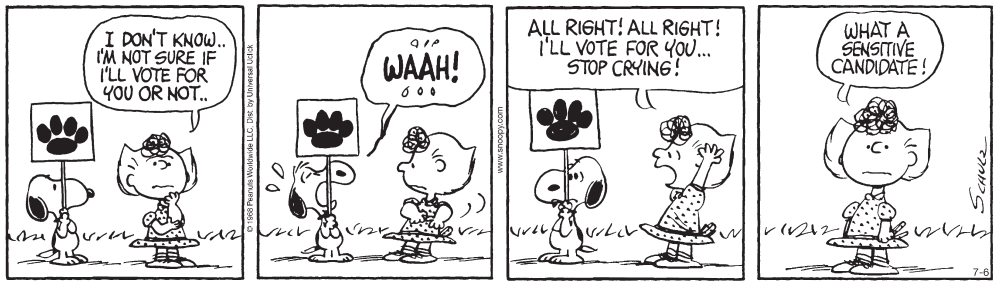


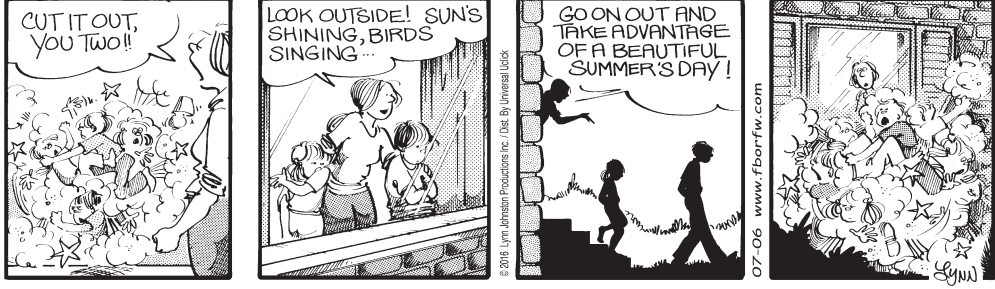
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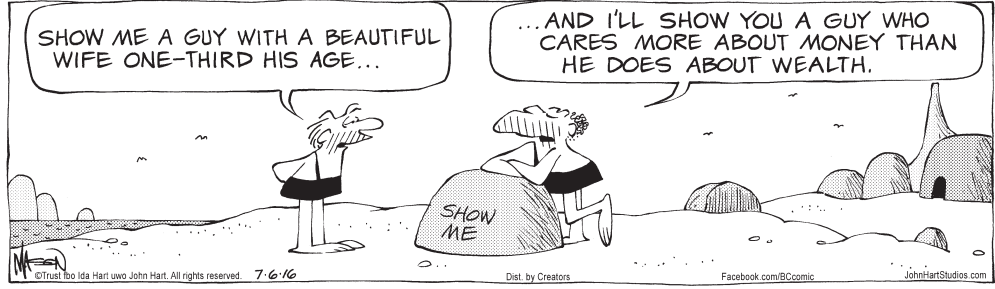
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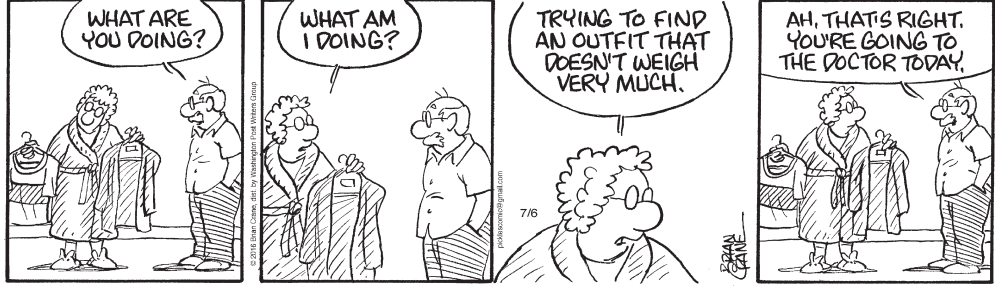
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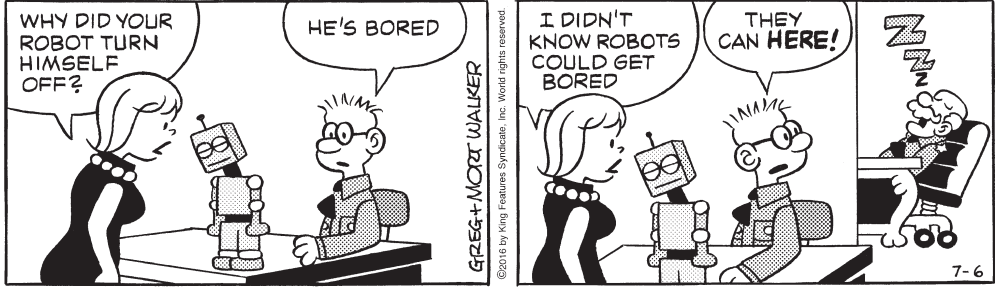
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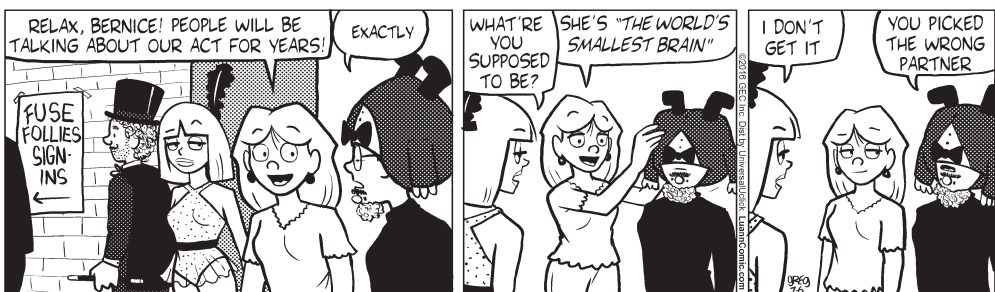
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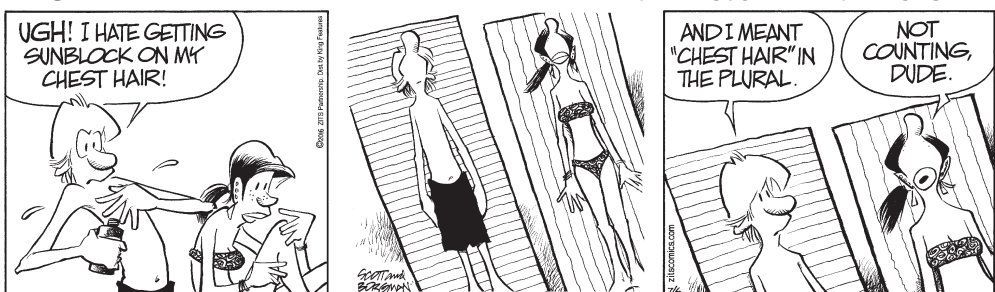
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DEAR ABBY

