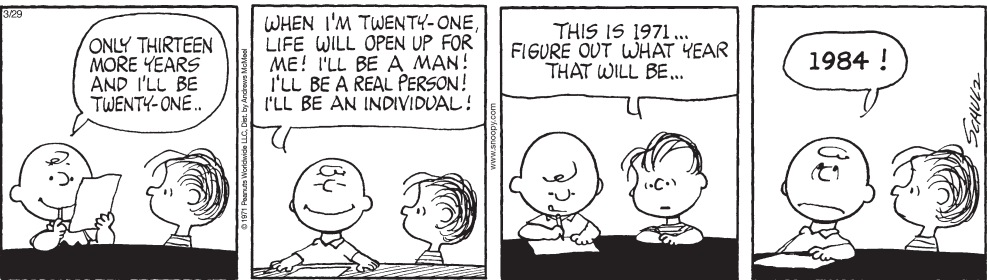
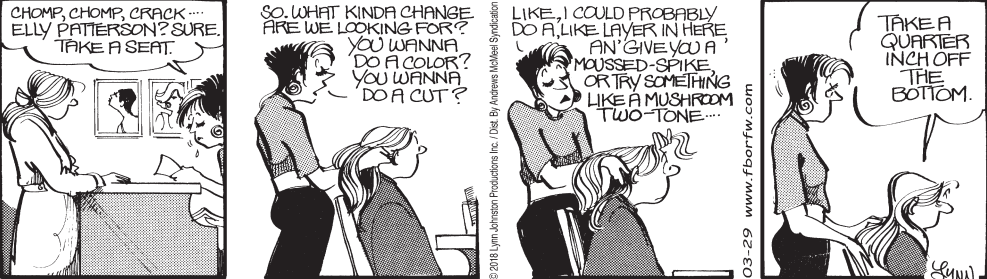


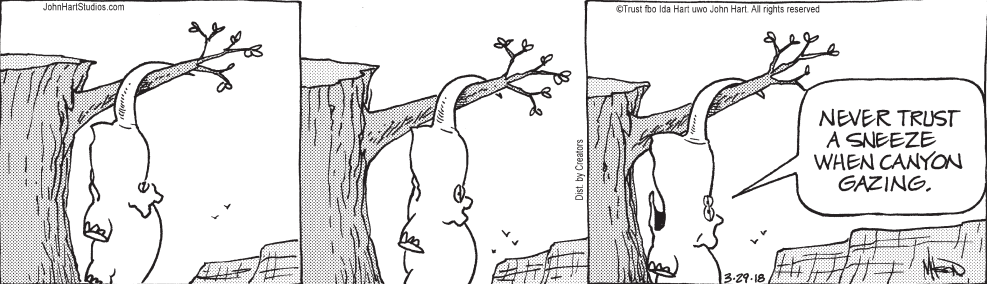
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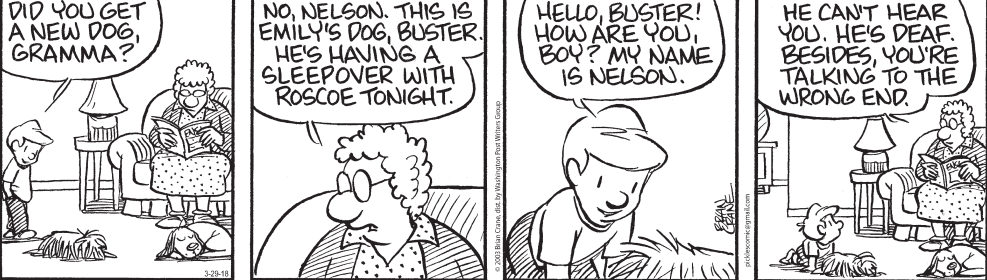
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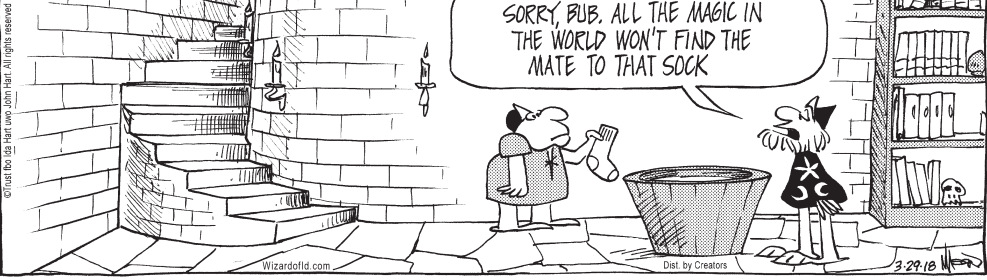
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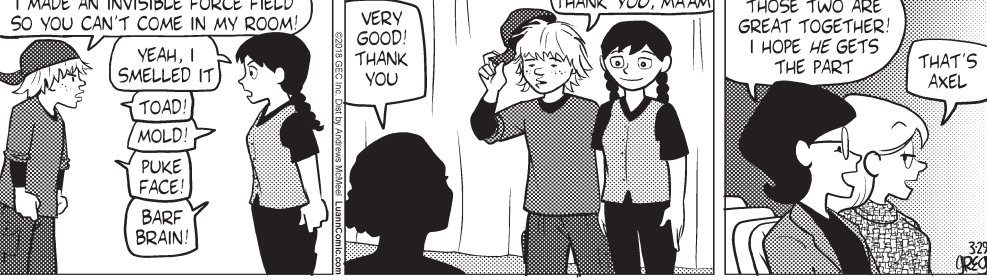
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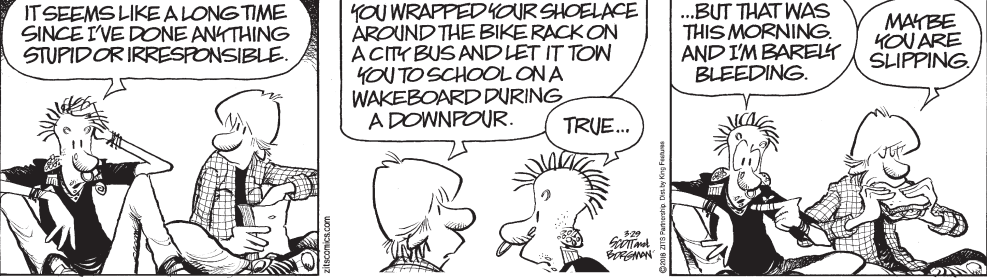
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DEAR ABBY

