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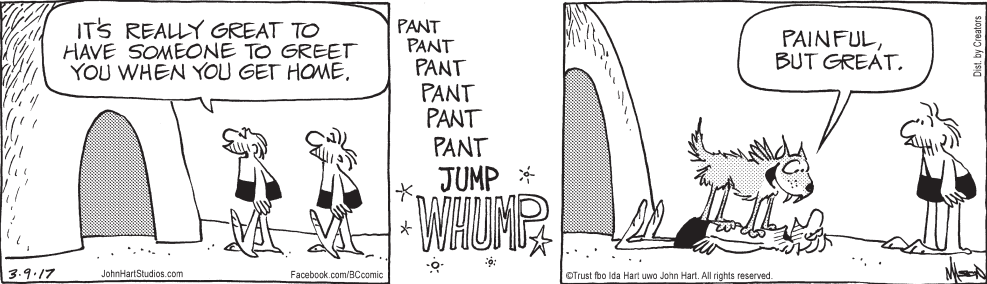
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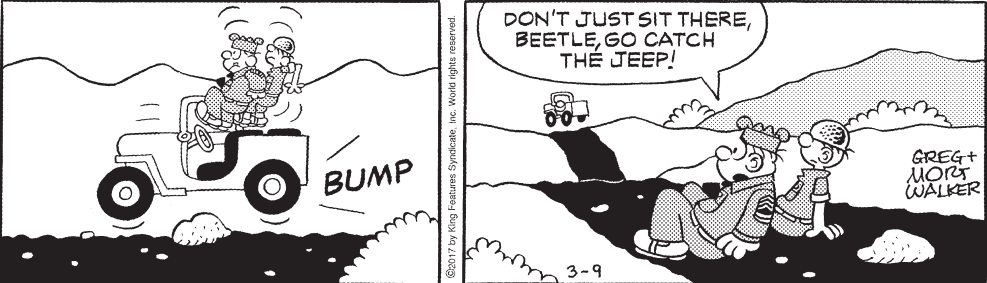
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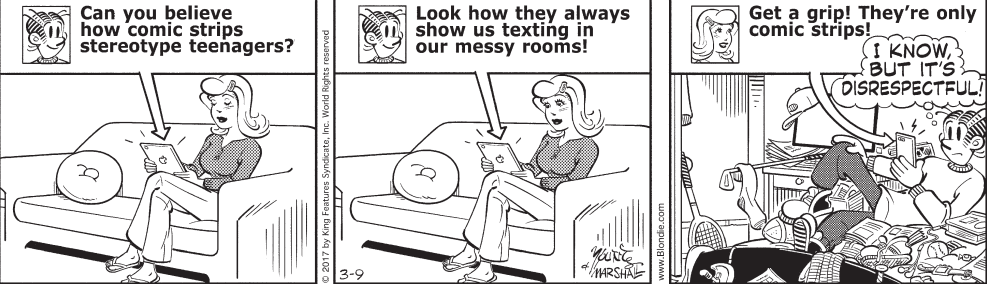
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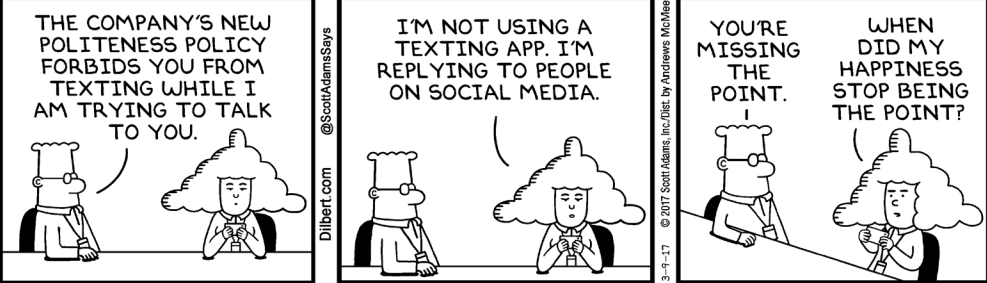
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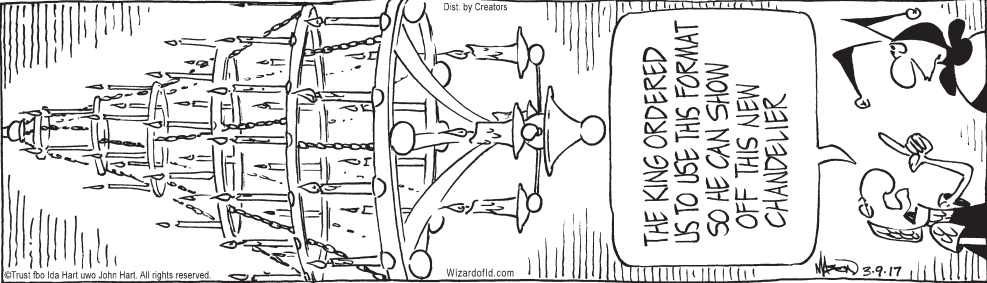
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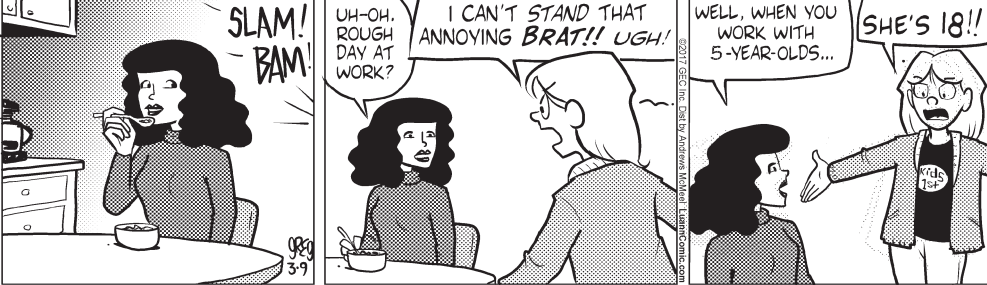
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DEAR ABBY

Jilted husband also feels abandoned by two daughters

Dear Abby: I am a father of two girls. Both of them no longer see, talk to or contact me. I'm divorced from their mother. She cheated on me after she went back to work and met a man she decided was her soul mate. That was 17 years ago. I haven't talked to or seen my ex in all those years, and slowly both daughters distanced themselves from me until there was no relationship at all.