Unrequited love for best friend is dead-end street



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: Five years into our marriage, my wife and I took a girlfriend, "Sonya." I fell madly in love with her. Unfortunately, my relationship with my wife cooled because she changed as a person. We ended up divorcing.

I'm still in love with Sonya, but obviously nothing will ever come of it. I'm her confidant and best friend, and she tells me all about her dating life.

I'm having trouble dealing with it, but I don't think I could handle not seeing her face light up when she speaks about her new girlfriend. My love for Sonya runs to my core — it's one for the ages. She IS my soul. I don't want to lose her as my best friend, but I don't know how to manage the pain of my unrequited love. Please help me. — Demolished In Connecticut

Dear Demolished: Your love for Sonya may run to the core, but it isn't returned. If she's in love with another woman, your chances of winding up with her are somewhere between slim and none. That's why you must now decide if a bleeding heart is a condition you really want to live with. My advice is to be kind to yourself, get off a track that is leading nowhere and look for someone who can love you back.

Dear Abby: My lady friend and I have been living in the same apartment building for a year. It is a retirement community, and we each have our own apartment. (We are both in our 90s.) We are together almost

every day. We are Roman Catholic and attend church services at least twice a week.

My problem is, I want her to sleep with me in the same bed, but without having sex. She says sleeping together is wrong, against God's will and we should not do it. I said as long as we don't have sex, we are not committing a sin. I talked to a priest about this and he agreed with me. What do you think? — Nonagenarian In Minnesota

Dear Nonagenarian: If your priest blesses it, who am I to argue?

Dear Abby: All my life, I've put my belt on from left to right. I never really questioned why. Just reckoned it had something to do with me being right-handed.

Recently, an old acquaintance told me I have been doing it wrong. According to him, only women do it from the left. Men belt up right-to-left.

