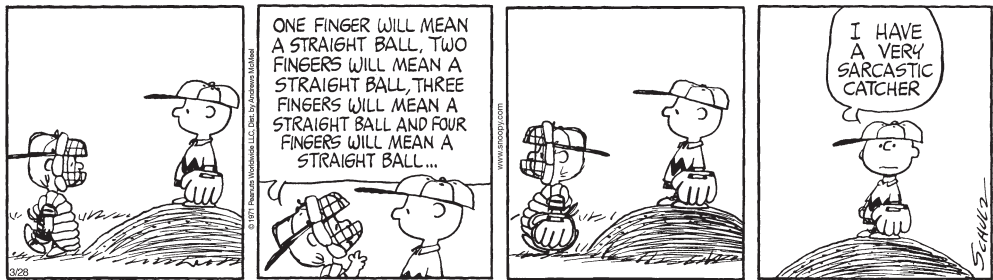


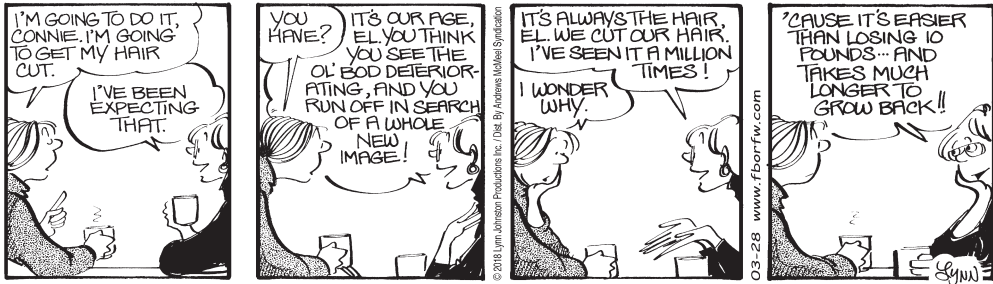
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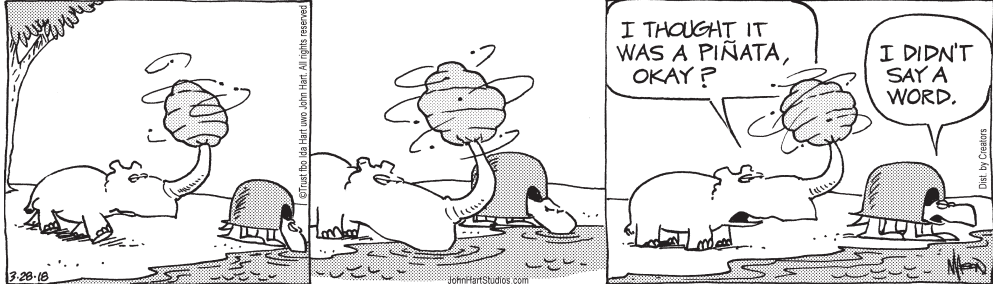
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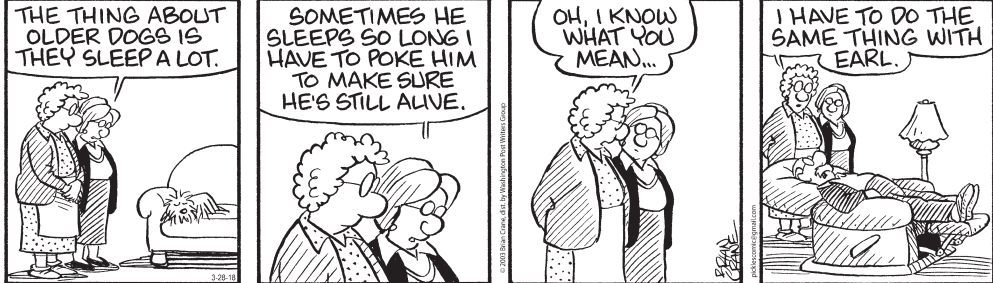
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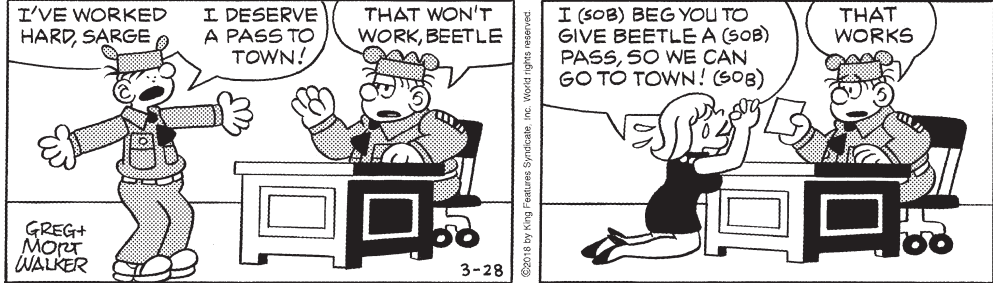
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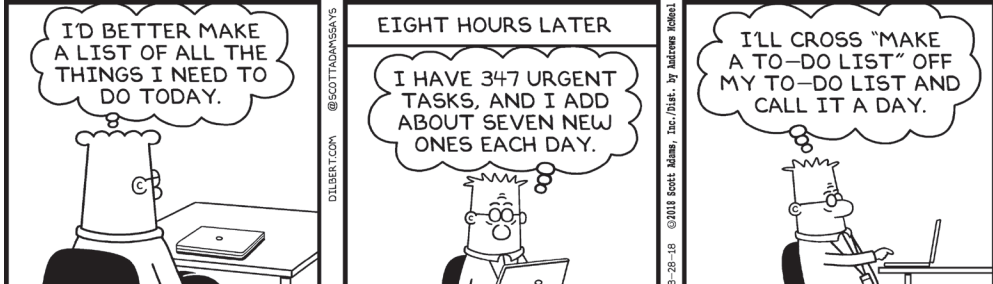
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DEAR ABBY

