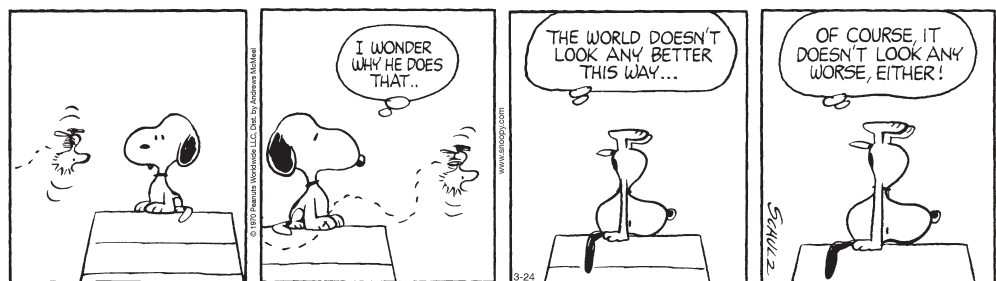


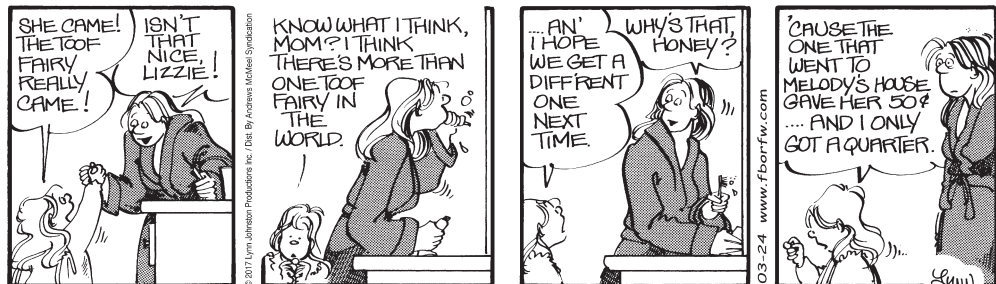
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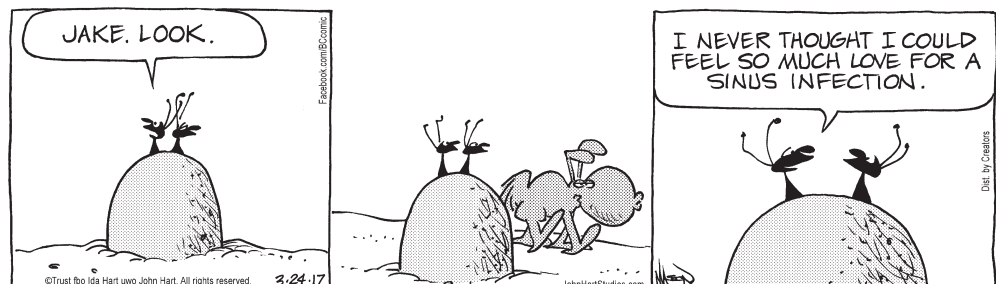
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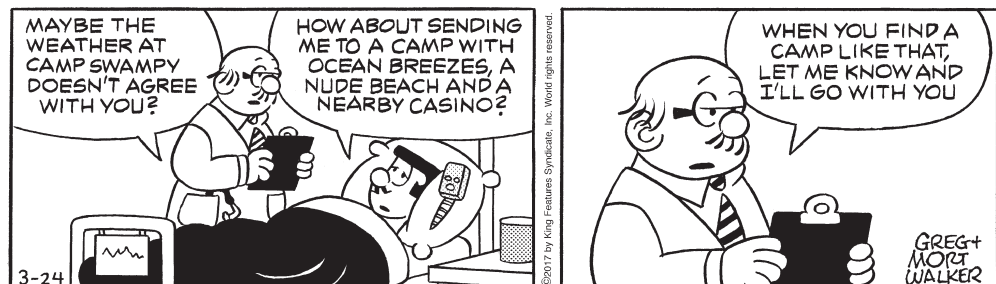
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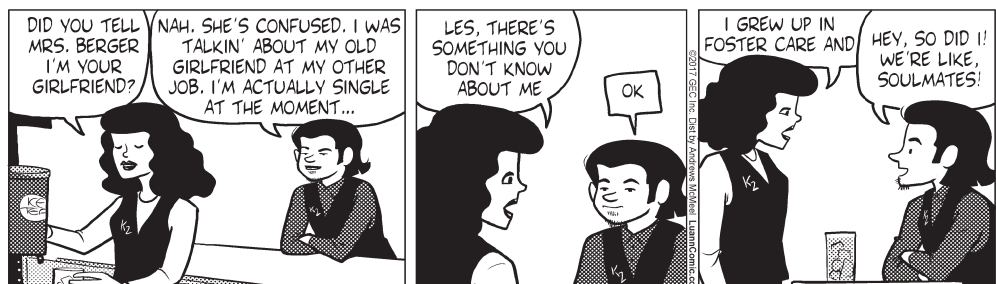
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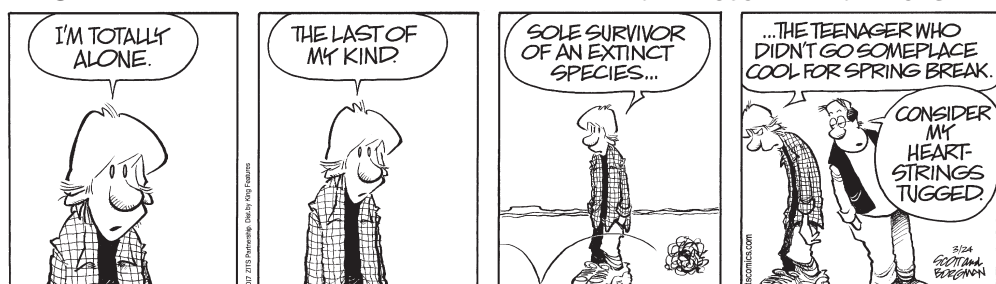
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DEAR ABBY

