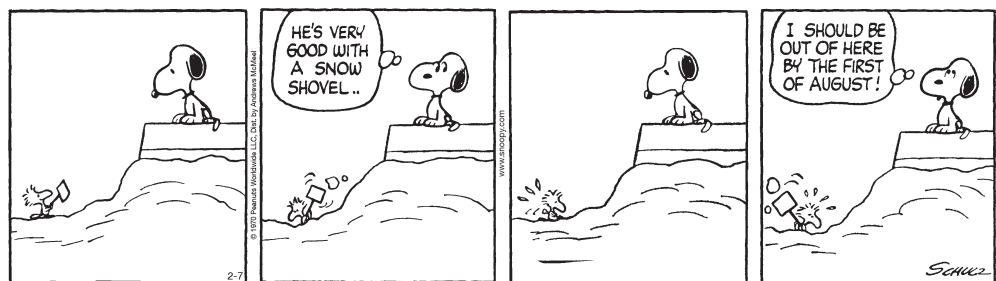


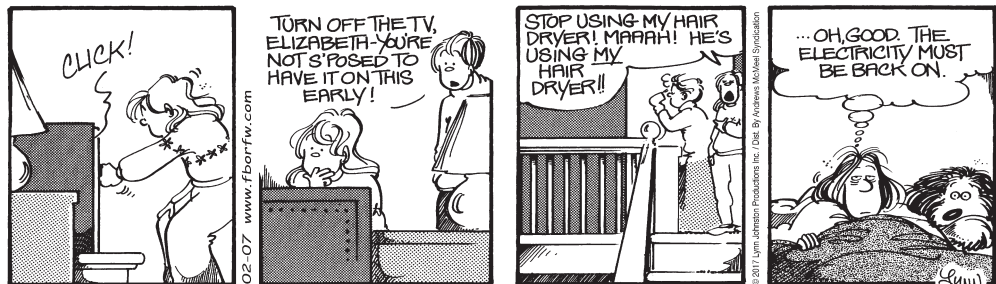
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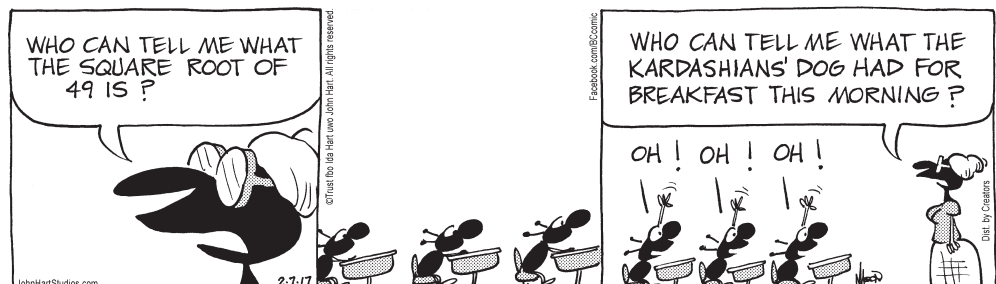
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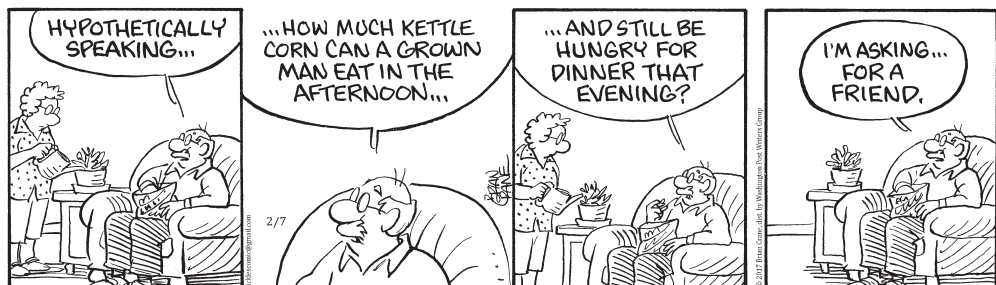
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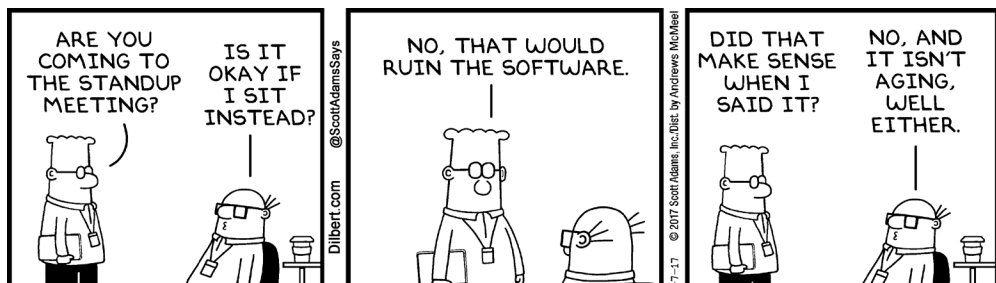
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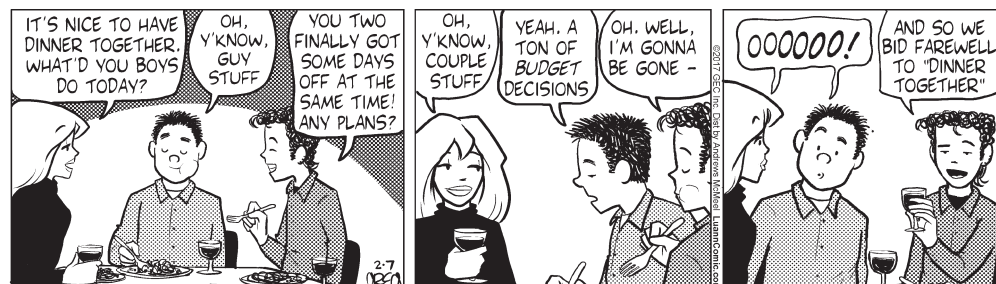
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DEAR ABBY

