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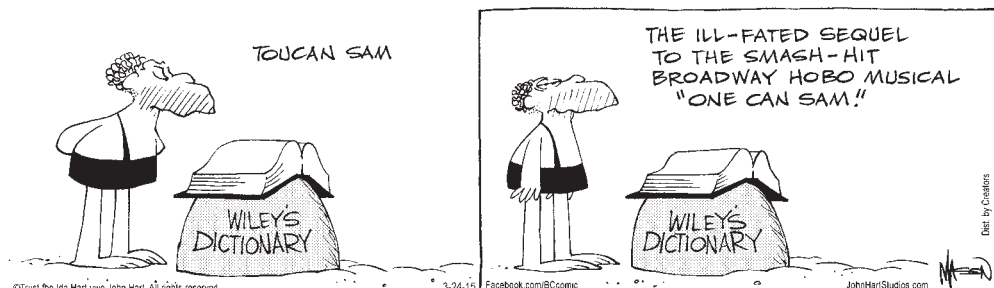
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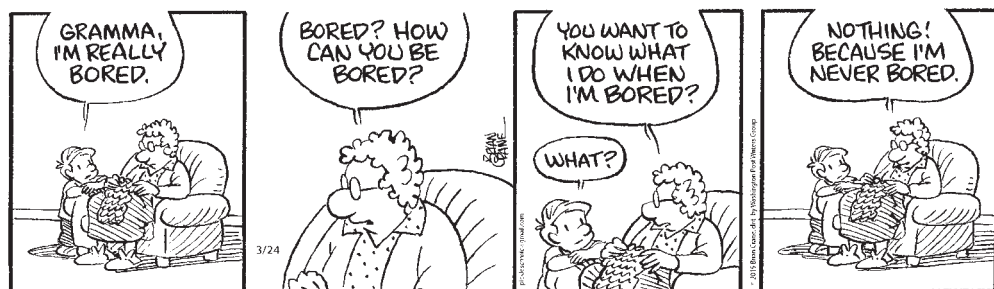
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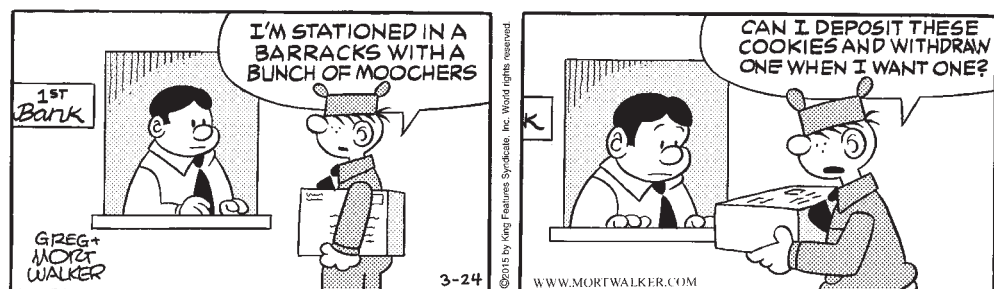
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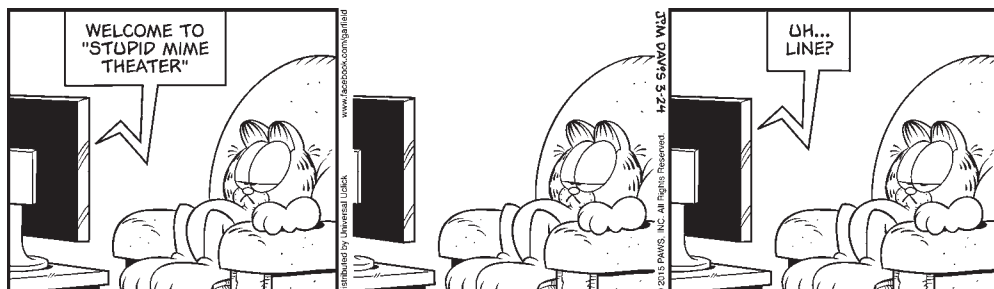
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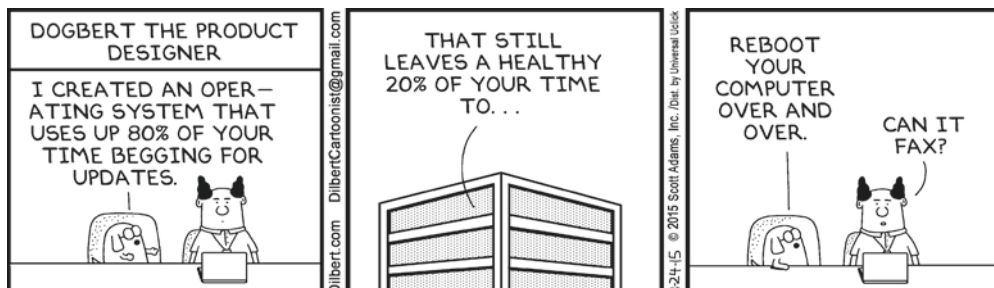
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DEAR ABBY

Mom with breast cancer does not need shielding from life



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: My wife has stage 4 breast cancer. She is only 51, and our most optimistic prognosis is three to four more years. Our children, 15 and 16, understand her disease, but don't really have a sense of how much longer we all have together.

