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DEAR ABBY Wife married to old swinger would like to push him out

Dear Abby: I am a 70-year-old woman, married for 50 years, and I hate my husband. He wants to go to swinger parties and toss me to other men. I tried it a couple of times for him and hated it.

He is overbearing and rude. We don't have any friends where we live, so he seeks out new people. He doesn't listen to my begging not to do this. His computer is full of porn and his thoughts are sinful, although he can't perform.

Every day I wish he were dead, but I feel guilty for these thoughts. Please tell me what to do. My life is unbearable. — Past My Limit In Orlando

Dear Past Your Limit: By now it should be apparent to you that you can't change your husband. The only thing you can change is yourself. If you find the strength to do that, your circumstances will change. Because you say your life is unbearable, stop bearing it. Talk to a lawyer and set yourself free.

Dear Abby: My 33-year-old son has mental problems. He is moving out to live with a guy he has been talking to on the internet and who has met him once.

His father and I are against it, not because of their homosexuality but because we are afraid it's a dangerous situation. We have learned that the guy was arrested three years ago on three different charges. He says he was cleared, but refuses any background checks or fingerprinting for jobs and/or government housing.

When we tried to talk to our son and explain the dangers, he became irate and blamed everything on us. He has no driver's license and has threatened to take off. He has also threatened suicide. We have asked him



to consider talking to a psychiatrist, but he refuses. He does see a psychologist every three months, and he's supposed to be on medication, which he refuses to take. How can we deal with this? His psychologist won't talk to us unless my son gives the OK. -**Desperate Worried Mother**

Dear Desperate: Because your son is an adult, unless he is a danger to himself or others, there is nothing you can do to prevent him from leaving. However, you CAN write

his psychologist a letter letting him/her know what is going on and address your concerns. There is a chance your son might pay more attention to what his therapist says than to you.

An organization that may be of help to you is The National Alliance on Mental Illness, accessible at nami.org. It may be able to provide you with the guidance and emotional support you need.

Dear Abby: I'm 16, and I have a crush on a guy who is 23. We met in the gym he works at. He's very shy and he didn't make the first move, but now we flirt a lot. I don't know what to think because we met at his work, and he's so much older than I am. What do you think about the situation? If he kisses me, what should I think? If he doesn't make a move, what should I do? - Confused In Connecticut

Dear Confused: My advice is to forget about it. If he kisses you, consider the consequences if your parents found out what's been going on. It could cost this man his job. He may be very nice, but he is so much older and more experienced than you are that there could be criminal penalties and possibly jail time for him if he's foolish enough to pursue vou.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 28, 1916

When Mrs. E.E. Starcher and other women of Umatilla planned their little coup whereby the feminine contingent of the oldest town of the county seized control of the municipal government, little did they suspect that they would put their town in the national limelight. However, that is just what they have done. Within the past two weeks Umatilla has received more publicity than she has received in her whole history prior to that notable election and probably more than she will ever receive again. Newspapers all over the country were quick to see the unusual story in a woman beating her husband for mayor. When the railroad yards were taken from Umatilla, it was generally said that the town would die a quiet death, but the women have brought it to a new life that has startled the nation.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 28, 1966

City police and college authorities alike were wondering whether burglars who broke

entrance, but nothing was missing and the only thing found disturbed led to the belief the visitor or visitors may have had some coffee inside. A break-in also was reported at the Pendleton Veterinarian Clinic, 1901 SW Court Place, police said, but again nothing was known to be missing. The east door was pried open. However, about \$5 was taken from a pop machine in the Zimmerman Building at 328 SW Emigrant. The front door there also was pried open.

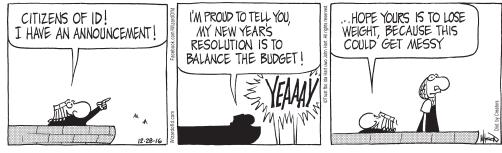
25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 28, 1991

An estimated 375 McNary residents have complained to the state Department of Environmental Quality about odors and alleged health problems caused by the Haas Foods onion plant east of town. A company official said Haas Foods is addressing the complaints. Meanwhile, the state DEQ is determining what kind of action, if any, should be taken. Last month area residents submitted a petition-like form intended to grab DEQ's attention to "problems" allegedly caused by the state's only onion dehydration plant. Resi-





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into Blue Mountain Community College Sunday night wanted money — or shelter. A rock was used to smash a window to gain air as factors for consideration.

dents cited allergic reactions, respiratory and eye problems, the smell, nausea and unclean

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 363rd day of held the first public showing 2016. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On Dec. 28, 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be

admitted to the Union. On this date:

In 1612, Italian astron-Galilei omer Galileo observed the planet Neptune, but mistook it for a star. (Neptune wasn't officially discovered until 1846 by Johann Gottfried Galle.)

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down because of differences with President Andrew Jackson.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Virginia

In 1895, the Lumiere brothers, Auguste and Louis, of their movies in Paris.

In 1917, the New York Evening Mail published "A Neglected Anniversary, a facetious essay by H.L. supposedly Mencken recounting the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1961, the Tennessee Williams play "Night of the Iguana" opened on Broadway. Former first lady Edith Bolling Galt Wilson, the second wife of President Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington at age 89.

In 1973, the book "Gulag Archipelago," Alexander Solzhenitsyn's exposé of the Soviet prison system, was first published in Paris.

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

Today's Birthdays: Comic book creator Stan Lee is 94. Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber is 87. Actress Nichelle Nichols is 84. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 82. Rock singer-musician Charles Neville is 78. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., is 72. Former Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., is 70. Funk musician Joseph "Zigaboo" Modeliste (The Meters) is 68. Actor Denzel Washington is 62. Country singer Joe Diffie is 58. Country musician Mike McGuire (Shenandoah) is 58. Comedian Seth Meyers is 43. Actor Joe Manganiello is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer John Legend is 38.

Thought for Today: "If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree." -Michael Crichton, American author (1942-2008).







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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



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