

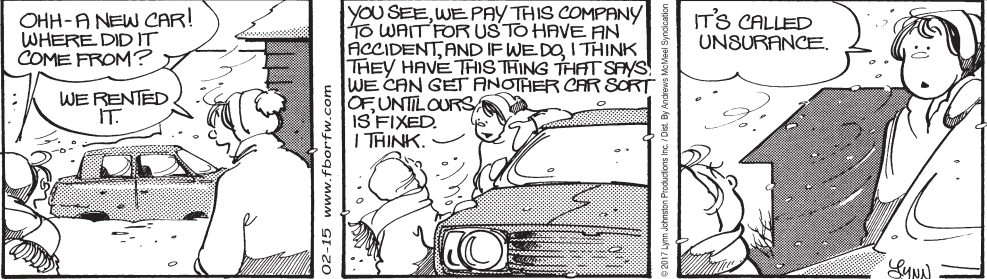
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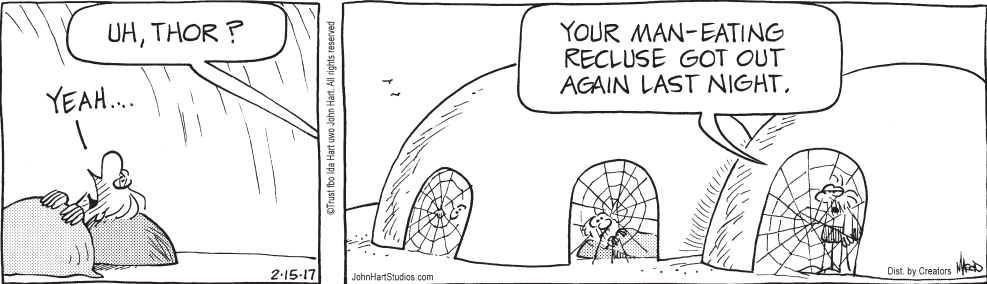
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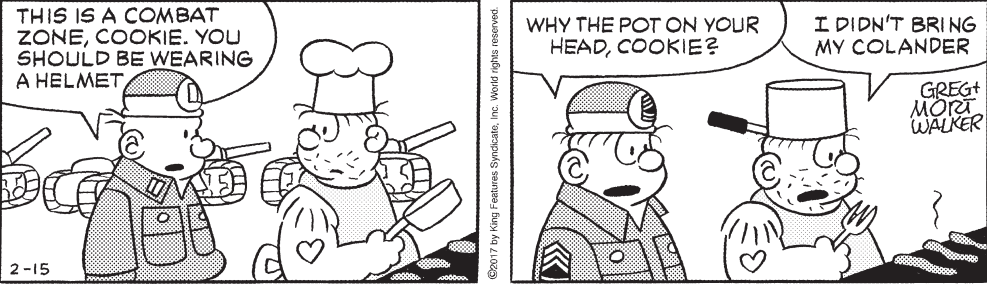
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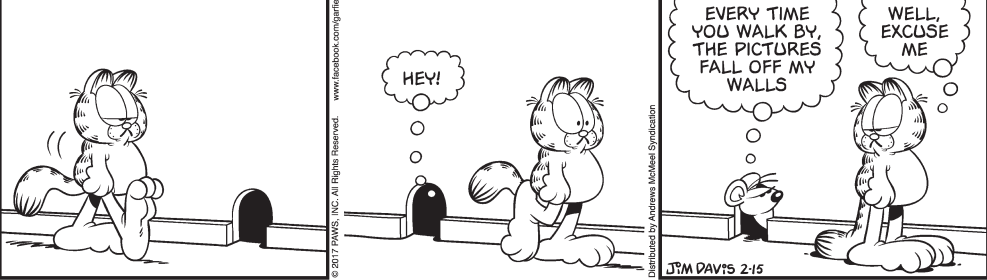
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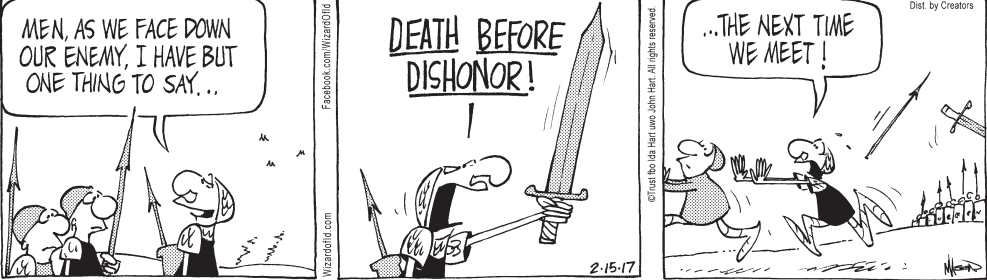
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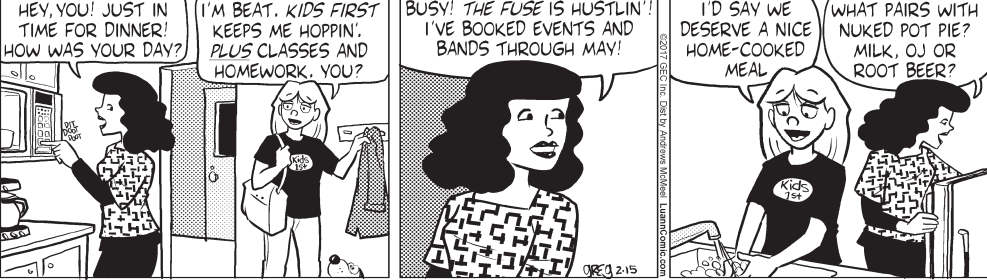
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BY GREG EVANS



