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BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ









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FOR BETTER OR WORSE











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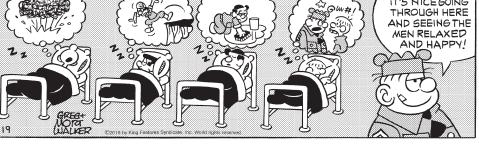






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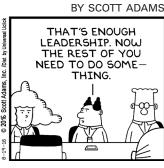




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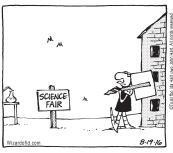






THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART







LUANN HEY, KIDDO, I GOTTA GO TO A BIG AUDITION. WE'LL DO THE POOL ANOTHER TIME, WHADDYA SAY?



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DEAR ABBY

Man can't muster the energy to join digital dating world

Dear Abby: I am 32 years old and divorced my wife two years ago. Although I tried dating for a bit, it was a brave new world of online apps and profiles. It wasn't for me, and I became discouraged.

A year has gone by and female friends are telling me I need to get back out and date. I find the whole endeavor depressing and prefer to spend my time elsewhere and single. They say my decision to stay single

is emotionally driven and I "deserve My argument against dating is that I wasn't a good husband and I have no interest in devoting the time or energy to date in the scary and confusing world of the web. Can

you settle this dispute so that we can stop the

back-and-forth arguments? — Divorced And

Dear Divorced And Dateless: I agree that opening yourself up to strangers can be scary. If you are not interested in meeting women on the internet, I won't force you, even though

that's how many — although not all — relationships start these days.

Because that's not your cup of tea, there are other ways to meet nice women, among them getting out and participating in activities you enjoy or volunteering for a cause you believe in. Of course, that necessitates being open to having a relationship with someone and believing you deserve one. From the tone of your letter, I'm not sure you're there yet. Not having been a good husband the first time is no excuse if you have learned from your

JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been dating for two years. He is in grad school. I failed out of community college. My lack of education stresses me out emotionally. I love him very much, and I see a future with him. But the idea of an architect and a community college dropout makes my heart ache. He deserves someone more on his intellectual level. He is originally from another state and this is one of the reasons why I haven't

met his family.

I have thought about trying to get a degree to become a certified nursing assistant, but again there would be a gap in our professional levels. I'm afraid that when he does introduce me to his family they will convince him he's better off without me. Part of me believes it's

Please give me advice about what to do. I don't want to lose him, but at the same time, I want him to be happy. — Unequal In

Dear Unequal: I can't help but wonder if you have ever spoken with someone who does career counseling. Some universities and community colleges have extension divisions that offer it. Part of the counseling involves aptitude testing, which could help you determine what you would be good at.

Being a nursing assistant is a respectable career that involves responsibility and people skills. If you feel drawn to it, then that's what you should pursue, and you should not feel embarrassed or have a need to apologize for it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 19, 1916

While the committee appointed at the last stockholder meeting to investigate possible locations for the 1916 Happy Canyon was not ready to report owing to the absence from town of W.L. Thompson, J.R. Raley stated that he had been told that the block on West Webb street on which the Oregon Feed Yard now stands is available. It is owned by the Northern Pacific, which company, it is reported, does not wish to lease the ground longer for livery stable purposes. Mr. Potter, the proprietor, it is said, is willing to sell his buildings. The location is only a few blocks from Main and only a block from the O.-W. R. & N. depot. There seems to be a general sentiment for building permanently to avoid the waste of money attendant upon rebuilding each year. Some are for rebuilding the old pavilion for one more year, either of wood or canvas.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 19, 1966

A 20-acre forest fire in Meacham Canyon about 18 air miles from here was brought under control today by a 100-man fire fighting crew. The fire was discovered Thursday about seven miles from where the creek empties into the Umatilla River. Fire President Mikhail Gorbachev — unless they fighters said it was "going at a good clip"

when they arrived. Meacham Canyon is the route the Union Pacific Railroad uses to cross over the Blue Mountains to La Grande. A 50-man crew from the railroad helped fight the fire. The Umatilla National Forest Service had about 50 men on the fire too, including 13 from the Walla Walla Ranger District, 10 from the Dale and 25 from the Pendleton District. The fire apparently started along the railroad tracks in the steep, rugged canyon and the railroad crews found they couldn't handle it alone, so called the forest service.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 19, 1991

A state of emergency declared in the Soviet Union may change the travel plans for a local Seventh-day Adventist pastor. Dr. Duane McKey of the Pendleton church had planned to participate in a series of evangelistic meetings in Leningrad. He was scheduled to leave Sunday and travel through Moscow on his way to Leningrad, and return on Sept. 25. McKey said this morning that he wasn't sure yet if the developments in the Soviet Union would thwart the church's "Operation Bear Hug" in Leningrad. But public meetings could be canceled under the state of emergency. The pastor said a Pendleton couple now visiting Magadon, Siberia, may not be aware of the ousting of Soviet are listening to American radio broadcasts.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 232nd day of 2016. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 19, 1991, Soviet hard-liners stunned the world by announcing that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup attempt collapsed two days later.)

On this date:

In A.D. 14, Caesar Augustus, Rome's first emperor, died at age 76 after a reign lasting four decades; he was succeeded by his stepson Tiberius.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington, D.C.

In 1918, "Yip! Yip! Yaphank," a musical revue by Irving Berlin featuring Army recruits from Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government (all were convicted and executed).

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

În 1964, The Beatles opened their first full-fledged U.S. tour as they performed at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 89. Actress Debra Paget is 83. USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Famer Renee Richards is 82. Former MLB All-Star Bobby Richardson is 81. Actress Diana Muldaur is 78. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 77. Singer Johnny Nash is 76. Actress Jill St. John is 76. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 71. Former President Bill Clinton is 70. Tipper Gore is 68. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 65. Actor John Stamos is 53. Actor Matthew Perry is 47. Country singer Clay Walker is 47. Rapper Fat Joe is 46. Actor Peter Mooney is 33. Rapper Romeo is 27.

Thought for Today: "Don't worry about people stealing your ideas. If your ideas are any good, you'll have to ram them down people's throats." — Howard H. Aiken, American computer pioneer (1900-1973).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN







BIG NATE









BY LINCOLN PEIRCE