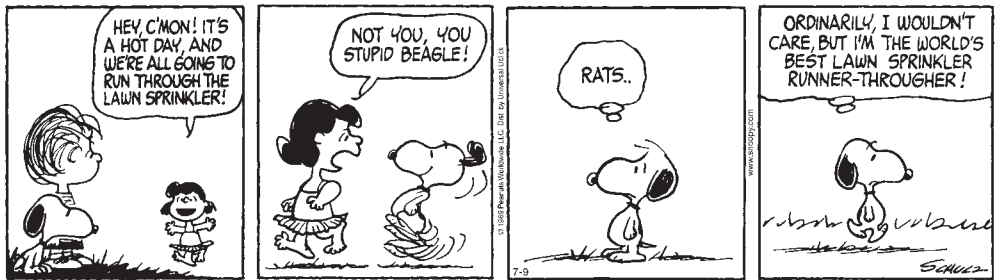


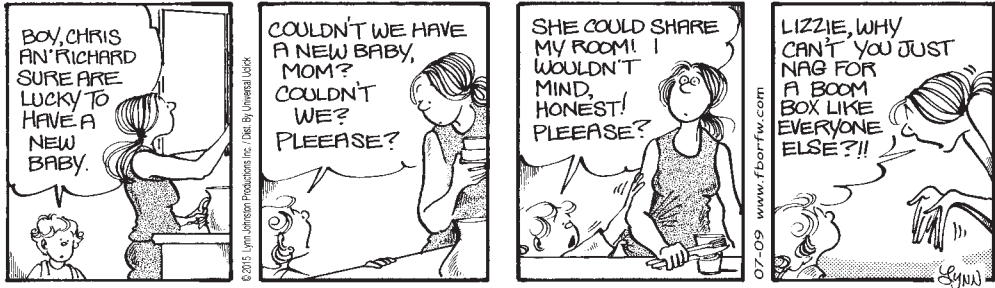
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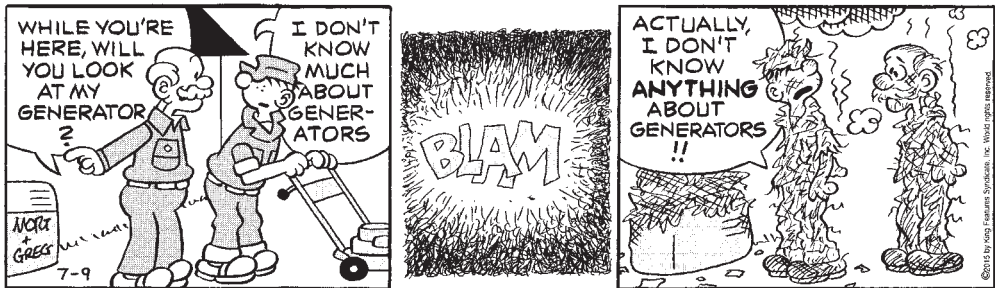
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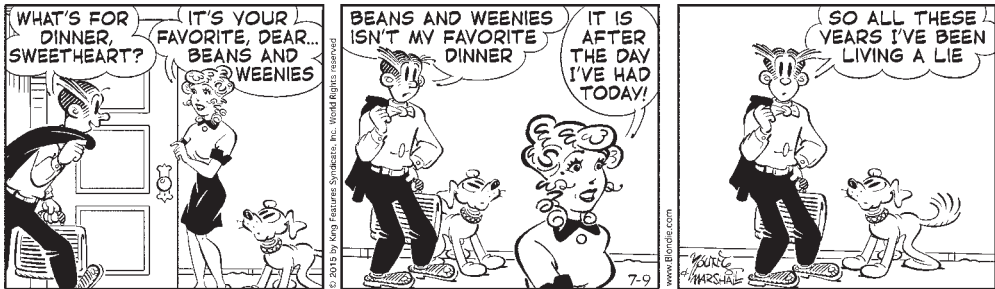
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DEAR ABBY

Man objects to girlfriend's family vacation with ex

Dear Abby: My girlfriend has been divorced for two years. She shares custody of her two girls, ages 5 and 6, with her ex. She wants to remain friends with him for the sake of the girls. I have supported her friendly relationship with him despite the repeated lies he tells and the deceptive stories he makes up in an attempt to break us up.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

this will be a deal breaker — which is an ultimatum — are you tolerating it?

Dear Abby: I'm a 17-year-old girl about to head off to college. I have a great relationship with my father, but my mother and I are not on the best of terms.

Half the time, she's loving and supportive and willing to spend time with me. Other times, she is verbally and emotionally abusive. She'll call me a failure and a disappointment, and cry for no reason (most likely to get attention).

She has done this since my childhood, and I want to escape her toxicity by shutting her out of my life as an adult. However, she has threatened suicide (she has tried it before).

My father is on her side and says he will refuse contact with me if I disown her. I want to keep them both in my life, but it has become too difficult to endure her abuse anymore. Please help. — College Bound In The Midwest

Dear College Bound: You're an intelligent young woman. I'm sure that by now you have realized that your mother has serious emotional issues for which one can only hope she is receiving professional help.

When you leave for college, you will no longer be subjected to her mood swings or the hurtful comments she makes when she's not herself. Once you have completed your education you will be on your own, and will most likely make a life for yourself wherever your profession takes you. It isn't necessary to make any decisions about cutting anyone out of your life now. Time will take care of your problem.

