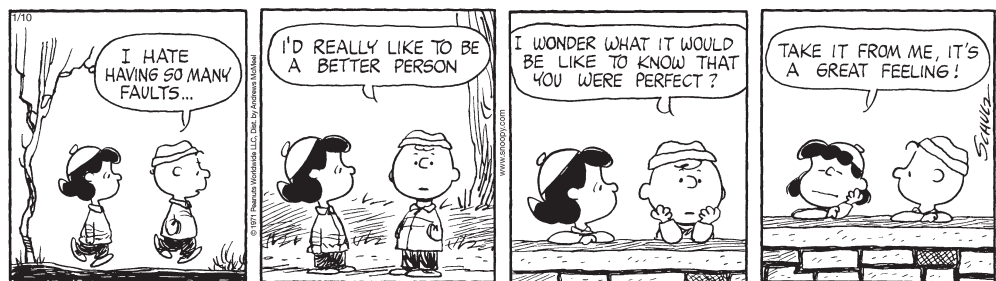


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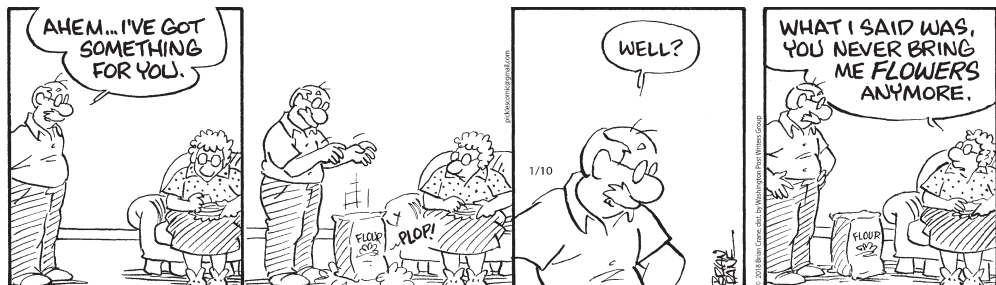
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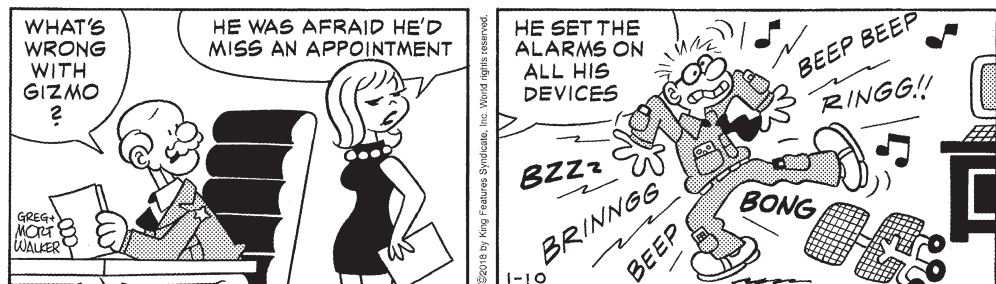
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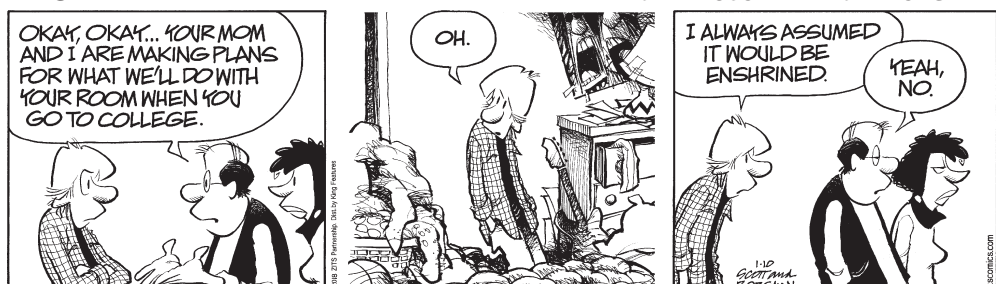
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DEAR ABBY

Wife wants out of husband's fling in swinging lifestyle

Dear Abby: My husband, to whom I've been married since July of 2016, has recently caved in to pressure from friends to participate in "swinger" behavior. He wants me to be included, but I really don't want to.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

The other female has lesbian tendencies that make me uncomfortable. Her boyfriend is juggling two partners at once, alternating nights for each one. My husband has told him he can do whatever he wants in front of us, which I find awkward and embarrassing.

I have known his family for as long as I've known him, which is 20 years. He swore up and down to me that he wouldn't relapse again, but he did and died from an overdose. Austin's family blames me for his death because I didn't answer his calls or messages. How can I explain to them there was nothing I could do? — Fault Isn't Mine

I don't want to be a spoilsport, but I feel he is being unfair to me. How do I put the genie back in the bottle without ruining my marriage and friendships? We've lived together since 2005, and the pressure is getting worse now that we're married. — Not To Swing In The USA

Dear Fault: You were under no ethical or moral obligation to answer Austin's texts or messages after his relapses. Save yourself the frustration of trying to point out the truth to his family. Austin's relatives are in pain right now, and in denial as well. They are blaming you rather than their son because the truth — that Austin was responsible for his own actions and his own death — may be too hard for them to face.

