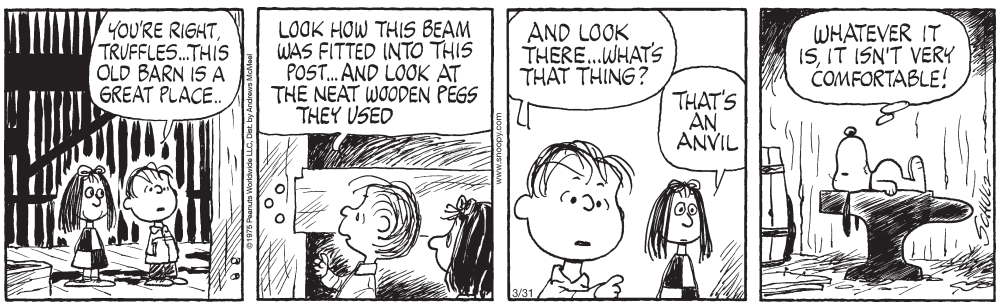


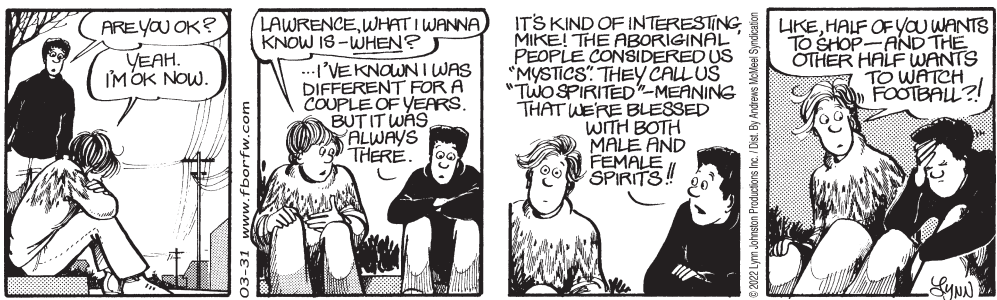
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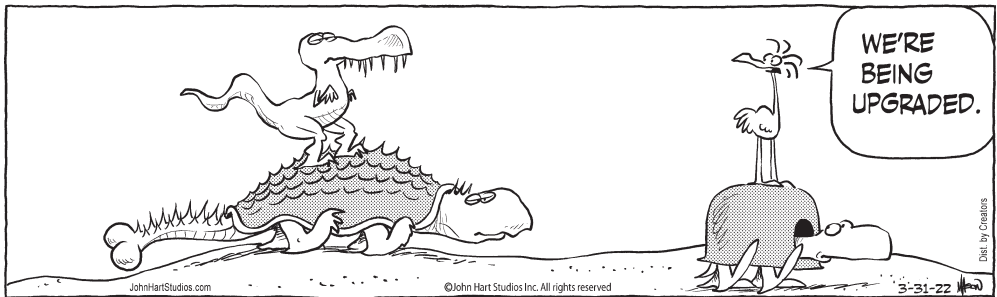
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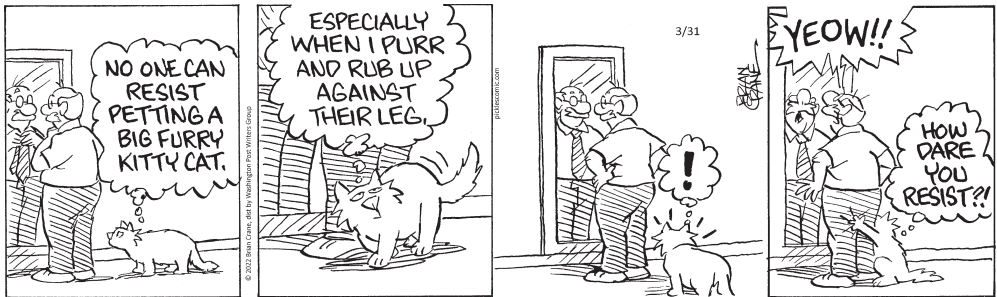
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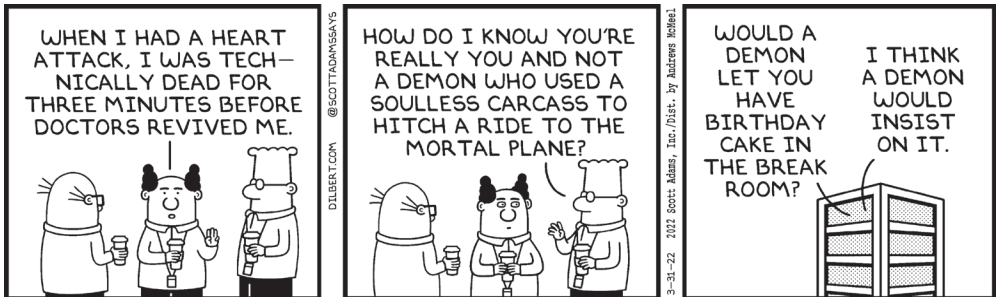
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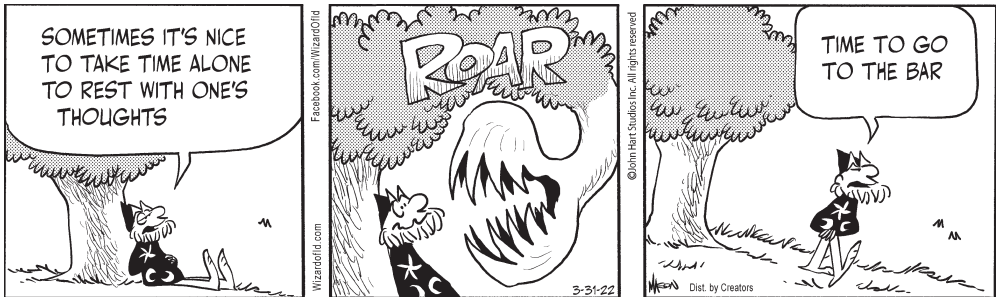
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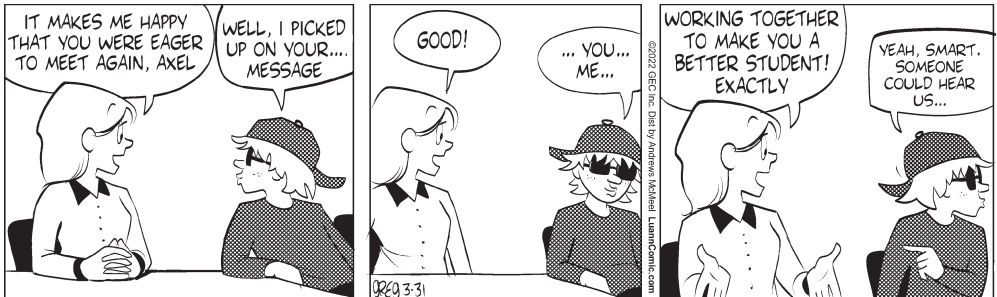
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# DEAR ABBY

