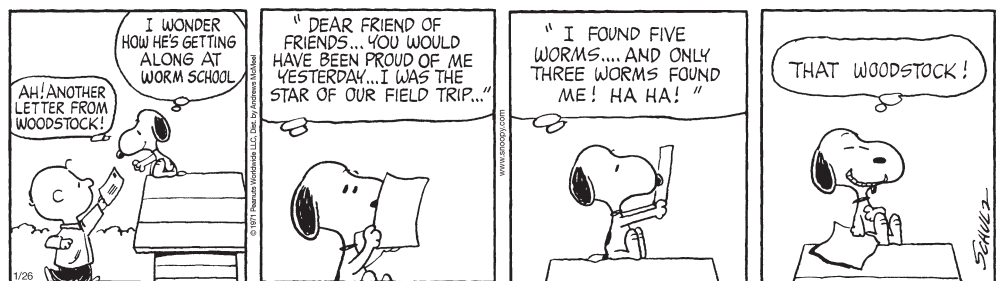


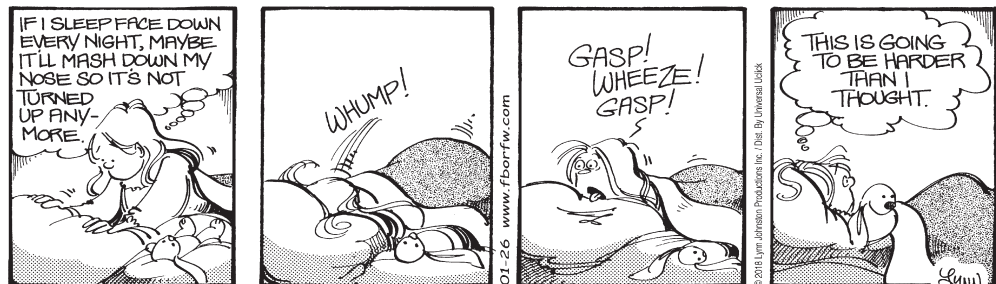
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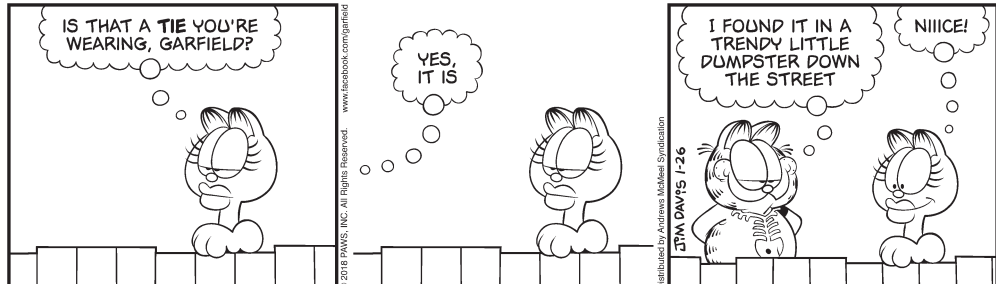
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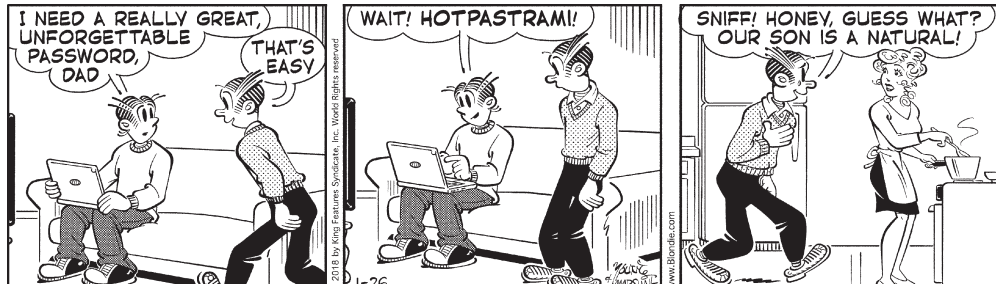
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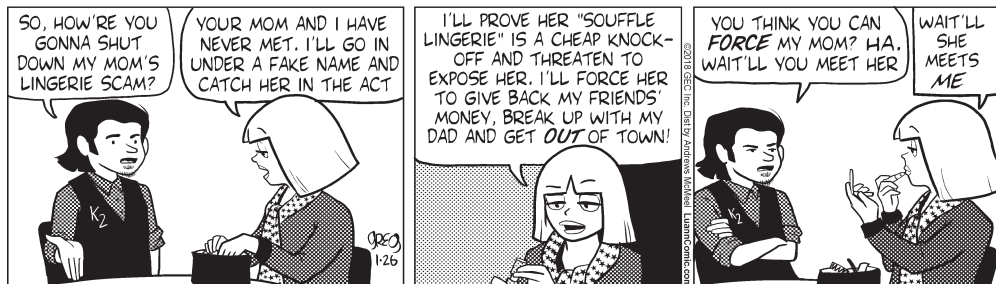
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DEAR ABBY