On Father's Day, my birthday or Christmas I never hear a word from either one. I tried numerous times to be a father to them. My youngest was recently married and didn't invite me to her big wedding. I had been saving money over the years in case one of them needed help with a home or wedding.

I have to say I am hurt. What could I have done to be a father when they didn't want me in their lives? I talk to people and they keep telling me stories similar to mine. Is this common? — **Rejected Dad Out West**

Dear Dad: Let me put it this way: It's not unheard of. Something called "parental alienation" sometimes happens in bitter divorces, when one parent poisons the children's minds against the other. If I had to guess the reason for it in your case, it would be that your ex didn't want the girls to know the reason for the divorce was her infidelity.

There is nothing you can do about it now, because a mindset and a pattern have been set. Had you insisted on counseling for you and the girls when you realized the distancing was happening, you might have kept the lines



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

of communication open. Things may improve one day when your daughters have children who are curious about meeting you, but in the meantime, for your own sake, please go on with your life and don't dwell on your disappointment.

Dear Abby: I'm a 13-year-old girl who is blessed to have both sets of grandparents alive and healthy. Recently, my dad's mother has become very quiet and reserved at social events. She was never the "I

need to talk to everyone" type, but at the last few family gatherings she wouldn't involve herself in a long conversation with anyone. When my other grandparents tried to talk to her, her answers were curt and it was obvious she would rather not talk.

At first we thought it was because of my baby cousin, who cried nearly every time my grandmother held her. Thankfully, that has stopped. Other family members have noticed her behavior, and we are unsure of what may be causing it. — **Silent Treatment In New York**

Dear Silent Treatment: Your grandmother may be upset about something, and her refusal to talk could be her way of expressing her displeasure, or she may be having a personal problem she's not ready to discuss. Because other family members have noticed and are commenting about it, your parents should tell your grandfather that the family is concerned and ask him for an explanation, because he may be in a position to shed some light on it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 9, 1917

There was a little flurry of excitement in the First National Bank last evening when the celluloid keys of the adding machine caught fire from some unknown cause. It was after banking hours but the clerical force was still working. It is believed that a coal from the janitor's pipe fell on the inflammable keys. In a minute the whole top of the machine was afire, the flames shooting up four feet. The fire was easily extinguished.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 9, 1967

Hermiston city police cracked down on minors in possession of alcoholic liquor with a new weapon over the weekend—impounding of cars in which there were minors and liquor. Police apprehended 16 juveniles, two of them girls, and ten of them in the 18-21 age group, and impounded four vehicles over the

weekend. Police Chief Pollard said support of this control measure is widely divided. The crackdown, he said, is the result of numerous complaints received by the police of minors drinking alcoholic liquor and loud parties in the city and rural areas around Hermiston.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 9, 1992

Oregon State Police were unable to locate a man suspected in the attempted abduction of a child from Til Taylor Park in Pendleton on Saturday. Joe Sullivan called the Pendleton OSP from a phone booth outside the OSP office at 5:27 p.m. Saturday, reporting that a male subject had attempted to abduct one of his children. Sullivan reported that the subject had already left the scene after other children at the park attacked the subject. Officers arrived a short time later, but were unable to locate the man who was last seen walking toward Southeast Byers Avenue from Southeast Court Avenue.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 68th day of 2017. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1841, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. The Amistad, ruled in favor of a group of Africans captured by U.S. authorities after they had seized control of a Spanish schooner, La Amistad, that was transporting them to a life of slavery in Cuba; the justices ruled, 7-1, that the Africans had been illegally enslaved, and should be set free.

On this date:
In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple later divorced.)
In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Virginia.
In 1907, Indiana's General Assembly passed America's first involuntary sterilization law, one aimed at "confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles, and rapists" in state custody. (This law was struck down in 1921 by the Indiana Supreme Court, but a new law was

passed in 1927 that was repealed in 1974.)

In 1916, more than 400 Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 Americans. During the First World War, Germany declared war on Portugal.

In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers began launching incendiary bomb attacks against Tokyo, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, raised the standard for public officials to prove they'd been libeled in their official capacity by news organizations.

In 1997, gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace) was killed in a still-unsolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Sen. James L. Buckley, Conservative-N.Y., is 94. Singer-actress Keely Smith is 89. Singer Lloyd Price is 84. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 83. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 81. Actress Trish Van Devere is 76. Singer-musician John Cale (The Velvet Underground) is 75. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 75. Former ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 74. Rock musician Robin Trower is 72. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 69. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 69. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 68. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 66. TV newscaster Faith Daniels is 60. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 59. Actor Tom Amandes is 58. Actor-director Lonny Price is 58. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) is 49. Rock musician Shannon Leto (30 Seconds to Mars) is 47. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 46. Actor Oscar Isaac is 38. aRock musician Chad Gilbert (New Found Glory) is 36.

Thought for Today:

"Conscience is the perfect interpreter of life." — *Karl Barth, Swiss theologian (1886-1966).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

