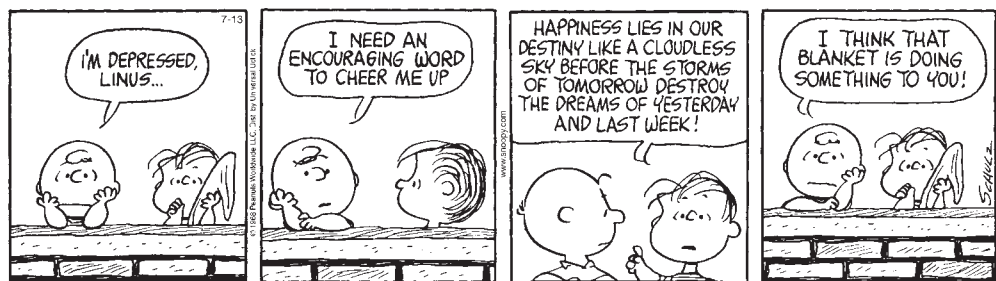


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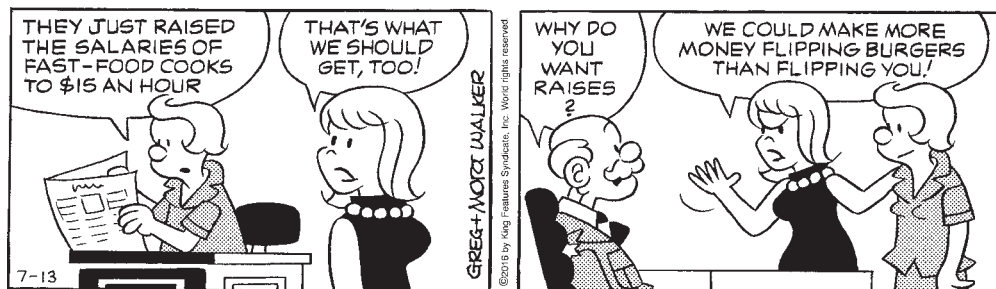
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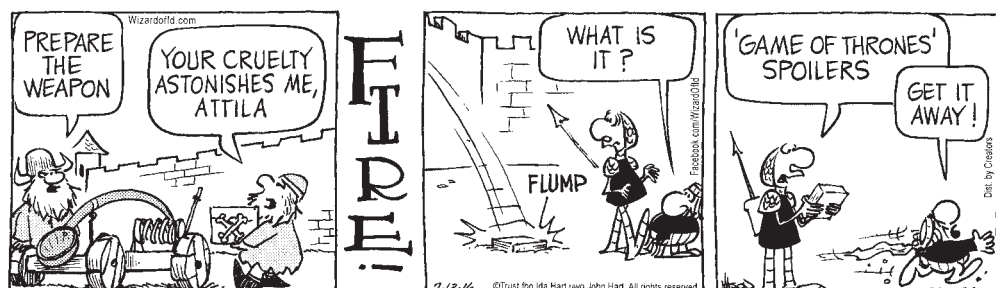
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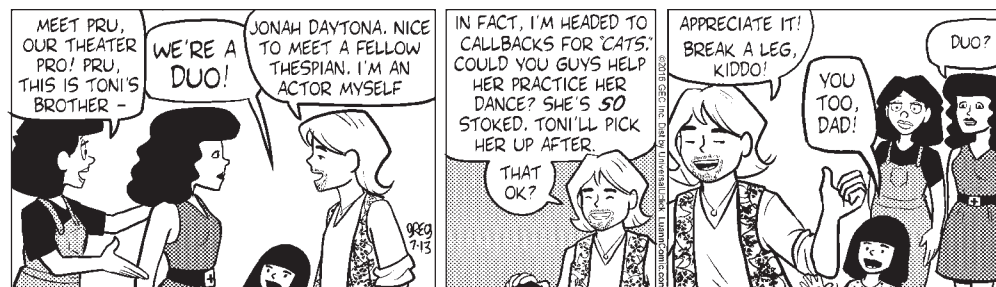
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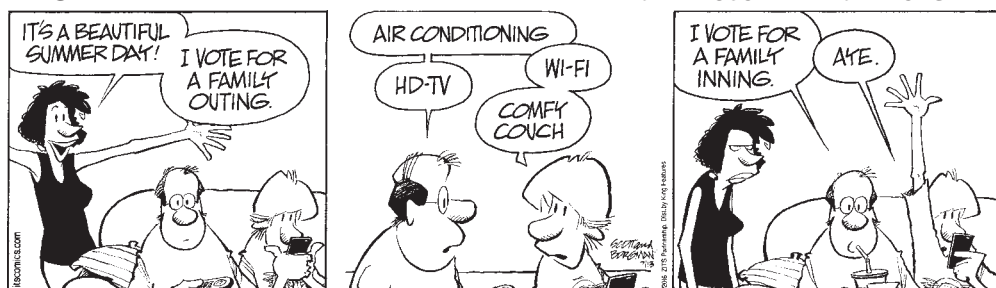
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DEAR ABBY

Sex education should begin before kids start to experiment

Dear Abby: I know you provide a booklet to help teens with questions about sex. But when should I talk to my son or give him a copy? He will turn 9 soon. I know that is young, but kids today are exposed to so much so early. — Kristen In Maryland



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Kristen: You're absolutely right; they are. They also mature earlier than children of previous generations. That's why it is so important for parents — and guardians — to begin discussing subjects like alcohol, drugs, sex and family values well before their children start experimenting. So talk to your son now. Do not be shocked if he tells you he has already heard it all from contemporaries. If he has, ask him to tell you what he knows, because what he heard may be inaccurate, and it will give you a chance to correct any misinformation.

