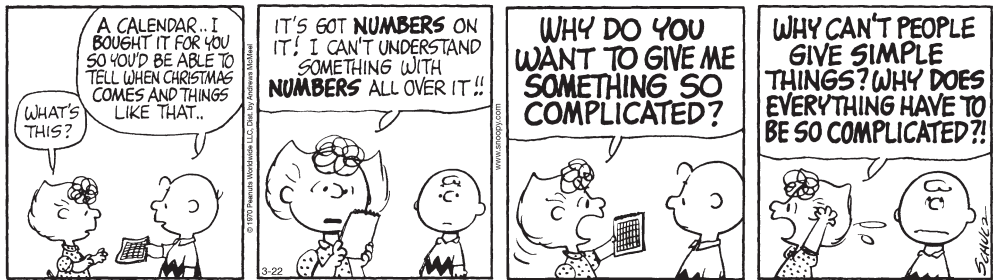


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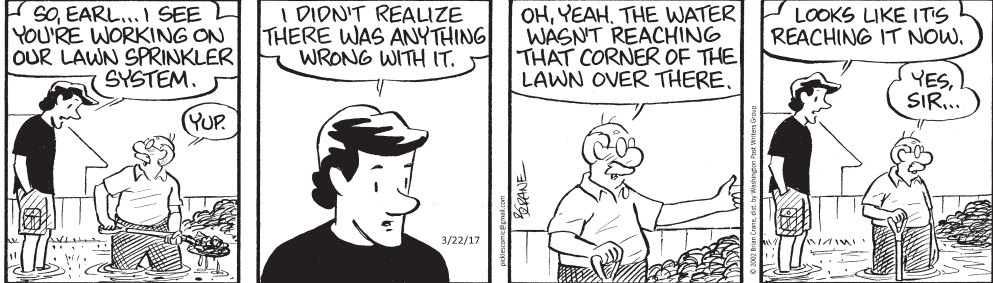
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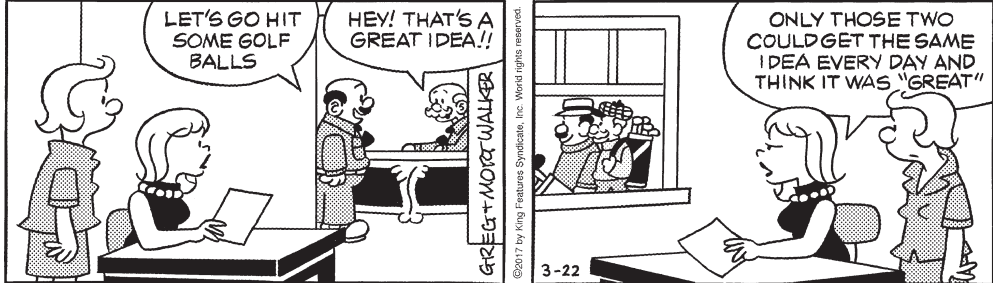
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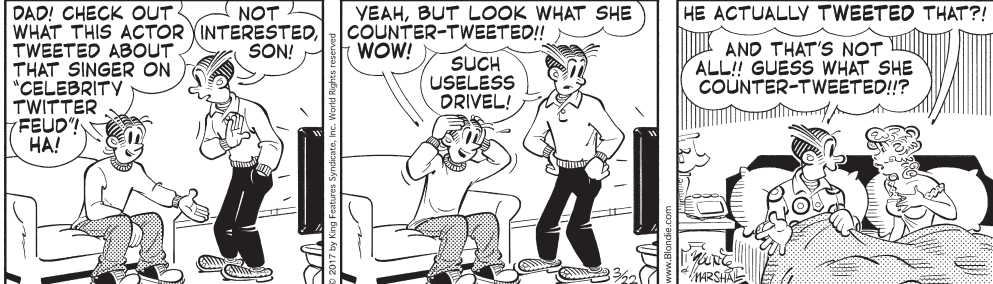
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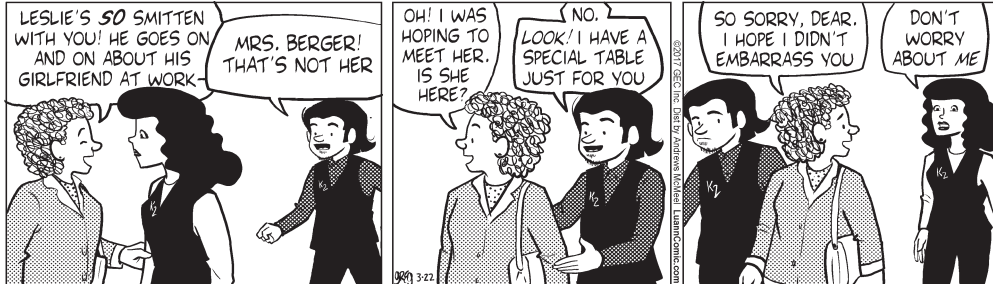
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DEAR ABBY

