PEANUTS









FOR BETTER OR WORSE











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AGAIN?





BY MORT WALKER

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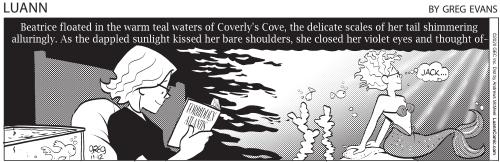


THE WIZARD OF ID









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DEAR ABBY

Woman discovers truth about boyfriend's dangerous nature

JEANNE

PHILLIPS

Dear Abby: I have been in a wonderful relationship and blissfully happy for two years. We live together. When "Scott" and I first got together, he told me he had a felony conviction and that a woman had falsely accused him of rape. I laughed it off because I didn't want to see the truth, but it ate at me badly. Then I finally looked it up via a background check, and it's really bad.

ADVICE Two months after his ex-girlfriend broke up with him, Scott broke into her house and raped her while she was passed out on prescription sleeping pills. She called the police the next day, and he got a plea bargain, went to jail for 100 days and paid her \$20,000 in restitution, probation and the whole thing. Scott still insists it was all her fault and that he is the victim. What do you think? — Shat-

tered in the West

Dear Shattered: I am so glad you asked. What I think is that you should extricate yourself from a relationship with this disturbed felon as quickly and carefully as you can. That Scott blames his victim for the rape he committed tells me he still has not accepted responsibility for his actions and that he is dangerous. Consider contacting the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (rainn.org; 800-656-4673) for advice on how to safely end it.

Dear Abby: I am a 55-year-old woman dating a 63-year-old man. Our relationship didn't start out in the best of circumstances eight years ago because he was still in his 25-year marriage. His wife had been living out of state. When she eventually learned about our relationship, she asked for a divorce. The divorce has been final for more than a year.

I understand that he is embarrassed to let his friends know he is now divorced, but his closest friends know. I'm still waiting for a time when I can be a part of his life without hiding, but I'm beginning to feel he has no intention of letting this happen.

He gets irritated and upset with me when I ask if this friend or that knows about the divorce yet. He doesn't want me to meet his

friends. Must I just accept that I was never meant to really be a part of his life, even though he tells me he loves me? - Still In Hiding in Washington

Dear Still In Hiding: I'm sorry, but I think you may be finally reading the handwriting on the wall quite clearly. If he were proud of this relationship and in love with you, he would be showing you off to his friends, not hiding you. Have you actually seen his divorce papers, and are you absolutely sure that this man is divorced?

Dear Abby: I am 64 years old and happily married to a wonderful woman. The problem I'm having is she has a very large family. Most of them walk into our home without knocking. Even if I know they are coming over, it bothers me. I would never, ever walk into any of their homes without a knock. I was raised that you knock before entering, even at my parents' house after moving out on my own. What do you think about this? — Put Off in Florida

Dear Put Off: Out of respect for your feelings, your wife should have spoken to her family years ago and asked them to either call before dropping in on you or, at the very least, knock. And if it's feasible to keep the doors locked, do it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 12, 1920

C. L. Bowers, whose sons, Russel and C. E. Bowers, came home unwounded after fighting in France, proved this morning that he is not as successful as his boys when it comes to dodging bullets. He is an Armistice Day casualty, having been accidentally shot in the left hand by a gun held by a man named Eaton. Mr. Bowers, who is employed at the DeMott cigar store, was in the act of buying the gun from John Jones when Eaton stepped up to the counter and picked up the gun, which exploded. Mr. Bowers' left hand served to keep the bullet from entering his side. The bullet went through his hand, struck a counter, then the wall back of Mr. Bowers, after which it bounded back to the opposite wall and then finished by going through the elevator. Mr. Bowers is the father-in-law of the late Robert Ingalls, killed in the Argonne fight. Robert Pershing Ingalls, Pendleton's first war baby, is Mr. Bowers' grandson.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 12, 1970

Seen any ladies poking around under a car hood lately, seeming to know what they're doing? They've probably been attending the Auto Tips for Women evening classes at Blue Mountain Community College and are changing an oil filter or adjusting a fan belt. Following classroom lectures, the women crowd around car engines in the laboratory and scrutinize every detail as thoroughly as though they were examining lettuce at

a grocery store. The auto class, complete with grease remover, teaches everything from changing tires to recognizing tell-tale engine coughs. Linda Sturdivant, a freshman at BMCC, has her own reasons for taking the class. "My sister and I bought this old car and sometimes it needs fixing. Our boyfriends say to fix it one way and our dad says to fix it another way. I decided to find out how to fix it myself."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 12, 1995

Jackie Koppany's Hermiston living room is overflowing with floodlights and camera equipment. The local press waits outside on her front porch, anxious to slip inside the packed house for a glimpse of Tom Bosley. That's right, Sheriff Amos Tupper from "Murder She Wrote." Father Dowling. Happy Days. That Tom Bosley. Koppany's amazing success selling products for the Specialty Merchandise Corp. through her home-based business, Attila's Gift Emporium, is the reason Bosley and the couple dozen or so production people have come to her house today. Her story is being taped along with the stories of a handful of other successful SMC dealers throughout the country. The testimonials will be used in a 30-minute "infomercial" the company is producing. This is the second infomercial the company has taped featuring Bosley. The first one set records for effectiveness and response. Koppany's business also sells discount guns and ammunition in addition to various figurines and trinkets. It's unusual, but it's successful mix.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Nov. 12, 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

In 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over Japanese forces.)

In 1975, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas retired because of failing health, ending a record

36-year term.

In 1977, the city of New Orleans elected its first Black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, the winner of a runoff.

In 1987, the American Medical Association issued a policy statement saying it was unethical for a doctor to refuse to treat someone solely because that person had AIDS or was HIV-positive.

1990, In Japanese Emperor Akihito formally

assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne. Actor Eve Arden died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 82.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 77. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 75. Actor Megan Mullally is 62. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci is 59. Figure skater Tonya Harding is 50. Actor Ryan Gosling is 40. Actor Anne Hathaway is

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