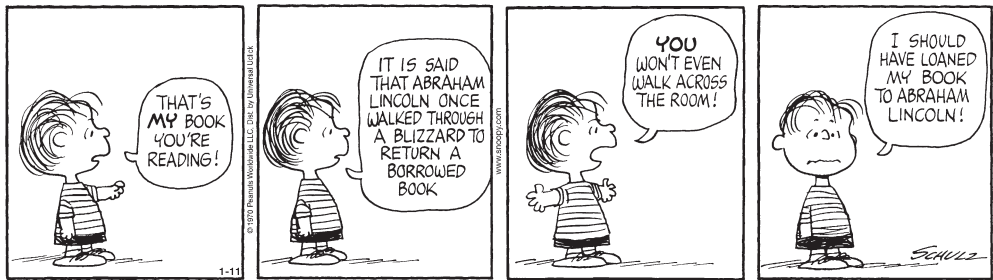


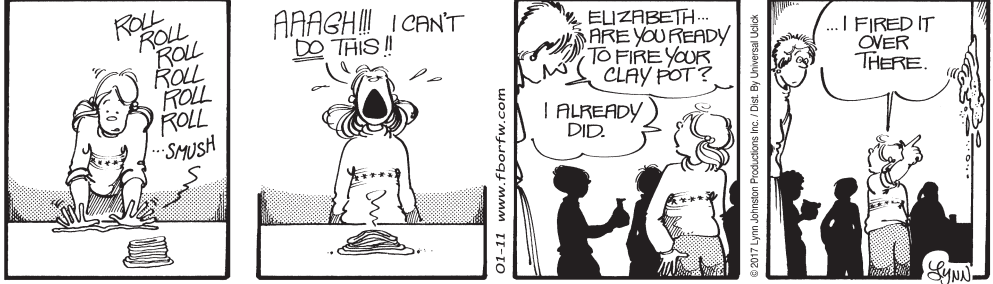
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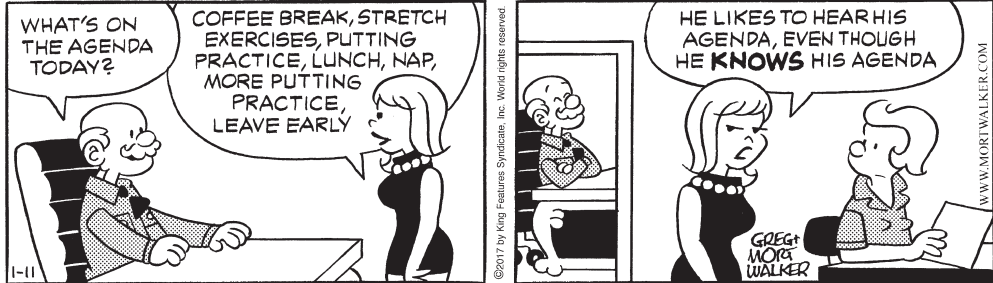
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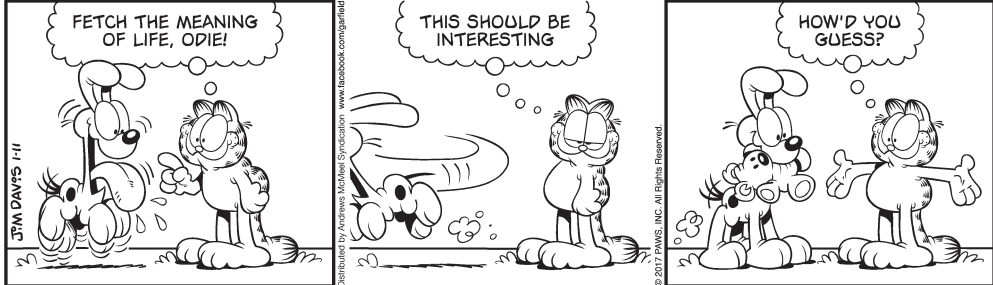
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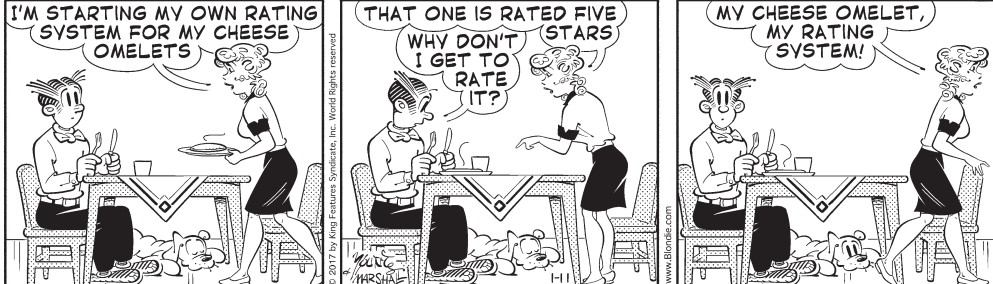
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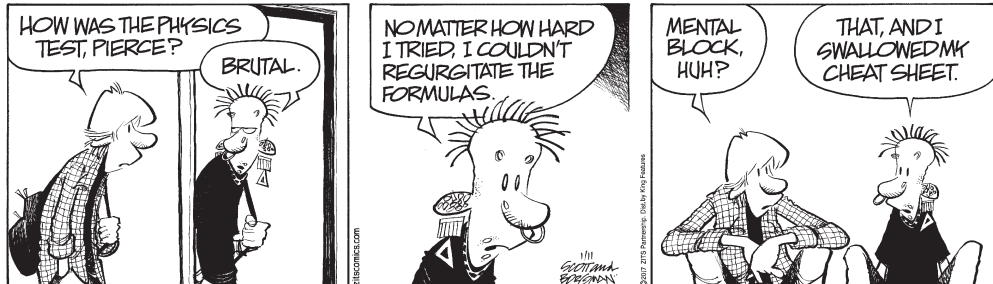
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DEAR ABBY

