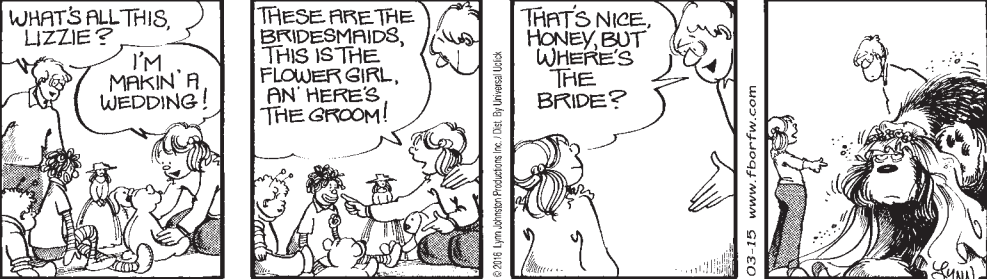


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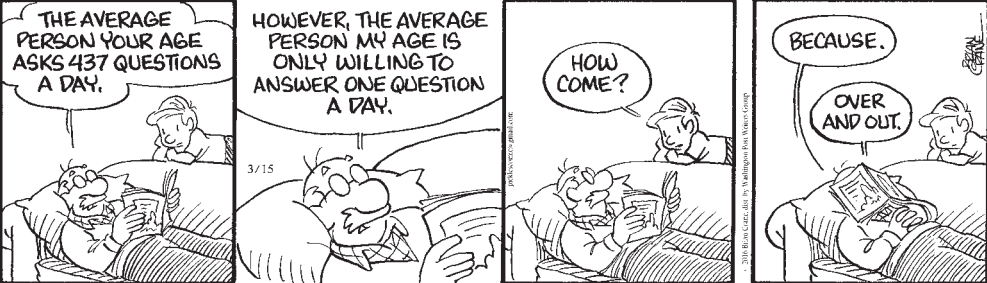
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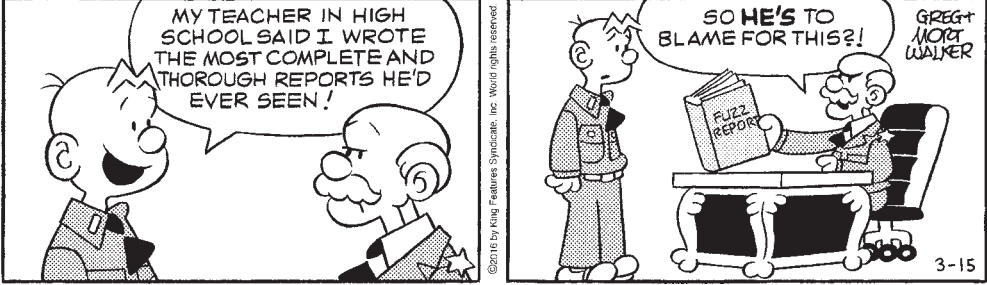
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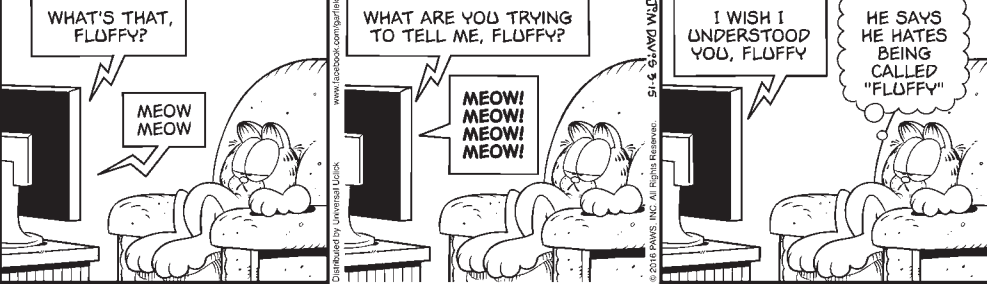
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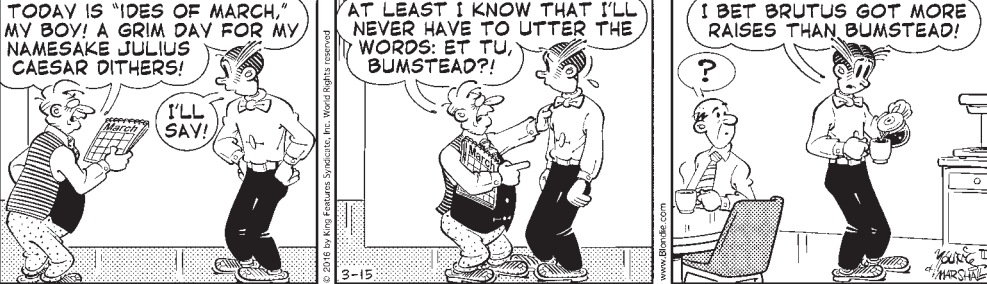
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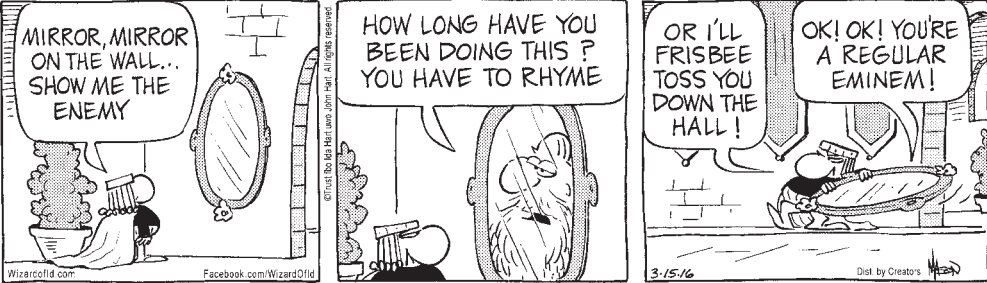
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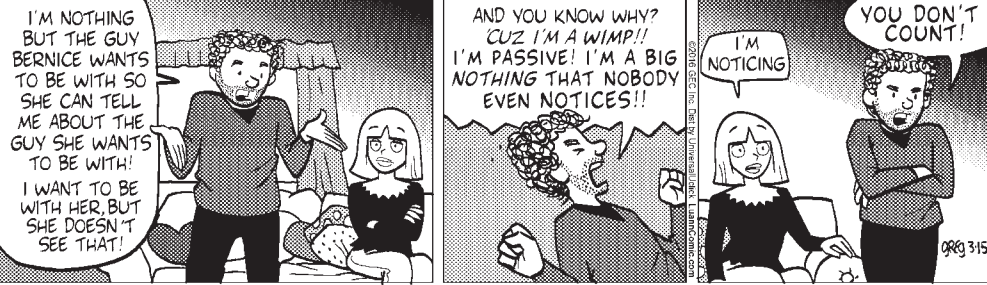
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DEAR ABBY

