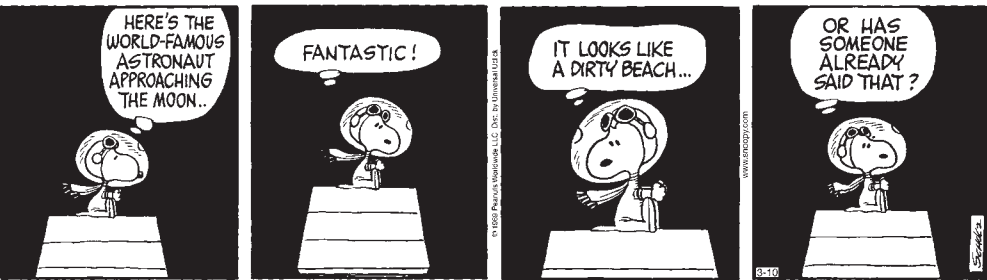
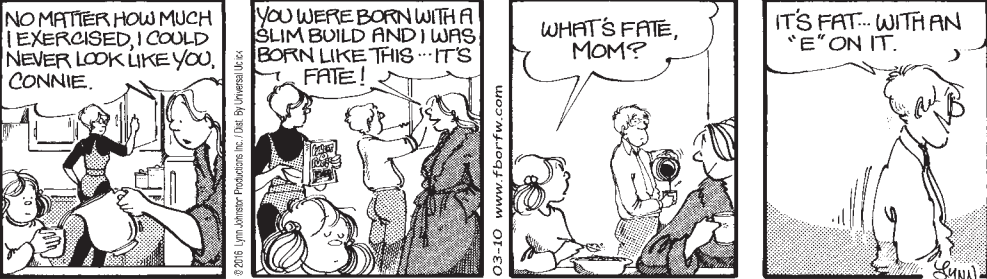


