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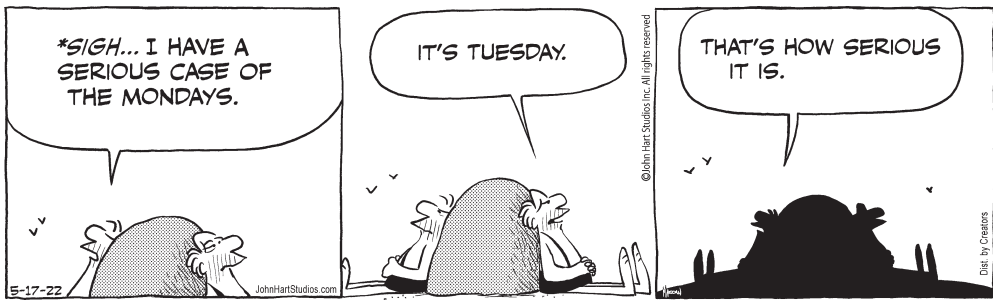
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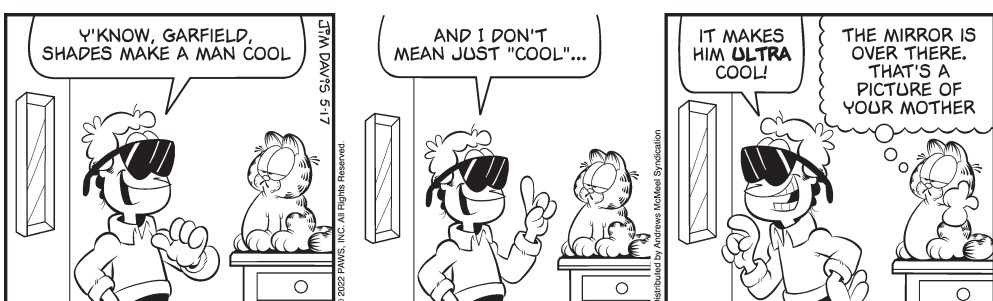
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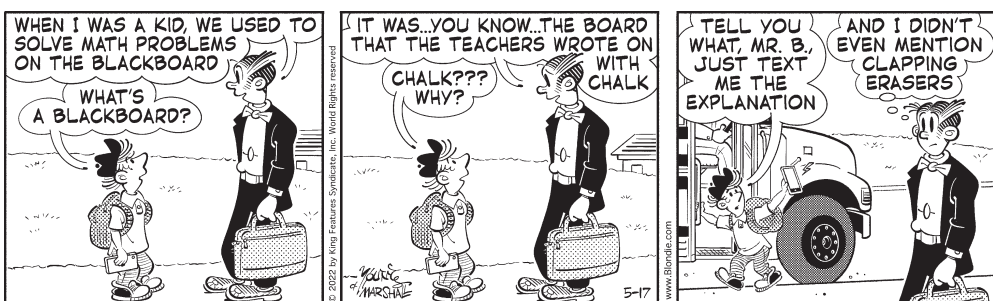
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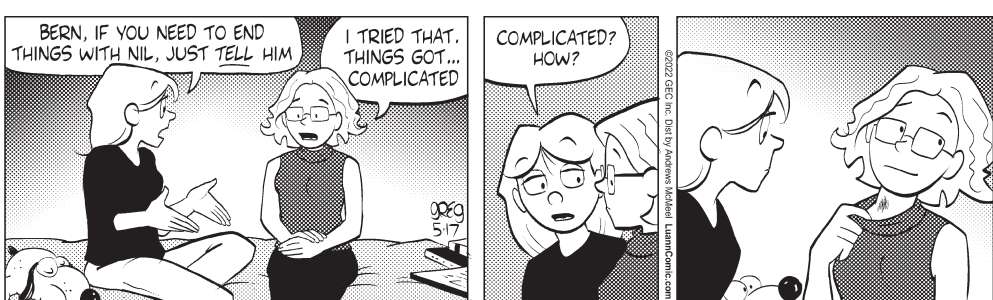
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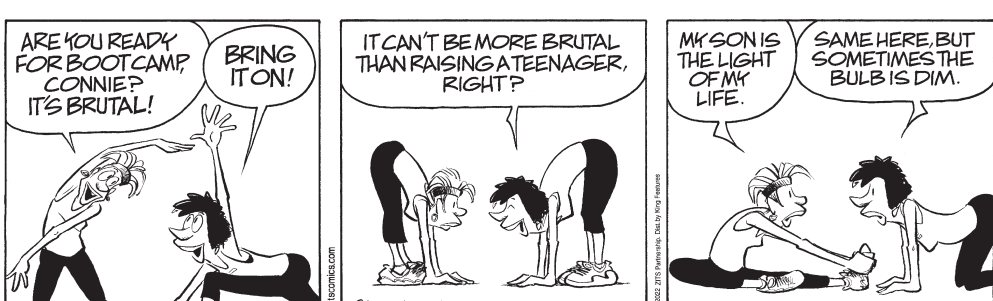
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DEAR ABBY

Family's gift is too much for their hospice volunteer



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: For a few years, I volunteered to tend to an elderly woman through a hospice organization. My role was to visit with her while her son ran errands or enjoyed an evening of entertainment. I grew fond of her and her family.

