

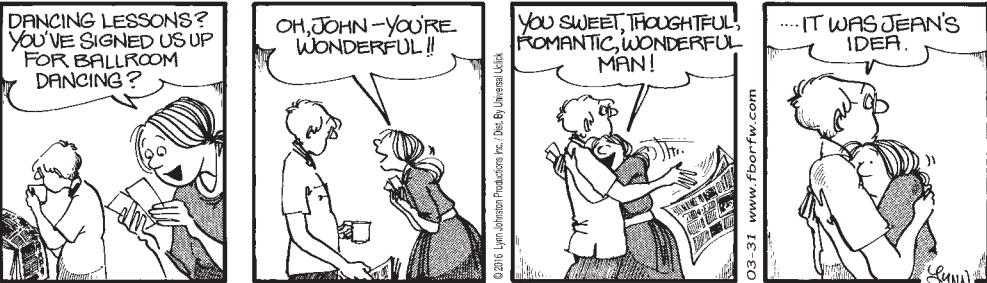
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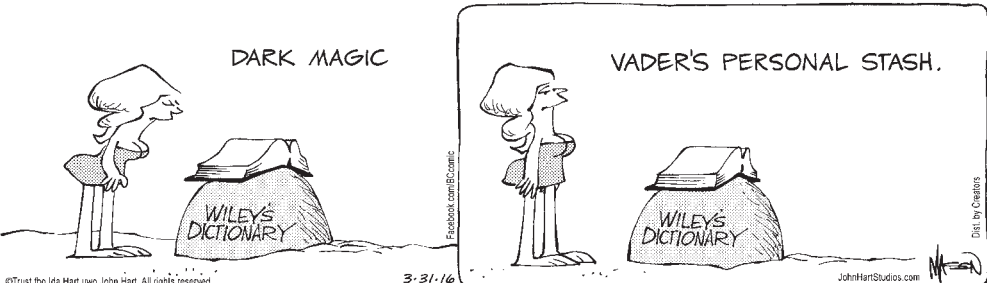
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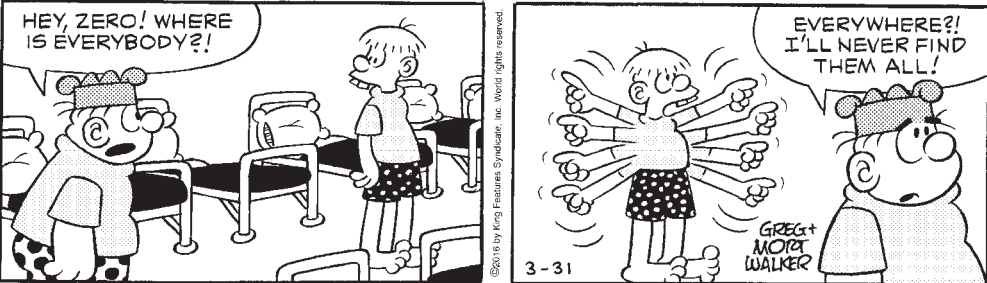
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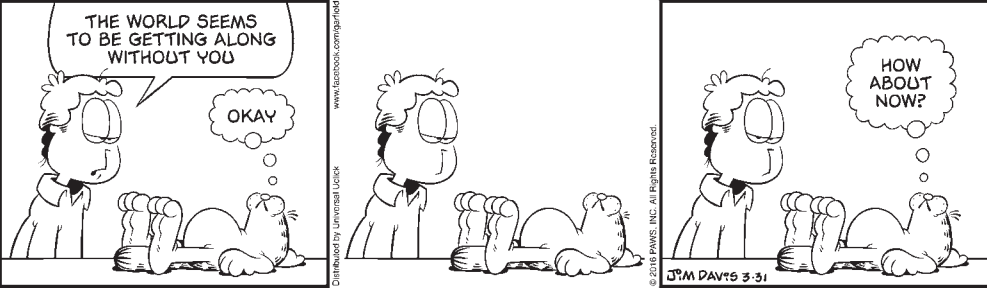
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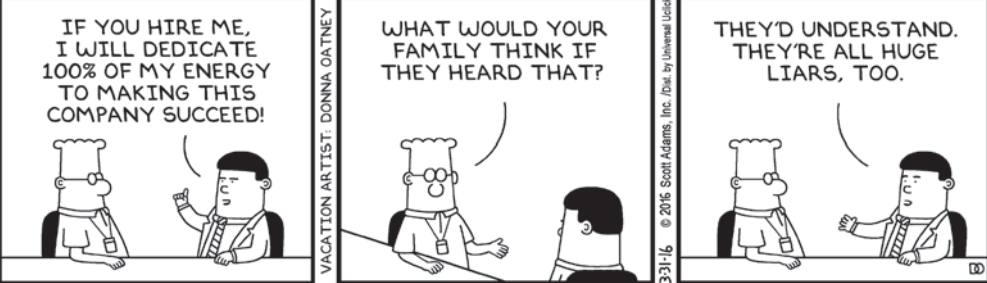
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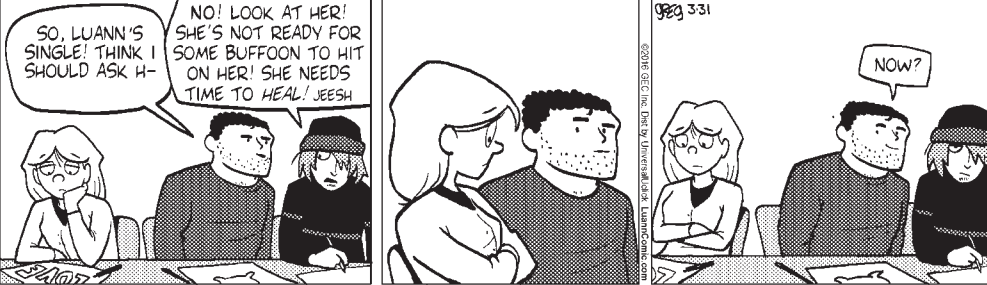
THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Ending dog's suffering is difficult discussion for wife