Dear Not To Swing: If your vision of marriage is a union between two people only, then the man you married is not someone with whom you should spend a lifetime. Do not allow yourself to be coerced into anything you are not comfortable with, and that includes threesomes. Much as you might wish it, you are not going to change your husband, which is why it may be time for you to revisit this subject with him and the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Dear Abby: I am a retired lady who often eats alone in restaurants. When I arrive, the host or hostess usually greets me and asks, "How many?" When I reply, "One," the invariable response is, "Just ONE?" I find the question demeaning and rude.

Dear Abby: I dated a longtime friend, "Austin," for about four months. He had a history of drug use, but had been sober for about four years before he stopped attending meetings.

I have responded with things like "Isn't one enough?" or, "If you prefer groups, I can go elsewhere." I have even mentioned to managers that it would be more appropriate if they trained their hosts not to say "just." Can you offer a better response I can give? — Party Of One

I have two children from my previous marriage. He knew when we started dating that if he relapsed, the relationship was over. He did, so I ended it then and there. Austin begged me for a second chance and for my help.

Dear Party Of One: I think you are handling the situation as well as it can be handled. Sometimes people don't stop to consider the implications of what they are saying. It's impolite for a host to ask, "Just one?" because in some cases the reply could be depressing and cloud the dining experience.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 10, 1918

Pendleton housewives may soon be able to exchange a pound of fat for a large bar of soap at the grocery stores if the Portland "Save Fat and Get Soap" plan is adopted here. The plan as outlined by A.B. Ayer, state food administrator, has four definite aims in view. To conserve the supply of fats as a war measure, to recover the glycerine from them for the manufacture of explosives, to encourage home industries and to save railroad shipping space. The Portland plan which would probably be varied little if adopted here would enable a pound of fat rancid, burned or otherwise unfit for cooking to be exchanged at a grocery store for a 10-ounce cake of brown laundry soap or an 8-ounce of white laundry soap. Mr. Ayer points out that in the home manufacture of soap the glycerine which is an essential component of nitro-glycerine and other explosives is lost. Oregon manufacturers say that from seven to nine pounds of glycerine are recovered by their processes from every 100 pounds of fat converted into soap.

than \$70,000 to the Country Trader store north of Milton-Freewater on Highway 11 Tuesday night. Whitney Miller, owner of the business, made the estimate after the fire, which he discovered about 9 p.m., destroyed all of his stock and the building. A lion and bobcat were killed. One year ago a building on the same location burned. Miller thought the fire started near a deep freeze near the bobcat and lion cages. He noticed light flickering and found the store filled with smoke. The Umapine Hudson Bay Volunteer fire department and the District 4 fire department went to the scene.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 10, 1968

Fire caused an estimated damage of more

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 10, 1993

Local psychiatric services just got smaller with the recent closure of St. Anthony Hospital's inpatient unit. But Pendleton psychiatrists claim that the area needs more mental health facilities and personnel than ever before. The hospital's decision to close the unit — which opened in 1983 — was largely the result of reimbursement policies set out by insurance companies. Although the unit counted over 200 admissions each year since 1988, insurance companies became increasingly unwilling to dole out dollars for mental health.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 10th day of 2018. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense," which argued for American independence from British rule.

On this date: In 1861, Florida became the third state to secede from the Union.

In 1863, the London Underground had its beginnings as the Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public with service between Paddington and Farringdon Street.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went

into effect.

In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London. The first manmade contact with the moon was made as radar signals transmitted by the U.S. Army Signal Corps were bounced off the lunar surface.

In 1948, future country music star Loretta Lynn (nee Webb) married Oliver "Mooney" Lynn; she was 15 at the time, he was 21 (the marriage lasted until Oliver Lynn's death in 1996).

In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.

In 1978, the Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule for a rendezvous with the Salyut 6 space laboratory.

Today's Birthdays:

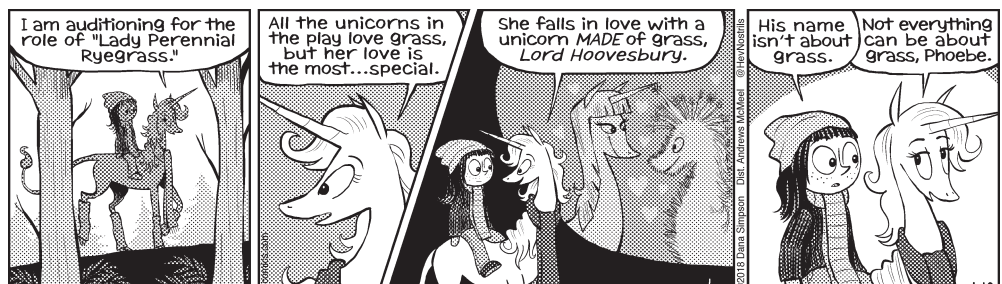
Blues artist Eddy Clearwater is 83. Singer Rod Stewart is 73. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 70. Boxing Hall of Famer and entrepreneur George Foreman is 69. Rock musician Scott Thurston (Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers) is 66. Singer Pat Benatar is 65. Rock musician Rock singer-musician Curt Kirkwood (Meat Puppets) is 59. Rock singer Brad Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 54. Rapper Chris Smith (Kris Kross) is 39. Presidential adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner is 37.

Thought for Today:

"History must speak for itself. A historian is content if he has been able to shed more light." — William L. Shirer, American author and journalist (1904-1993).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

