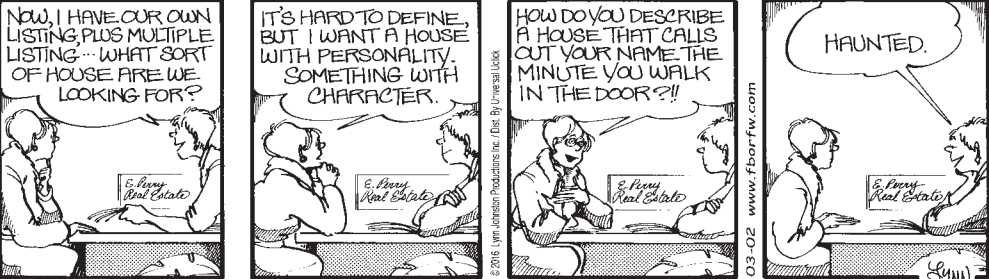


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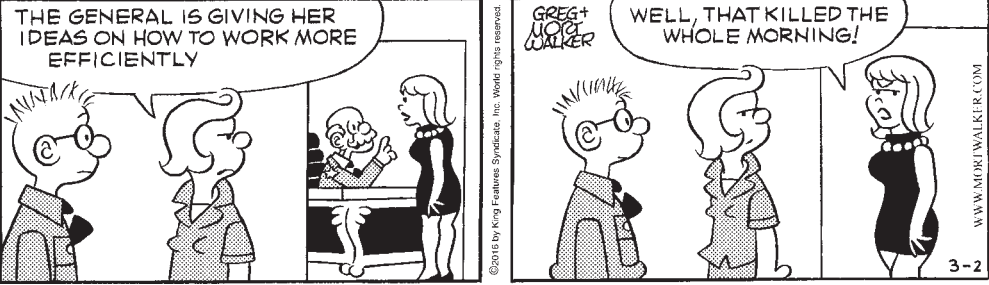
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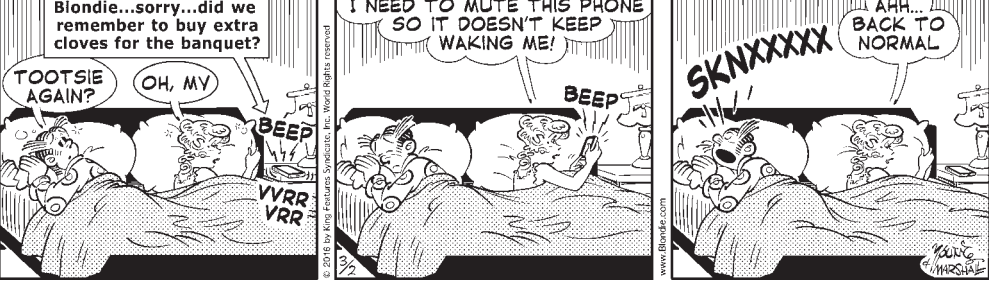
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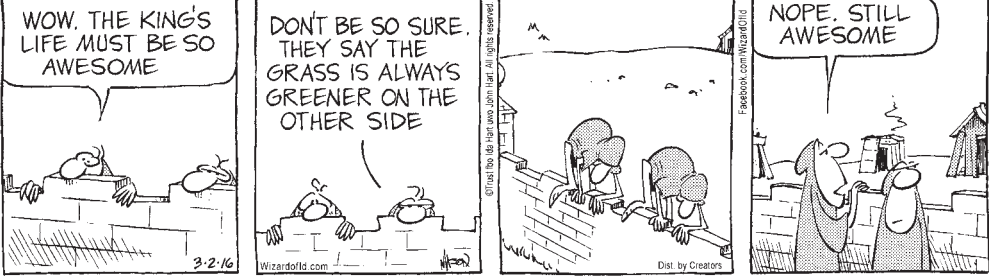
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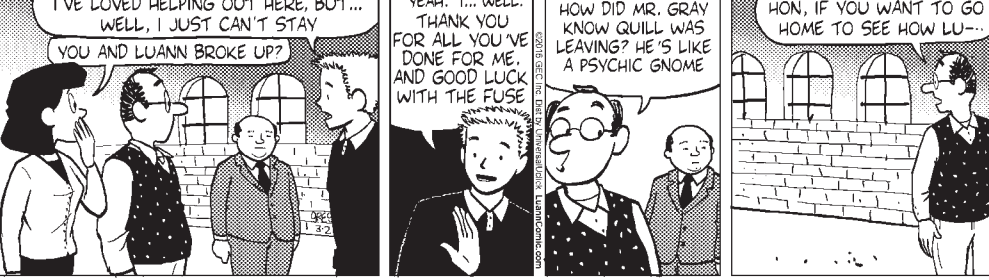
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DEAR ABBY Woman's secret past revealed makes fiancé doubt the future

Dear Abby: My fiancée and I have known each other since high school. I was the “good kid” with honors and the right parents. She was considered trouble and didn’t have the best home life. Rumor had it that she moonlighted as a stripper our senior year, but I always blew it off as false.

Fast-forward 12 years: I ran into her recently, and we decided to have dinner. I fell in love with her on that date. A few months went by and I mentioned the rumors. She wasn’t upset and matter-of-factly explained that she did start stripping in high school and continued through college. It bothered me, but the benefits of being with her far outweighed the negatives.

