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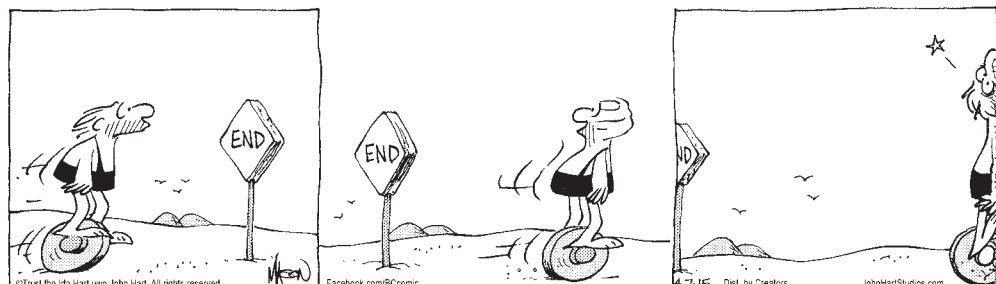
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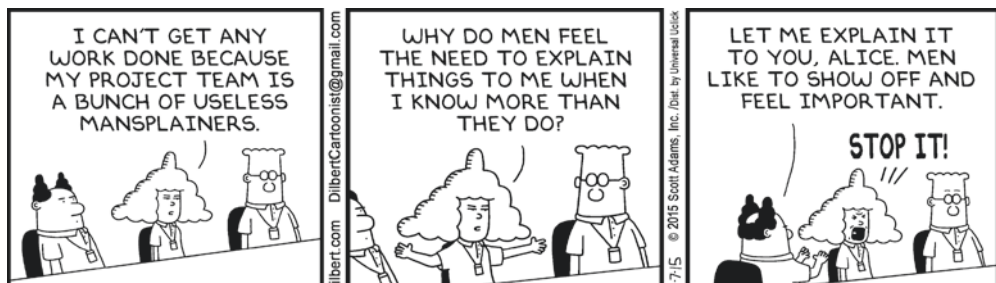
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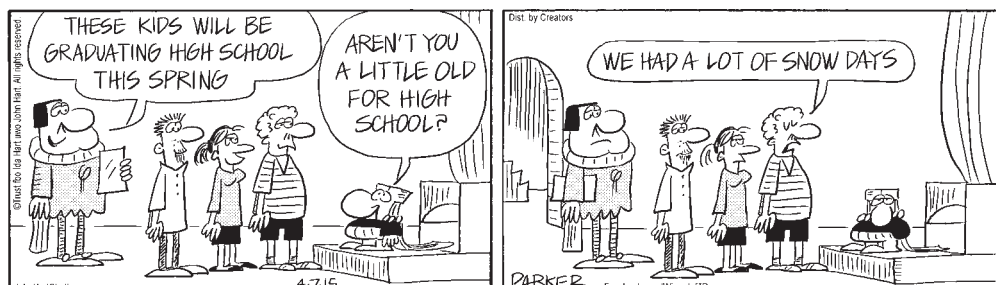
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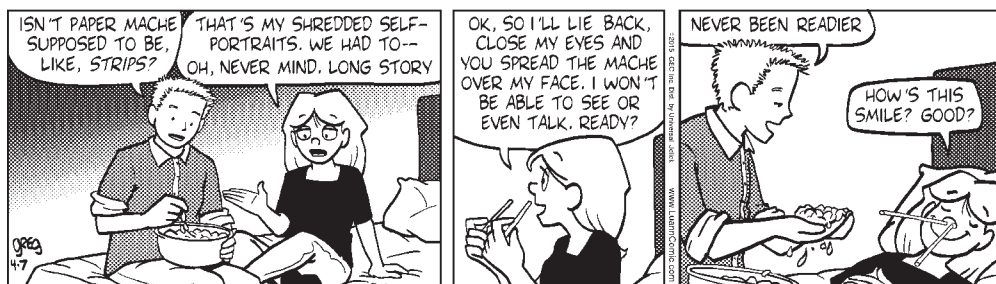
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DEAR ABBY

Man who doesn't want kids should look for another woman



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: When I turned 25, after considering it for years, I went to my doctor and told him I wanted to become sterile. I got a vasectomy two months later. I haven't had any regrets, and now at 27, I'm still firmly convinced that I don't want children — ever.

I started dating a woman a year ago, "Anita," who told me that if she never had kids, she could live with it. I felt lucky to have found someone who would be OK with no kids.

I have had a few issues with Anita. When she gets upset from time to time, she says that if she stays with me, she will never have kids. I know she cares for me deeply, but I also believe she feels conflicted about giving up the chance to be a mother.