Household division of labor is source of couple's tension

Dear Abby: “Ron” and I have been married 20 years and have two children. Recently, he called me a “freeloader” and described my parenting as “half-assed.” It’s not the first time I’ve heard it from him.

I work part-time so I can have a flexible schedule and be home with our kids after school. Ron earns considerably more than I do, although I inherited money from my father that will provide security for our kids regardless of our incomes.

I think I’m a great mom. Our kids are healthy and well-adjusted. Although I don’t need my husband’s salary to live comfortably, I appreciate the good life his work affords us, and I do what I can to show it.

I do, however, expect Ron to participate in raising our kids and contribute to the running of our household. I think it’s important, and I have work responsibilities and volunteer in our community. Ron says I do far less than “most of my friends” (who don’t work), that he does a lot more around the house than the dads he knows and he resents it because he makes so much more money than I do.

How much is fair to expect him to do to help with our kids and home life? How can I get him to see how much hurt his name-calling and disrespect causes? — **Not A Freeloader**

Dear Not A Freeloader: Every marriage is unique, which is why your husband should not compare himself to other dads and you to their wives. I find it odd that the husband of a working wife — and mother — would resort to name-calling and accuse you of free-loading. Of course Ron should participate in his children’s lives. That’s what being a father



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Advice

is all about. Marriage is supposed to be a partnership. Helping with housework sets a good example for the kids. If the two of you can’t work out a compromise without name-calling, you should at least agree to have a licensed marriage counselor mediate the discussion.

Dear Abby: I have a relative who has just been released from prison and is living with me and my family. He was incarcerated for more than 20

years for drugs. It breaks my heart to say that he has relapsed and could be heading back down that same road. My mother doesn’t want a drug addict in her house. She told him to make other living arrangements, and he has agreed to stay with other relatives where there are more job opportunities.

I feel guilty and my mother does, too. But she refuses to go through what she experienced during her childhood with this person. Is this the right thing to do? — **Relapse In California**

Dear Relapse: Yes! Your mother has made her feelings clear to this relative. Living with a drug addict is chaotic, and if she doesn’t want to repeat the unpleasant and possibly traumatic experience, she shouldn’t have to.