Abby, who's right? Is there a correct way to wear a belt? Is it a gender thing, a comfort thing or does it even matter? — Not Too Big For My Britches

Dear Not Too Big: Most men insert their belts from left to right, and most women do it from right to left. However, unless you are a member of the military and must adhere to a strict dress code, you have the right to buckle your belt whichever way you wish.

To My Muslim Readers: A happy Eid al-Fitr, one and all.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 6, 1916

Another movement was started in the council last evening for the removal of poles and wires from the main business streets of Pendleton. Mayor Best brought the matter up but confined his criticisms entirely to the telephone company. However, some of the members of the council were in favor of making the same demands upon the electric company as were made upon the telephone company. Both have poles and wires on the main streets.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 6, 1966

Concern mounted this morning for missing government trapper James Chetwood of Pendleton who is long overdue on a coyote trapping trip in to the rolling wheat country between Helix and Holdman. Chetwood left his Mt. Hebron home at 7 a.m. Tuesday for a day of checking coyote traps in the Holdman area. When he failed to show up at home Tuesday evening, his wife became alarmed and called farmers in the Holdman area to learn if anyone had seen him. Farmers and ranchers conducted a search using radio equipped four-wheel drive rigs late Tuesday without finding a trace of

the widely known trapper. Mrs. Chetwood said her husband was supposed to return around 4 p.m. and then head out today for his trapping camp in the woods. A check of the forest camp showed he had not visited there. An aerial search was made of the area this morning with no trace found of Chetwood and his white four-wheel drive Scout.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 6, 1991

Maj. Gen. Raymond "Fred" Rees of Helix, the former adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard, will be sworn in at the Pentagon as the new director of the Army National Guard Monday morning. Rees, 46, will administer a \$4.6 billion budget for 54 states and territories. He will provide guidance on achieving federal standards, negotiate and allocate force structure for each state, and ensure each state is properly funded to perform their federal military missions. A 1966 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Rees earned a degree in law from the University of Oregon. He managed the family's farm at Helix until his appointment as the adjutant general in 1987. Rees becomes the first Oregon National Guardsman to hold a distinct military leadership position in Washington, D.C.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 188th day of 2016. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut. (One of the survivors of the blaze was future actor Charles Nelson Reilly, then age 13.)

On this date: In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for high treason.

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin.

In 1865, the weekly publication The Nation, the self-described "flagship of the left," made its debut.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks.

In 1933, the first All-Star

baseball game was played at Chicago's Comiskey Park; the American League defeated the National League, 4-2.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom. Nicaragua became the first nation to ratify the United Nations Charter.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title as she defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

In 1964, the movie "A Hard Day's Night," starring The Beatles, had its world premiere in London. British colony Nyasaland became the independent country of Malawi.

In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform. Medical waste and other debris began washing up on New York City-area seashores, forcing the closing of several popular beaches.

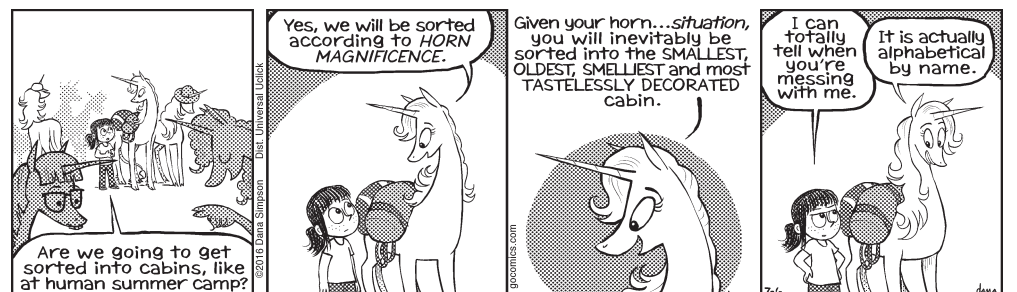
Today's Birthdays:

Singer-actress Della Reese is 85. The 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is 81. Actor Ned Beatty is 79. Singer Gene Chandler is 76. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 76. Actor Burt Ward is 71. Former President George W. Bush is 70. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 70. Actor Fred Dryer is 70. Actress Shelley Hack is 69. Actress Nathalie Baye is 68. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 65. Actress Allyce Beasley is 65. Rock musician John Bazz (The Blasters) is 64. Actor Brian Posehn is 50. Rapper Inspectah Deck (Wu-Tang Clan) is 46. Rapper 50 Cent is 41. Comedian-actor Kevin Hart is 37.

Thought for Today: "Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself." — William Faulkner, American author (born 1897, died this date in 1962).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