Recently we went out to dinner, and the kids started talking about my retirement plans and their college plans. Later that night, my wife told me how sad it was hearing the kids talk about things she knows she will never see.

I have been debating whether I should have a talk with the kids and perhaps suggest they avoid subjects that make their mother sad. What do you think? — **Not Talking About The Future**

Dear Not Talking: Before talking to your children, I think you should talk to your wife. Although your instinct is to protect her, I don't think you can. Sadness in her situation is normal. I'm sure if you were to ask her if she'd prefer the kids censor their remarks in front of her, she would tell you she wants to hear everything she can about what they are thinking.

When people have a terminal illness, they have a right to be sad when contemplating the things they will be missing — in your wife's case it will be seeing her children get married, her grandchildren and more. Let your children express themselves fully with their mother, and if she's having a bad/sad day, listen and let her unburden herself. A joy shared is twice a joy, and a burden shared is half a burden.

Dear Abby: As a gift, my boyfriend, "Seth," gave me a Chihuahua puppy. I like dogs, but have never expressed a desire to

have one. In fact, I have repeatedly mentioned my dislike for small dogs and that I wouldn't have a dog due to my travel schedule for work. I'd have to pay for food, veterinary care, toys, boarding, etc., and the dog would be alone in my apartment all day while I'm at the office.

Seth still chose to give me one. When I refused his gift, he yelled and left. My friends think I was rude, and that Seth was sweet for buying me a puppy. I tried explaining to them, but they were sarcastic and mean about my decision not to accept the dog.

This isn't the first time something like this has happened with Seth. For my birthday he bought me a smartphone, signed me up for a two-year contract and expected me to pay the monthly bill. I refused that, too. Am I wrong? — **Simple Girl In Southern California**

Dear Simple Girl: You and Seth appear to have a serious disconnect when it comes to communication. Is this the only area of your relationship in which he is tone-deaf? Your boyfriend seems to be the master of the "grand gesture," with no thought about the responsibilities his generous gifts will impose on the recipient.

Because you told him clearly that you dislike small dogs, he should not have forced one on you. In fact, he shouldn't have given you any living, breathing dependent creature without first having made sure it would be welcomed. You did the right thing — the humane thing — in not accepting the animal.

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DAYS GONE BY

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

Giving more color to the belief of many residents that professional procurers have been operating in Pendleton recently is a story of the advances made by a stranger several days ago to a well known office girl of the city. The man, a very well-groomed individual of pleasing address, entered the office of a local physician, according to the story, at a time when the physician was absent. He inquired for the doctor and upon being told that he was out, declared he would await his return. He began a conversation with the young lady, telling her that he was a representative of a big fur house and was looking for saleswomen, finally offering her a position. He painted to her the pleasures of a life on the road, the emoluments to be secured by a good saleswoman and ended by promising an opportunity to see the exposition at San Francisco. The young lady, however, was suspicious of the stranger and refused to be interested in his proposal.

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

A carload of local members of the Knights of Pythias traveled to Lewiston, Idaho, Monday night to present a 50-year jewel to a for-

mer resident of Pendleton, Leo Elliott. Grand Chancellor Jared (Bud) Rogers of Elgin accompanied the group and made the presentation of the jewel to Elliott. Elliott joined Damon Lodge 4 in February 1915. He worked as a farm laborer for Charlie Serell and R.F. Kirkpatrick until 1922, when he moved to the Lewiston district and, with three brothers, became one of the large farm organizations in that section. Those at the meeting were told that in 50 years of membership, mostly away from his home lodge, Elliott had never let his membership lapse and needed no notice of membership dues. He had not visited his home lodge in 42 years.

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

Snowfall that blanketed Eastern Oregon this morning may be the prelude to more pressing problems for fruit growers and gardeners tonight. The National Weather Service in Pendleton will issue a fruit frost warning for this evening and is recommending that orchardists and weekend gardeners take measures to protect fruit trees and perennials. The areas of critical concern for tonight's frost warning will be the lower Walla Walla Valley around Milton-Freewater and possibly the Hermiston area, said Bob Farrell, National Weather Service meteorologist in charge.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 83rd day of 2015. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

On this date:

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1913, New York's Palace Theatre, the legendary home of vaudeville, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian

partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1975, Muhammad Ali defeated Chuck Wepner with a technical knockout in the 15th round of a fight in Richfield, Ohio.

In 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil.

In 1995, after 20 years, British soldiers stopped routine patrols in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country.

Today's Birthdays: Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti is 96. Actor William Smith is 82. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 76. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 71. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 70. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 64. Fashion designer Tommy Hilfinger is 64. Comedian Louie Anderson is 62. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is 59. Country-rock musician Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers) is 51. Actress Alyson Hannigan is 41. NFL quarterback Peyton Manning is 39. Actor Amir Arison (TV: "The Blacklist") is 37. Actress Lake Bell is 36.

Thought for Today: "If merely "feeling good" could decide, drunkenness would be the supremely valid human experience." — William James, American psychologist (1842-1910).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

