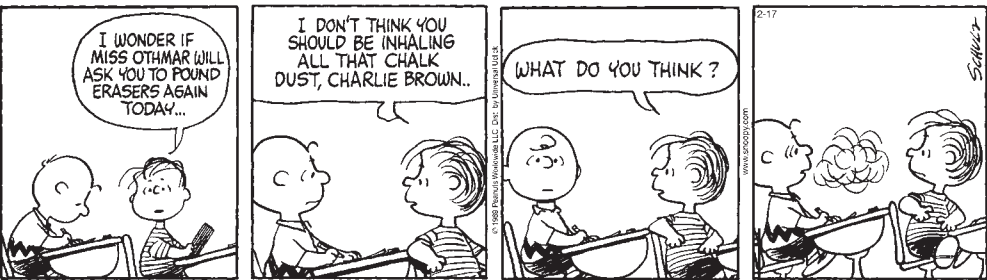
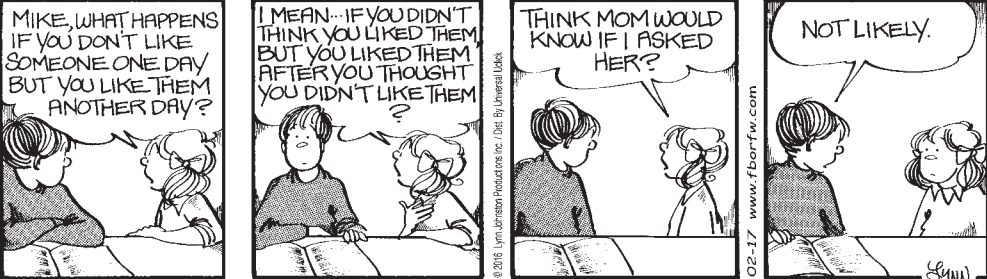


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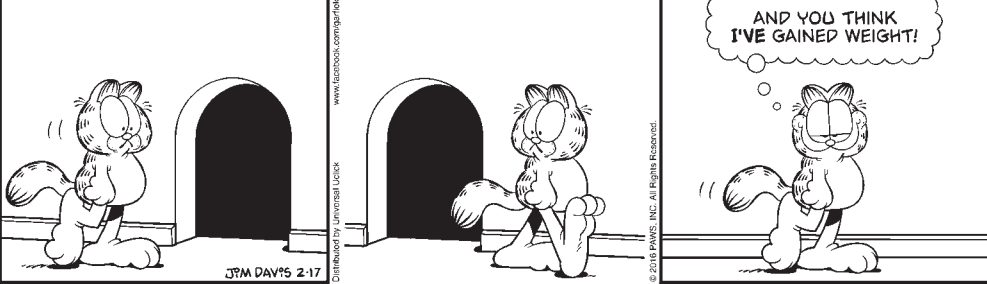
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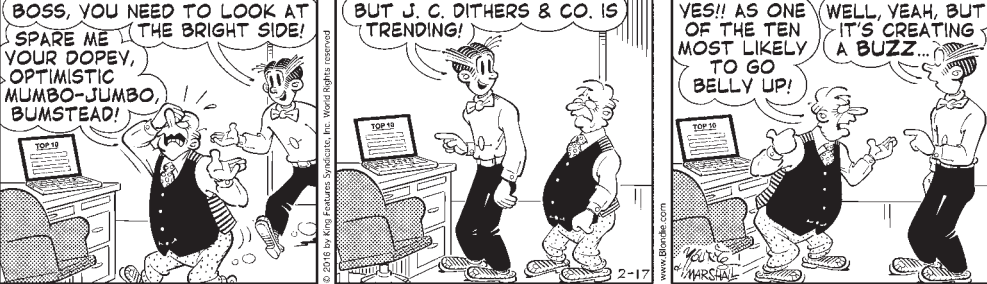
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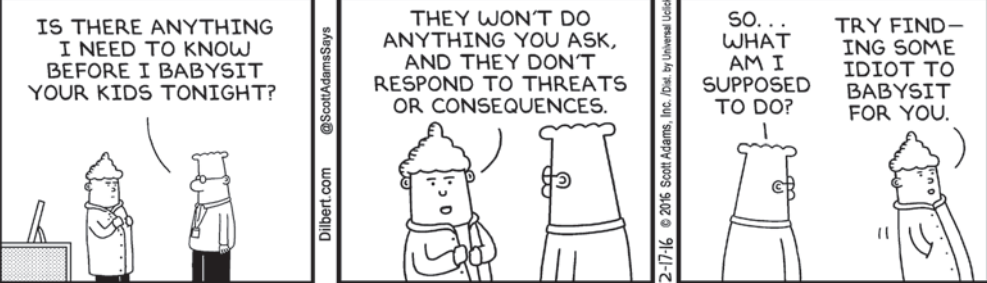
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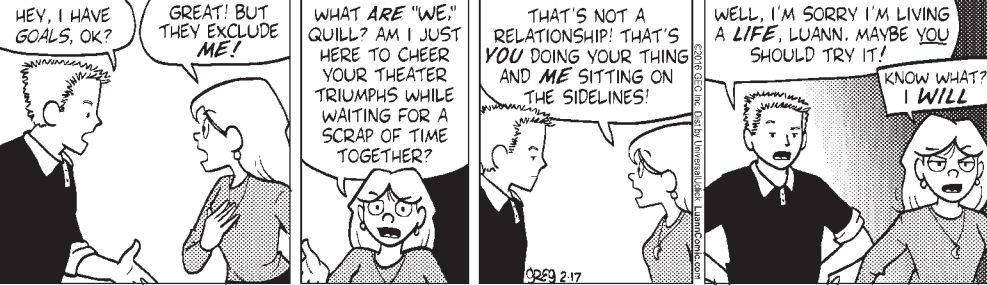
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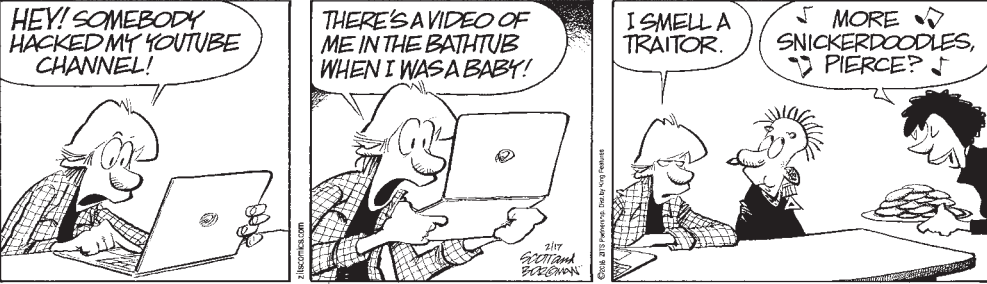
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DEAR ABBY

