

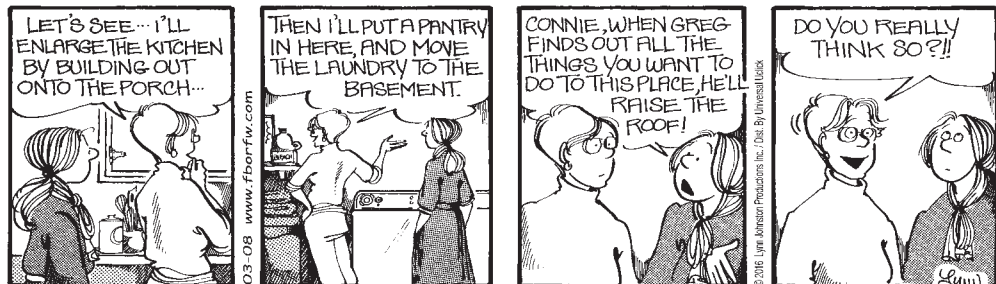
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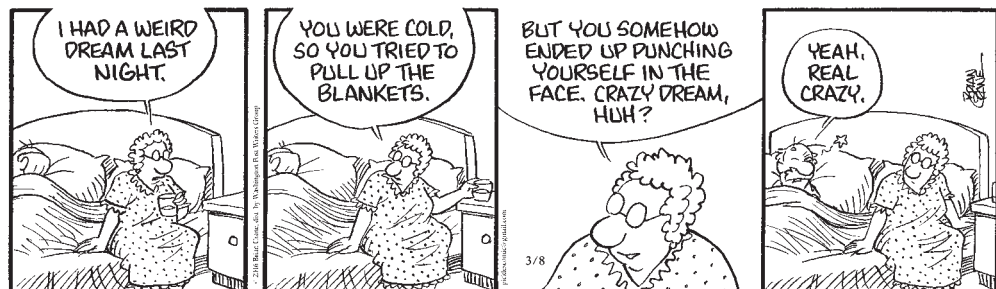
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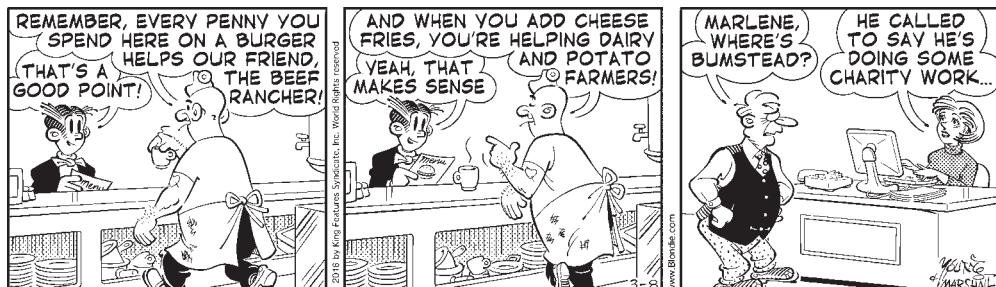
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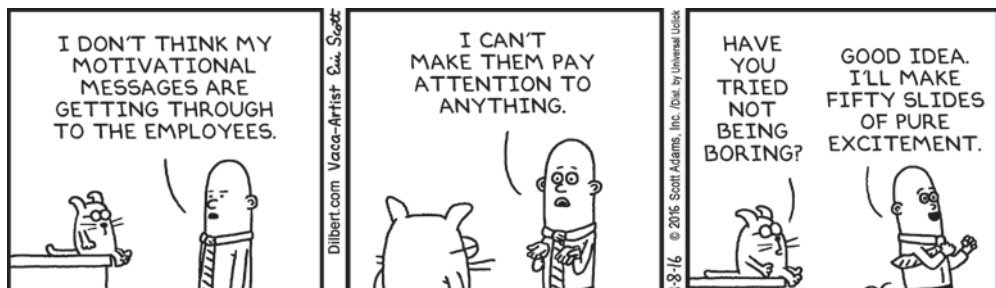
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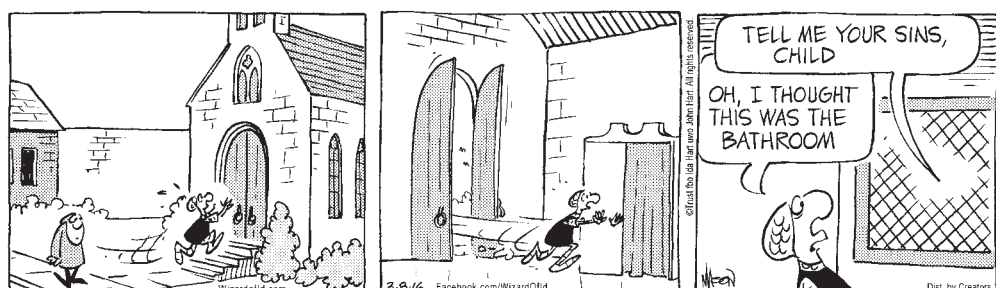
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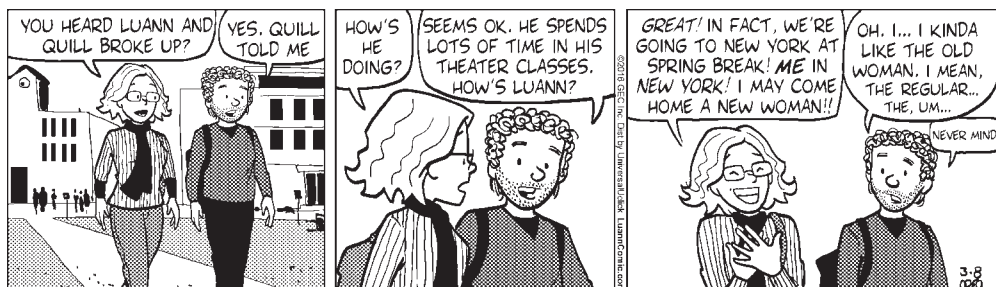
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DEAR ABBY