Mom must bear son-in-law for the sake of her daughter



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I'm not proud to write this, but I don't like my son-in-law. I think the feeling is mutual. He's arrogant and thinks he knows everything.

My daughter and I had a close bond before she married him. That quickly changed. She barely comes to my house anymore, and I don't see my grandkids as often as I'd like. I don't have a car (I'm working on that), and I rely on them for transportation. I don't like going to their house because I don't feel wanted.

I tolerate my son-in-law because I know my daughter loves him and I try hard to stay out of their business. What advice can you offer me? — **Wishing Things Were Better**

Dear Wishing: Has it occurred to you that your daughter may be hurt or uncomfortable because she knows you dislike her husband? If he makes your daughter happy and is a good father to your grandchildren, give him points for that, and be glad you aren't the one who has to live with him.

You don't have to love him, but you must maintain a cordial relationship if only for your daughter's sake. Keep working on getting that car so you'll have your own transportation when you need it, and your visit won't be perceived as an imposition.

Dear Abby: My son is angry to the point of rage that my daughter is dating his best friend, "Ron." He says his sister "betrayed him" because when she and Ron broke up, she promised never to date another of his friends again, but went back to dating Ron. He also blames my husband and me for encouraging them. They are only 18 months

apart in age.

We have shared that we understand his feelings of loss regarding his friend, but we don't think there's anything wrong with her dating Ron. I don't think anything will make him feel better except them breaking up again, and that doesn't look like it will happen.

My son is 22 and my daughter is 20. This is ruining the once close-knit family we had. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated. — **Mess**

On The East Coast

Dear Mess: Your son may be 22, but he needs to grow up. If he values his friendship with Ron, he will have to accept that he cannot control the love lives of others, and the person he is punishing with the stance he has taken is himself. It's time for you to step back. You and your spouse will be better off if you stop allowing your adult son's tantrum(s) to affect you.

Dear Abby: While dining in a fancy restaurant recently, I noticed a woman sitting a few tables away who had a number of tattoos on her arms and elsewhere. When she came by, I politely asked her what one of them meant. My wife was furious! Did I do something wrong? — **Inquiring Question**

Dear Inquiring: Tattoos often have deeply personal meanings to the wearer. Although some individuals might welcome the opportunity to explain them to a stranger, others would not because the tat may commemorate a very personal — or sad — milestone. Your wife may have become upset because she felt the question was presumptuous.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 22, 1917

The third safe robbery in Umatilla county within the present month was pulled off in Hermiston successfully last night when robbers forced entrance to the postoffice building, blew open the safe and made their escape in a handcar with about \$50 in cash and \$100 in stamps. Entrance to the building had been gained by use of a crowbar and other tools stolen from the blacksmith shop. A hole had been drilled in the safe door and it is supposed nitroglycerine was used in blowing open the door. No one heard the explosion. Sheriff Taylor came down this morning and is trying to pick up the trail.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 22, 1967

