# **COFFEE BREAK**



## FOR BETTER OR WORSE





BY LYNN JOHNSTON SOMETIMES I THINK THAT'S WHY MOLLY WHY HANGS OUT WITH HIM

BY BRIAN CRANE

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**BEETLE BAILEY** 



# GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS IF LOUD NOISES SCARE BARK! AAAHH THEN DON'T MAKE YOU. LOUD NOISES JIM DAVIS 2-22

**BLONDIE** BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE SO ?! YOU DON'T

# **DEAR ABBY Daughter's identity as asexual** is not welcomed by her mom

Dear Abby: I have recently started disclosing to close friends and family that I am asexual (someone who experiences no sexual attraction to any person). For the most part they have been supportive, but my mother and one of my friends are having trouble accepting it. I have told them I do not want children and that I am repulsed by the thought of sexual intercourse, but my mother acts like if I don't have children, I won't be as welcome. She even suggested that I could marry a

gay man, so sex wouldn't be an issue. And my friend continues to pressure me into dating, saying I "just haven't met the right one yet."

Abby, I have no clue how to maintain contact with them, as they seem unwilling to let my sexual identity be my business. — An Ace In A Hole

Dear Ace: Your sexual identity became their business the minute you told them you were asexual. The problem is that your friend and your mother do not understand what asexuality is — and many people don't. Please tell your mother for me that marrying a gay man is not the answer because HE may want a sex life, something to which he is entitled, by the way. As to your friend, she's well-meaning I'm sure, but misguided.

You are who you are. You're not going to change, and you should not be punished for it. Please try not to be defensive because this is your chance to educate. Answer their questions with patience and kindness and do not let yourself be bullied or emotionally blackmailed into doing anything you are not comfortable with.

Dear Abby: After my daughter Jenna's



father tried to strangle me in a drunken rage one night, I took her and left. Years later, we are on good terms. I have legal custody. He sends financial support and visits about once a month. My finances, however, are not great.

Because we are not in touch with his extended family, I was surprised when he told me his sister wants Jenna to be a flower girl in her destination wedding. I'm not comfortable sending her alone with her father

because of his history of alcohol abuse (which his sister is unaware of). I am not financially able to take her myself.

Is there a solution I'm overlooking? Am I callous for thinking she just wants a cute child as an accessory to her wedding party? Mother Of The Flower Girl

Dear Mother: Without knowing your former partner's sister, it would be unfair of me to guess her reason for wanting your daughter in her wedding. However, if your ex is still drinking, you are absolutely right that Jenna should not be traveling with him. Perhaps he would be willing to pay for both of you to be there.

Dear Abby: I have an interesting question for you. Is it sexual harassment if a female supervisor at work calls a male employee "Honey"? — Peter In South Carolina

Dear Peter: If that's all there is to it, I doubt it would be considered sexual harassment. However, if you are the employee being called "Honey," because it bothers you, tell your employer privately that it makes you uncomfortable and you prefer being addressed by your given name.

# **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 22, 1917

That spring is yet a thing somewhat distant was evidenced by a heavy snow which started yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock and continued for several hours. Snow fell this morning and there was no indication of a let up. The barometer of Major Lee Moorhouse read as low as 28.26 which foresages a continued storm. Farmers were in the midst of plowing and will be forced to discontinue operations for some time. Stockmen are reported to be laying in a supply of fodder.

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 22, 1967

The Harlem Globetrotters put on their court show before a packed house at the Pendleton National Guard Armory last night with accompanying vaudeville acts including a juggling act, a trampoline exhibition, table tennis exhibition, a high wire act and a plate balancing act. The one act that didn't make it was the one the crowd was looking for, especially with so many little leaguers in atten-

Today is the 53rd day of

Today's Highlight in

On Feb. 22, 1732 (New

Style date), the first president

of the United States, George

Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the

2017. There are 312 days

left in the year.

History

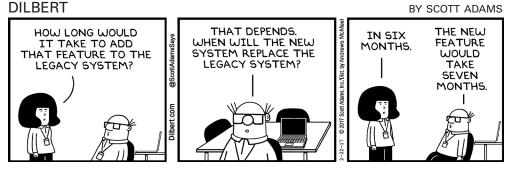
dance. Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the legendary baseball pitcher, was unable to appear. He had to leave town earlier in the afternoon because of an illness in his family.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 22, 1992

For Edna "Hootie" McClintock a simple coffee cup can mean wondrous things shapes, designs and, most importantly, colors. Hootie is blind. The last time Hootie actually saw colors she was in her early 20s. "I was looking at a calendar with a train on it and I saw this flash of light. I lost my sight after that." Her coffee cup collection is spread throughout her home on shelves, cupboards and an elaborate cup tree. When she gets a cup, she has a person describe it and then she files it away in a place where she can remember. The collection that was started on a whim in 1973 does not sit idle. Every day she uses a different cup. And she has other home occupations that keep her busy. She muses that it would be nice to live in Portland again for no other reason but to have her 200 channel scanner working at full capacity in a busy city.

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THE WIZARD OF ID



BY SCOTT ADAMS

Virginia Colony.

On this date: In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confed-

> six-year term following his election in Nov. 1861. In 1892, "Lady Windermere's Fan" by Oscar Wilde was first performed at London's St. James Theater.

> eracy, was inaugurated for a

In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

**1924**, President In Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over

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42 stations.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1940, the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, was enthroned at age four in Lhasa, Tibet.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58.

In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly." (Dolly, however, was later put down after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Dooley is 89. Actor James Hong is 88. Movie director Jonathan Demme is 73. Actor John Ashton is 69. Actress Miou-Miou is 67. Actress Julie Walters is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 67. Actress Ellen Greene is 66. Former Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is 65. Former White House adviser David Axelrod is 62. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 58. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 54. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 51. Actor Paul Lieberstein is 50. Actress Jeri Ryan is 49. Actor Thomas Jane is 48. TV host Clinton Kelly is 48. Actress Tamara Mello is 47. Actresssinger Lea Salonga is 46. Actor Jose Solano is 46. International Tennis Hall-of-Famer Michael Chang is 45. Singer James Blunt is 43. Actress Drew Barrymore is 42.

Thought for Today: "It is infinitely better to have a few good men than many indifferent ones." - President George Washington (1732 - 1799)

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BY DANA SIMPSON

And yet you do. Maybe you shouldn't tease me.

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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



### **BIG NATE**







I didn't realize how much I depend on her just to feel normal. Maybe that's part of what makes somebody a best friend.

MAND THAT WAS HONEY BADGER VOICE.

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

She went with her sister to some Canadian unicorn spa, and I'm having a lot of trouble adjusting.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

Heyyyy, Dweeby Phoebe. where's your stupid unicorn?