Couple sharing household should share expenses too



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I need some relationship advice. How do you handle household expenses with a partner?

My boyfriend and I have been in a relationship for 10 years. In all this time, he has never once split any of the expenses with me. I pay for everything. He does buy groceries, although not all of them. He also helps around the house and with my daughter.

If I bring up the issue of sharing expenses, it turns into a fight. He says he's "sorry" he doesn't make enough money. Then he says all that matters to me is money and threatens to move out.

I feel completely taken advantage of because he DOES have the money to make \$300-plus monthly payments for his new boat that's sitting in my garage. To me it's all about priorities. I would like a new car, but I have other monthly bills to pay.

Is it just me, or is this unfair? — Up To Her With It In South Dakota

Dear Up To Her: It's not just you. You have been carrying the lion's share of the load. But unless you are finally ready to insist upon a new arrangement with this man — who has had it pretty good for the last 10 YEARS — nothing will change.

It's time to ask yourself whether what he does contribute — on every level — is enough to satisfy you. If it isn't, be prepared to tell him you need to find an equal partner, and if he's unwilling to be that person, he should move.

Dear Abby: Four years ago I had major affection for a man. We talked every chance we could. We arranged times we could sit

together and just talk. There was lots of flirting, eye contact, and this overwhelming feeling of bliss — butterflies in the stomach — all of that.

The problem was he was married. Once I realized it, I was devastated because I understood what I wanted could never be. I feel so lost. I'm now considering going to counseling.

I still hear from others that he mentions me or says he misses me, but this is old news. Now there's someone else, and it's the same problem — just a different setting.

I feel so guilty for crushing on unattainable men. What's wrong with me? Why can't I like someone who is available? I've liked guys my own age before, and ones who were single, but there's something exciting about older unavailable men.

I don't want to feel this way, but I know that when I try to fight these feelings they just become stronger. I won't act on them, but I wish I could change them. How can I? — Feeling Guilty In Ohio

Dear Feeling Guilty: The quickest way to do that would be to talk about these feelings with a licensed mental health professional. When you do, be prepared to touch on all of your relationships with men, including your father — who is usually the first "unattainable" man with whom a little girl falls in love. I am pretty sure you will find that conversation illuminating.