My booklet "What Every Teen Should Know" can help to start the conversation. It has been distributed in doctors' offices and by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents like you who may find it uncomfortable to discuss these topics with their children. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Before giving your son the booklet, first read it yourself. The more information you can provide, the better prepared your son will be to make informed choices in the future.

Dear Abby: I have observed (and experienced) that people won't tell you about a husband's or wife's infidelity while you and your spouse are together. However, they WILL reveal it after the divorce or death. What purpose does that serve?

If people don't want to get involved, then allow me to make a suggestion: Send an unsigned letter in the mail with no return address. There are also phone features that let a person place an anonymous call. Call the workplace of the cheated-on spouse if you don't have his or her cellphone number. However you can, give the person as much information as you know. If you do, maybe a marriage can be saved, or a spouse won't have to deal with an STD. Do you have an opinion, Abby? — Strictly Anonymous

Dear Strictly Anonymous: People who feel compelled to tell others something "for their own good" should closely examine their motives before doing it. Unsigned letters with no return address are usually sent by cranks trying to target someone they want to hurt, or to destroy a marriage. If someone takes it upon him- or herself to notify a spouse about a mate's cheating, that person should be honest enough to state who he/she is. If people can't do that, they should mind their own business.

While some wives — or husbands — may be ignorant about their spouse's infidelity, the truth is that many already do know something is wrong, but are not yet ready to deal with it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 13, 1916

Acting upon a petition signed by the Tallman Drug Co., Koeppen Bros., and the Red Cross Drug Store, the city council last evening passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of ethyl alcohol by drug stores except upon the written prescription of a physician. This ordinance is designed to check the heavy traffic in alcohol which has resulted from the provision in the prohibition law making it possible to secure alcohol upon an affidavit that it was intended for external use. Druggists and officers have been aware that men have not hesitated to perjure themselves in order to secure the alcohol for internal use and the big majority of cases of intoxication have resulted from this traffic.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 13, 1966

"I wore a blister on my toe at the Smithsonian Institute, I got lost in the subway in New York City, and I forgot to wear my white gloves when I shook hands with President Johnson." Those were a few of the minor

crises Regina Gamble, presidential scholar, lived through during her recent trip to the nation's capital. The Arlington High School graduate had a memorable experience during her ten days in Washington, D.C., and New York City. More than 70 students earning the citation were housed in dormitories at Georgetown University and were escorted on a grand tour of Washington, to all the shrines and government buildings.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 13, 1991

The cleanup of soil contaminated by leaking petroleum tanks at the former Harris Furniture Company site has been halted because of the potential for an explosion, a state official said Wednesday. Bruce Hammond, director of the Eastern Oregon office of the Department of Environmental Quality in Pendleton, said officials from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which owns the land, have been asked to continue monitoring fumes and to develop a safety plan. The Pendleton Fire Department is being kept informed of the situation, Hammond said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 195th day of 2016. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 13, 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday, who was executed four days later.

On this date:

In 1787, the Congress of the Confederation adopted the Northwest Ordinance, which established a government in the Northwest Territory, an area corresponding to the eastern half of the present-day Midwest.

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 1939, Frank Sinatra made his first commercial recording, "From the Bottom of My Heart" and "Melancholy Mood" with Harry James and his Orchestra for the Brunswick label.

In 1955, Britain hanged Ruth Ellis, a 28-year-old former model and night-

club hostess convicted of killing her boyfriend, David Blakely (to date, Ellis is the last woman to be executed in the United Kingdom).

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be U.S. Solicitor General; Marshall became the first black jurist appointed to the post. (Two years later, Johnson nominated Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court.)

In 1972, George McGovern received the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach.

In 1977, a blackout lasting 25 hours hit the New York City area.

In 1978, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.

In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.

Today's Birthdays:

Game show announcer Johnny Gilbert (TV: "Jeopardy!") is 92. Actor Patrick Stewart is 76. Actor Robert Forster is 75. Actor Harrison Ford is 74. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 74. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 70. Actress Daphne Maxwell Reid is 68. Actress Didi Conn is 65. Singer Louise Mandrell is 62. Rock musician Mark "The Animal" Mendoza (Twisted Sister) is 60. Actor-director Cameron Crowe is 59. Tennis player Anders Jarryd is 55. Rock musician Gonzalo Martinez De La Cotera (Marcy Playground) is 54. Comedian Tom Kenny is 54. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 54. Actor Steven R. McQueen is 28.

Thought for Today:

"If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints, possibility never." — Soren Kierkegaard, Danish philosopher (1813-1855).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

