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FOR BETTER OR WORSE









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PICKLES

I GOT YOUR PANTS

AWAY FROM ROSCOE

NOW YOU CAN GIVE

ME MINE BACK.





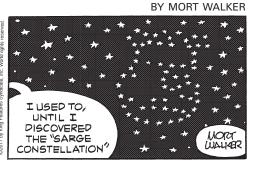


















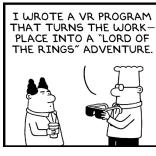
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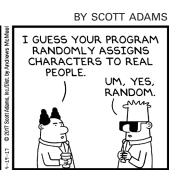




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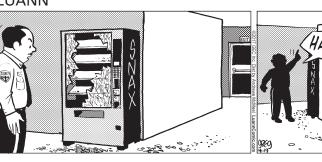




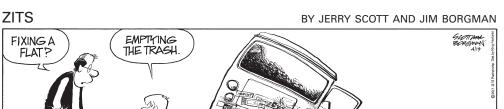




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DEAR ABBY

Wife used to swinging free now feels one string attached

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been into swinging for 20 years. Everything has always been "no strings attached." I was with one man several times before he married his current wife. She's very religious, not into swinging and doesn't know he is.

I'm so attracted to "Nick" that I dream about him and have met him outside our marriages. I know it's wrong, but I can't keep him out of my mind. My husband doesn't know, and I know it would hurt him deeply.

Should I tell Nick, or quit writing him on our swinging site? — **Despair Down South**

Dear Despair: And what have you to gain by revealing your feelings? If you think it would make Nick leave his wife, forget it. Because you know it would hurt your husband - although I'm having trouble understanding why, because you're swingers — I recommend you refrain from causing him pain. Dear Abby: My family has been put in

a difficult position. Last year, a woman my brother had a one-night-stand with became pregnant. I have heard from more than one person that she's known as the town tramp or 'crazy.'

We're sure she planned it because he makes a good living and can support the child financially, and she insisted on keeping the baby. My brother, God bless him, is doing what's necessary, although having a child with a woman he has come to despise weighs heavily on him.

How should we, his family, handle this? At this point, I have no interest in laying eyes

on her or her baby, blood kin or not. I feel no affinity for the child because

JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I know my brother didn't want it. Maybe in time, I could find a way to know this child, but for now my anger prevents it. — Livid Sister In Texas

Dear Livid: None of this is the fault of the baby. No one forced

your brother to sleep with the "town tramp." I respect him for living up to his responsibilities to his child. You have nothing to lose by being

kind to your nephew/niece and his/ her mother. Frankly, it appears she could use befriending, and in the years ahead that baby may need a stabilizing female influence.

Dear Abby: My new father-in-law always greets me with a hug and a kiss on the mouth. I come from a family who doesn't kiss on the lips, and I find it extremely awkward. I'm not sure how to handle the situation. I don't want to bring it up to him because

I'm afraid it would be offensive. I have mentioned it to my husband, who kind of shrugged it off, saying his father is "old school." I have started turning my head when we greet so that he hits my cheek instead of my mouth. Please advise me on how to deal with this. — Turning A Cheek In Michigan

Dear Turning: I think you're handling the situation well. If your father-in-law asks why you're turning your head, all you have to do is smile and say you save kisses on the mouth for your husband.

P.S. I don't know what "old school" your father-in-law attended, but I wouldn't set foot on that campus.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian **April 19, 1917**

To carry on the work which the special food preparedness train outlined here yesterday, a campaign is to be undertaken at once, under the direction of the Commercial association, to make certain that every bit of available ground in the city is utilized for gardening purposes. The details of the campaign have not yet been worked out but a meeting has been called for 4 o'clock this afternoon to lay definite plans to list all vacant lots and tracts and secure someone who will put these utilized spots to garden. The meetings conducted by the members of the food preparedness party here yesterday were well attended both afternoon and evening and any practical suggestions for beating the high cost of living and for assisting the country to meet the food demands imposed by the war were given out.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian **April 19, 1967**

A protest demonstration planned by local

teenagers against the Pendleton Park-and-Shop Mall on Main Street, scheduled for Monday afternoon, failed to materialize. Students had earlier informed news media they were going to hold a protest demonstration on the mall after school. Teenagers have expressed displeasure with the mall because they claim it prevents them from dragging Main Street. The mall does not permit block to block through traffic.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 19, 1992

The mail came by train and stamps cost 3 cents when Eugene Berry began working at the Echo Post Office almost 34 years ago. He's still there today, but not for long. Berry is ready to turn his back on the two-room building where he's logged about 70,000 hours through the years, and greeted every patron in the area by name for as long as most people can remember. After May 1, Berry, 62, won't be thinking about opening and closing the post office doors. Instead, he'll be thinking about which hobby he wants to start on — gardening or carpentry.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 109th day of 2017. There are 256 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in

History: On April 19, 1967,

Kathrine Switzer became the first woman to run the Boston Marathon (at that time, a men-only event) under an official number by registering without mentioning her gender; by her own estimate, she finished in 4 hours and 20 minutes. (Bobbi Gibb, running unofficially the second time, finished in 3:27:17.) Former West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer died at age 91.

On this date:

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was held; winner John J. McDermott ran the course in two hours, 55 minutes and 10 seconds.

In 1935, the Universal Pictures horror film "Bride of Frankenstein," starring Boris Karloff with Elsa Lanchester in the title role, had its world premiere in San Francisco.

In 1943, during World War

II. tens of thousands of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto began

a valiant but ultimately futile battle against Nazi forces. In 1951, Gen. Douglas

MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Harry S. Truman, bade farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never

die; they just fade away.' In 1966. Bobbi Gibb. 23. became the first woman to run the Boston Marathon at a time when only men were allowed to participate. (Gibb jumped into the middle of the pack after the sound of the starting pistol and finished in 3:21:40.)

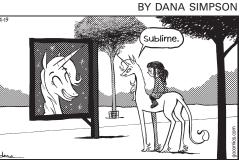
In 1977, the Supreme Court, in Ingraham v. Wright, ruled 5-4 that even severe spanking of schoolchildren by faculty members did not violate the Eighth Amendment ban against cruel and unusual punishment.

In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including sect leader David Koresh, were killed.

Ioday's Birthdays: Actress Elinor Donahue is 80. Rock musician Alan Price (The Animals) is 75. Actor Tim Curry is 71. Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 70. Actor Tony Plana is 65. Former tennis player Sue Barker is 61. Motorsports Hall of Famer Al Unser Jr. is 55. Actor Tom Wood is 54. Recording executive Suge Knight is 52. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams is 50. Actress Ashley Judd is 49. Singer Bekka Bramlett is 49. Latin pop singer Luis Miguel is 47. Actress Jennifer Taylor is 45. Actor James Franco is 39. Actress Kate Hudson is 38. Actor Hayden Christensen is 36. Actress Catalina Sandino Moreno is 36 Roots rock musician Steve Johnson (Alabama Shakes) is 32.

Thought for Today: "There is a Law that man should love his neighbor as himself. In a few hundred years it should be as natural to mankind as breathing or the upright gait; but if he does not learn it he must perish." Alfred Adler, Austrian psychoanalyst (1870-1937).





BIG NATE