Dear Abby: How do I talk to my husband about putting his dog “Sunny” to sleep? My husband is the most loving, caring, generous person I have ever met, and I don’t know how to tell him it’s time to let his best friend go.

Sunny is 15 1/2 years old and can barely walk because of bad hips. The poor thing can see only shadows and is almost completely deaf. He has been like this for the last two years and is deteriorating steadily.

I’m trying to be understanding and supportive. I bought reusable diapers when Sunny could no longer control his bowels and bladder. I carry him outside multiple times a day and hold him up so he can urinate without the diaper. I wash him regularly after he soils himself. It is very sad. I keep hoping he will pass on in his sleep so my husband won’t have to make the call, but he is still clinging to life.

It is difficult to bring this up with my husband because he knows I’m frustrated with constantly cleaning up pee and poop and washing bedding after there has been an accident. I don’t want him to think I want him to put the dog to sleep just because it is difficult. It’s just TIME.

Sunny’s quality of life is zero. The only thing he can do is eat and sleep. Is that enough? Am I wrong? What should I say to my husband to put the poor animal out of his misery? — **It’s Time, In Reno**

Dear It’s Time: Your husband is doing his best friend no favor by letting him linger this way. What’s going on now isn’t fair to Sunny or to you. You might point out that dogs were put on this earth to run and play and enjoy



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

their lives, something that Sunny hasn’t been able to do for a long time.

Suggest he contact Sunny’s veterinarian and talk to him/her about his beloved dog’s condition, because I’m pretty sure the vet will agree with me. Then be prepared, because your husband may be so bonded with Sunny that he will need grief counseling after his dog is no more.