Painful topic of spousal sex abuse is swept under the rug

Dear Abby: There is a topic I haven't seen addressed in your column, namely being sexually abused by a spouse. I ended my marriage because my husband was waking me at 2 a.m. demanding sex. He expected me to have sex only a week after I had our baby, although my doctor had said I should wait six weeks. If I thought something he wanted me to do was degrading, he insisted I do it anyway.

It amazes me that the subject of spousal abuse isn't mentioned in premarital counseling. No one seems willing to acknowledge this kind of abuse exists. Is there even a "survivors" network or support group to cope? I went to individual counseling, but it didn't help me.

I think it would be helpful if society would acknowledge this kind of thing does happen. I also think that those who offer premarital counseling should be required to discuss the warning signs of a sexual abuser. — **The Ex Mrs. Brown**

Dear Ex Mrs. Brown: It is interesting that this topic isn't addressed more often, because domestic violence can happen to anyone and it shouldn't be overlooked. No one has the right to coerce a partner into doing something she or he doesn't want to do, whether it's done through physical violence or relentless verbal abuse.

When there is forced sex in a marriage, the name for it is marital or spousal rape.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Like any other kind of rape, it is not an act of love but a way of asserting control and dominance. If you contact the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), it should be able to refer you to a support group for survivors. The toll-free number to call is 800-656-4673. (You can also find it online at rainn.org.)

Dear Abby: How do you handle an ex-son-in-law who "confides" in his 9-year-old and 7-year-old children? My granddaughter came to me yesterday and said her dad told her he's not going to pay child support and is going to quit his job. Now she is worried her daddy will become homeless and have to live on the street.

