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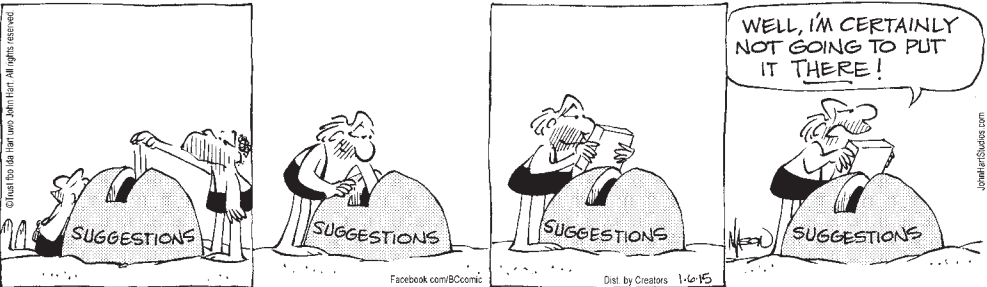
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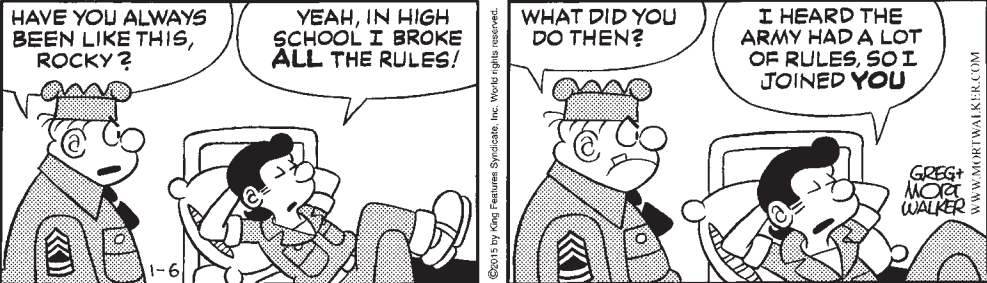
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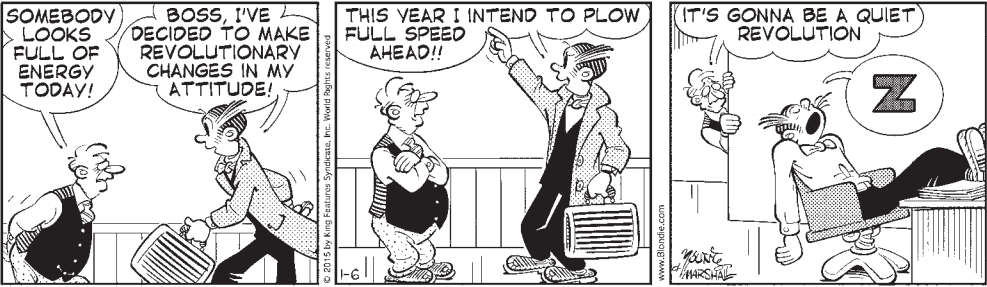
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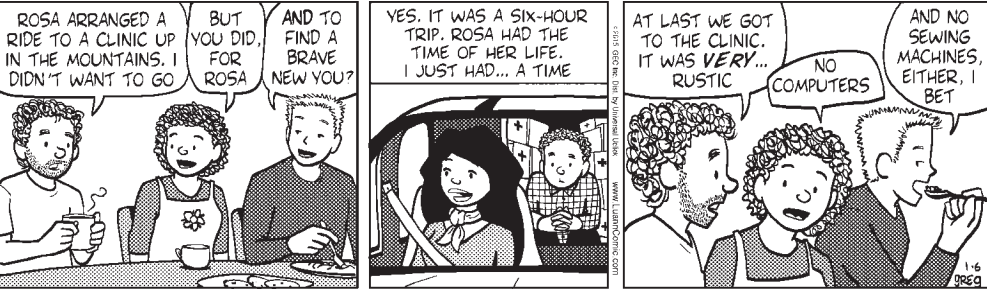
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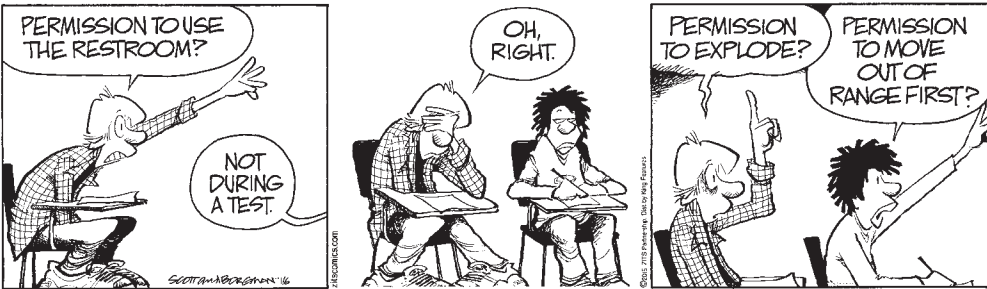
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DEAR ABBY

Moody new husband shows warning signs of an abuser

Dear Abby: I was single for four years and recently remarried. I didn't intend to marry again, but then I met "Bob." He was so kind and attentive that I was attracted. He proposed to me every day, several times a day, and eight months later I married him.

Bob moved here from out of state and hasn't been able to find work. It has been challenging. My daughter lives with us and is in college.

