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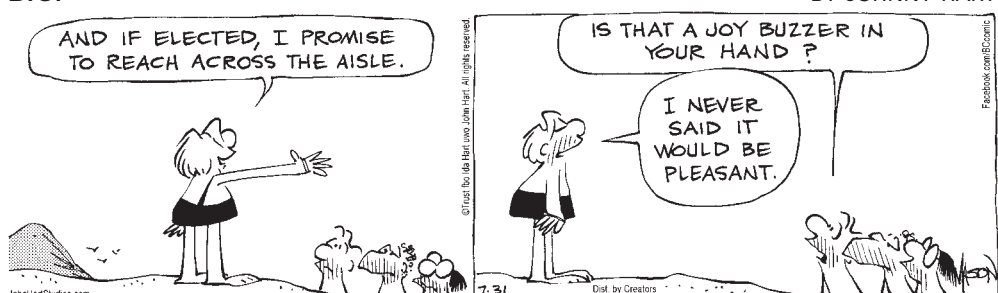
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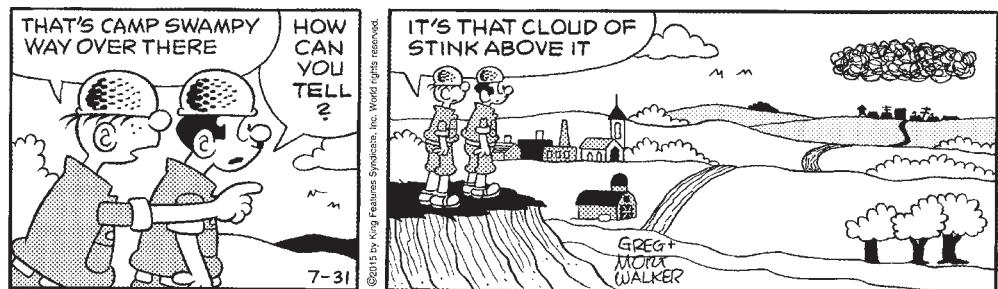
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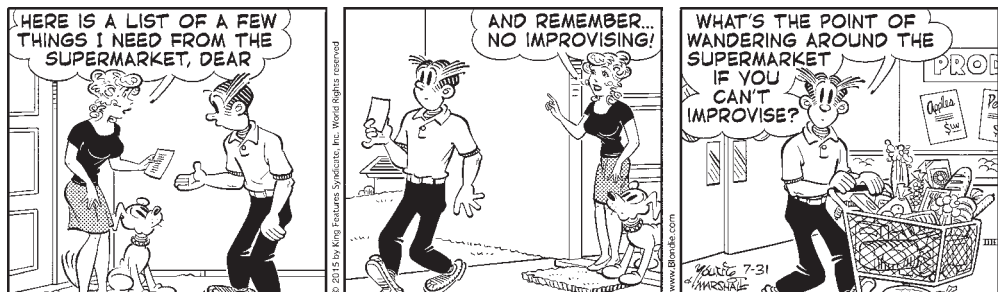
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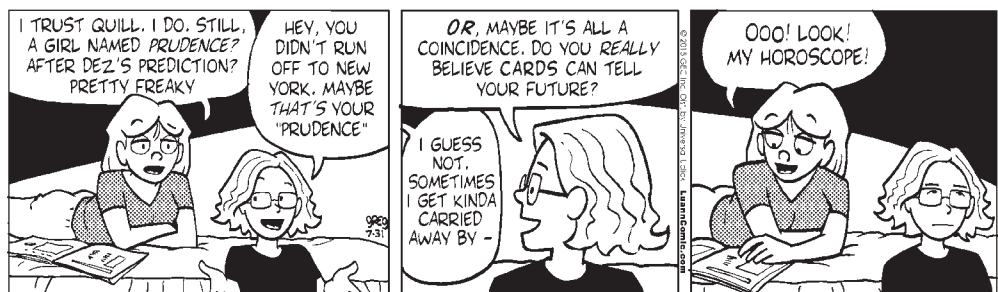
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DEAR ABBY

Boyfriend reveals that his soul mate died years ago

Dear Abby: I have been close to my best friend for three years. A year ago we decided to date. We have a wonderful relationship on almost every level. The only issue I have is that he's reluctant to open up about his past. He is a very private person, and I know it's because of his upbringing. This has sparked many debates between us that have ended less than pleasantly.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

If there is one thing I have learned, it is that we cannot change other people. He doesn't need your help; he needs someone who will accept him the way he is and love him for it.

Dear Abby: I am the treasurer for my high school's upcoming 50th reunion. My senior class was large — more than 550 students. My problem is, 280 students have not responded to our monthly emails or newsletters.

Recently, he did open up, and when he did, he dropped a bomb. He asked me if I believed in soul mates, and I said yes. Then he told me about how in his past there was a girl he loved very much. Sadly, she died. He said he sees this girl as his soul mate, but he doesn't think it lessens any of his love for me.

This was the first time he opened up to me. Now that it has sunk in, I'm hurt. I already have self-confidence issues, and I worry that since I am not her, I'm not enough. I can't live up to a dead woman.

I always thought I could change his closed ways, but now, knowing the cause, I fear there is nothing I can do to help him. Maybe he's just too messed up for me. I don't know what to do. Can someone have two soul mates? — Not His Soul Mate

Dear Not His Soul Mate: Please do not allow your self-confidence issues to ruin your relationship, because from where I sit, it appears you're looking for a way to push this man away. So what if he had a romance that ended tragically? She's dead — gone! And you're very much alive. Stop competing with her.

