

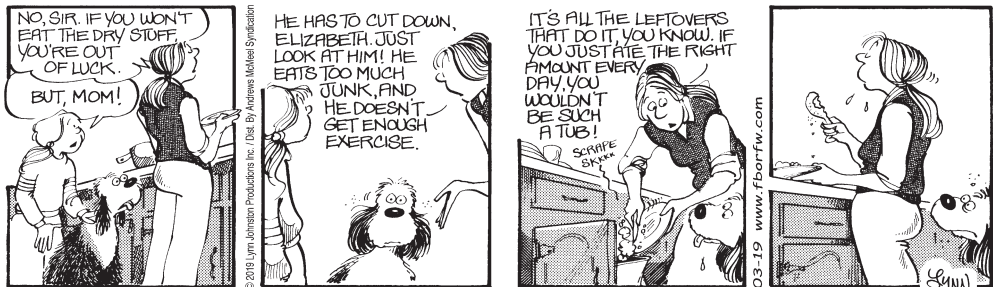
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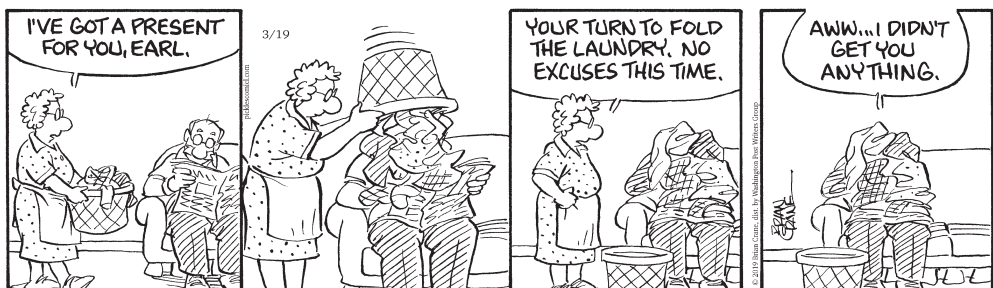
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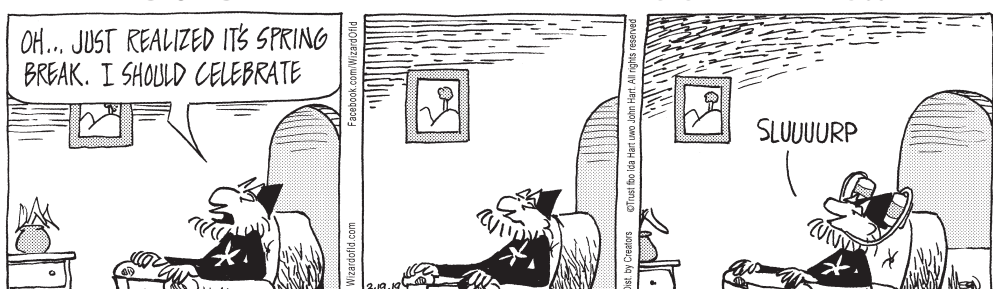
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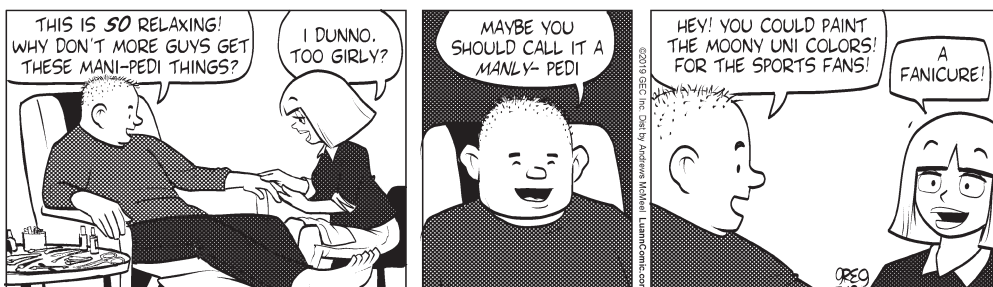
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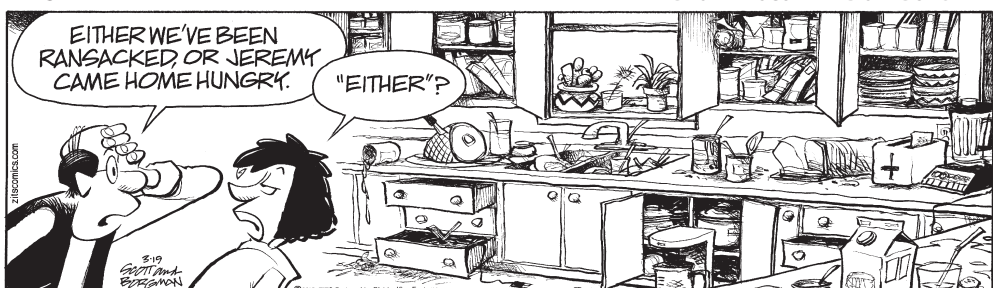
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DEAR ABBY

Online relationship stalls over meeting in person

Dear Abby: I met a really great guy online eight months ago. He lives in another country and we have been in a long-distance relationship for the last six months. We talk all the time, video chat frequently and have grown very close. I have never clicked with anyone like I have with him, and I know he feels the same.

We are having a significant disagreement about meeting in person. I'm willing to travel to his country. The expense, while not negligible, is within my means. However, he says he has some serious ongoing health issues and he wants to wait until they are resolved to meet. He has had them for much of his life, although they have gotten worse during the time I have known him. So far, there has been no diagnosis or treatment plan.