New wife surprised to learn of husband's family secret

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for a few months and are expecting our first child. His father passed away about a year ago. His parents had been married 33 years when he died.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

starting to dig. P.S. Because the father reached out to make amends, the half-brother may try to contact his siblings. But don't count on it.

Dear Abby: I have been married for four months. My husband and I love each other very much. Although he has asked me multiple times for sex, we have only made love twice.

My problem is, sex doesn't interest me. In fact, the thought of it terrifies me. I hate saying no because I know it hurts him, but I'm always scared that I won't enjoy it. Or that if I do say yes, I'll feel like it's a chore just to make him happy. I know that's the wrong mindset to have going into it.

I have apologized almost every time I turn him down. He always says I don't need to be sorry and we'll only do it when I'm comfortable, but I'm scared I might not ever be comfortable with it. Plus I have doubts that I've ever had an orgasm. How should I approach this? — Scared Newlywed

Dear Scared: If you had experienced an orgasm, I assure you that you would not have forgotten the experience. You need to have at least two honest conversations — the first with your husband, the second with your gynecologist. Your problem may be physical, emotional or a combination of the two.

A licensed psychologist can help you figure out the reason for your feelings and resolve them, or refer you and your husband to a sex therapist. The only thing you should NOT do is wait any longer to deal with this.

A few weeks ago, we told my mother-in-law we were expecting our first child. After a joyous moment and some conversation later about children, she brought up my husband's half-brother, someone I didn't know existed! My husband then said, "I thought we weren't supposed to talk about him." She told him my father-in-law had reached out to the half-brother before his death to make amends (she'd had no knowledge they were in contact), but while she was cleaning out his wallet she found a picture of him.