It takes a lot of time and effort to put on a reunion. We have been working on it for two years. I realize some classmates hated their senior year. Not all of us had a perfect time. But would you remind people that a simple yes or no works well?

Frankly, I don't know why anyone would say no, unless medical or financial issues prevented them from attending. I don't look like I did at 18, and neither does anyone else. The clique clubs are gone, and the captain of the football team looks just like any other guy. Can you comment? — Ready For The Reunion

Dear Ready: Yes. There may be other reasons why some graduates don't wish to attend their high school reunion. They live far away, or there is no one they particularly want to see.

Rather than work yourself into a lather, in your next communication to the graduates specify that only those who have responded to the invitation can be accommodated "because the committee is making arrangements for which they need an exact head count." If you don't hear from someone, do not plan on seeing him or her.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 31, 1915

The exhibition of A. Phimister Proctor's "Buckaroo" and cowboy head in the Frazier bookstore windows caused many people to stop in admiration last evening and all day today. Perhaps the greatest tribute yet paid the sculptor's latest work are the comments of the cowboys and others familiar with range life, for not one but admits the artist has created a perfect representation of a broncho buster astride an outlaw. Not only is the action of the bucking horse faithfully recorded in the plaster but the form of the rider in the saddle is perfect, according to the cowboys. "He's ridin' her straight up," said one bechapped individual, "and just look at him throw the steel." While being exhibited and while making its trip across the continent, the plaster of the "Buckaroo" is insured for \$5000. It will go by express tonight for New York where it will be cast into bronze and Mr. Proctor expects to have some of the bronzes here before the 1915 Round-up.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 31, 1965

"I heard a big bang, and looked behind me." That was how Don Henry, of Odell, Oregon, described his discovery of the fire that reduced his truck to a charred ruin in minutes Thursday afternoon. The fire occurred at 20th and SE Court. Witnesses

said flames went over 20 feet into the air. The truck was a total loss. Henry said he did not know if his insurance policy includes fire damage. "One door on that truck didn't work well. When I saw the fire I yelled at the guy in the cab with me, 'Move over, I'm getting out of here.'" The fire apparently started when the truck's gas tank fell off and exploded. Traffic was routed around the inferno by police.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 31, 1990

Some people climb mountains because they're there. Joe Ilie's mountain is the Columbia River. Ilie, 68, of Milton-Freewater, took the plunge Sunday morning on the Oregon side of the river above McNary Dam and didn't emerge from the water until he reached Washington one hour and 55 minutes later. To be completely truthful, Ilie said the river was a bit more swift than he would have liked, and the temperature kept his jaws chattering. But the adventure was nothing new to the disabled World War II veteran. Ilie swam the Columbia 19 years ago on his 50th birthday in one hour and 10 minutes. It took a little longer this year, but Ilie said it had little to do with being almost two decades older. "I believe there was more water going over the spillway at the dam this time so I was fighting more current," Ilie said. Ilie's son, Thomas, piloted a boat that remained alongside during the entire swim. Ilie said there were no mishaps along the way.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 212th day of 2015. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 31, 1715, a fleet of Spanish ships carrying gold, silver and jewelry sank during a hurricane off the east Florida coast, scattering most of their treasure along the ocean floor. Of some 2,500 crew members, more than 1,000 died.

On this date: In 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter County, Tennessee, at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was

adopted by the republic's National Assembly.

In 1930, the radio character "The Shadow" made his debut as narrator of the "Detective Story Hour" on CBS Radio.

In 1933, the radio series "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy," made its debut on CBS radio station WBBM in Chicago.

In 1942, Oxfam International had its beginnings as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief was founded in England.

In 1954, Pakistan's K2 was conquered as two members of an Italian expedition, Achille Compagnoni and Lino Lacedelli, reached the summit.

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 reached the moon, transmitting pictures back to Earth

before impacting the lunar surface.

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures that Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

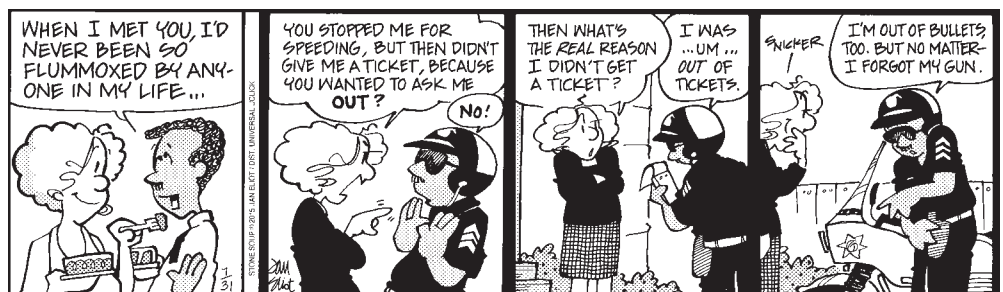
In 1973, Delta Air Lines Flight 723, a DC-9, crashed while trying to land at Boston's Logan International Airport, killing all 89 people on board.

In 1989, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon released a grisly videotape showing the body of American hostage William R. Higgins, a Marine lieutenant-colonel, dangling from a rope.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

