











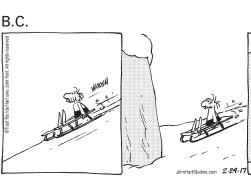




BY JOHNNY HART

YOU BETTER HOPE

YOU GOT A GOOD







PICKLES GRAMPA, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO RIGHT NOW?







BEETLE BAILEY

MY MOTHER

SENTMEA



WOW! OPEN





GARFIELD THE EARTH OPENED UP AND ALMOST SWALLOWED ME

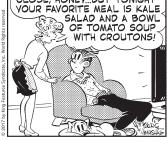




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BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE







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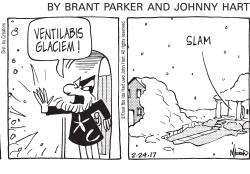




THE WIZARD OF ID

HONEY, WILL YOU CLEAR THE SNOW OFF THE WALKWAY? *SIGH... AGAIN?







LUANN THIS YOUR DAD? GONE. WHAT WHERE'S HE? DO YOU CARE









COFFEE BREAK

DEAR ABBY

Daughters blame mom's fiancé for breaking up her marriage

Dear Abby: My fiancée and I plan to be married next year. I met her after she left her husband because he had cheated on her twice. She refuses to tell her daughters that she left their dad because he cheated, so I am doomed to be the "bad guy" for eternity. They think I'm "the man who stole Mama from Daddy." Her youngest (age 25) thinks I'm the devil incarnate and is unbelievably rude to me, no matter who is around. I'm thinking marriage will be hell because she and her

mother interact every day. What am I to do? **Blameless In The South**

Dear Blameless: This is not a question of what "you" should do. It's a question of what you and your fiancée should do together. While it may not be necessary for her to tell her adult daughters that their father was a cheater, and that's the reason she left him, she should definitely call a family meeting and clear the air by telling them that you were not the reason the marriage ended. She should also insist that you be treated with respect if not affection.

However, if she's unwilling to do that, then you should seriously consider calling off the wedding because a marriage under those conditions would be miserable for you. Her daughters would guarantee it.

Dear Abby: This is in response to "Another Husband in Oregon" (Sept. 3) who wondered about the "man cave" behavior he had observed in his neighbors. I can tell you from personal experience that the appeal of spending long hours working on mechanical things in a garage or workshop in total solitude is strong for many men. Regarding



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

the guy who rebuilt an antique truck from the ground up, if you go to any car show featuring restored cars, you can't help but admire the time, energy, skill and commitment some men put into a restoration. These can be works

Balance is very important to a successful marriage. Before a wife complains about too much time spent in the "cave" (and not all do complain), she should consider the

upside. He is safe, he's not blowing family money in a bar or at a blackjack table, and he's not chasing other women. And he just may be creating something unique that will give him great pride and satisfaction. —

Paul In Wisconsin

Dear Paul: When I put the question about "garaged husbands" out to my readers, they were forthcoming with their views. The responses — predominantly from men, but also some of their wives — were overwhelmingly positive.

While the theory of spending too much time in the garage as a result of being "frozen out of the bedroom" was raised, most readers affirmed the value of having separate time from a spouse — as long as it is only "spare" time. Wives wrote that it enables them to catch up on reading, shopping, a project with the kids or grandkids, or watch a favorite TV show or movie.

Both spouses extolled the results produced in the "cave" — restored vintage cars, woodworking items and various repairs. Visiting is permitted, and there's learning to be had for the kids. And, as a number of readers reminded us, "At least you know where he is."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 24, 1917

The first case brought in Umatilla county under the provision of the new bone-dry law which makes drunkenness a state offense punishable in the state courts was filed this morning when Chief of Police Gurdane swore to a complaint in the justice court against Herman Peters, former saloonman. His fine was \$10 and costs, making a total of \$16.20. Peters was arrested yesterday afternoon on Main street by the chief as he got into an auto. According to the officer he was too drunk to be permitted to drive a car. As he got into the car, he turned toward Chief Gurdane who was standing near by and contemptuously wiggled his fingers from his nose, according to the chief. This provoked the latter to place him under arrest and escort him to the police station.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 24, 1967

A planned switchover of electrical service in a large area east of Pendleton ran into trouble last night and early this morning causing people in that region to be without power for a

total of about two hours. Affected were people in the Mt. Hebron, Riverside, Umatilla River, Meacham and Reservation areas serviced by Umatilla Electric Coop. Dave Boothman, line superintendent for Umatilla Electric, said the trouble occurred when a bypass switch on a set of regulators failed to open and a set of circuit breakers failed to stay closed. The power switch was part of a normal switching procedure to de-energize the Pendleton Bonneville substation to allow the BPA crews to perform maintenance work at the substation.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 24, 1992

Sharon Gwenevere Byers of Hermiston was among winners in the recent Miss Oregon National Teen-Ager Pageant at Umpqua Community College, Roseburg. Byers, 17, received the pageant's top citizenship award. She is the daughter of Kim M. Richardson of Hermiston. She earned a trophy and a \$20,000 tuition scholarship to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla. Byers also will be considered for one of 15 regional tuition scholarships, \$16,000 each, and two \$24,000 national awards. She was among top 10 finalists in the senior division, ages 16-18.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 55th day of 2017. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in

History: On Feb. 24, 1942, the SS Struma, a charter ship

attempting to carry nearly 800 Jewish refugees from Romania to British-mandated Palestine during World War II, sank in the Black Sea off Turkey after it was torpedoed by a Soviet submarine; all but one of the refugees on board perished.

On this date:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued an edict outlining his calendar reforms. (The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.)

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1912, the American Jewish women's organiza-

tion Hadassah was founded in New York City.

In 1920, the German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle

Toothbrush," went on sale.
In 1955, the Cole Porter musical "Silk Stockings" opened at the Imperial Theater on Broadway.

Kwame In 1966, Nkrumah, the first president of Ghana, was overthrown in a military coup while he was visiting Beijing; he was replaced by Joseph Arthur Ankrah.

In 1975, the Congressional Budget Office, charged with providing independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues, began operating under its first director, Alice Rivlin.

In 1992, Nirvana lead singer Kurt Cobain married Hole lead vocalist Courtney Love in Hawaii.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Dominic Chianese is 86. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 85. Opera singer-director Renata Scotto is 83. Singer Joanie Sommers is 76. Former Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., is 75. Actor Barry Bostwick is 72. Actor Edward James Olmos is 70. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 70. Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 67. Actress Debra Jo Rupp is 66. Actress Helen Shaver is 66. News anchor Paula Zahn is 61. Baseball Hall of Famer Eddie Murray is 61. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 59. Actor Mark Moses is 59. Actress Beth Broderick is 58. Singer Michelle Shocked is 55. Actor Billy Zane is 51. Rock musician Matt McGinley (Gym Class

Thought for Today: "Be kind to unkind people — they need it the most."— Ashleigh Brilliant, Englishborn American writer.

Heroes) is 34.

















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