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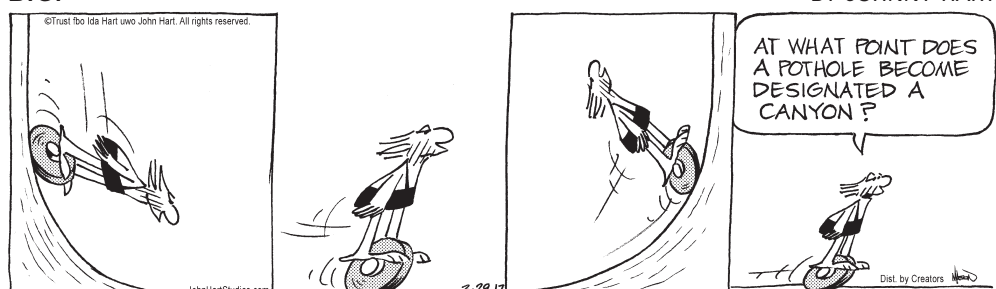
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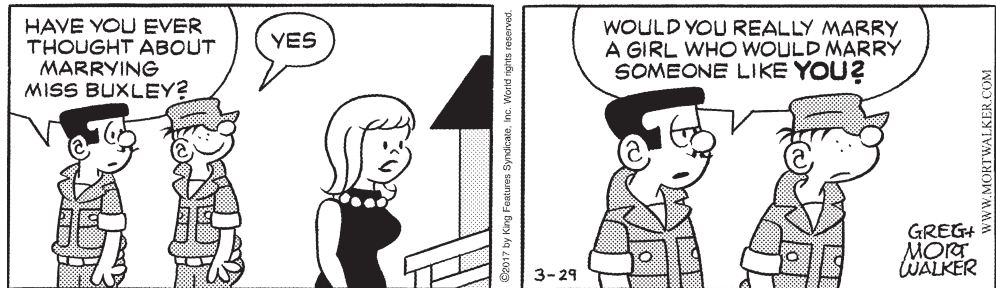
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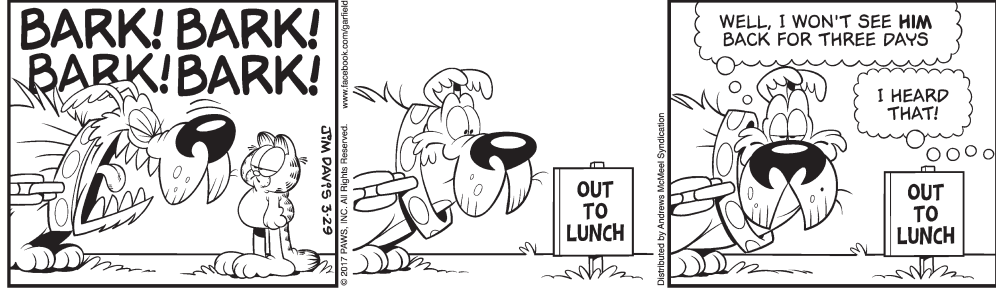
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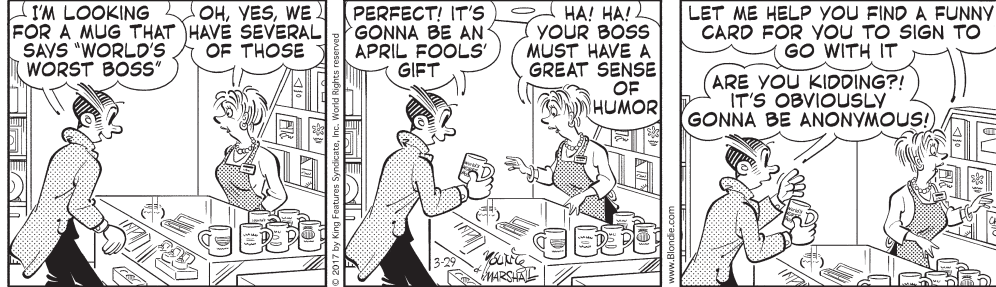
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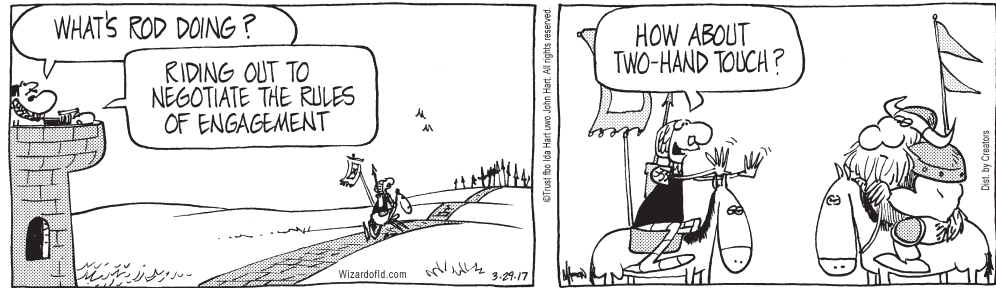
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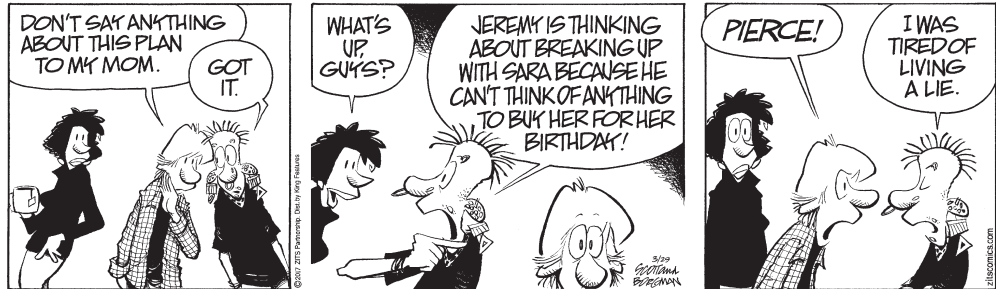
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DEAR ABBY

