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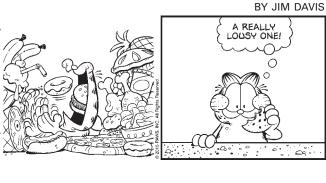


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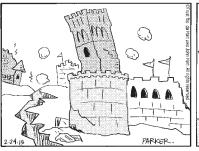
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BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART DON'T YOU THINK











BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN





DEAR ABBY

Seldom-seen wife spends more time with mom than husband

Dear Abby: I have been married to "Carla" for 16 years. It's my second marriage. My problem is I never see her. She has always spent more time with her mother than with me. We see each other for about an hour a day after she returns from her mom's, usually at 9:45 to 10 p.m.

I have had several conversations about this with her over the years, but nothing seems to work. We'll argue and she starts to cry, and it ends without a resolution. Her mother is in

her mid-80s and has had her share of health problems. Carla has a sister who could help out, but

rarely does. I have had health problems of my own — a kidney transplant and several bouts of skin cancer — but she doesn't seem to care as much about my problems as she does her mom's. Her mother even tells her to go home to be with me, to no avail. I love my wife, but my isolation and lone-

liness are finally getting to me. How can I convince her that this isn't fair to me or our marriage? How much longer do I take it? -Lonely In Illinois

Dear Lonely: I feel sorry for both of you.

Your wife may be trying so hard to be a responsible daughter that she has forgotten you need her, too. Your sister-in-law should have stepped up and started doing her share long ago — and she still may if you and your wife talk to her about it together.

I don't know what your schedule is like, but you might have more time with Carla if you went with her to your mother-in-law's occasionally. It might also improve your communication if the two of you went for marriage counseling. If Carla's mother has to insist she go home to you, there may be rea-

JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

sons other than her mother's health for Carla's spending so much time

Nothing will change until you get to the bottom of it, so don't let your wife's tears prevent you. And if your wife resists seeing a counselor, go without her.

Dear Abby: My husband and I recently quit our jobs and moved to London from New York. Being a freelancer and having lived here be-

fore, he's never had trouble finding work. But I have just changed careers, and I'm finding it hard to earn a consistent paycheck here.

Despite his constant assurances that he is happy supporting both of us right now, I can't shake feeling guilty. I have never felt right living on someone else's dime — not even my parents' while I was growing up. Should I man up and find a job I don't exactly love to better contribute, or "keep on truckin" without guilt with hopes of getting there? — Guilty In London

Dear Guilty: Because of your history, I'm not sure you are capable of happily "keepin' on truckin" without contributing financially. For some people, the sense of independence they derive from having a job is important to their self-worth.

I say, look around and see if there are some job openings. It's better than sitting around moping and feeling guilty, and it might give you and your husband a chance to make some new friends.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23-24, 1915

George Fletcher, well known buckaroo, was found guilty on a charge of selling liquor to John Nash-ne, an Indian. This afternoon about 2:30 the jury brought in the verdict. The principal witness against Fletcher was Alf Oftedal, special federal agent who made the arrest. He testified that he concealed himself in the loft at the Beck & Hall barn on Cottonwood street about 11 o'clock on the morning of January 23 and that about 2:15 Fletcher rode in and, after some conversation with several Indians, handed a bottle of alcohol to Nash-ne. Oftedal declared he, thereupon, appeared from his hiding place, arrested both Fletcher and Nash-ne and took charge of the alcohol. Some of the other Indians were also put upon the stand to give corroborative evidence. The defense entered a general denial of the transactions and tried to impeach the state's witnesses.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23-24, 1965

Things were back to normal at Helen Mc-Cune Junior High this morning following a bomb threat that emptied the school Monday afternoon. Kathleen Salling, who received Monday's telephoned warning, said absenteeism was below normal today. Less than ten minutes after the unidentified caller picked up his phone, the 600 pupils were outside and on their way home. Emptying the building took

less than five minutes, Principal Wayne Scott said. A force of 17 lawmen — city and state police and sheriff's deputies — searched the building, looking for "anything unusual," a state policeman said. The policemen poked into lockers, drawers, closets, every nook and cranny of the big brick building. They found nothing.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23-24, 1990

A little more than two years after their home was raided at gunpoint because officers mistook an ordinary house plant for marijuana, a young Pilot Rock couple are suing the police agencies involved. David and Annette Hoeft say the Feb. 9, 1988, incident violated their constitutional rights. The couple are suing sheriff's officer Ron Roman, Oregon State Police officer Mike Davis, and Greg Dunham, of Pilot Rock, as well as the sheriff's office, state police and the city, county and state. Roman resigned as head of the Umatilla County Drug Task Force following the incident. In their complaint, the Hoefts said those officers forced them to lie on the floor at gunpoint in front of their 4-year-old daughter Lindsey. Annette Hoeft was six months pregnant at the time. They said police violated their fights by continuing to search the house after the supposed marijuana plant was found to be a houseplant. They said they were threatened and told to confess crimes they hadn't com-

Today is the 55th day of 2015. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in His-

On Feb. 24, 1975, the Congressional Budget Office, charged with providing independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues, began operating under its first director. Alice Rivlin.

On this date:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1815, American engineer and inventor Robert Fulton, credited with building the first successful commercial steamboat, died in New York at 49.

In 1864, the first Union prisoners arrived at the Confederates' Andersonville prison camp in Georgia.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 94. Actor Steven Hill is 93. Actress Emmanuelle Riva is 88. Actor-singer Dominic Chianese is 84. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 83. Opera singer-director Renata Scotto is 81. Singer Joanie Sommers is 74. Former Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., is 73. Actor Barry Bostwick is 70. Actor Edward James Olmos is 68. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 65. Actor Billy Zane is 49. Rock musician Matt McGinley (Gym Class Heroes) is 32.

Thought for Today: "The house of every one is to him as his castle and fortress, as well for his defence against injury and violence as for his repose." — Sir Edward Coke, English jurist (1552-1634).

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