I know he is self-centered. He has started abusing narcotics and is moving in with a girl half his age. I told my granddaughter that no matter what happens, her mom and dad will always love her. There is court-ordered support, but none has been paid. Any advice would be appreciated. — **Grandpa In Milwaukee**

Dear Grandpa: "Daddy" is not going to lose his apartment; he has CHOSEN to move in with his girlfriend. That's a lot different than becoming homeless. Reassure your grandchildren, but do not lie. Your daughter should discuss with an attorney the fact that her ex isn't meeting his child support obligation, and contact the state agencies that help to collect it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 17, 1916

In attempting to ford Birch creek this morning with a team and wagon, Otto Reiman, who is farming the Martin place, had an experience that he will not care to have repeated. With two men and a water barrel in the wagon he started to drive across the creek, the bridge having been washed out. In midstream the wagon overturned and spilled the occupants in the cold water. The two men accompanying Mr. Reiman succeeded in clambering out without much trouble but Mr. Reiman was carried down stream. He was finally rescued in a half-frozen condition. The team and wagon were swept with the current for a half mile before the men could reach them and get them to land.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 17, 1966

Exactly 25 years ago today ground was broken for a multi-million dollar U.S. Army Air Corps base at the Pendleton airport which later was named Pendleton Field, and

where General Doolittle's famous Tokyo raiders trained several months before their historic and morale-lifting bombing of the Japanese capital in World War II. Manning the giant shovel at groundbreaking were J.K. Thompson, E.B. Aldrich, Fay Baird, Jack Allen, James S. Johns, J.A. Campbell, Homer Beale, County Judge Carl W. Chambers and Earl Gillanders, while Mayor C.L. Lieuellen oversaw the project from horseback.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 17, 1991

Joe Justesen's 19-point first half wasn't enough to keep the Ione Cardinals at bay, so the Sherman County senior came back with 21 in the second half as the Huskies pulled away to claim their first District 3 boys basketball title Friday. The Huskies broke open a tie game in the third quarter and charged to an 83-72 victory over the Cardinals behind Justesen's 40 points. The victory sends Sherman County, 19-2, back to the state Class 1A Tournament in Baker City, where they finished second last year and first in 1989.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 48th day of 2016. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 17, 1996, world chess champion Garry Kasparov beat IBM supercomputer "Deep Blue," winning a six-game match in Philadelphia (however, Kasparov lost to Deep Blue in a rematch in 1997).

On this date:

In 1815, the United States and Britain exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

In 1863, the International Red Cross was founded in Geneva.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Columbia, South Carolina, burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in.

In 1904, the original two-act version of Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" received a poor reception at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1913, the Armory Show, a landmark modern art exhibit, opened in New York City.

In 1925, the first issue of

The New Yorker magazine (bearing the cover date of Feb. 21) was published.

In 1933, Newsweek magazine was first published under the title "News-Week."

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces invaded Eniwetok Atoll, encountering little initial resistance from Imperial Japanese troops. (The Americans secured the atoll less than a week later.)

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in *Wesberry v. Sanders*, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

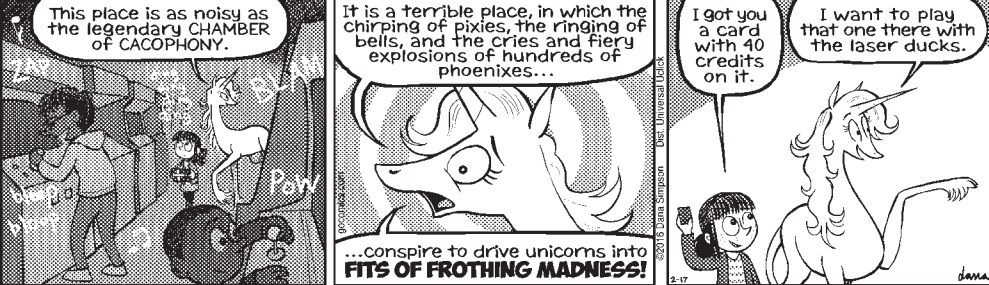
In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed the White House with his wife, Pat, on a historic trip to China.

In 1986, Johnson & Johnson announced it would no longer sell over-the-counter medications in capsule form, following the death of a woman who had taken a cyanide-laced Tylenol capsule.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hal Holbrook is 91. Singer Bobby Lewis is 83. Actor-comedian Barry Humphries (aka "Dame Edna") is 82. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 81. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 80. Actress Rene Russo is 62. Actor Richard Karn is 60. Actor Lou Diamond Phillips is 54. Basketball Hall of Famer Michael Jordan is 53. Actor-comedian Larry, the Cable Guy is 53. Movie director Michael Bay is 52. Rock musician Timothy J. Mahoney (311) is 46. Rock singer-musician Billie Joe Armstrong (Green Day) is 44. Country singer Bryan White is 42. Actress Kelly Carlson is 40. TV personality Paris Hilton is 35. Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt is 35. Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran is 25.

Thought for Today: "Wounded vanity knows when it is mortally hurt; and limps off the field, piteous, all disguises thrown away. But pride carries its banner to the last; and fast as it is driven from one field unfurls it in another." — *Helen Hunt Jackson, American author (1831-1885).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