Dear Abby: My husband of 55 years never talks to me anymore. Unless I initiate conversation, he sits in silence, staring off into space. He says he has "nothing to say." It drives me crazy. I suppose, after all these years, anything he says has been said before, but still, it leaves me feeling lonely and unloved.

For my 70th birthday, her daughter, son and daughter-in-law hosted an at-home dinner in my honor. It was good fun. In addition to a tasty dinner and homemade birthday cake, there were presents: wine, gag wine glass and a birthday card with a gift card enclosed. The wine is long gone, and I have used the wine glass ever since.

When I tell him how it makes me feel, he says it isn't the case, but he never changes. We don't have TV, and I can read and do crossword puzzles by myself for just so long. I really look forward to the evening, when I can start drinking my whiskey, so I have a little pleasure in my life. I don't have more than a couple of drinks because I understand the health risks, but tell me, what else can I do? — **Talking To Myself In Texas**

I left the gift card in the birthday card and set it aside. I recently wanted to buy a \$20 coffee mug online, so I pulled out the gift card and was shocked to see the value of the card is almost four times more than the mug I fancied. I feel the gift is too much. How do I gracefully return the very generous gift? — **Overwhelmed In Washington**

Dear Talking: What you can do is quit drinking to ease your loneliness and get out of the house. Socialize with others at least once a week. Look into opportunities to volunteer in your community. Take your husband with you if you can pry him out of his chair. The only thing you should NOT do is continue on the path you're on.

Dear Overwhelmed: Your heart is in the right place, but please do not reject that family's gift of gratitude for what you did for their mother — and for them — during a difficult time. To do otherwise would be a breach of etiquette. Your acts of kindness are worth every penny, and you are deserving of what was given to you.

P.S. If your husband's passivity is new behavior, consider going with him to the doctor so he can be screened for depression. (While you're there, it might not be a bad idea for you to be screened for it as well.)

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Beginning Friday morning a branch office of the Oregon Tourists' and information bureau for Eastern Oregon will be established here. The office will be on the first floor of the Elks building and will be in the charge of Miss Mellie Parker, assistant to Secretary C. I. Barr of the Pendleton Commercial Association. The property of the old Eastern Oregon Auto club has been taken over by the new office, and will be used in giving service. Maps and folders will be used for the accommodation of tourists and local people. Information on the condition of roads will be kept in as up-to-date a manner as possible, and this service will be strengthened by the practice of cooperation with other similar organizations.

tives are studying the possibility of converting the plant into a cheddar cheese operation. Plass says he can see a much larger dairy farm development in this region because of the increasing availability of feed.

25 years ago — 1997

Kenn Evans calls the Boer the beef goat. He believes the Boer will do for the goat industry what the Charolais did for the cattle industry: put a tremendous amount of size into the animals. And that means more money to the producer. With some Boer pumped into the bloodline, kids at weaning age will weigh from 10 to 12 pounds more, bringing another \$15 per kid back to the producer. But here's the best part, Evans says: The market for goat meat is already established. And with the increase in the Northwest's Hispanic and ethnic populations, it can only grow. Evans maintains about 150 head of Boers and sells everything he produces, meat animals and breeding stock, right off his ranch, Elite Boer Goats. He's getting about \$1.25 a pound live weight, less than the prices of the late 1980s and early 1990s when the first Boers came into this country from South Africa. "The whole thing boils down to one simple fact: The Boer goat industry is based on meat goat prices."

50 years ago — 1972

The Hermiston plant of Mayflower Farms that has been processing half a million pounds of milk a week is closing its processing plant, and the plant will be used as a depot for Darigold Products, manager Herman Plass announced this week. Plass, who has managed the plant since 1941, will retire the first of the month, and Ben Coombes, 15-year employee, will manage the plant. The plant employs 17 people. Under the depot execu-

TODAY IN HISTORY

On May 17, 1954, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq apologized for the attack, calling it a mistake, and paid more than \$27 million in compensation.)

In 2010, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that young people serving life prison terms should have "a meaningful opportunity to obtain release" provided they didn't kill their victims.

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In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed a measure requiring neighborhood notification when sex offenders move in.

In 2020, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo was tested for the coronavirus on live TV as he announced that all people in the state who were experiencing flu-like symptoms were eligible for tests.

In 1973, a special committee convened by the U.S. Senate began its televised hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to allow same-sex marriages.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