Bob's mood swings have been drastic lately. He doesn't want me to talk to anyone else, do anything without him (hang with my friends, my daughter, etc.). I have a great job and work part-time in the evenings to make ends meet. I try to stay calm, but he yells, uses profanity and is highly manipulative.

I am at a loss. I would like to help him, but his depression is tearing us apart. I also believe he is addicted to marijuana. He has threatened suicide, but I don't know if he would actually go through with it.

Abby, I have worked very hard to get where I am. I know I need to take care of myself and my daughter, but I don't want to just throw this away, either. Help! — **Torn In Two In Texas**

Dear Torn In Two: Without more information, it's hard to tell whether your husband's depression makes him act the way he does, or whether you have been seduced by an abuser.

Among the warning signs of an abuser are:
— Pushes for quick involvement;
— Isolation: tries to isolate you from friends or family members;
— Makes others responsible for his/her feelings: The abuser says, "YOU make me angry" instead of "I am angry," or, "You're hurt-



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ing me by not doing what I tell you";
— Hypersensitivity: is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life;

— Verbal abuse: constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things — degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. May also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse;

— Sudden mood swings: switches from sweet to violent within minutes.

This is only a partial list — there are 15 in all, which is too long for this column. However, they can be precursors to serious physical violence.

Urge your husband to get counseling for his depression and insecurity. If he refuses, then be smart and contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or online at thehotline.org for help in safely separating from him before your husband's behavior escalates.

Dear Abby: At a black-tie-optional wedding, is it appropriate for a man to come wearing a cowboy hat and keep it on at the dinner table? — **Curious In Palm Desert**

Dear Curious: Hat etiquette decrees that it should be removed when a man is indoors. And according to The Campfire Chronicle (at stargazermmercantile.com), "If you're in a restaurant that serves anything that isn't coated in barbecue sauce, it's probably best to lose the hat."

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 5-6, 1915

That which would be termed "an old fashioned dancing party" was held by the West Side folk New Year's eve in Hermiston when dancing started early in the afternoon and continued until the New Year had been well ushered in. The building formerly occupied by the Western Land & Irrigation company has been transformed into a modern dance hall and was artistically decorated with the season's evergreens. The west siders are noted for their unique entertainments and there is apparently no limit to their novel ideas.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 5-6, 1965

Pendleton's first baby for 1965 was John Carl Threet, born to Mr. and Mrs. James Threet of Pendleton at 4:43 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3rd. The boy, who weighed nine pounds, four ounces, joins a brother and sister at the Threet

household. Threet is the pastor of the Southern Baptist Church here.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 5-6, 1990

Elwood Patawa was re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Umatilla Indian Tribes in an election that required nine ballots to choose four officials Thursday. Eight of the nine board members attended, resulting in five tie votes during the 1 1/2-hour election. Patawa was elected on the third ballot by a 5-3 vote over Bill Burke. He was elected for the ninth time since 1981, but not before board members were allowed to comment on their choices for the top position for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Videll Bronson and Andy Dumont voiced a need for change and brought up Patawa's recent decisions to resign and then rescind his resignation. Bronson said Patawa's indecision may mean "he's tired and needs a rest."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the sixth day of 2015. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

On this date:
In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Virginia.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four Freedoms": Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce at the First Presbyterian Church in Rye, New York.

In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1963, "Oliver!," Lionel Bart's musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel "Oliver Twist," opened on Broadway. "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1975, the original version of "Wheel of Fortune," hosted by Chuck Woolery and Susan Stafford, premiered on NBC-TV.

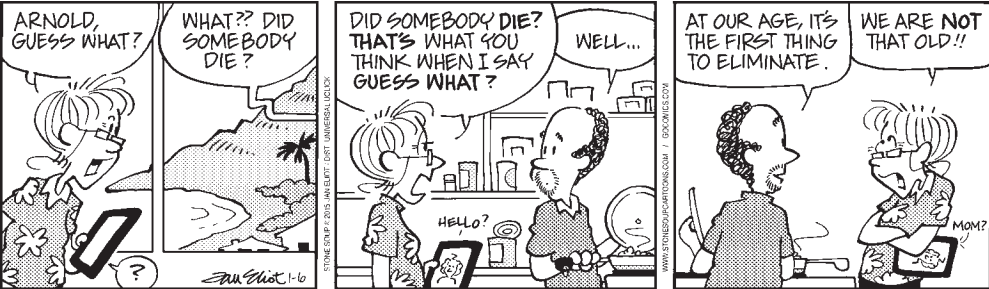
In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding denied knowing about plans for the attack.)

Today's Birthdays: Pollster Louis Harris is 94. Retired MLB All-Star Ralph Branca is 89. Author E.L. Doctorow is 84. Country musician Joey, the CowPolka King (Riders in the Sky) is 66. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 65. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 64. Singer Jett Williams is 62. Rock musician Malcolm Young (AC-DC) is 62. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 60. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kathy Sledge is 56. TV chef Nigella Lawson is 55. Movie composer A.R. Rahman is 49. Actor Danny Pintauro (TV: "Who's the Boss?") is 39. Actress-comedian Kate McKinnon (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 31. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys) is 29.

Thought for Today: "Simplicity is an acquired taste. Mankind, left free, instinctively complicates life." — Katharine Fullerton Gerould, American author (1879-1944).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