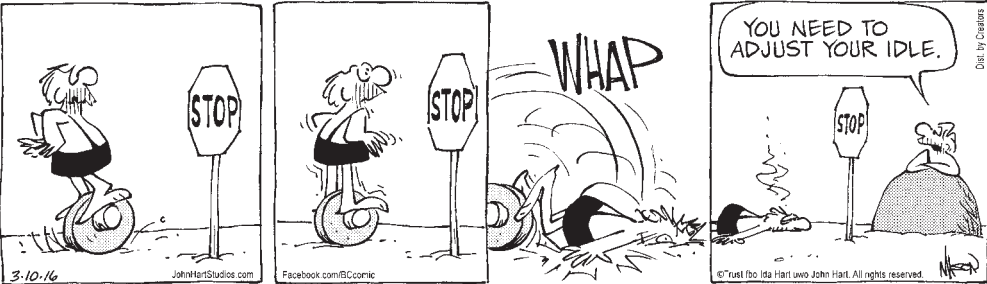
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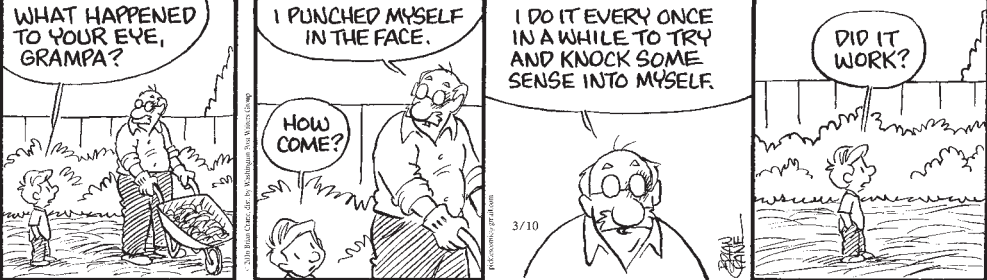
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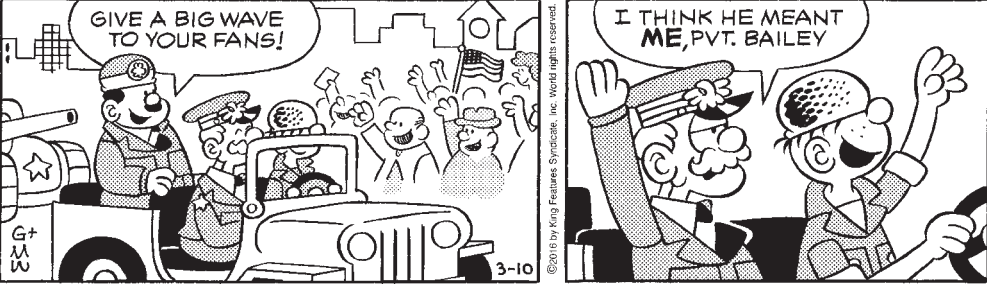
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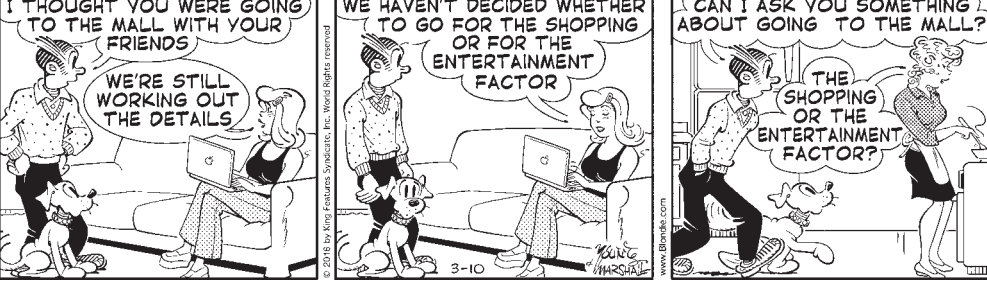
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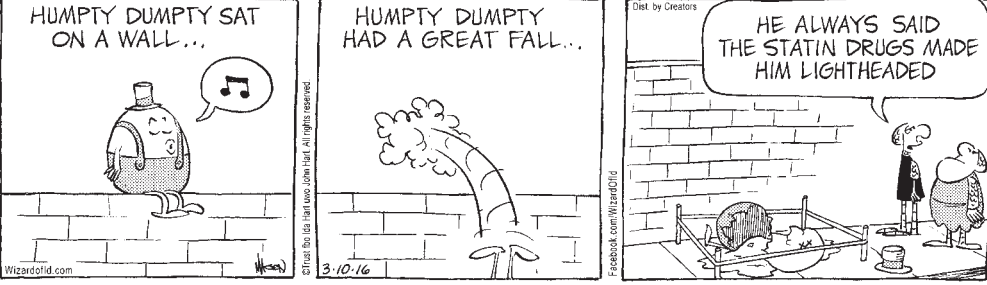
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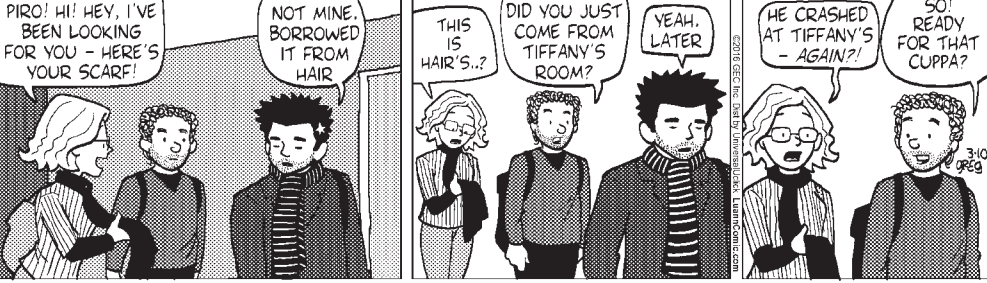
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DEAR ABBY

Sibling estranged in life opts to remain estranged in death

Dear Abby: I've been estranged from my three siblings, their spouses and their families for 35 years — my choice. There has been no correspondence, and I have seen them only at our parents' funerals.

Since we are all in our 80s, I anticipate there will be funerals for us in the next decade. If I go first, there is no problem. However, I'm considering not attending their funerals or those of their spouses. My grown children say I **MUST** attend because I'm their brother. I'm concerned that I might be a distraction or there could be a confrontation. Besides, I still remember what caused my estrangement and I just don't want to see them. I know I'm stubborn, but am I wrong?

— To Go Or Not To Go
Dear Go Or No: I disagree with your children. People attend funerals to pay their respects to the deceased and/or comfort the family who has suffered the loss. If, after 35 years, you show up at the funeral, you could, indeed, be a distraction — unless it has been so long that nobody recognizes you.

Dear Abby: Is it wrong to have no interest in grandchildren? My wife is five years older than I am and she's elated with our new grandchild. I'm only 42 and I feel I'm too young to be a "Gramps." I prefer to be free from kid activities and enjoy my adult pursuits.

I have raised children for the last 20-plus years and I think it's my stepdaughter's turn to be a parent. My wife is all gung ho to watch the grandchild anytime she's free, but I'm not



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

interested at all.
Am I wrong for wanting my own time and space with my wife? — **Too Young For It In Oklahoma**
Dear Too Young: No law says you must baby-sit if you don't want to. Not everyone enjoys the company of small children. If your wife enjoys doing it, that's her privilege. However, if the baby-sitting is interfering with your marriage, then you're complaining to the wrong woman, and the two of you need to work out a compromise on which you can both agree.