By getting him out of the house she is taking care of herself, and for that she shouldn’t feel guilty. However, because she does, it might help her — and you — to attend some Nar-Anon meetings. The group was founded in 1967 and its mission is to provide emotional support to families and friends of addicts. To locate a meeting nearby, visit nar-anon.org or call toll-free (800) 477-6291.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 29, 1918

Hereafter, when patrons of local eating houses evidence a lack of cooperation in the conservation of food by making unseemly complaints of the food administration regulations as enforced by the proprietor, he will be presented with a little card inviting him to carry his complaint to the local representative of the food administration or to the Umatilla County Patriotic Service League. As a protection to the proprietors, many of whom have been criticized by their patrons for their enforcement of the food regulations, the executive committee of the patriotic service league, of which Dr. W.D. McNary, local representative of the food administration, is a member, authorized the printing of the cards for distribution to the hotels and restaurants.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 29, 1968

Pendleton High’s spikers opened the spring season with a win over Mac Hi and Hermiston in a triangular meet here Friday afternoon which was featured by a school record 6-4 1/4 high

jump by Merlyn Christiansen, Pendleton, and a fine sprinting performance by Ken Richardson of Mac Hi. The previous high jump mark for PHS was 6-3 in 1962 by Ray Hughes. The high jump was unquestionably the top event of the day. Not only did Christiansen come up with his finest leap ever, but Lee Rose, Hermiston, and Scott Holderness, Pendleton, both cleared 6-0, with Rose getting second on fewer misses.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 29, 1993

Firefighters rescued an 18-year-old Stanfield man on Sunday who was stuck in the mud up to his chest. William T. Wynn was riding his motorcycle just east of the Hinkle train yard when the bike became stuck in a muddy area where the Pacific Gas Transmission pipeline had recently been installed. Wynn had some friends help him pull the motorcycle out of the mud, but in the process became stuck himself, a Hermiston fire crew reported. Firefighters had to use extension ladders to reach Wynn. After about an hour and a half Wynn was freed by lowering a fire hose into the mud and blasting his feet loose with the water. Wynn suffered no injuries in the episode.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On March 29, 1943, World War II rationing of meat, fats and cheese began, limiting consumers to store purchases of an average of about two pounds a week for beef, pork, lamb and mutton using a coupon system. (The Associated Press noted, “From the customer viewpoint, the unrationed oasis of food will be the restaurant or other public eating place.”)

On this date:
In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1792, Sweden’s King Gustav III died, nearly two weeks after he had been shot and mortally wounded by an assassin during a masquerade party.

In 1867, Britain’s Parliament passed, and Queen Victoria signed, the British North America Act creating the Dominion of Canada, which came into being the following July.

In 1912, British explorer

Robert Falcon Scott, his doomed expedition stranded in an Antarctic blizzard after failing to be the first to reach the South Pole, wrote the last words of his journal: “For Gods sake look after our people.”

In 1936, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler claimed overwhelming victory in a plebiscite on his policies.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in New York of conspiracy to commit espionage for the Soviet Union. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1973, the last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America’s direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

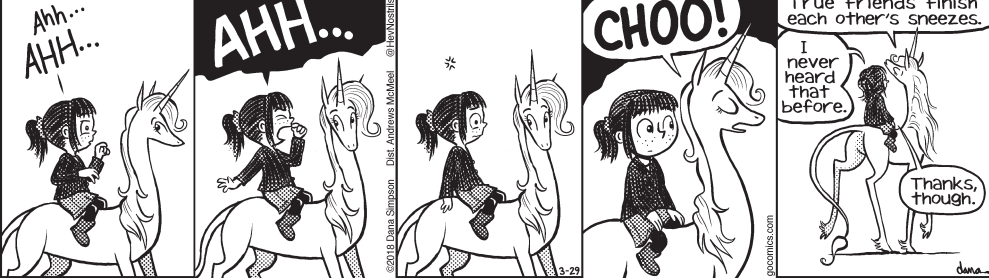
In 1992, Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged experimenting with marijuana “a time or two” while attending Oxford University, adding, “I didn’t inhale and I didn’t try it again.”

Today’s Birthdays:
Comedian Eric Idle is 75. Composer Vangelis is 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Walt Frazier is 73. Actor Bud Cort is 70. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Earl Campbell is 63. Comedian-actress Amy Sedaris is 57. Model Elle Macpherson is 55. Movie director Michel Hazanavicius is 51. Rock singer-musician John Popper (Blues Traveler) is 51. Actress Lucy Lawless is 50. Country singer Regina Leigh (Regina Regina) is 50. Country singer Brady Seals is 49. CBS News correspondent Lara Logan is 47. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jennifer Capriati is 42. Actor Chris D’Elia is 38. Rhythm and blues singer PJ Morton is 37. Actress Megan Hilty is 37. Pop singer Kelly Sweet is 30.

Thought for Today: “The fate of love is that it always seems too little or too much.” — *Amelia Edith Barr; American author and journalist (1831-1919).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