Dear Readers: A group of distinguished psychiatrists, the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP), needs help from some of you. They need feedback from gay, bisexual or transgender people, many of whom have experienced conflicts with their faith because of who they are attracted to or their gender identity. Many, while attempting “conversion” treatment, experienced great emotional distress, but never considered consulting a mental health professional because they had been discouraged from doing so by their faith community. Knowing the struggles you have experienced could benefit individuals who need help and haven’t gotten it. Your input is important. It will give GAP psychiatrists a broader representation of people than they could get from any other source.

Thank you in advance for taking part in this important study. The Internet address to send your comments is mary.barber@omh.ny.gov. For those who don’t have email access, GAP’s mailing address is: P.O. Box 570218, Dallas, TX 75357-0218. In the past, readers have been generous in “telling it like it is,” and I hope you will continue because your experiences are important. Your participation may help to effect positive changes in the treatment of patients. — **Love, Abby**

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 31, 1916

Falling over a cliff 200 feet high, little six year old Velma Fletcher, daughter of Robert Fletcher, a McKay creek rancher, had a narrow escape from death Wednesday. As it was she sustained a fracture of the thigh bone and a bad scalp wound besides innumerable bruises. The cliff was not perpendicular for the full distance, else death would have been her fate. She rolled part of the way, bouncing from ledge to ledge. She was brought to Pendleton and Dr. Hattery attended to the injuries. She is at the hospital now and is reported to be improving.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 31, 1966

Drinking is expensive, a group of young people learned here Wednesday. “I can’t stop you from drinking, but I can make it expensive,” District Court Judge Henry Kaye said as he slapped \$50 fines on six of the 12 persons arrested Tuesday night in a raid on a beer party. The raid on a duplex 1 1/2 miles north of Pendleton on the old Walla Walla Highway came after neighbors complained of the noise. Some of the youths tried to escape by hiding.

“We found five in one small closet.” Another, a boy, was found in a clothes hamper. He had been cramped in to the small space more than 15 minutes before being found. Confiscated were 56 full bottles of beer, two cases of empty beer bottles, an empty fifth of vodka, and an empty fifth and pint of sloe gin.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 31, 1991

A lone man blazes a trail through the desert sage in anticipation others will follow. His course traverses the rolling terrain amid basalt buttes, rock formations, sandy berms and wild flowers. John Spomer is in the process of turning Hermiston’s most distinctive landmark — the Hermiston Butte — into a backdrop for a cross country walking and jogging course. He is using an old, borrowed Ford tractor with a blade, a shovel and copious amounts of sweat and muscle to carve out a trail along the base of the butte. It is essentially a community project, covering land owned by Good Shepherd Community Hospital and the city of Hermiston. Spomer envisions a kind of nature park where people can walk or run around the course. It will also double as a training and competition course for the high school cross country team when it’s finished.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 91st day of 2016. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned the country by announcing during a televised address that he would not seek re-election.

On this date:

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1923, the first U.S. dance marathon, held in New York City, ended with Alma Cummings, who had danced with six consecutive male partners, setting a world record of 27 hours on her feet.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, “Oklahoma!” the first musical play by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, opened on Broadway.

In 1949, Newfoundland entered confederation as Canada’s 10th province.

In 1993, actor Brandon Lee, 28, was accidentally shot to death during the filming of a movie in Wilmington, North Carolina, when he was hit by a bullet fragment that had become lodged inside a prop gun.

In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club, Yolanda Saldivar, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

In 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Florida, 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor William Daniels is 89. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 88. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 82. Actress Shirley Jones is 82. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 82. Musician Herb Alpert is 81. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 76. Former U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., is 76. Actor Christopher Walken is 73. Former Vice President Al Gore is 68. Actress Rhea Perlman is 68. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 61. Actor Marc McClure is 59. Alt-country musician Bob Crawford (The Avett Brothers) is 45. Actor Ewan McGregor is 45. Pop musician Jack Antonoff (fun.) is 32.

Thought for Today: “An optimist may see a light where there is none, but why must the pessimist always run to blow it out?” — *Rene Descartes, French philosopher (born this date in 1596, died 1650).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