Now that we are engaged, she told me she had to “come clean.” She said there were times in college when she had sex with some of her regular clients. I am floored. She basically admitted she had prostituted herself. I don’t know what to do. I don’t want to blame her for her past indiscretions, but this is a big deal. I don’t know how to let it go. Advice, please! — **Guy Who Needs Advice**

Dear Guy: You now see your fiancée clearly — warts and all. The problem with “falling in love” (what I define as infatuation) is that you don’t yet know who the person is. Regardless of how your fiancée financed her education, she deserves respect for being honest with you. She has done as much as she can to improve her life. You must now ask yourself if you can see past her past, and if



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she is someone you would be happy spending the rest of your life with. Remember, I live in Los Angeles, and in this town, her revelation wouldn’t necessarily be a deal-breaker.

Dear Abby: I met a guy named “Ryan” about 10 weeks ago. We hit it off right away. I admit I had a little crush on him.

About a week after we met, he came out to a group of our mutual friends (me included) as gay. I’m very supportive of him, and it didn’t change anything between us at all. Over the last several weeks, we have grown to be best friends and continue to grow closer and closer.

Once I found out Ryan was gay, the rational and practical part of me took over and squashed the crush I had on him in the beginning. But now that feeling is coming back even stronger.

I know our relationship can never be anything more than platonic. I guess I’m just asking how I can get over him while still maintaining our close friendship, because ultimately, that means the world to me, and I don’t want to lose it. — **Friend Only, In Washington, D.C.**

Dear Friend Only: It’s not easy to think rationally when emotions are involved. Ryan may have everything you want in a man, but he will not be a romantic partner for you. If spending time around him becomes too painful, you may have to put some distance between the two of you until you regain your emotional balance.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 2, 1916

War on the children who play on the paved sidewalk with roller skates was declared in council last evening by Councilman H.J. Taylor and the children found a defender in Councilman E.J. Murphy. Councilman Taylor declared the children are in the habit of skating every evening on the walks on Jackson street and in other parts of the city, and stated that, to check themselves suddenly, they turn into the parking. His own parking has been damaged by this practice, he stated. He asked for the enforcement of the ordinance governing roller skating, if there is one, and for the passage of one if not. Councilman Murphy declared himself a friend of the children and would not be for depriving them of innocent pleasures, even if a few parkings were damaged. No action was taken last evening.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 2, 1966

Pendleton’s downtown off-street parking future got a big boost Tuesday. Union Pacific Railroad offered the city two more large lots

on a \$1 five-year lease and the city council quickly accepted the offer. The lots are on railroad right-of-way along the south side of Frazer Avenue, one across from Safeway between SW 4th and SW 3rd, which is a closed street, and one on the corner of SE Frazer and Main extending almost to SE 1st. The only stipulation in the lease is that the city must remove the old frame warehouse at Main and Frazer before the lease expires.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 2, 1991

This summer’s Miners’ Jubilee celebration in Baker City may have to do without a prickly but popular event — the porcupine races. Animal rights activists have lodged complaints about the races with the Oregon State Police. A state law prohibits the harassment of wildlife, and chasing is considered harassment. So the races apparently have been illegal for nine years, said Suzan Jones, porcupine race chairman. Ironically, it would be legal to shoot the porcupines for a barbecue, Jones said. The porcupines are not mistreated. Jones said Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists monitored the races last year and presented a positive report.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 62nd day of 2016. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1836, the Republic of Texas formally declared its independence from Mexico.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Virginia.

In 1865, Congress established the position of Naval Judge Advocate General.

In 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act.

In 1933, the motion picture “King Kong” had its world premiere at New York’s Radio City Music Hall and the Roxy.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli

was elected pope on his 63rd birthday; he took the name Pius XII. The Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect. (Georgia and Connecticut soon followed.)

In 1942, the original Stage Door Canteen, a wartime club for U.S. servicemen, officially opened its doors in New York’s theater district.

In 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks’ famous act of defiance, Claudette Colvin, a black high school student in Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white passenger.

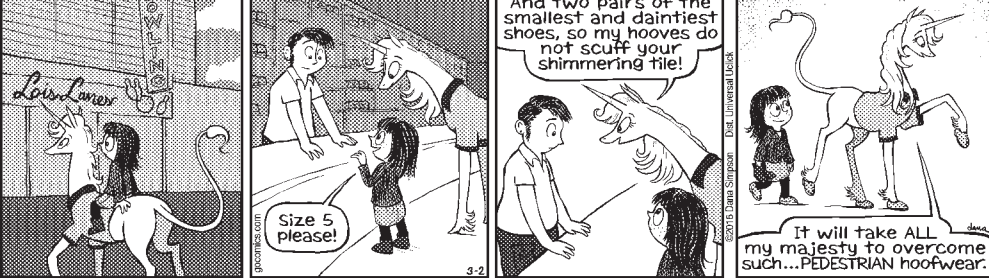
In 1965, the movie version of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “The Sound of Music,” starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1995, the Internet search engine website Yahoo! was incorporated by founders Jerry Yang and David Filo.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Cullum is 86. Author Tom Wolfe is 86. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 85. Actress Barbara Luna is 77. Author John Irving is 74. Actress Cassie Yates is 65. Actress Laraine Newman is 64. Former Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is 63. Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is 61. Singer Jay Osmond is 61. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 60. Tennis player Kevin Curren is 58. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 57. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 54. Blues singer-musician Alvin Youngblood Hart is 53. Actor Daniel Craig is 48. Actor Richard Ruccolo is 44. Rock musician Casey (Jimmie’s Chicken Shack) is 40. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 39. Actress Heather McComb is 39. Actress Bryce Dallas Howard is 35.

Thought for Today: “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” — *Theodor Seuss Geisel (aka “Dr. Seuss”), American children’s author (born this day, 1904; died 1991).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

