## **COFFEE BREAK**











### FOR BETTER OR WORSE







BY JOHNNY HART THIS IS WHY WE DON'T ASK HIM TO THROW THE STICK

**PICKLES** 

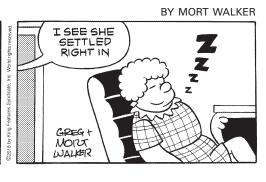








**BEETLE BAILEY** THE GENERAL AND HIS WIFE HAD AN ARGUMENT ABOUT WHO WORKS THE HARDEST



**GARFIELD** 







**BLONDIE** 







**DILBERT** 







THE WIZARD OF ID









## **DEAR ABBY**

# Memories of long-ago assault revived by #MeToo movement

**JEANNE** 

**PHILLIPS** 

Advice

Dear Abby: Years ago, my husband and I hosted a St. Patrick Day's party in our apartment for friends. There was a lot of drinking going on. I had to be at work early the next morning, so I went to bed while the party went on. I awoke a short while later to one of the men attempting to rape me. He stopped and attempted an apology by saying, "But you are just so pretty.

My husband and I graduated from high school with this person, and he is/ was part of the same circle of friends.

I have not told many people, but the few who do know have maintained a friendship with him, including my husband.

Because of the #MeToo campaign, all the emotions have come to a head for me now. I think about this assault daily. The worst thing for me is that even though he knows about it, my husband has chosen to remain friends with him for 35 years. How can I get past this? — Can't Forget In Virginia

Dear Can't Forget: I can only imagine how traumatic the assault was, and for that you have my sympathy. The friends you confided in may feel that because your attacker was drunk, what he did was somehow excusable. That your husband would be so forgiving is, frankly, shocking.

It may take the help of a licensed mental health professional to put this behind you, if that's possible. I sincerely hope you will reach out to a therapist who treats post-traumatic stress as well as victims of sexual assault, and include your husband in some of the

Dear Abby: I'm a 55-year-old gay man with a problem. My 22-year-old son doesn't know I'm gay. It was after my

divorce that I started seeing men again. I married my life partner of 13 years last year. My husband thinks I should sit my son down and tell him. I want to tell my son and be honest with him about my relationship with my husband, but my son is very religious and I'm afraid this will drive a wedge

between us. Plus, I'm afraid of what ideas my ex would fill his head with about me. Please advise. — Confused In The South

Dear Confused: You say your son is 22 and you have been with your now-husband for 13 years. Haven't you had regular visitation with your son all this time? Doesn't he like your husband? If the answers to those questions are yes, then what makes you think he isn't already aware of your sexual orientation? On the other hand, if the answers to my questions are no, then I doubt that telling your son what's what will drive him any further away from you than he already is.

Dear Abby: What would you say about a man who still keeps a photo of himself with his late wife as his computer background picture two years after he remarried? Second-Fiddle Second Wife

Dear Wife: I'd say he may be too lazy or computer-inept to update it. If it were me, I'd "volunteer" to help him change it.

## **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 7, 1918

The mystery of the cache of explosives found at Rieth wasn't any mystery at all. An investigation proved that county roadmakers had cached the box of dynamite and can of powder there while working on the road last year and the water in the river had risen to a point making it difficult to get to the cache. Therefore, it was left there for the time being. Members of the crew knew of its presence there. Two boys discovered it the other day and at once the theory that German agents had plans for destroying the terminal yards or bridges was advanced. 50 Years Ago

## From the East Oregonian March 7, 1968

Recreation along the Columbia River is due for a giant forward thrust by the Corps of Engineers as the result of the formation of Lake Umatilla behind John Day Dam, now in its final stages of construction. The pool that will stretch for a distance of 77 miles between

John Day and McNary dams will have 11 recreation sites on which the Corps of Engineers has awarded \$2,071,971 in construction contracts. Six of the sites are on the south shore of the river and five on the north side of the Columbia.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 7, 1993

Oregon's first approved fire science class for high school students began meeting this winter at Stanfield. The 13 students from Stanfield, Echo and Hermiston meet three times a week at the Stanfield Fire Department. The school received a "Serve Oregon" grant of \$8,500 from the Department of Education last fall to start the class, Stanfield High School principal Ivan Ritchie said. He requested the grant because of a lack of firefighters available to small towns. Each student must be a junior firefighter in his district to be eligible for the class. At the end of the one-semester class, students will have a first-aid card and a basic firefighting certificate, the same as needed for the adult volunteer department.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demon- successful strators was violently broken radio-telephone at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "Bloody Sunday." On this date:

In 1530, Pope Clement VII threatened to excommunicate England's King Henry VIII if he went through with plans to marry Anne Boleyn, who became Henry's second wife after Catherine of Aragon. (The pope made good on his excommunication threat in 1533.)

In 1793, during the French Revolutionary Wars, France declared war on Spain.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster of Massachusetts endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

1918. In Japanese corporation Panasonic had its beginnings as Konosuke Matsushita founded Matsushita Electric Housewares Manufacturing Works in Osaka. The musical comedy "Oh, Look!" featuring the song "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows' opened Broadway.

In the first trans-Atlantic tions took place between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact. In 1945, during World

War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1955, the first TV production of the musical "Peter Pan" starring Mary Martin aired on NBC

In 1967, the musical 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," based on the "Peanuts" comic strips by Charles M. Schulz, opened in New York's Greenwich Village, beginning off-Broadway run of 1,597 performances.

In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas Colombia in

executed kidnapped American Bible translator conversa- Chester Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA

> agent. In 1994, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use." (The ruling concerned a parody of the Roy Orbison song "Oh, Pretty Woman" by the rap group 2 Live Crew.)

Birthdays: Today's TV Willard personality Scott is 84. Entertainment executive Michael Eisner is 76. Pro Football Hall of Famer Franco Harris is 68. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Lynn Swann is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Ernie Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 66. Actor Bryan Cranston is 62. Golfer Tom Lehman is 59. Singer-actress Taylor Dayne is 56. Author E.L. James is 55. Author Bret Easton Ellis is 54. Comedian Wanda Sykes is 54. Actress Rachel Weisz is 48. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 47. Actor Jay Duplass is 45. Actress Jenna Fischer is 44.

Today: Thought for "Caveat actor." (Let the doer beware.) — *Latin proverb*.

# **LUANN**



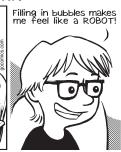






PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

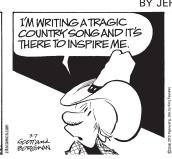




BY DANA SIMPSON You actually kind of mutter it under your breath.

## **ZITS**







**BIG NATE** 

