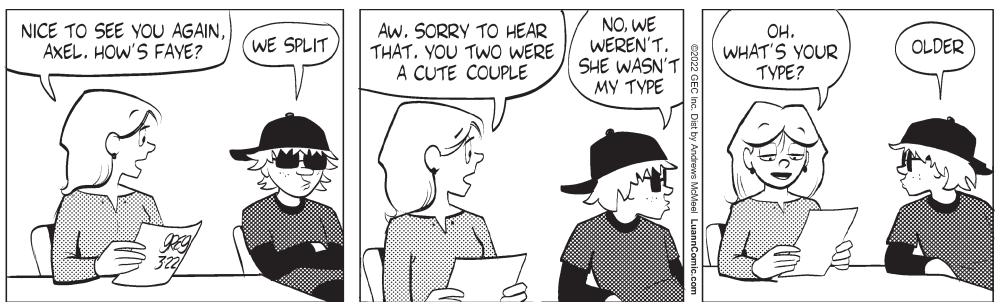
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DEAR ABBY

Beau shows no desire to progress the relationship



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have been dating "Brent" for four years. Prior to meeting him, I was divorced with two children. Brent shows little interest in my kids' lives. He doesn't want us to live together before the kids are out of the house, and he never plans to get married.

Even if he would agree to move in now, I don't want to move to his city because my kids need to be close to their school, their friends and their father. Brent doesn't want to relocate.

I really would like to take our relationship to the next level, but he ignores my subtle hints. I can't imagine life without him. I have even considered getting pregnant to make this relationship go further, in spite of knowing he doesn't want a baby. Advice? — Getting Desperate In The Heartland

Dear Getting Desperate: Brent is centered on himself and would be a negative, disruptive influence in your children's lives. Your first responsibility must be to them.

As to the idea of "trapping" him by becoming pregnant in spite of the fact that he doesn't want to be a father — I DON'T RECOMMEND IT! You could get a rude awakening and end up parenting a child you didn't really want all by yourself.

Dear Abby: I have a co-worker I enjoyed talking to and being around. I'm 27, and she is 41. We used to sit together

at lunch and during our break. All of a sudden, she stopped sitting with me during the first break but she still ate with me at lunch. Then she stopped!

I asked her if I said or did anything wrong and she said no. I asked her if she was avoiding me or had found something wrong, and she insisted there was nothing wrong and I worry too much. So now I sit alone and she sits somewhere else by herself with her phone. I was nice to her.

We talked about our day and sometimes shared snacks during the break. All that is gone now.

I know people grow apart, but it stings. Being an adult means moving on, but when something happens for no apparent reason, there has to be an explanation. Can you share your insight on this dilemma? — Lunching Alone

Dear Lunching Alone: There is always a reason. Perhaps you should believe your co-worker when she says you didn't do or say anything wrong. What may have changed are her circumstances. You mentioned that rather than sit with you, she now sits alone with her cellphone. It's possible that something is going on with her family — or her personal life that requires her attention. I know it stings, but you have to let it go. Find someone else to socialize with during breaks. It would be less painful if she explained it to you, but your co-worker may be a private person.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Andy T. Barrett mail carrier on Route 2 out of Weston, thinks he has used more varieties of locomotion now than any other mail carrier in the United States. He encounters washouts and muddy roads in the lowlands and deep snow drifts in the mountains. The result is that he makes ten miles with a car, two miles with a buggy and eight miles with a sleigh.

50 years ago — 1972

Until three or so years ago, the Future Farmers of America was strictly a male organization. Then along came the women's liberation movement. Women's lib may not be the reason, but FFA no longer is confined to boys and men. Back East, some FFA officers are girls. And at least two girls will seek state offices during the Oregon FFA convention in Pendleton this week. What do boys think about girls as FFA members? "It's sort of hard to be beaten by a girl," said one, referring to Romana Music of Hermiston, who won a district FFA contest recently. It's been necessary to change some by-laws to accommodate the fairer sex. In many cases, invitations to local FFA banquets no longer can designate the events as parent-son affairs. But

it's not been a fad on the girls' part, the boys admit. "They've really taken part," said one of the youths.

25 years ago — 1997

Eighteen at-risk newborns in Umatilla County will snuggle into cozier cribs this year. Future Family and Community Leaders (FFCL) students at Umatilla High School donated 18 quilts to the county Department of Human Resources. Thirty of the students, some enrolled in teacher Nancy Iveson's home economics class, crafted the quilts during their spare time in January and February. Rosemarie Atfield, volunteer program manager for the human resource department, explained that the soft blankets will cover babies placed into foster care, or born into homes with a history of drug abuse or domestic violence. Home economics students began the quilting program in 1992, which FFCL has since adopted. "They didn't like to sew for themselves," Iveson said, recalling how the quilting donations began. Quilting was more difficult than Troy Johnson, a junior at UHS, expected. "Actually, it's kind of hard work if you don't know your way around a sewing machine," he said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 22, 1894, hockey's first Stanley Cup championship game was played; home team Montreal defeated Ottawa, 3-1.

In 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.)

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state officially went into operation.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallen-

das" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1988, both houses of Congress overrode President Ronald Reagan's veto of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

In 1993, Intel Corp. unveiled the original Pentium computer chip.

In 2010, Google Inc. stopped censoring the internet for China by shifting its search engine off the mainland to Hong Kong.

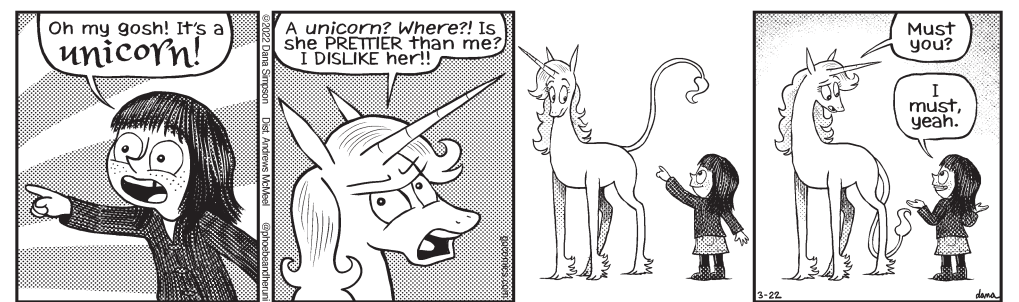
In 2019, special counsel Robert Mueller closed his Russia investigation with no new charges, delivering his final

report to Justice Department officials. Former President Jimmy Carter became the longest-living chief executive in American history; at 94 years and 172 days, he exceeded the lifespan of the late former President George H.W. Bush.

In 2020, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered all nonessential businesses in the state to close and nonessential workers to stay home. Kentucky Republican Rand Paul became the first member of the U.S. Senate to report testing positive for the coronavirus; his announcement led Utah senators Mike Lee and Mitt Romney to place themselves in quarantine.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

