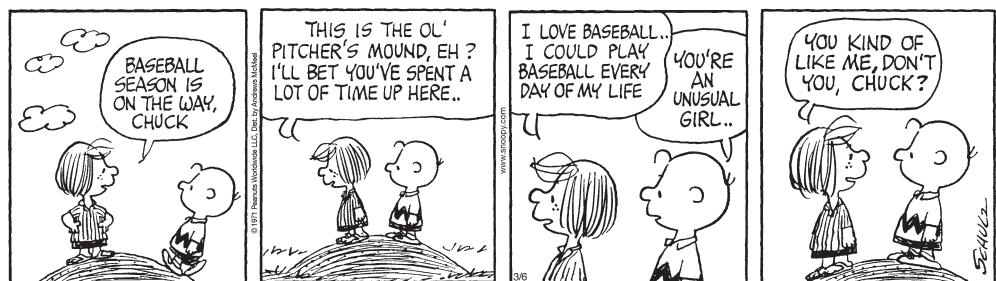


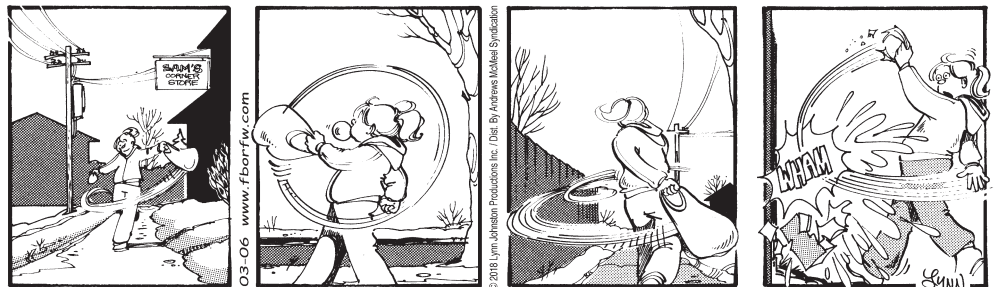
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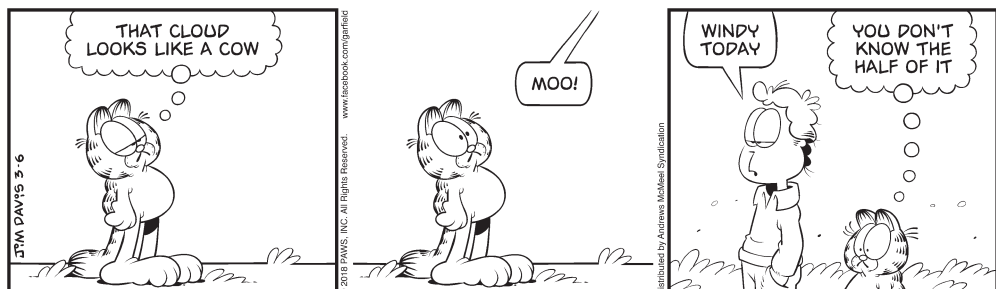
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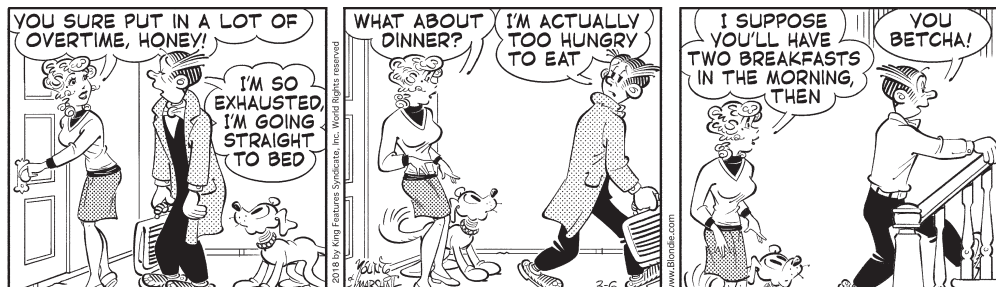
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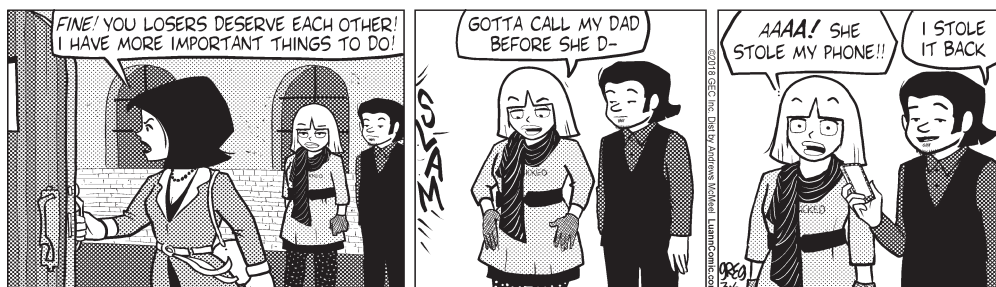
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DEAR ABBY