## Incarcerated man fears girlfriend is missing out

**Dear Abby:** I am a 26-year-old man, and I'm currently incarcerated. My girlfriend, "Diana," and I have been together for four years. She has a 6-year-old daughter, and I have a 7-year-old son.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
ADVICE

I may be locked up for some time. I have given Diana the option of moving on without me, but she says she doesn't want to do that. She is going to stay with me no matter what. That's great, but everyone around her is pregnant and having babies, and Diana tells me how much she wants another baby. Is it selfish of me to allow her to stick it out with me, knowing I can't give her what she wants? — **Inside In California**

**Dear Inside:** Diana is a grown woman and capable of making this decision for herself. Just because "everyone around her" is having babies doesn't mean she has to. If she wants to wait for your release, she can have a child with you at that time, and this is what I am advising.

**Dear Abby:** I need some help trying to save my marriage. I don't talk a lot in a relationship or with other people. I am aware that communication is important in a relationship, but I never realized how important it was until my wife told me I don't communicate enough and we started talking about divorce.

We have a 4-year-old, who I think is the glue to our marriage. I would like our marriage to last, but I'm afraid ours is so far gone it can't be fixed. Could you

please help me try to save our marriage? — **Hanging In There Out West**

**Dear Hanging:** Tell your wife you love her and are willing to work on your communication skills with her help, if she is willing. If her response is affirmative, the two of you should seek a referral to a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed marriage and family therapist to help you learn to communicate with each other more effectively.

**Dear Abby:** I love trains. I can imitate a train whistle, and I like doing it. I learned how to do it about 10 years ago by listening to trains whistle for many years. I'm in my 30s now. I know there are places I shouldn't do it. Some people I know like to hear me do it anywhere. Others say I should do it only outside. Still others say don't do it at all.

When I see and hear a train, I will sometimes automatically whistle. It's not the best thing to do, I suppose, but it's not the worst either. I don't drink, smoke or do drugs, and I'm fairly healthy. What do you think of my imitating a train whistle? Have you ever heard of anyone doing this? — **Whistling In Wisconsin**

**Dear Whistling:** Congratulations. Your letter is a first. I have never heard of someone imitating a train whistle who was over the age of 8. I see no harm in doing it as long as it doesn't annoy the people around you by startling them or putting their hearing at risk.