When I have asked, he says I should be patient and he doesn't want our relationship to be about waiting to do things because of his condition. Meanwhile, I know how much pain he is in. I see it every time we chat, and I know how much it affects him. It's not going to scare me away. I just want to be there with him, to see if we work as well in person as we seem to online.

I don't want to add to his stress by insisting we meet, but I also don't want to spend months or years with my life on hold, waiting for a perfect time to meet. What should I do? — Gamer Girl in Indiana

Dear Gamer Girl: When someone you meet online is reluctant to meet in person and interact with you fully, there is usually a reason. Having had these "health prob-



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lems" all his life, one would think there would be a name for the illness and a treatment plan. Because he has neither, I question whether his health is the reason he doesn't want you to visit him. He may be in a relationship or not as he has represented himself in some other way. What you need to do is move on.

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law has the means to buy almost anything she wants. She's a shopper, a borderline hoarder, yet very generous to her children. She buys expensive and unwanted gifts for all her kids — satisfying her shopping urges by getting us doubles of her latest cooking gadget, vacuum cleaner or 10-pound box of chocolate we shouldn't be eating in the first place.

While we're not poor, we sure could use the money she's wasting on these silly gifts. How do we tell her that it's awkward for us to receive an expensive vacuum when we need help with school tuition for our kids? Is it wrong for us to look a gift horse in the mouth, or insensitive of her to flaunt her purchasing power while we're struggling? — Regretfully Ungrateful

Dear Regretfully: I'm not going to label your mother-in-law as insensitive or you as ungrateful. I do think the time has come for you and her son to have a frank talk with her and explain that, while you are grateful for the gifts, you could better use the money she's spending on them for help with her grandchildren's school tuition. If that offends her, so be it, but if she loves her grandchildren, I don't think it should.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 18-19, 1919

Ten tons of old clothing is asked for from this county for relief of people in the allied war zones. The campaign for the clothing will be handled by the Red Cross and will be on between March 24th and 29th. It is hoped to have at least 7000 pounds of clothing provided by Pendleton. The collection of the clothing will be handled by Penland Bros. Those having garments they will donate may give them to any Penland delivery wagon or have them taken by phoning to the Penland Bros. office, 339. Out of town people are asked to ship their bundles to Penland Bros., either prepaid or collect. Heavy durable garments are preferable to frail clothing.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 18-19, 1969

U.S. Air Force M. Sgt. Charles I. Flint, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Flint,

Ukiah, has received his second award of the Air Medal at Altus AFB, Okla., for air action in Southeast Asia. Sgt. Flint was cited for his outstanding airmanship and courage as an inflight refueling operator on successful and important missions under hazardous conditions. He is now at Altus in a unit of the Strategic Air Command. The sergeant, a 1949 graduate of Ukiah High School, served during the Korean War.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 18-19, 1994

The Oregon Department of Transportation wants to replace the railroad overpass — often referred to as the viaduct — in southeast Pendleton. ODOT has released its preferred alternative for widening the bridge and improving access roads, but the project is on hold because of budget restraints. The plan would require moving the Burger Island restaurant, but Mosher's New & Used furniture would survive.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 19, 1945, during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan.

In 1918, Congress passed the first law establishing daylight saving time in the United States, with clocks to be moved forward one hour from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October. (This law was repealed in August 1919).

In 1920, the Senate rejected, for a second time, the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.

In 1931, Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.

In 1953, the Academy Awards ceremony was televised for the first time; "The Greatest Show on Earth"

was named best picture of 1952.

In 1966, the Texas Western Miners defeated the heavily favored Kentucky Wildcats, 72-65, to win the NCAA Championship played in College Park, Maryland; making the contest especially noteworthy was that Texas Western became the first basketball team to start five black players in a national title game as it faced an all-white Kentucky squad.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving a former church secretary.

In 2003, President George W. Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Because of the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

In 2013, Pope Francis officially began his ministry

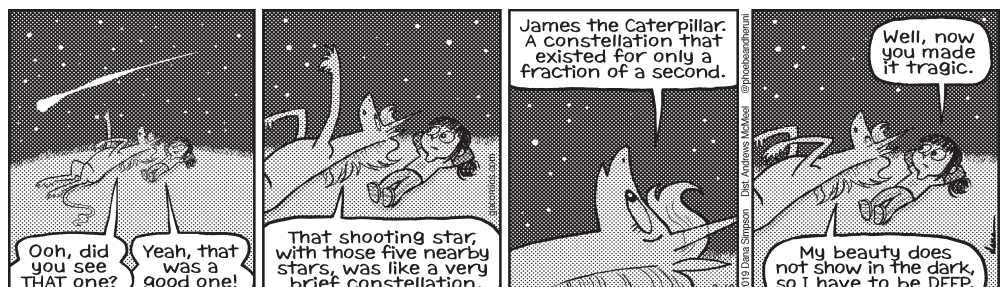
as the 266th pope, receiving the ring symbolizing the papacy and a wool stole exemplifying his role as shepherd of his 1.2-billion strong flock during a Mass at the Vatican.

Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 94. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 73. Actress Glenn Close is 72. Disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein is 67. Actor Bruce Willis is 64. Rock musician Gert Bettens (K's Choice) is 49. Rapper Bun B is 46. Actress Virginia Williams is 41. MLB pitcher Clayton Kershaw is 31. Actor Craig Lamar Traylor is 30. Actor Philip Bolden is 24.

Thought for Today: "As a woman I have no country. As a woman my country is the whole world." — Virginia Woolf, English author (1882-1941).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