Mom's adult children are slow to embrace her new husband

Dear Abby: I lost my husband a few years ago and am now remarried. Some of my adult children, although they did not want me to be alone and they "say" they are happy for me, have been slow in welcoming my new husband.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

We employ our 16-year-old niece to watch our boys, ages 8 and 10, during the summer and school breaks. We pay her well to come to our home and watch them eight hours a day.

I in no way expect him to be a replacement for their father. I only wish they would welcome him into their lives as they would anyone else's spouse. They don't have to love him. I ask only that they respect him and acknowledge that he's part of my life now.

To me, a cousin sleepover isn't something that should be charged for. Their children have come to our house for years for sleepovers, and I never charged them.

He has tried on numerous occasions to show an interest in their lives, but he receives little acknowledgment in return. His children have welcomed me into their lives. This has strained and changed my relationship with my children.

Is this OK? And if not, how do we refuse? We have already told her we prefer the boys to be watched at our home, so they receive one-on-one time. What do you think about this? — Cousin Sleepover

I just want a family again. Is it asking too much of them to accept my husband as part of the family and to treat him that way? — Missing My Family In Florida

Dear C.S.: What do I think? I think you have been taken advantage of. A baby sitter is hired when there is no adult in the home to supervise the children. If your nephew's mother can't be home when your boys have been invited for a sleepover, the person who should pay for the baby sitter is her — not you.

Dear Missing: Have you told your children that the cool reception they have given your husband is harmful not only to him but also to you? If you have and they are still unable to warm up to him, it's time to concentrate your efforts on building closer relationships with those relatives who are willing to be more welcoming.

Dear Abby: I am a step-grandfather. Must I go to a grandchild's church performances even though I'm an atheist? — Command Performance In Oregon

Remember, we can't change other people. We can, however, change ourselves, and by doing so, change the way we REACT to them.

Dear Command: If you want a close and loving relationship with your grandchild (notice I didn't say "step-"), you should absolutely be present to encourage and support that child!

Dear Abby: I have a family dilemma.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 24, 1917

A small boy in the city this morning found a satchel in which he discovered what he thought was a large dead lizard. He took it to the office of Major Lee Moorhouse and upon examination it was found to be a gila monster, the poisonous lizard of Arizona. It had probably died on the hands of some showman who had thrown it away here. It is about a foot long and marked with orange spots. Major Moorhouse will have it mounted.

a full-fledged agency of its own and not as a sub-agency of the Warm Springs Indians. Duck said one thing the new status will do for his office will give it a more direct and quicker access to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 24, 1967

Making the Umatilla Indian sub-agency a full agency will amount to little more than a name change at the present, but will give the local Indians a big morale boost. Harold Duck, assistant superintendent who will now be known as superintendent of the Umatilla Indian Agency, said this action means that the local Indian tribe will be recognized as

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 24, 1992

The Umatilla County Veterans' Service officer has been placed on administrative leave since the release of a report alleging that his office is in "logistical and administrative disarray." Lorin O'Gara, the county's veterans' service officer since July 1990, will meet with the Umatilla County Commissioners on Wednesday to discuss his future with the county. At the request of the commissioners, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs conducted a review of O'Gara's office March 10, and found that as many as 75 veterans' claims filed in the last six months had not been processed. Reached at his home Monday, O'Gara said he would not comment until after the Wednesday meeting with commissioners.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 83rd day of 2017. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

On this date:

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1913, New York's Palace Theatre, the legendary home of vaudeville, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that had killed 32 German soldiers.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in

Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1965, Ranger 9, a lunar probe launched three days earlier by NASA, crashed into the moon (as planned) after sending back more than 5,800 video images.

In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military. British war hero Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, 88, died in Alton, Hampshire, England.

In 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil.

In 1997, at the 69th Annual Academy Awards, "The English Patient" won best picture and director (Anthony Minghella); Frances McDormand won best actress for "Fargo" while Geoffrey Rush won best actor for "Shine."

In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country.

Today's Birthdays:

Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti is 98. Actor William Smith is 84. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 78. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 73. Former Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire is 70. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 69. Singer Nick Lowe is 68. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 66. Fashion designer Tommy Hilfger is 66. Comedian Louie Anderson is 64. Actress Donna Pescow is 63. Actor Robert Caradine is 63. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is 61. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 57. Country-rock musician Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers) is 53. NFL quarterback Peyton Manning is 41. Actress Lake Bell is 38.

Thought for Today: "Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will — his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals." — Albert Schweitzer, German-born missionary and Nobel laureate (1875-1965).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