Mom taking step into dating is tripped up by daughter

Dear Abby: I'm a single mom in my 40s and my daughter is 12. After my last relationship, 10 years ago (not with her father), I took a leave of absence from the dating world to concentrate on myself and being the best mother I could.

Fast-forward: When I attempt to talk to anyone of the opposite sex, my daughter has a fit. She has hidden my car keys and my phone, pouts if I go out and behaves like an all-out brat.

I have reassured her that I love her and always will. Also, I would never allow someone around her if I had any suspicion that he might not be good for her. Nothing works. I have spoken with only one person I would even think of introducing her to, but I am afraid of her attitude.

Abby, what's the best way to enter into the dating world without hurting my child? I want to date, but my child won't let me. — **Entering The Dating World Again**

Dear Entering: Your daughter likes things just the way they are and views any disruption as a threat to her lifestyle. The best way to enter into the dating world would be to do it without consulting her. IF and when you meet someone and things become serious, introduce them then — in a casual way. If she acts up, remember that YOU are the parent.

Your daughter doesn't have to "love" someone because you do. She does, however, have to treat that person with the same respect with which you treat her friends — and you



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should insist upon it. You are the parent, and it's up to you to enforce the rules for as long as she lives with you.

Dear Abby: My girlfriend and I are getting ready to move to a new city in six months (each of us for our own careers) and plan to move in together. Some issues still need to be ironed out before we make that commitment, and my biggest concern is the anger and resentment she carries toward her semi-estranged father.

I understand where it comes from and why, but it worries me to see how quickly and completely it can overwhelm her personality. I lack comparable experience, so I struggle to have constructive conversations with her about it. But I can't accept this poisonous volatility as a feature of our life together. I believe that speaking to someone would help her deal with these feelings in a healthier, more constructive way, but she rejects that idea.