Husband's aggressive driving makes wife a nervous wreck

Dear Abby: My husband is a very aggressive driver. He tailgates, cuts people off, narrates "play by play" during driving and stresses me out. He is involved in two accidents that I am convinced were his fault, although one was blamed on the other driver. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Because of this I prefer to drive. The other day, he actually reached across and honked my horn while I was driving because somebody delayed a few seconds at the stoplight! We weren't in a hurry and there was no need to honk. Our children were in the car. When I complained, he told me to "just get over it." He gets so grouchy if I say anything about his driving.

We live in a relatively small town and our vehicles are very identifiable. All of the crazy road rage incidents I hear about certainly don't help. Any suggestions? I'm ready to resort to public transportation. — **Prefers To Drive**

Dear Prefers: For the safety of your family, it's time to find out what's driving your husband's anger and dangerous behavior. His driving record speaks for itself, and he should not assume any function of driving when you are at the wheel, including honking the horn "for" you.

You are entirely correct that what he did could have sparked a road rage incident. All that would need to happen would be for you to encounter someone who is as angry as your husband for a tragedy to happen.

Dear Abby: I have been married for seven years, and my husband and I have had our ups and downs. He never thought he would have kids until he met me, and now we have two. After our second child, we agreed that we were done having children. I was OK with it because it seemed after each child our relationship became strained.

Recently we reached the point of deciding whether we would either separate or work harder on our marriage. We decided to stick it out.

The problem is, while we were in the process of getting back together, I became pregnant again. I'm afraid to tell him because I know how stressed he gets. I'm afraid it will be too much for him, and he will cut himself off emotionally from me and the kids.

This wasn't planned. We were using protection, but getting an abortion is something I could never do. I know this child will make things more difficult, but this child is a part of me and the man I love. How do I tell my husband I am pregnant in a way that may make the news easier to take? — **At A Loss For Words**

Dear At A Loss: You should have told your husband about this the day you thought you "might" be pregnant. You can announce the news by telling him that this baby is a symbol of your love and reconciliation, but whether he will accept this explanation is questionable. You already know the news will not be warmly received, so get it over with before your pregnancy starts to show.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 6-7, 1917

Crushed under the engine of train No. 19, second section, Mrs. Anna A. Coburn of Echo was instantly killed at 6:05 this morning in an accident that seems almost inexplicable. The woman was going to her work at the Test Grill and evidently attempted to cross the railroad track just in front of the incoming westbound passenger train. The engineer did not see Mrs. Coburn until within few feet of her. She had a scarf over her head and it is possible she either did not see the approaching train or else did not realize it was so near. The accident occurred at the Buckley crossing, where the Main road crosses the tracks. A strange feature of the accident is that after it had occurred the glasses worn by Mrs. Coburn were found undamaged on the pilot of the engine.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 6-7, 1967

A wildcat strike today stopped work on a \$11.7 million powerline construction job. About 30 pickets, including women and children, marched in front of the job headquarters in Boardman of the John M. King Co., Tacoma, Wash. Others were reported

picketing the firm's office at Umatilla. The powerline under construction is to run from the Bonneville Power Administration substation at McNary Dam to the John Day Dam substation near Rufus. Lonnie Stonecipher, The Dalles spokesman for the picketers, told the firm's refusal to pay a travel allowance, and the firing of six workers, are behind the strike.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 6-7, 1992

A budding sister-city relationship is developing, offering an exchange of Pendleton's western culture and the samurai heritage of Haramachi City, Japan. Headway already has been made in the effort to bridge the distance between the two cities. Three Japanese visitors spent Wednesday meeting with local business leaders and city officials. They described at length the enthusiasm people in Haramachi City have for establishing the relationship. Yukotoshi Uchiya, president of United Arrows America, Inc. of Portland, and Yoichi Yokokawa of the Oregon Economic Development Department spent the better part of Wednesday touring Pendleton businesses that reflect the historic heritage of northeast Oregon. Both Uchiya and Yokokawa live in Portland but have strong trade links with Haramachi City.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 38th day of 2017. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1817, America's first public gas street lamp was lighted in Baltimore at the corner of Market and Lemon streets (now East Baltimore and Holliday streets).

On this date: In 1795, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Connecticut.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1986, the Philippines held a presidential election marred by charges of fraud against the incumbent, Ferdinand E. Marcos. Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

In 1991, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was inaugurated as the first democratically elected president of Haiti (he was overthrown by the military the following September).

In 1992, European Community members signed the Maastricht Treaty, which led to creation of the euro.

In 2012: A federal appeals

court ruled California's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional, but gave gay marriage opponents time to appeal the decision before ordering the state to allow such weddings to resume.

Today's Birthdays:

Author Gay Talese is 85. Former Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., is 82. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 58. Comedy writer Robert Smigel is 57. Actor James Spader is 57. Country singer Garth Brooks is 55. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 55. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 55. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 52. Actor Jason Gedrick is 50. Actress Essence Atkins is 45. Rock singer-musician Wes Borland is 42. Rock musician Tom Blankenship (My Morning Jacket) is 39. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 39. Actress Tina Majorino is 32. Actress Deborah Ann Woll is 32.

Thought for Today: "A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run." — Ouida (Marie Louise de la Ramee), English writer (1839-1908).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