Do you think it's fair for me to pursue this relationship and hope that eventually she'll come to terms with not having children with me? Or should I end the relationship so she can find someone who shares her desire to become a parent? I worry that if I end it, it may take years before I find someone who shares my wish to never be a parent. — **No Kids In Colorado**

Dear No Kids: You have been upfront with Anita. She understands that you do not want children, and that you have taken steps to ensure it won't happen. She's correct that if she stays with you, she will never have any.

For both your sakes, the two of you need to talk this through once and for all, because if Anita is ambivalent about forgoing motherhood, she does need to find another life partner. And you need to let her do that.

Dear Abby: It happened to me again

yesterday. After I had been waiting patiently at the counter of a large department store, another woman came up and stood beside me. The clerk walked over and immediately began to ring up the other woman's purchase. I said, "I was here first!" Both the clerk and the woman apologized, but because the sale had already begun, the salesclerk completed it and I was left waiting.

I am angry about it. I feel stores should have a queue where you get in line in order, or clerks should be instructed to ask, "Who was here first?" I don't want to believe I was passed over because the other woman looked more prosperous than I do, but she was buying a very expensive handbag, while I was purchasing socks that were on clearance. How should that be handled in the future? — **Shopper In Kentucky**

Dear Shopper: If you have a complaint about service, it should be addressed to the store manager. A well-trained retail salesperson would have asked which of you was there first. The amount you were spending should have made no difference.

Dear Abby: My wife and I travel with another couple. I furnish the vehicle and do all the driving. How should we share the expenses? — **Easy Rider In Northern California**

Dear Easy Rider: The other couple should pay for half the gas and their own meals and lodging.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 6-7, 1915

Major Lee Moorhouse was today made happy through being presented by Fred Lockley of the *Oregon Journal* with some very interesting relics of the Whitman massacre. They were dug up several days ago by Mr. Lockley on the site of the old immigrant house at the Whitman mission. The relics consist of an old and much rusted fire dog, a number of pieces of broken dish of a blue and white ware, a small piece of burned wood from the building and a small piece of human bone. Mr. Lockley visited the site of the old mission a few days ago and noticing that the ground at the site of the old immigrant house was black following the rain proceeded to do a little digging. He dug into the ground several feet and was fortunate in striking some relics of exceptional interest.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 6-7, 1965

The play of children in a yard is not an infringement on the rights of neighboring residents to enjoy the peaceful occupancy of their homes. This was the opinion offered by city attorney Gene Conklin Monday when he said

the operation of a day nursery in a residential area was not a violation of the city zoning ordinance. Conklin had been asked to give an opinion in the matter after a petition was presented to the city planning commission Thursday protesting the operation of the Rocking Horse Ranch day nursery at 719 NW 11th St. The nursery is owned by Mrs. Rodney Hughes and has been in operation a short time.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 6-7, 1990

An inmate attempting to escape was stopped between spans of razor ribbon on the perimeter of the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution Thursday night. It was the first escape attempt since the medium-security prison opened in 1985. Bob Wright, EOCI superintendent, said Robert E. King's attempted escape ended when an officer confronted him with a shotgun at about 9:45 p.m. The prison's electronic perimeter security alarm alerted officers of the attempt. King was halted in his escape attempt between the institution's two 12-foot cyclone fences as he attempted to climb over the five coils of stainless steel razor wire in between. He was using broken pieces of a construction ladder in his foiled attempt, Wright said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 97th day of 2015. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 7, 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet, which included the battleship Yamato, that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission.

On this date: In 1788, an expedition led by Gen. Rufus Putnam established a settlement at present-day Marietta, Ohio.

In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

In 1915, jazz singer-songwriter Billie Holiday, also known as "Lady Day," was born in Philadelphia.

In 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the

first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly ratified Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden as the new secretary-general, succeeding Trygve Lie of Norway.

In 1966, the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon.

In 1990, a display of Robert Mapplethorpe photographs opened at Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center, the same day the center and its director were indicted on obscenity charges (both were acquitted).

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Wayne Rogers is 82. Media commentator Hodding Carter III is 80. Country singer Bobby Bare is 80. Rhythm-and-blues singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 78. California Gov. Jerry Brown is 77. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 76. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 68. Singer John Oates is 67. Former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels is 66. Singer Janis Ian is 64. Country musician John Dittrich is 64. Actor Jackie Chan is 61. College and Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dorsett is 61. Actor Russell Crowe is 51. Christian/jazz singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 51. Actor Bill Bellamy is 50. Rock musician Dave "Yorkie" Palmer (Space) is 50. Former football player-turned-analyst Tiki Barber is 40.

Thought for Today: "Verba movent, exempla trahunt." (Words move people, examples compel them.) — *Latin proverb.*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