Dear Abby: I have very long hair and I'm proud of it. I have worn my hair long ever since I was a little girl. My problem is when I go somewhere, other women come up to me and start touching it.
I understand that they like my hair because they always compliment me on it, but I hate it when strangers touch me. Apparently, people have forgotten the concept of "personal space."

How can I tell someone — without sounding rude — to please not touch me? Or must I just keep quiet and tolerate it with a smile? — **Rapunzel In Dallas**

Dear Rapunzel: Not everyone enjoys being touched, particularly by strangers. If someone reaches out to pet you, smile, step back and say, "I'd prefer you not do that." You have a right to your personal space. As long as you say it in a pleasant but firm tone, no one has the right to be offended. And if someone is, refrain from making it your problem.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 10, 1916

Sheriff "Til" Taylor of this county is the subject of a sketch in the "Interesting Westerners" department of the March number of the Sunset magazine which has just been received here. The article is from the pen of Fred Lockley and is illustrated by a splendid photo of the sheriff astride his fine saddle horse. The sketch, written in the style of an interview with an old time republican warhorse, deals with his efficiency as a catcher of criminals, his popularity as a vote-getter and his success as head of the Round-up.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 10, 1966

A Umatilla County girl has been entered in the Miss Universe contest. She is Jackie Sims, 21, Milton-Freewater, named Miss Congeniality in the Miss Umatilla County contest late in December. Miss Sims, a senior at Eastern Oregon College, La Grande, is

being sponsored by the Oregon Bank. The contest not only gives Miss Sims a chance to receive national attention but will benefit the March of Dimes, Ron Vorseth, Pendleton, Oregon Bank Manager, said.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 10, 1991

Ted Thorne's hugs with family and friends were long and silent even though there was much to say. The hugs confirmed he really was home from the Middle East. When Thorne stepped into the Pendleton Airport terminal wearing a duffel bag on his shoulder and a yellow "Desert Storm" T-shirt Sunday, he was greeted by more than 100 people, including his wife and two sons. Thorne, an Army corporal, was the first American serviceman to return to Pendleton from the Persian Gulf War. There was a brief cheer, accompanied with waving flags and banners, and then quiet, as the crowd listened closely to hear any whisper he was making to the son he had never seen before, Tyler Thomas.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 70th day of 2016. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you" from the next room of Bell's Boston laboratory.

On this date:
In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln assigned Ulysses S. Grant, who had just received his commission as lieutenant-general, to the command of the Armies of the United States. The song "Beautiful Dreamer" by the late Stephen Foster was copyrighted by Wm. A. Pond & Co. of New York.

In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England.

In 1914, the Rokeby Venus, a 17th century painting by Diego Velazquez on display at the National Gallery in London, was

slashed multiple times by Mary Richardson, who was protesting the arrest of fellow suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst. (The painting was repaired.)

In 1933, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake centered off Long Beach, California, resulted in 120 deaths.

In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.)

In 1952, Fulgencio Batista once again became leader of Cuba in a bloodless coup that deposed President Carlos Piro Socarras.

In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tennessee, to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea, maintaining his innocence until his death.)

In 1980, "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower was shot to death at his home in Purchase, New York. (Tarnower's former lover, Jean Harris, was convicted of his murder; she served nearly 12 years in prison before being released in Jan. 1993.)

Today's Birthdays: Talk show host Ralph Emery is 83. Bluegrass/country singer-musician Norman Blake is 78. Actor Chuck Norris is 76. Playwright David Rabe is 76. Singer Dean Torrence (Jan and Dean) is 76. Actress Katharine Houghton is 74. Actor Richard Gant is 72. Rock musician Tom Scholz (Boston) is 69. Former Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell is 69. TV personality/businesswoman Barbara Corcoran (TV: "Shark Tank") is 67. Actress Aloma Wright is 66. Blues musician Ronnie Earl (Ronnie Earl and the Broadcasters) is 63. Producer-director-writer Paul Haggis is 63. Pop/jazz singer Jeanie Bryson is 58. Actress Sharon Stone is 58. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 53. Music producer Rick Rubin is 53. Britain's Prince Edward is 52. Actor Jon Hamm is 45. Rapper-producer Timbaland is 44. Rock musician Matt Asti (MGMT) is 36. Country singer Carrie Underwood is 33. Actress Olivia Wilde is 32.

Thought for Today: "He who knows, does not speak. He who speaks, does not know." — *Lao Tzu, Chinese philosopher.*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