Abby, I'm confused now about how to discuss this with my husband because I would love to know more details about his half-brother. I don't know how old he is, or what happened (i.e., infidelity). Evidently, he lives close to us. We might have met before. My husband nor anyone in his family mentioned this person, ever! Should I just leave it alone, or should I probe some more to see if I can get more information? — Perplexed In Indiana

Dear Perplexed: It appears the existence of this half-sibling is the skeleton in your husband's family closet. If I were you, I'd be careful about rattling it. Ask your husband if he's willing to share what he knows. If he is interested in pursuing more information, offer to help him. But unless he is, I do not advise

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 28, 1918

So mild has been the weather and so little is the snow left in the mountains that cattle are already going into the Wenaha Reserve ranges, according to J.M. Schmitz of Walla Walla, supervisor of the Wenaha forest who was here yesterday. He states that there is only about one fourth the amount of snow in the mountains as there was at this time a year ago and that the grass has already made a good growth. In keeping with the national campaign to increase the production of food stuffs, Supervisor Schmitz will this year make the Wenaha Reserve pasture open to more stock than the limit heretofore fixed. There will be 3000 more sheep on the range and 1100 more cattle, he states.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 28, 1968

"The college already has outgrown its present facilities," Wallace McCrae, president of Blue Mountain Community College, told the college board of directors earlier this year. "And if needed facilities are not added, enrollment will have to be curtailed and needed programs reduced."

This is one of the main reasons the board of directors in January voted to put on a ballot a \$1,250,000 bond issue to replace over a 20-year period a three-year serial levy of \$120,000. The college plans to build a new multipurpose building to include a library, student center, vocational agricultural wing, fine arts, lecture hall, administrative offices and faculty offices. An April 2 election has been scheduled for voters in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 28, 1993

Shoreline pitcher Dan Whitsett's homecoming was a good one. Whitsett, who played his high school baseball at Hermiston, went eight innings in his first start of the season on the mound as Shoreline Community College of Seattle beat the Blue Mountain Timberwolves 9-5 Friday. Whitsett, who gave up five hits and five runs in the first four innings, allowed only two Blue Mountain base runners in his final four innings. Whitsett said he enrolled at Shoreline after taking time off from baseball. "I kind of got burned out on baseball. I didn't even touch a glove or a ball. Then I went to Shoreline and started all over. It gets in your blood, I guess," Whitsett said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On March 28, 1898, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled 6-2 that Wong, who was born in the United States to Chinese immigrants, was an American citizen.

On this date: In 1797, Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire received a patent for a washing machine.

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.

In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces staged a successful raid on the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot, destroying the only dry dock on the Atlantic coast capable of repairing the German battleship Tirpitz.

In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington, D.C., at age 78.

In 1978, in Stump v. Sparkman, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld, 5-3, the judicial immunity of an Indiana judge against a lawsuit brought by a young woman who'd been ordered sterilized by the judge when she was a teenager.

In 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred with a partial meltdown inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pennsylvania.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the widow of U.S. Olympic legend Jesse Owens.

In 2013: President Barack Obama, flanked by grim-faced mothers who lost their children to guns, urged lawmakers not to "get squishy" in the face of powerful forces against gun control legislation.

Today's Birthdays: Author Mario Vargas Llosa is 82. Country musician

Charlie McCoy is 77. Movie director Mike Newell is 76. Actress Conchata Ferrell is 75. Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte is 73. Actress Dianne Wiest is 72. Country singer Reba McEntire is 63. Olympic gold medal gymnast Bart Conner is 60. Actress Alexandra Billings (TV: "Transparent") is 56. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 52. Actress Tracey Needham is 51. Actor Max Perlich is 50. Movie director Brett Ratner is 49. Country singer Rodney Atkins is 49. Actor Vince Vaughn is 48. Rapper Mr. Cheeks (Lost Boyz) is 47. Actor Ken L. is 45. Singer-songwriter Matt Nathanson is 45. Rock musician Dave Keuning is 42. Actress Annie Wersching is 41. Actress Julia Stiles is 37. Singer Lady Gaga is 32. Electronic musician Clayton Knight (Odesza) is 30.

Thought for Today: "It isn't what people think that's important, but the reason they think what they think." — Eugene Ionesco, Romanian-French playwright (born in 1909, died this date in 1994).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