Wife who escaped abusive marriage must not go back



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: In the beginning of our marriage there was physical abuse and marital rape. I stayed anyway. Over the years we had two children. My husband, "Seth," and I don't communicate because he has refused to talk about any issues we have. During the last few years, my youngest son has also become physically abusive to me.

with her. (She would never have told me on her own.) Our sex life has decreased more and more over the last few months. She barely speaks to me now and spends most of her time on Facebook. She refuses to discuss our relationship, and I suspect she may be looking for someone new or has already found him. I just don't get it. I love her. We have been married for nine years. Please help me to understand. —

I tried to leave many times but failed until last December when, because I had a heart attack, I finally moved in with family. I did it for the sake of my health and my sanity.

Seth now wants to talk about our issues. He suggested that I come back home. He has several medical problems, so I was taking care of all the household chores and working two jobs. My children will not help with the chores unless I scream and yell for hours.

I no longer love my husband. He wants to romance me and try to make me love him again. He is also very controlling. He feels I "owe" him a chance to prove that he loves me and can change. Am I wrong for leaving and letting go? I'm very confused. — Letting Go In Florida

Dear Letting Go: You owe this man absolutely nothing! If you allow Seth the chance to romance you into coming back to take care of him, you will wind up exactly where you started.

Your son abuses you because that is what he saw his father doing — and you allowed it. If you stand your ground now, it will show your son that abuse is not to be tolerated. I hope you will teach him that lesson because it is an important one for him to learn.

Dear Abby: Four months ago my wife started wearing more makeup, perfume and trying new things with her hair. It began after she was promoted to store manager. Recently, I found out that someone has been flirting

Feeling Lonely

Dear Feeling Lonely: Your wife may not want to discuss your relationship, but sometimes it's the things people least want to talk about that most need to be. If you haven't already, tell your wife you have noticed the changes in her behavior and in your level of intimacy, and you miss it. Tell her you love her and feel your marriage is threatened.

If she still doesn't want to discuss your relationship, tell her it's time the two of you go see a marriage and family therapist together. What you were told may be no more than a flirtation, but if it's more than that, it's better you know sooner rather than later. I hope your wife will agree, but if she doesn't, then for your own sake, get some counseling without her.