Friendship marred by man's harsh treatment of his wife



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I have a good male friend whose company I have enjoyed very much. He's outgoing and likes many of the same activities I do. Should I ever need anything, I know he would be there for me.

Unfortunately, this same person is very disrespectful to his wife. He's severely critical of everything she does. I have seen him yell and make disparaging remarks to her, to the extent that I feel it borders on abusive. His wife is a warm, caring, selfless individual who deserves to be loved by someone who appreciates all that she is and does.

Because of the way he treats her, I no longer enjoy being around him. I'd like to remain friends with this couple, but I'm not sure how to. I am very sad about all of this. Please help me. — **Anguished In Arizona**

Dear Anguished: I don't blame you for feeling sad about what you have witnessed. While you would like to continue the friendship, please recognize that unless some changes are made, it isn't going to happen. You would be doing your friend (and his wife) a favor to tell him how bad his verbal abuse makes HIM look and how harmful it is to his wife. And while you're at it, suggest that if they are having problems — which they obviously are — they try to work them out with a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Dear Abby: Recently my middle sister started dating my younger sister's ex-boy-

friend. My younger sister dated this guy in college (10 years ago) and really cared for him. It ended when she found out he had cheated on her. Younger sister is now married and has a small child.

Middle sister started dating this ex a few months ago and really likes him. He has been over to see my parents, and they are supportive of the relationship. The problem is, no one wants to tell my younger sister for fear of her being mad.

I talk to her almost daily. I'm afraid that once she finds out, which is bound to happen, she will be more upset with me (and my parents) for hiding it from her than the fact that they're dating. Should I tell her or is it not my place?

I don't want to feel like I am lying or hiding anything anymore, but I also feel like my middle sister should admit it, which she said she isn't ready to do because she doesn't want to say anything unless this turns into something serious. What should I do? — **Caught In The Middle**

Dear Caught In The Middle: From where I sit, you have sized the situation up accurately. Your younger sister will be mortified when she realizes that everyone knew her sister has been dating the ex for months and it was kept from her. Talk to your middle sister. Insist that the sneaking around stop, because it could cause a permanent breach in the family.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 26, 1918

Charley Bennett was fined \$15, Joe Hayes \$10 and George Maynard \$5 yesterday afternoon in police court as a result of their row of the night before in the Pastime pool hall. Their stories conflicted. Bennett and Maynard, however, indulged in some language which ended in a fight. When Hayes attempted to help out Bennett, another man is said to have smashed him in the nose with a billiard ball.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 26, 1968

Dennis Quempt, Athena, was this year's champion in the Elks sponsored grade school free throw voting contest held at Central School in Milton-Freewater. He made 35 of 50 shots attempted, with Tom Crimins of Central second with 34x50. The Pendleton Elks will sponsor Danny Hoff of Pilot Rock in the finals. Hoff, the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Walt Hoff, hit 43 of 50 from the charity stripe. The finals will be staged at Corvallis Saturday with the concluding tosses between halves of the Oregon-OSU televised basketball game.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 26, 1993