I don't want to bully her into counseling, but I feel like I have to do something before we take this next step, for both our sakes. Would it be wrong to tell her she has to start seeing someone before I commit to moving in together? — **Hesitating In Florida**

Dear Hesitating: No, it would not be wrong. If your girlfriend's problems with her father bleed over into her relationship with you — and it appears they have — it would be a mistake for you to move in together because it won't last.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 14-15, 1916

Fred Grooms, forester of Dale, has just returned from Sumpter. He made the trip through the mountains on snow shoes to repair the government telephone line which has been out of commission for some time and made the trip from Dale to Sumpter in two days, a distance of 55 miles, and nearly all up hill. At the old Ben Harrison mine he found 120 inches of snow, and the people had dug tunnels into their homes. All work was at a standstill till spring, which will undoubtedly be very late.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 14-15, 1966

Blue Mountain Community College saw its first touch of green last week when a tree was planted on the new campus. The large evergreen was planted by members of the landscape and gardening class at the college. Students in the class plan to do all the landscaping at the institution. The class is part of the federal government's Manpower Training and Development program, jointly sponsored by the State Employment Service and the

college. Qualified applicants are placed in the course by the employment office for 25 weeks of training. Following completion of the course, the students should have enough training to follow careers in gardening or landscaping.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 14-15, 1991

A fire and explosion this morning at the Lamb-Weston potato plant at Boardman drew firefighters from as far away as Hermiston. No injuries were reported, and a Lamb-Weston employee said all workers had been accounted for. One witness said the receiving area of the plant caught fire shortly before 10 a.m., with an explosion apparently involving hydraulic fluid used in the plant's operation. The fire sent up a thick column of black smoke over the Port of Morrow industrial park along the Columbia River, where the plant is located. Fire departments from Irrigon, Hermiston, Umatilla Stanfield, Echo, Umatilla Army Depot, Boardman's coal-fired plant, and the state fire marshal's office joined the Boardman firefighters, fighting the flames for about seven hours.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 75th day of 2016. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 15, 1916, a U.S. expeditionary force led by Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing entered Mexico on an ultimately futile mission to capture Pancho Villa, whose raiders had attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 U.S. citizens. Trumpet player and band-leader Harry James was born in Albany, Georgia.

On this date:
In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, South Carolina.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1922, Sultan Fuad I proclaimed himself the first king of modern Egypt.

In 1935, the Busby Berkeley movie musical "Gold Diggers of 1935" was released by Warner Bros.

In 1941, Richard C. Hottelet, a correspondent for

the United Press, was arrested in Berlin by the German secret police on suspicion of espionage. (Hottelet was released four months later in a prisoner exchange.)

In 1966, at the 8th Annual Grammy Awards, "A Taste of Honey," performed by Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass, was named Record of the Year, while Frank Sinatra's "September of My Years" won Album of the Year.

In 1985, the first Internet domain name, symbolics.com, was registered by the Symbolics Computer Corp. of Massachusetts.

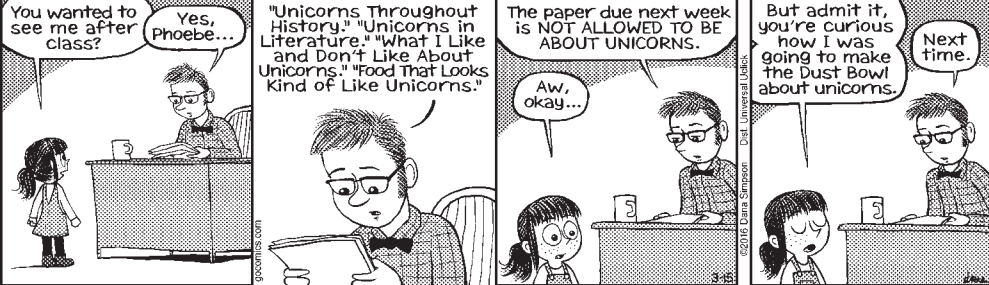
In 1996, the Liggett Group agreed to repay more than \$10 million in Medicaid bills for treatment of smokers, settling lawsuits with five states.

In 2001, federal authorities confirmed that remains found on a Texas ranch were those of missing atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two of her relatives, who had disappeared 5 1/2 years earlier. (David Waters, the key suspect in the slayings, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty in federal court to extortion conspiracy.)

Today's Birthdays:
Musician DJ Fontana is 85. Former astronaut Alan L. Bean is 84. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 83. Actor Judd Hirsch is 81. Jazz musician Charles Lloyd is 78. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 76. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 75. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone is 73. Rock singer-musician Howard Scott (War; Lowrider Band) is 70. Rock singer Ry Cooder is 69. Actor Craig Wasson is 62. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 61. Actor Joaquim de Almeida is 59. Actress Park Overall is 59. Movie director Renny Harlin is 57. Model Fabio is 55. Rock singer Bret Michaels (Poison) is 53. Rock singer Mark McGrath (Sugar Ray) is 48. Rock musician Mark Hoppus is 44. Actress Eva Longoria is 41. Rapper-musician will.i.am (Black Eyed Peas) is 41. Rock DJ Joseph Hahn (Linkin Park) is 39.

Thought for Today:
"There are no hopeless situations; there are only men who have grown helpless about them." — *Clare Boothe Luce, American author, diplomat, member of Congress (1903-1987).*

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