Recently, he decided he wants to take his daughters away for a long weekend. He invited my girlfriend to come along and plans to pay for everything, including a hotel room with two beds they will share. I have said repeatedly that this vacation and the arrangements are a deal breaker for me. She assures me that her intent is to be with her daughters and she has no desire for intimacy with her ex. She refuses to change her mind and says I need to trust her. The fact is, I don't trust HIM based on his actions and many issues between them in the past.

Am I paranoid or obsessing over this? I'd appreciate your input. — Uneasy Down South

Dear Uneasy: You are neither obsessing nor paranoid. You are normal. Because the ex seems intent on breaking you up and he seems to have no girlfriend in the picture, you have a right to feel uneasy. (I'm assuming that your lady friend is physically fit and if necessary she could defend her virtue.)

Questions that occur to me are: Why would she want to go away for a long "family" weekend under these circumstances? Why would she insist on it even though she knows it bothers the man with whom she has a relationship? And why, after informing her that

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 9, 1915

Woe unto the speeders, male or female, hereafter. The day of suspended sentences is over and the guilty will be punished in their pocketbooks according to the extent of the offenses. It has been so ordered. Heretofore, it has been the custom of Recorder Fitz Gerald to fine male speeders on their first offense the minimum amount and to suspend sentence upon speeders of the other sex pending good behavior. This custom, in the view of some members of the council, is not having the desired effect and the recorder was last evening instructed to exercise no more leniency with offenders, regardless of sex.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 9, 1965

A grass fire next to the populated Sherwood Heights area burned down one shed and threatened two homes and a grain field shortly after 5 p.m. Thursday. Since the property is outside the city limits and not in any fire protection district, the Pendleton Fire Department, which sent two trucks and 22 men to the scene, had to stand off and watch the fire burn. The firemen concentrated their efforts to making sure the fire did not spread

into the city limits. Pendleton Grain Growers sent a rig to stop the fire that made several inroads into a field of barley owned by Dan Bell. A shed or garage belonging to contractor August Stettner was touched off by the grass fire and burned to the ground. Neighbors and a Pendleton policeman sprayed water from garden hoses to keep the fire from advancing toward the Stettner home and a home rented to Jerry Myrick at 3305 SW Hailey.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 9, 1990

Charlie Daniels wasted no time burning horse hair Friday evening, playing to an audience of about 1,800 people in the concert bowl at the Red Lion. It was the second concert in three years for the Charlie Daniels Band, which performed as the Round-Up and Happy Canyon headliner in 1987. Except for one incident at the end of the show, concert-goers were well behaved. A 20-year-old Irrigon man, Scott Collins, was seriously injured when he dove into the duck pond that separated the crowd and the band. Collins was one of three young men who dove into the pond during the final song. A nursing supervisor at St. Mary Medical Center said Collins suffered a neck injury and was in serious and stable condition.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 190th day of 2015. There are 175 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

On this date: In 1540, England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

In 1816, Argentina declared independence from Spain.

In 1850, the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term. (He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore.)

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1918, 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tennessee. The Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress.

In 1938, Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo, 68, died in Port Chester, New York.

In 1945, architect Frank Lloyd Wright unveiled his design for the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, a spiral structure on Manhattan's Upper East Side that was completed in 1959.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany. (An official end to the state of war was declared in October 1951.)

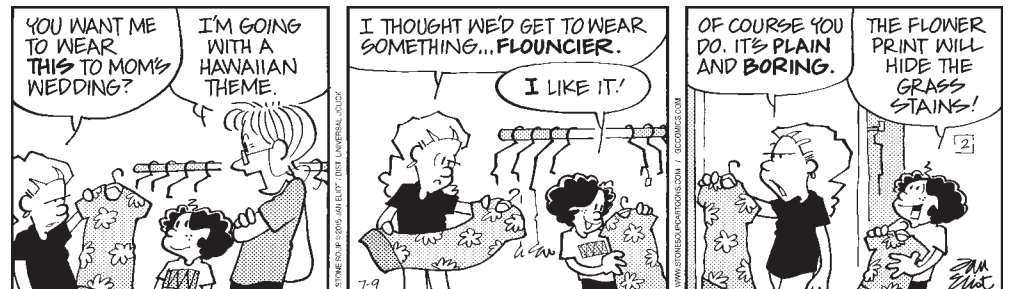
In 1995, Jerry Garcia performed for the final time as frontman of the Grateful Dead during a concert at Chicago's Soldier Field (Garcia died a month later).

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer Ed Ames is 88. Former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is 83. Neurologist and author Oliver Sacks is 82. Actor James Hampton is 79. Actor Brian Dennehy is 77. Actor Richard Roundtree is 73. Author Dean Koontz is 70. Football Hall-of-Famer O.J. Simpson is 68. Actor Chris Cooper is 64. TV personality John Tesh is 63. Actor Tom Hanks is 59. Actress-rock singer Courtney Love is 51. Rock musician Frank Bello (Anthrax) is 50. Actor David O'Hara is 50. Rock singer-musician Isaac Brock (Modest Mouse) is 40. Musician/producer Jack White is 40. Rock musician Dan Estrin (Hoobastank) is 39. Actor-director Fred Savage is 39.

Thought for Today: "If writers were good business men, they'd have too much sense to be writers." — Irvin S. Cobb, American humorist (1876-1944).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

