

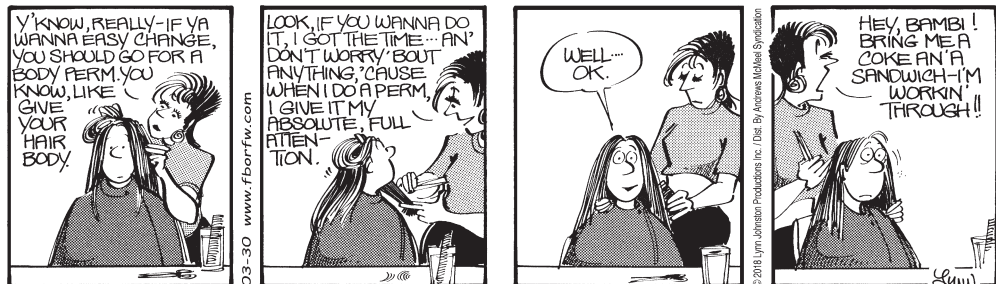
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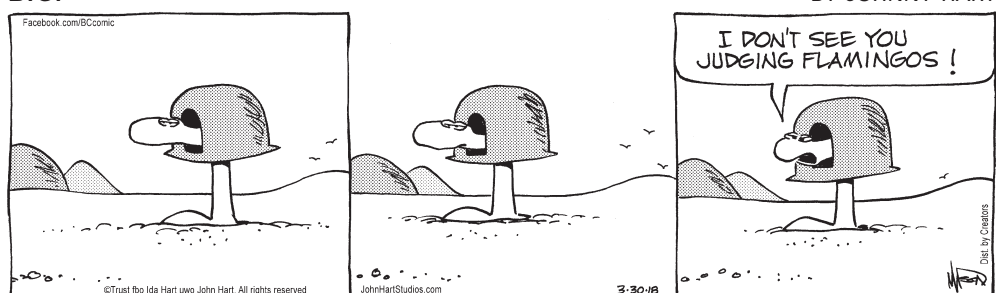
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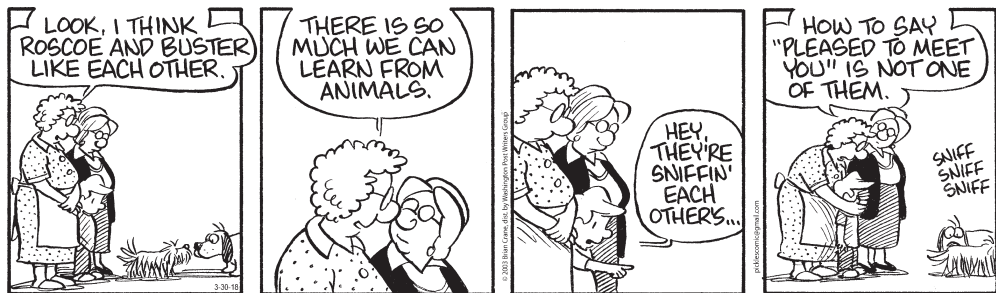
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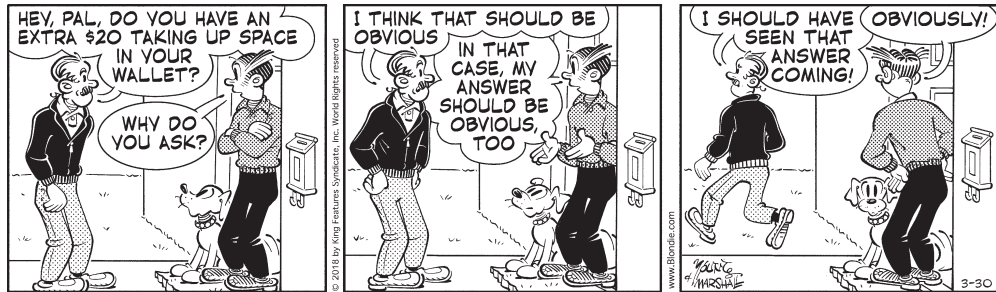
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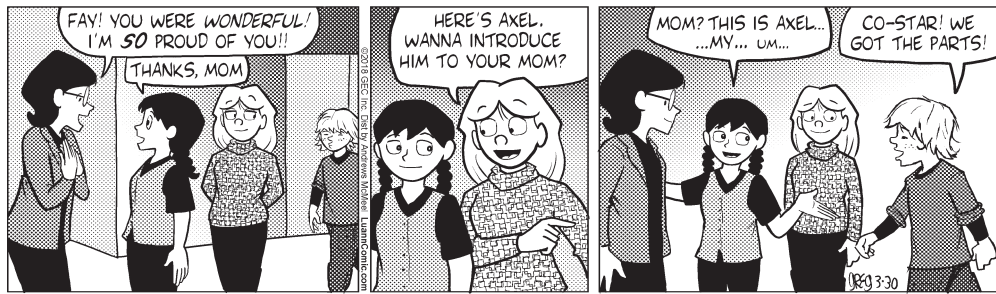
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DEAR ABBY

Man waiting in the wings tires of one-way romance



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I have been communicating with this girl I work with who is currently seeing a guy she's been with for four years. We have a strong connection and physical attraction, and we have both disclosed our feelings to each other.