Once you understand your feelings, it may be easier for you to find a man who is truly available — if a relationship beyond a mad flirtation is what you really want, that is.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 7-8, 1916

What is believed to be a record litter for one coyote was discovered a day or so ago by Alex Collett, government trapper whose camp is on the R.F. Wigglesworth place on Butter creek. In a report to E.F. Averill of this city, under whom he is working, he states that he caught and killed a female coyote that was soon to be the mother of 14 young. The killing of the coyote by Trapper Collett put an end to 15 coyotes and the advantage of hiring men on straight salaries rather than paying them bounty is demonstrated. The old bounty hunter at this time of the year seldom killed a female coyote for the reason that, by letting her live, his profits would be increased many fold. The bounty hunters, too, killed the animals only when their fur was in a condition to make the hides salable at good prices.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 7-8, 1966

Umatilla will become a seaport and industrial sites will be at a premium along the John Day pool within the next few years, a group of 30 county leaders in business, finance and government heard last night. To meet

the expected growth, in recreation as well as industrial demand, the Port of Umatilla will ask voters to approve a 30-year, \$1,025,000 bond issue. With the slack-water navigation resulting from completion of the John Day dam, tugs will be able to push loads of 15,000 tons and up, compared to the maximum today of 2,000 tons. Cheaper water transportation, container shipments, bigger barges, all mean growth, said Capt. Robert W. Thomayer, general manager of Tidewater Shaver Barge Lines.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 7-8, 1991

A national magazine has listed Inland Empire Bank of Hermiston as one of the handful of "supersafe" banks in the United States. In a story in the March issue on the nation's banking crisis, Money magazine named Inland Empire Bank on a list of 98 of the strongest banks in the nation. With assets of \$15 million, Inland Empire is Oregon's largest bank based east of the Cascades. Inland Empire employs about 100 people in its offices in Hermiston, Boardman, Pendleton, Stanfield and Umatilla. It is a closely held corporation with nearly all its shareholders living in Umatilla or Morrow counties.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 68th day of 2016. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 8, 1966, Nelson's Pillar, a 120-foot-high column in Dublin honoring British naval hero Horatio Nelson, was bombed by the Irish Republican Army.

On this date: In 1702, England's Queen Anne acceded to the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, New York, at age 74.

In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (referring to the Old Style calendar) began in Petrograd; the result was the abdication of the Russian monarchy in favor of a provisional government. The U.S. Senate

voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington at age 72.

In 1944, two days after an initial strike, U.S. heavy bombers resumed raiding Berlin during World War II.

In 1965, the United States landed its first combat troops in South Vietnam as 3,500 Marines arrived to defend the U.S. air base at Da Nang.

In 1979, technology firm Philips demonstrated a prototype compact disc player during a press conference in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

In 1983, in a speech to the National Association of Evangelicals convention in Orlando, Florida, President Ronald Reagan referred to the Soviet Union as an "evil empire."

In 1986, four French television crew members were abducted in west Beirut; a caller claimed Islamic Jihad was responsible. (All four were eventually released.)

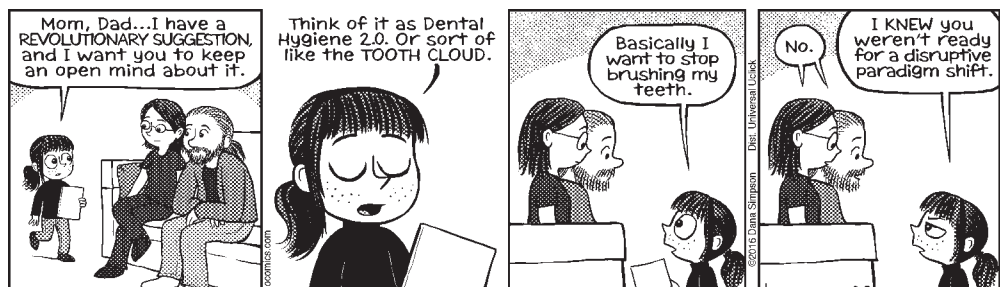
Today's Birthdays:

Actress Sue Ane (correct) Langdon is 80. College Football Hall of Famer Pete Dawkins is 78. Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 77. Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is 72. Actor-director Micky Dolenz (The Monkees) is 71. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 70. Pop singer Peggy March is 68. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Jim Rice is 63. Singer Gary Numan is 58. NBC News anchor Lester Holt is 57. Actor Aidan Quinn is 57. Country musician Jimmy Dornire is 56. Actress Camryn Manheim is 55. Actor Leon (no last name) is 53. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns) is 48. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 40. Actor James Van Der Beek is 39. Rock musician Andy Ross (OK Go) is 37.

Thought for Today: "The intelligent man who is proud of his intelligence is like the condemned man who is proud of his large cell." — Simone Weil, French philosopher (1909-1943).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