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DEAR ABBY

Husband's affair could be more about money than love

Dear Abby: I am 68 and my husband is 80. I just found out he is involved with a 40-year-old woman. He says it is not an affair because they haven't actually had sex! I don't know what to do. Can you help me? — **Heartbroken In New Mexico**

Dear Heartbroken: Your husband may not be having an affair in the physical sense, but he IS having an emotional affair. He may be flattered by the attention he's receiving from a younger woman, or he may think he's actually in love with her. Whether she is in love with HIM is open to question.

However, if your husband is giving her money, you might have an argument that he is being manipulated into it, which could qualify as elder abuse. Remember, too, if you are a longtime wife in a community property state, half of the assets acquired during your marriage are yours. If he doesn't agree to end the relationship, this is something you might want to discuss with a lawyer.

Dear Abby: My 7-year-old daughter, "Jessie," has a best friend who lives next door. The neighbor, "Laurie," has an older brother, "Jason," who is 13.

Recently, Jessie played at Laurie's house, and when she came home she told me Jason had said some nasty things to her. When I asked what they were, she told me that one time Jason told her to pull down her underwear, and another time he told her to pull down his pants and do something that can't be mentioned in a family newspaper. When I heard it, I was livid. I told his



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Advice

mother about it, and now she will not let my daughter play with Laurie. She believes Jessie made it all up. My daughter is inconsolable because she no longer has a playmate. She believes it is her fault that Laurie can't play with her because she told me. I don't know what to do so the girls can play together. — **Needs A Playmate**

Dear Needs: It is important that you make Jessie understand that none of this was her fault — it was JASON'S fault — and that she did the right thing by telling you. What you need to do now is help your daughter find other playmates, preferably some whose parents supervise when children play in their home.

While Jason's mother may not want to believe what her son did, it's highly unlikely your daughter made it up. Dealing with a problem like that by putting her head in the sand will only invite more trouble, because Jason is sure to repeat it with some other little girl.