Richard Skyhawk starts every performance by taking his shirt off, shaking out his long thick hair and draping himself with feathers and beads. "But I leave my Levis and tennis shoes on," said Skyhawk, 40, a Umatilla Indian whose family lives on the Umatilla Indian Reservation east of Pendleton. "I want them to see the Native people are caught in two worlds." Those worlds — the modern and the traditional — form the core of his trans-Atlantic performances in places as far away as Siberia and Mongolia. A self-styled dramatist and storyteller of Native American culture, Skyhawk has traveled extensively since he first toured Europe as a basketball player in 1977.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 26th day of 2018. There are 339 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney.

On this date:

In 1531, a major earthquake struck Lisbon in the Kingdom of Portugal, followed by a tsunami and several strong aftershocks; an estimated 30,000 people died.

In 1784, in a letter to his daughter Sarah, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the bald eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

In 1870, Virginia rejoined the Union.

In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Rocky Mountain National Park Act, which created America's 10th national park.

In 1942, the first American Expeditionary Force to head to Europe during World War II arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath

of office as president.

In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe ended up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles.

In 1979, former Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller died in New York at age 70.

In 1988, Australians celebrated the 200th anniversary of their country as a grand parade of tall ships re-enacted the voyage of the first European settlers. The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Phantom of the Opera" opened at Broadway's Majestic Theater.

In 1993, Vaclav Havel was elected president of the newly formed Czech Republic.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Today's Birthdays:

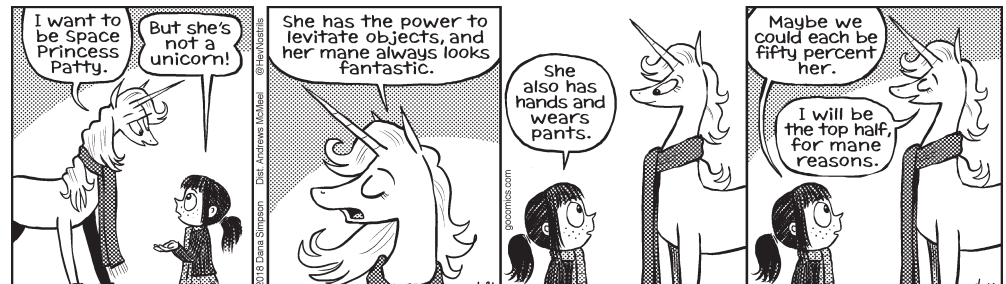
Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 89. Sports-caster-actor Bob Uecker is 83. Actor Scott Glenn is 79. Singer Jean Knight is 75. Activist Angela Davis is 74. Actor Richard Portnow is 71. Rock musician Corky Laing (Mountain) is 70. Actor David Strathairn is 69. Producer-director Mimi

Leder is 66. Alt-country singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams is 65. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 63. Reggae musician Norman Hassan (UB40) is 60. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 60. Rock musician Charlie Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 58. Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky is 57. Musician Andrew Ridgeley is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jazmine B. (Soul II Soul) is 55. Actor Paul Johansson is 54. Director Lenny Abrahamson is 52. Actor Bryan Callen is 51. Gospel singer Kirk Franklin is 48. Actor Nate Mooney is 46. Actress Jennifer Crystal is 45. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 44. Actor Gilles Marini is 42. Gospel singer Tye Tribbett is 42. NBA player Vince Carter is 41. Actress Sarah Rue is 40. Actor Colin O'Donoghue is 37. Country musician Michael Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 35.

Thought for Today: "As long as men are free to ask what they must, free to say what they think, free to think what they will, freedom can never be lost, and science can never regress." — J. Robert Oppenheimer, American physicist (1904-1967).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