## DAYS GONE BY

### 100 years ago — 1922

To drive from Pendleton to Portland or vice versa in a day is a common thing, but it is not often anyone drives from Salem to this city in a single day. Yesterday morning W. H. McCormach left the capital city at 5 o'clock and arrived in Pendleton at 4:20 in the afternoon, having stopped en route for lunch and breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. McCormach were returning from Long Beach, California, where they had spent the winter. They drove home in their Franklin car and had no chains on the trip.

### 50 years — 1972

With phase one of a modernization program for the Umatilla Housing Authority in final stages of completion, the authority and Department of Housing and Urban Development officials from the Portland area office are mapping plans for the second phase of the program. Floyd E. Lewis, Hermiston, county housing authority executive director, said this week that phase one of the program amounts to \$189,000 for approximately 40 units at Orchard and Bliss homes in Hermiston and McEwen Homes in Athena. Phase two calls for new floor tile, street paving on the Athena project, replacing windows and trim. Orchard Homes, Hermiston, will have

an exterior beautification project.

### 25 years ago — 1997

Construction of the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility is expected to begin soon, and local communities are turning their attention to emergency preparedness. While federal, state, and local agencies are charged with making sure residents around the depot are safe, an important entity responsible for insuring individual safety is the person in the mirror. If the sirens go off, officials want people to go inside and turn on the radio. The announcer may tell them to "shelter in place." When using "expedient" sheltering techniques, which means sealing off a room with duct tape and plastic sheeting, those inside are protected from a plume present for 10 minutes as much as 100 times more than they would be were they not protected at all, Geoff Tyree, spokesman for Morrow County Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, said. If the plume lasts an hour, such sheltering still offers as much as 17 times the protection of not sealing a room, he said. Evacuating, on the other hand, is a gamble of the highest stakes, he said. If one stays out of the plume, one will not be exposed. However, driving through the plume would result in a full dose of the fatal agent.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**On March 31, 1991,** the Warsaw Pact military alliance came to an end.

**In 1492,** King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain issued an edict expelling Jews from Spanish soil.

**In 1917,** the United States took formal possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

**In 1931,** Notre Dame college football coach Knute Rockne, 43, was killed in the crash of a TWA plane in Bazaar, Kansas.

**In 1968,** at the conclusion of a nationally broadcast address on Vietnam, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned listeners by declaring, "I shall not seek, and I will not ac-

cept, the nomination of my party for another term as your President."

**In 1993,** actor Brandon Lee, 28, was accidentally shot to death during the filming of a movie in Wilmington, North Carolina, when he was hit by a bullet fragment that had become lodged inside a prop gun.

**In 1995,** baseball players agreed to end their 232-day strike after a judge granted a preliminary injunction against club owners.

**In 2004,** four American civilian contractors were killed in Fallujah, Iraq; frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies and strung two of them from a bridge.

**In 2005,** Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Florida, 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die court fight.

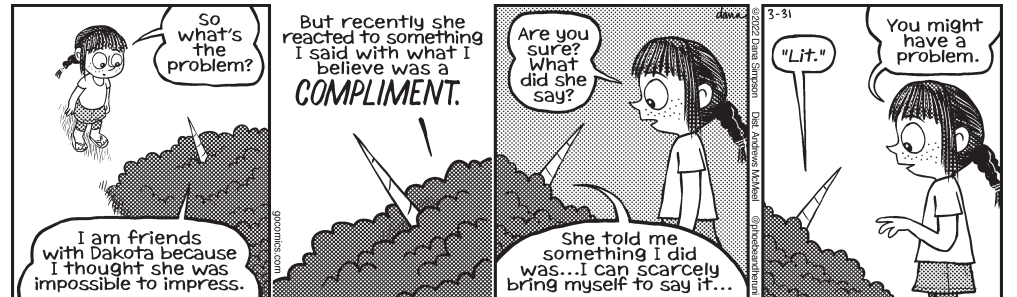
**In 2009,** Benjamin Netanyahu took office as Israel's new prime minister after the Knesset approved his government.

**In 2019,** rapper Nipsey Hussle was fatally shot outside the clothing store he had founded to help rebuild his troubled South Los Angeles neighborhood; he was 33.

**In 2020,** Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan officially stepped down from duties as members of the royal family.

## PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



## BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