Dear Abby: Today I called my church to cancel my attendance at a retreat a month from now. I had paid \$25 to hold my spot. When I stated my reason for calling, the church secretary said, "Do you want a refund or would you like to donate toward tithes?" I thought this was nervy. I told her to refund the money. What is your thought on this? — **Wants A Refund In Brentwood, Calif.**

Dear Wants: Just this: You were offered an option, and you chose the one you preferred. Let it go.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 15, 1917

There was more or less of a smouldering indignation manifest in the demeanor of certain members of the high school faculty this morning and, from the best advices obtainable, it resulted from what they interpreted as an eleventh hour edict of Supt. A.T. Park barring them from attending the dancing party given at Assembly Hall last evening by the Bachelors' Club. Supt. Park denies that he issued any edict at all, stating that he had merely suggested to one of the teachers the inadvisability of encouraging high school dances on week nights by the attendance of faculty members. He declares that he told them to use their own judgment and that their attendance would not be held against them in any way, shape or form. The teachers' version of the affair differs from this materially.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 15, 1967

The Oregon Supreme Court ruled today against Betty M. Hamilton, Heppner, who had brought a \$150,000 suit against Crown Life Insurance Co. on grounds it invaded her privacy. Mrs. Hamilton's husband committed suicide on Sept. 20, 1965. The company

showed her insurance check to several persons in order to sell more life insurance. The high court said there was no invasion of privacy, even though the company might have exhibited bad taste. "There are some shocks, inconveniences, and annoyances which members of society in the nature of things must absorb without right of redress," the opinion, by Justice A.T. Goodwin, said.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 15, 1992

Bonneville Power Administration's new direction on wildlife mitigation has drawn fire from an environmental group promoting the federal purchase of the Conforth Ranch. BPA's decision amounts to "passing the buck" on whether to acquire the Conforth Ranch for wildlife, said Roy Elicker, counsel for the National Wildlife Federation at Portland. "They have bought breathing room and spent ratepayer money to appease a political problem they have," he said. BPA sidestepped a decision on the controversial Conforth Ranch purchase by announcing Thursday it wouldn't acquire the 2,860-acre cattle ranch near Umatilla as a wildlife preserve. Instead, BPA will negotiate a trust agreement with the state for the purpose of developing wildlife mitigation throughout Oregon, at the Conforth Ranch or elsewhere.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 46th day of 2017. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1867, "On the Beautiful Blue Danube," a waltz by Johann Strauss (the Younger), was publicly performed for the first time by the Vienna Men's Choral Society, garnering a polite, if decidedly less than enthusiastic, audience response. (A revised orchestral version proved much more successful.)

On this date: In 1764, the site of present-day St. Louis was established by Pierre Laclede and Auguste Chouteau. In 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain. In 1933, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt

escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that mortally wounded Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak; gunman Giuseppe Zangara was executed more than four weeks later. In 1952, a funeral was held at Windsor Castle for Britain's King George VI, who had died nine days earlier. In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to the World Championships in Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium. In 1992, a Milwaukee jury found that Jeffrey Dahmer was sane when he killed and mutilated 15 men and boys. (The decision meant that Dahmer, who had already pleaded guilty to the murders, would receive a mandatory life sentence for each count; Dahmer was beaten to death in prison in 1994.)

Today's Birthdays:

Former Illinois Congressman John Anderson is 95. Actress Claire Bloom is 86. Author Susan Brownmiller is 82. Songwriter Brian Holland is 76. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks) is 73. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill is 73. Actress-model Marisa Berenson is 70. Actress Jane Seymour is 66. Singer Melissa Manchester is 66. Actress Lynn Whitfield is 64. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening (Gree) is 63. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Darrell Green is 57. Rock singer Brandon Boyd (Incubus) is 41. Rock musician Ronnie Vannucci (The Killers) is 41. Singer-songwriter-musician Conor Oberst (Bright Eyes) is 37.

Thought for Today: "Nothing is mine, I have only nothing but it is enough, it is beautiful and it is all mine." — Katherine Anne Porter, American author (1894-1980).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

