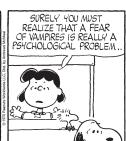
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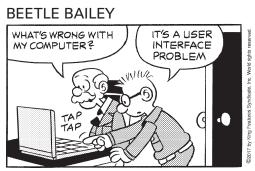


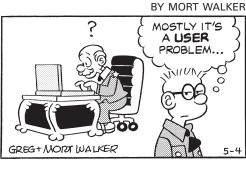


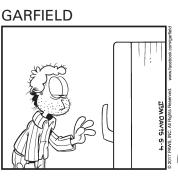
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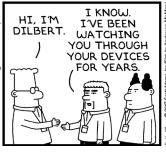


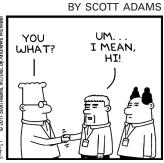




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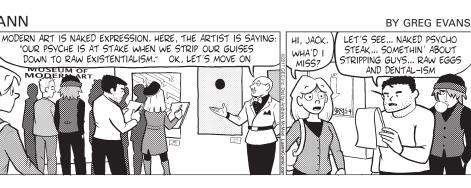
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DEAR ABBY

Sister can't watch as brother's bullying wife calls the shots

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Advice

Dear Abby: My brother has been married for 11 years to a woman who is very controlling. She's 32, he's 38, and they have two kids.

She has all the traits of a bully. She decided if, when and how they got married, whether to have kids, when and how many. She also decides what he wears and what friends he has. She doesn't allow him to socialize with his friends, controls his work schedule, home schedule, etc. When things don't go her way, she yells and screams.

I'm afraid this unhealthy relationship is beginning to affect their kids. I hate to see him taken advantage of. What can I do or say to him to help him be more assertive? Or should I talk to her instead? — Concerned Sister

Dear Concerned Sister: You can't wave

a magic wand and make someone who isn't assertive be assertive. Nowhere in your letter did you mention that your brother has confided that he's unhappy with his wife running things. If he does, suggest he talk to a psychologist for tips on how to change the dynamic in his marriage. If not, you should

Dear Abby: I am a man in my 70s. I want to be married. I have never been, but I have always wanted the experience of a wedding.

The bulk of my life has been spent acquiring five graduate degrees beyond high school. I have terminated several long-term relationships and had two failed engagements. Is there any hope for a wedding for me

before my Maker calls? — Forlorn In The

Dear Forlorn: You may yearn for the

experience of a wedding, but have you considered what responsibilities may come afterward? Weddings are expensive, but divorce can be even more so.

I find it interesting that you would ask this question without mentioning that you had a particular love interest in mind. Until you figure out why you have a history of failed relationships, I do not think you should rush to the altar. Throw a nice party instead.

Dear Abby: I am a 35-year-old woman who is returning to community college after a 10-year absence. I'm disturbed by the lack of respect that some of my classmates show. Many times they show up 30 to 45 minutes late. (The classes are only an hour and 15 minutes long.) Also, some of them constantly talk during the lectures, forcing the teachers to talk over them.

When I was in college the first time, teachers were allowed to deny a student entry to class if they arrived late and to kick students out if they were causing a disturbance. These students are robbing us of our class time because the teacher must make time to let them in, wait for them to stop talking, etc. Is this just me being too serious, or is this a generational problem of parents not raising children to respect others? — Cranky **College Lady**

Dear Cranky: Neither one. It's a case of a teacher not being in control of his/her classroom. Talk to the teacher about how you feel, and to the head of the department if you think new rules should be put in place. Your point is valid.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 4, 1917

The Pendleton Woolen Mills as well as all other mills in the country will be required by the government to help equip the big army being raised, and all mill employees will be expected to remain in their positions rather than enlist. This much was made plain in a letter received this morning by C.M. Bishop of the Pendleton and Washougal mills from Colonel John T. Knight, who has charge of the quartermaster corps of the western division. It is a grave mistake, he writes, for mill employees to enlist in the army, navy or marine corps as they are needed much more in their present positions. He adds that it is just as much the part of patriotism for them to remain a part of the army of production which must supply the army at the front as it is to bear a gun.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 4, 1967

Pendleton's teen-agers are valuable members of the community but some of

them create problems for all, city councilman Robert McKellar said Tuesday after he was criticized in a long letter from the Pendleton High School student body. The letter objected to McKellar's recent comment that "if the teenagers are against the mall, it must be a step in the right direction," to the mall itself and to the East Oregonian's reporting of students trying to organize a march on the mall.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 4, 1992

Water was released from KcKay Reservoir this morning - a full month earlier than normal — to help downstream irrigators quench crops wilting under the stress of summer-like heat. Ron Morris, the Bureau of Reclamation's new irrigation operator and Umatilla River manager, said small releases of 25 cubic feet per second were released at 8:30 this morning. That amount was to increase to 50 cfs this afternoon and will be up to about 100 cfs by Wednesday. The water will be available to farmers downstream in three irrigation districts who have contracts for stored water owned by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Today is the 124th day of 2017. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began in the Pacific during World War II. (The outcome was considered a tactical victory for Imperial Japan, but ultimately a strategic one for the Allies.)

On this date:

In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

In 1830, the Edward Bulwer-Lytton novel "Paul Clifford," with its famous opening, "It was a dark and stormy night...," was first published in London.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1904, the United States took over construction of the Panama Canal from the French.

1916, Germany, responding to an ultimatum from President Woodrow Wilson, agreed to limit submarine warfare. (However, Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare the following year.)

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)

In 1959, the first Grammy Awards ceremony was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Domenico Modugno won Record of the Year and Song of the Year for "Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu (Volare)"; Henry Mancini won Album of the Year for "The Music from Peter Gunn."

In 1961, the first group of 'Freedom Riders' left Washington, D.C., to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

Today's Birthdays: The former president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 89. Katherine Jackson, matriarch of the Jackson musical family, is 87. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 80. Rock musician Dick Dale is 80. Pulitzer Prize-winning political commentator George Will is 76. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia Davison (The Angels) is 73. Actor Richard Jenkins is 70. Country singer Stella Parton is 68. Actor-turnedclergyman Hilly Hicks is 67. Irish musician Darryl Hunt (The Pogues) is 67. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 66. Singer-actress Pia Zadora is 65. Rhythm-andblues singer Oleta Adams is 64. Violinist Soozie Tyrell (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 60. Country singer Randy Travis is 58. Actor Will Arnett is 47. Rock musician Mike Dirnt (Green Day) is 45. Singer Lance Bass ('N Sync) is 38.

Today: Thought for "When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt." – Henry J. Kaiser, American *industrialist* (1882-1967).

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