Abused wife wants to escape but is afraid to be on her own

Dear Abby: I've been married to my second husband for 14 years. He's a great provider, but mentally and emotionally abusive.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

had a baby girl, our first. We both work full-time, but my husband is gone nights and weekends and I'm the primary parent at home with our daughter.

I want to leave him, but I'm scared to live on my own. We both work, but he makes a lot of money — which I do not — so I guess you can say, financially I'm comfortable. But I'm miserable. I'm so unhappy I have tried to take my life.

He wanted us to be swingers and I finally gave in, and now it's all I hear about. I don't want to do it, but he doesn't care what I want. His kids are mean and disrespectful. We have no kids together (which I want but can't have, and he won't adopt).

I feel like I'm wasting my life. I'm 43. I had to have emergency surgery and almost didn't make it, and he resented me for it. Why can't I leave him? Why am I so scared? I have no other family. — Wasting Away In The South

Dear Wasting Away: You said it yourself: You are scared to live on your own. Some people are afraid of the unknown, and you appear to be one of them. Because your husband has been coercing you into having sex with other men, I recommend you contact a support organization such as RAINN (www.rainn.org); its toll-free phone number is 800-656-HOPE (4673). Someone there can guide you in making an escape plan.

I also urge you to talk about this with an attorney, because you should not be penniless if you leave. What your husband has been doing is a form of spousal abuse, and between you and me, it shouldn't take more than five seconds of self-evaluation to conclude that you would be better off without him.

Dear Abby: My husband and I recently

compliment my husband repeatedly, and he's the first to give all the credit to me, but I feel like they don't think I'm doing a good job and it makes me feel bad. Am I being too sensitive? — Criticized All The Time

Dear Criticized: It is possible that in making these comments, your in-laws are simply trying to be helpful. Instead of regarding them as criticism, take them under consideration.