We communicate rarely by text but never through phone calls, for obvious reasons. Her man works for the same company we do but in a different building. It's clear to me that he doesn't complement her being or lifestyle and will never rise to her level.

I let her know that if she were to break things off with him, I would want to give it a try, and she said the same. She contacts me only when she wants and flirts with me whenever we are in contact, but it's always at her convenience.

We have known each other for a year and a half now, and she claims she cares for me. My question, Abby, is how should I go about moving this situation forward? — In Line For Her In New York

Dear In Line: From where I sit, the ball is in her court, not yours. Because nothing has happened in the last year and a half, you appear to be a diversion rather than the main event.

She has been with her boyfriend for four years. If she were willing to sacrifice the time she has put in with him for a chance to see if things work out with you, it would have happened by now. Because you want a real relationship with someone, my advice is to look elsewhere for one.

Dear Abby: My daughter has zero style

sense. She tints her hair every color under the sun and dresses straight from the sale bin at the thrift store. She mismatches any and everything she puts on, and she's doing it to her children, too. Their clothes are dingy and outdated. I have bought them stylish clothing. She returns them and gets the ugliest clothes.

She also gives the kids hideous haircuts. If I take them to a stylist, she will buzz the entire cut into a Mohawk. My granddaughter had the most beautiful long hair, and my daughter just cut it into a mullet with short bangs.

Why does she want her kids looking ratty? She keeps a clean house and is an involved, loving mother. It drives me crazy. I try to keep my mouth shut because a gift is a gift. But it really annoys me that she will take back a top-label shirt and exchange it for an ugly one, or a pretty, sparkly dress for my granddaughter for a trashy-looking blue velvet dress with yellow rubber boots. Why? — Stylish Gran In Arizona

Dear Stylish Gran: You are asking the wrong person that question. This is something you should ask your daughter. The answer may be as simple as her taste — and her children's — is different from yours. Or, these style choices are something her kids are OK with because this is what their friends are wearing.

To My Jewish Readers: Why is tonight different from every other night? Because Passover begins at sundown. Happy Passover, everyone. May your celebration be sweet!

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 30, 1918

"Well, there's one thing sure. The United States will never be able to put down the I.W.W." The remark was made by a sheepherder at one of the Smythe camps Thursday morning while the crew was eating breakfast. The remark changed the nature of the argument over the war from verbal to fistic. One of the other herders jumped across the table and landed on top of the man with I.W.W. sympathies. The breakfast ended in a free for all melee and it is safe to say that there will be no other anti-government talk in that camp.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 30, 1968

An alert city police officer on a routine security check at the fairgrounds in Hermiston Thursday night apprehended two boys, 15 and 17 years old, and as a result, fourteen larceny cases and two burglaries have been cleared up. Police officer Joe Wilson heard voices in a warehouse building and when the two boys were questioned at the police station they confessed to the thefts. The boys told the police

that the thefts primarily involved auto parts and boat equipment. The youths were turned over to Umatilla County Juvenile authorities.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 30, 1993

A Hillsboro man was sentenced to more than three years in prison Monday for stabbing a Hermiston man in April of 1992. Terry L. Ross, 20, and his uncle, Duane A. Kennedy, 32, also from Hillsboro, were initially charged with attempted murder in connection with the April 24, 1992, stabbing of Kenneth Fanning. Both men eventually pleaded guilty to the lesser crime of assault. Kennedy negotiated a guilty plea to second-degree assault in September of 1992. In exchange for the lesser charge, he was to testify against Ross at trial. Kennedy was sentenced in January to 16 months in prison and three years of post-prison supervision. He has since appealed his case, according to court documents. Police reports indicate that Ross stabbed Fanning in the abdomen during a fracas that also involved Kennedy. The trouble centered on Kennedy's wife, Lori, who was Fanning's girlfriend at the time of the incident.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is Good Friday, the 89th day of 2018. There are 276 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John W. Hinckley, Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

On this date: In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia, first used ether as an anesthetic during an operation to remove a patient's neck tumor.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution,

which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1923, the Cunard liner RMS Laconia became the first passenger ship to circle the globe as it arrived in New York.

In 1945, during World War II, the Soviet Union invaded Austria with the goal of taking Vienna, which it accomplished two weeks later.

In 1959, a narrowly divided U.S. Supreme Court, in Bartkus v. Illinois, ruled that a conviction in state court following an acquittal in federal court for the same crime did not constitute double jeopardy.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for the U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall. The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

In 1975, as the Vietnam War neared its end, Communist forces occupied the city of

Da Nang.

In 1991, Patricia Bowman of Jupiter, Florida, told authorities she'd been raped hours earlier by William Kennedy Smith, the nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy, at the family's Palm Beach estate. (Smith was acquitted at trial.)

In 2002, Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth died at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

In 2006, American reporter Jill Carroll, a freelancer for The Christian Science Monitor, was released after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq.

Thought for Today: "In the best of times, our days are numbered anyway. So it would be a crime against nature for any generation to take the world crisis so solemnly that it put off enjoying those things for which we were designed in the first place: the opportunity to do good work, to enjoy friends, to fall in love, to hit a ball, and to bounce a baby." — Alistair Cooke, British-born American broadcaster (born 1908, died this date in 2004).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