Dear Abby: Do you field more questions from unmarried couples living together than from married couples? I can only judge from what is printed. — Inquisitive In Virginia

Dear Inquisitive: That's an interesting question. Frankly, I have never broken down the letters into categories like "married" or "cohabiting." Many people live together before marriage today, but eventually progress to formalizing their relationship. Others do not. Married or not, their relationship questions interest me, or I wouldn't print them.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 11, 1917

After investigating the heavy losses of horses in the Cold Springs country north of Pendleton, Dr. W.H. Lytle, state veterinarian who was here yesterday, pronounced the causes for the losses as two, a mould or fungus poisoning and poisoning by lupine. The latter weed is ascribed as the reason for most of the horses dying and Dr. Lytle has left with the farmers directions for combatting the action of the poison. More than 25 head of valuable horses have been lost within the past few weeks. George Hess alone has lost 11, Jack Wickman has lost eight head and has two others sick and Joe Snyder has lost five head and has two others sick. Dr. Lytle discovered the weed lupine in the pastures of practically all the places where horses have been lost and also ascertained that all of the animals had been allowed to forage.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 11, 1967

Pendleton firemen were plenty burned up last night, but it wasn't because they got too close to a fire, it was because someone is tripping the alarm box on NW 15th in Sergeant City near the high school. This was

the second run on a false alarm to that area in three days. Not knowing what type of call it was and not wanting to take any chances, the fire department dispatched two trucks and 18 men to the scene. Fire Chief William (Blackie) Batchelor said that malicious false alarms can tie up men and equipment who might be needed elsewhere and could possibly be needed at the home of the party who turned in the alarm. Tripping alarm boxes for this purpose is punishable by 180 days in jail and a \$500 fine if convicted.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 11, 1992

A Port of Umatilla committee is refining plans for a regional water system that would use a large well along the Columbia River and 2-million-gallon tank on Umatilla Butte. As proposed, the first phase of the Northwest Umatilla County Regional Water System would cost an estimated \$3.5 million, Byron Grow of the Port of Umatilla said. In the system, water would run from the well to a chlorination plant and then be moved several miles to Umatilla Butte, a high point between Hermiston and Umatilla in the vicinity of Cooney Lane. The idea appears to be the cheapest way to add industrial and municipal capacity to the Hermiston area, he said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 11th day of 2017. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1927, the creation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was proposed during a dinner of Hollywood luminaries at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

On this date: In 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to

Oakland, California, that made her the first person to fly solo across any part of the Pacific Ocean.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued "Smoking and Health," a report which concluded that "cigarette smoking contributes substantially to mortality from certain specific diseases and to the overall death rate."

In 1966, Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti, 64, died in Chur.

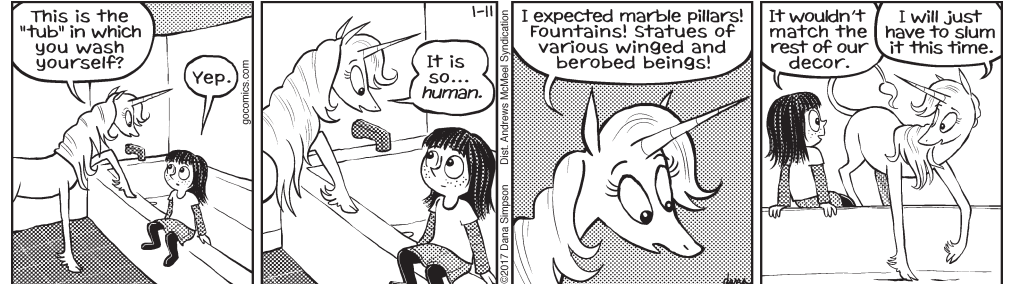
In 2003, calling the death penalty process "arbitrary and capricious, and therefore immoral," Illinois Gov. George Ryan commuted the sentences of 167 condemned inmates, clearing his state's death row two days before leaving office.

Today's Birthdays: The former prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien, is 83. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 83. Actor Felix Silla is 80. Movie director Joel Zwick is 75. Country singer Naomi Judd is 71. World Golf Hall of Famer Ben Crenshaw is 65. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 61. Actress Phyllis Logan is 61. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 59. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 49. Musician Tom Rowlands (The Chemical Brothers) is 46. Actor Marc Blucas is 45. Actress Amanda Peet is 45.

Thought for Today: "Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could." — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist, poet and philosopher (1803-1882).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