However, if your hurt feelings persist, you — or your husband — should point out to his parents that in trying to be helpful, they have forgotten to be supportive, and mention some of the things you are doing right.

Dear Readers: Today, I'm proud to announce the launch of an exciting new scholarship program for aspiring young writers. The Dear Abby College Columnist Scholarship Program and Contest, administered by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists Education Foundation, will recognize and encourage the work of undergraduates writing bylined columns for their college newspapers. For more information about the contest, visit dearabby.com/scholarship/interview, or submit an entry at dearabby.com/scholarship. — Abby

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 29, 1917

Pendleton Aerie No. 28, Fraternal Order of Eagles, is coming to the front with a display of practical patriotism. Not only has a call been issued for a general participation in the patriotic parade Thursday evening by the membership of the lodge, but the lodge has passed resolutions pledging itself to take care of the dues and keep in good standing all members who may enlist and be called to the front during the present crisis with Germany. The aerie now has a membership of considerably more than 300 active men of the community and is constantly growing. It is expected that a number of the younger members will soon be offering their services to their county should the need arise.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 29, 1967

A Union Pacific Railroad brakeman suffered a broken leg in a freak accident Tuesday evening while switching in the Pendleton yard. J.W. Powell, 59, of Pendleton was taken to St. Anthony Hospital shortly after 8 p.m. for treatment of a compound fracture

of his left leg. A Union Pacific official said that Powell was connecting a car to a switch engine and was adjusting the air hose when it broke loose and cracked into his leg. The air hose was under 90 pounds pressure.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 29, 1992

The rich, sandy loam in Stanfield accommodates acre after acre of potatoes, watermelons, corn and wheat. It produces tomatoes, peas, carrots and peppers. And now, a Dutch family is convinced, it will yield fields of lilies as well. Jerry Vandersolm, whose father started bulb farming in the Netherlands more than 60 years ago, came to America in 1980 and started growing lilies near Woodland, Wash. Four years ago, Vandersolm contracted with farmers in the Stanfield-Hermiston area to try lilies as a rotation crop with wheat and corn. And although yields weren't up to par, he recognized the region's potential for producing marketable bulbs. Vandersolm has hired Shawn Pinney, who last year found himself out of a job when Oregon Bulb Farms, producer of 60 percent of the nation's flower bulbs, declared bankruptcy for the second time.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 88th day of 2017. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1867, Britain's Parliament passed, and Queen Victoria signed, the British North America Act creating the Dominion of Canada, which came into being the following July.

On this date: In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Virginia.

In 1792, Sweden's King Gustav III died, nearly two weeks after he had been shot and mortally wounded by an assassin during a masquerade party.

In 1912, British explorer Robert Falcon Scott, his doomed expedition stranded in an Antarctic blizzard after

failing to be the first to reach the South Pole, wrote the last words of his journal: "For Gods sake look after our people."

In 1936, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler claimed overwhelming victory in a plebiscite on his policies.

In 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in New York of conspiracy to commit espionage for the Soviet Union. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time. (Johnny Carson debuted as host the following October.)

In 1992, Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged experimenting with marijuana "a time or two" while attending Oxford University, adding, "I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again."

Today's Birthdays:

Author Judith Guest is 81. Former British Prime Minister Sir John Major is 74. Comedian Eric Idle is 74. Composer Vangelis is 74. Basketball Hall of Famer Walt Frazier is 72. Singer Bobby Kimball (Toto) is 70. Actor Bud Cort is 69. Actor Brendan Gleeson is 62. Actor Christopher Lawford is 62. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Earl Campbell is 62. Actress Marina Sirtis is 62. International Gymnastics Hall of Famer Kurt Thomas is 61. Actor Christopher Lambert is 60. Comedian-actress Amy Sedaris is 56. Rock singer-musician John Popper (Blues Traveler) is 50. Actress Lucy Lawless is 49. Country singer Regina Leigh (Regina Regina) is 49.

Thought for Today: "To silence criticism is to silence freedom." — Sidney Hook, American philosopher and author (1902-1989).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