Hubby's work-life balance isn't working for overburdened wife

Dear Abby: I have been married two years, but my husband and I have been together for more than 10. We have a 3-year-old daughter who has needed a few extra doctor appointments and therapy. My husband makes it to none of these extra appointments, some of which are crucial to her future. We both work full-time, but he works six days a week.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I feel the need to get everything settled. But every time I sit down to write thank-you cards, I become so anxious I find it hard to breathe. Some family members have told me thank-you cards are not expected for bereavement. Can you tell me what the proper etiquette and time frame is in this matter? — **Has To Settle Everything**

I have started to regard him differently because I'm doing everything for our daughter. Sometimes I feel like a single parent. I don't want my marriage to fail, but we aren't connecting anymore. I take off work or switch my hours around because I know that's what you do for your child. He never takes off work, yet he doesn't think twice about going golfing with his boss like it's no big deal. What do you think I should do? — **Wisconsin Mommy**

Dear Mommy: Talk to your husband. You won't be able to achieve a more equal balance until you make your feelings known and discuss this with him.

I'm sorry you didn't mention what kind of job your husband has, because it's an important omission. He may be doing everything he can for you and his daughter. A six-day-a-week schedule doesn't offer much flexibility. And please don't judge him for playing golf with his boss. A lot of business is discussed on the links, and his presence may be more compulsory than you realize.

Dear Abby: My adult child recently passed away. Although he didn't live with me, I handled the arrangements and held the visitation in my home.

It has been only a few months, but I

of thanking those who sent flowers, food or condolence letters. The first is to ask a friend or another family member to help you. The other is as simple as having cards printed that say, "The family of _____ want to thank you for reaching out to us at this sad time." and signing your name. I hope this is helpful for you.

Dear Abby: I have a close friend with whom I often travel and attend events. She's a lovely person, but she has the odd habit of singing in public — in gift shops, restaurants, or any public place where music is playing (and sometimes even when it's not). I can't have the radio on in the car without her singing along. She has an OK voice, but her style is a bit operatic. How can I gently tell her that her spontaneous performances are inappropriate and excessive? — **Not Karaoke In The East**

Dear Not Karaoke: I suspect your friend craves attention, which is why she does it. Pay her the compliment she's looking for by telling her how nice her voice is, but you would prefer she not sing when you're out in public together because you find it embarrassing.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 5-6, 1918

Miss Graves' class in English at the high school took a lesson in criminology this morning to see how this method of detecting criminals would work out. After the first test, the students were able to tell what crime the criminal had committed. A list of words were given the students relating to the crime. A student was sent out of the room to steal a pocketbook from the principal's office. When these words were given him he was to tell the first word that came into his mind. Naturally, he would tell something concerning the theft, and from what he said the students, who did not know what he had done, were able to tell exactly what the crime was. His method is often used by detectives on criminals and is taught in many of the higher institutions.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 5-6, 1968

The exclusive Leap Year Birthday Club had two additions in Pendleton last week. St. Anthony and Community hospitals shared the distinction of greeting babies on Feb. 29. Community's birthday baby enjoys even

more status. For the little girl, Jodi Corinne, is the hospital birthday baby. Since Community Hospital opened its doors on Feb. 28, 1961, the hospital auxiliary has observed the anniversary by presenting a gift to the baby born on Feb. 28, or the closest date following. This 5-pound, 9-ounce infant is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Snow of Hermiston. St. Anthony Hospital recorded the birth of a girl to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Benzel of Weston at 10:50 a.m. Feb. 29. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and has been named Katherine Jo.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 5-6, 1993

A 4,100-foot bike path connecting the city of Hermiston with the new Diagonal Road athletic complex will be built this spring with a \$54,000 state grant. The bike path will become the city's first project devoted solely to bicyclists or pedestrians, city engineer Pat Napolitano said. Safety concerns presented by the location of athletic fields along a state highway prompted the city to seek the funds, he said. Without the path, children and others traveling to the site would be forced to ride or walk along a section of Diagonal Road in which cars can legally drive 55 mph.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell as Mexican forces led by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna stormed the fortress after a 13-day siege; the battle claimed the lives of all the Texan defenders, nearly 200 strong, including William Travis, James Bowie and Davy Crockett.

On this date: In 1475, Italian artist and poet Michelangelo was born in Caprese in the Republic of Florence.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Dred Scott v. Sandford, ruled 7-2 that Scott, a slave, was not an American citizen and therefore could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

In 1933, a national bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt aimed at calming panicked depositors went into effect.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II.

In 1953, Georgy Malenkov was named premier of the Soviet Union a day after the death of Josef Stalin.

In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and declared her intention to defect to the West. Singer-actor Nelson Eddy, 65, died in Palm Beach, Florida.

In 1970, a bomb being built inside a Greenwich Village townhouse by the radical Weathermen accidently went off, destroying the house and killing three group members.

Today's Birthdays: Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 92. Rock singer-musician David Gilmour (Pink Floyd) is 72. Actress Anna Maria Horsford is 71. Actor-director Rob Reiner is 71. Fox News reporter John Stossel is 71. Sports correspondent Armen Keteyian is 65. Actor Tom Arnold is 59. Actor D.L. Hughley is 54. Country songwriter Skip Ewing is 54. Actor Shuler Hensley is 51. Actress Connie Britton is 51. Actress Moira Kelly is 50. Actress Amy Pietz is 49. Rock musician Chris Broderick (Megadeth) is 48. Basketball Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal is 46.

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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