Work began Monday on changing a two block section of downtown Pendleton into a mall. City engineer Val Toronto said that during the first phases of painting out old markings and painting in new ones, sections of Main Street being converted into a mall will be closed for 24 hours a day. Once the

painting is done, however, the street will be opened to traffic during the evenings and on weekends. The mall is just a temporary one that will include two blocks of Main Street from Court Avenue to Emigrant Avenue. The purpose of the temporary mall is to give everyone a chance to see what a mall would be like before any move is made to install a permanent one.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 22, 1992

The early arrival of spring-like weather enabled Hermiston farmer Tom Able to plant watermelons, cantaloupes and tomatoes Thursday, the last official day of winter. He hopes to harvest vine-sweetened produce — particularly watermelons — in time to help residents celebrate the nation's birthday on the Fourth of July. Only once since the farm was started by Tom Able Sr. in 1954 have watermelons been picked and sold before Independence Day. That was five years ago when about 100 melons were harvested. This year, though, with cooperative weather and new growing methods, Able hopes to harvest some 8,000 to 10,000 melons in early July.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 81st day of 2017. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 22, 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.)

On this date:

In 1638, religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for defying Puritan orthodoxy.

In 1894, hockey's first Stanley Cup championship game was played; home team Montreal defeated Ottawa, 3-1.

In 1929, a U.S. Coast Guard vessel sank a Canadian-registered schooner, the I'm Alone, which was suspected of carrying bootleg liquor, in the Gulf of Mexico.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent

alcohol legal.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state officially went into operation.

In 1958, movie producer Mike Todd, the husband of actress Elizabeth Taylor, and three other people, were killed in the crash of Todd's private plane near Grants, New Mexico.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson named Gen. William C. Westmoreland to be the U.S. Army's new Chief of Staff.

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotel towers in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1987, a garbage barge, carrying 3,200 tons of refuse, left Islip, New York, on a six-month journey in search of a place to unload. (The barge was turned away by several states and three other countries until space was found back in Islip.)

Today's Birthdays:

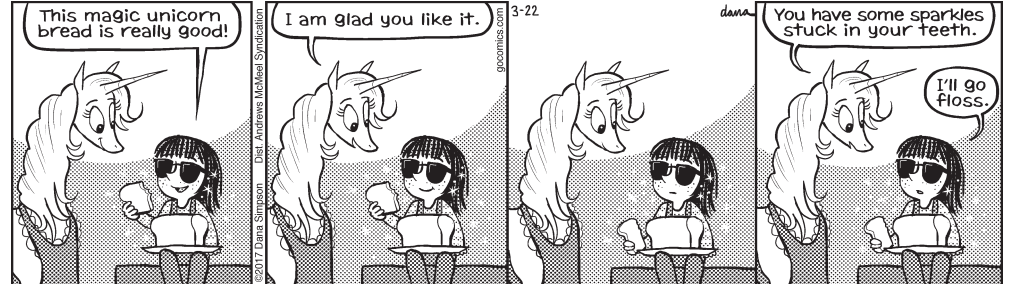
Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 87. Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 87. Actor William Shatner is 86. Senate President Pro Tempore Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, is 83. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 82. Actor-singer Jeremy Clyde is 76. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 74. Writer James Patterson is 70. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 69. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 69. Actress Fanny Ardant is 68. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 65. Country singer James House is 62. Actress Lena Olin is 62. Singer-actress Stephanie Mills is 60. Actor Matthew Modine is 58. Country musician Tim Beeler is 49. Actor-comedian Keegan-Michael Key is 46. Actor Will Yun Lee ("Hawaii Five-0") is 46. Actress Reese Witherspoon is 41.

Thought for Today:

"Kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve." — Joseph Joubert, French moralist (1754-1824).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

