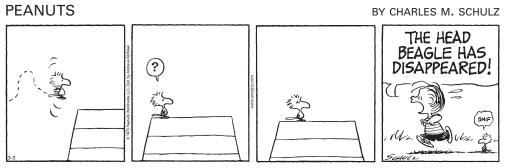
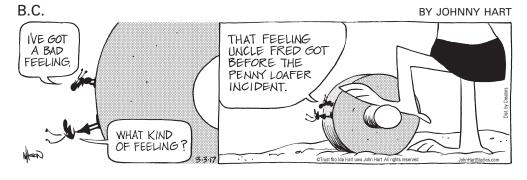
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BY LYNN JOHNSTON



FOR BETTER OR WORSE





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BLONDIE BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE

DEAR ABBY After years of pinching pennies couple has cause to celebrate

Dear Abby: Our house will soon be paid off. My husband and I would like to have a party to celebrate, but we're not sure if we should.

None of our friends are anywhere close to paying off their mortgages. We made the choice to drive old cars while our friends all have beautiful new ones, and we were genuinely happy for them each time they proudly showed them off.

I'm a stay-at-home mom, and I am

our friends' emergency contact for their kids at school. They have taken amazing vacations, and we have enjoyed their stories and photographs. We used the time and money trips would have cost to stay home and work on projects around the house. We haven't envied them; we just had different goals.

Should we celebrate this — just the two of us, or with our friends? - Different Goals In New Mexico

Dear Different Goals: True friends celebrate each other's victories. With no more mortgage to pay, you and your husband will now be able to enjoy some of the things your friends have been enjoying all these years. While some couples would prefer to mark the occasion with a special dinner at a nice restaurant, if you're inclined to do otherwise, then throw a party. You deserve it.

Dear Abby: I have been married to a wonderful man for 38 years. The issue is that sometimes I get insanely jealous. It isn't an everyday occurrence, but I become insecure because I feel my husband is too attractive to other women.

My husband is very outgoing and I am an

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introvert. I find myself accusing him, and he tells me I need to stop it. He reassures me that I'm the only woman he loves and wants in his life.

I don't want to destroy our wonderful marriage. I consider myself attractive. I need to stop letting my lack of self-confidence get the best of me. Please help. — Insecure In Ohio

Dear Insecure: I wish I could wave a magic wand and make your feelings magically disappear, but I can't. The answer to your problem lies in finding

out the cause of your deep-seated insecurity, because that's what triggers your jealousy. Until you do, nothing will change. A licensed mental health professional can help you get to the root of it and provide the tools to deal with it. Your physician should be able to refer you to someone who is qualified.

Dear Abby: I've been with my husband for five years, but we've been married only for a year. He told me a few months ago that his ex-girlfriend said he is the father of her child. We did a home DNA test and it showed he is not the father. In spite of that, my husband insists he still wants to take care of the child. I don't know what to do. Please help. Thrown In New York

Dear Thrown: It appears that what your husband wants is to maintain a close tie to the child's mother, because that is what will happen if he takes financial responsibility for her child. Tell your husband you want to discuss this with the help of a professional mediator, preferably a marriage counselor. If he refuses, talk to an attorney because you may be needing one.

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 3, 1917

Miss Grace Hoch, Pendleton high school girl, was last night awarded \$12,000 as damages for personal injuries sustained last May when the false storefront of The Peoples Warehouse fell upon her. The jury returned a verdict in her favor and against all of the four defendants, The Peoples Warehouse, Gibson & Cole, Dickson Estate and city of Pendleton. Each is equally liable and the plaintiff can collect the full amount of the verdict against any one of them. As late as yesterday noon the attorney for the plaintiff offered to compromise the case for \$10,000, according to an authoritative report. Three of the defendants were willing to make such a compromise, it is said, agreeing to pay \$2,500 each but the fourth, Gibson & Cole, refused to contribute more than \$500. Therefore, the efforts to compromise fell through.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 3, 1967

An offer by Eastern Oregon ranchers to lease agricultural rights on the Boeing Co. land near Boardman has been reported by State Treasurer Robert Straub. He said the offer was for \$100,000 a year plus one

fourth of the net income of the annual crop. The Oregonian in Portland said Boeing had declined either to confirm or deny that it talked with Orville Cutsforth, a rancher from Morrow County, about the offer. "But his veracity is unquestioned and there is little doubt that such an offer has been made, and refused," the newspaper said. Boeing pays Oregon \$80,000 a year for the 100,000-acre tract in Morrow County. Democrats in the Oregon Legislature say this amount is too low.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 3, 1992

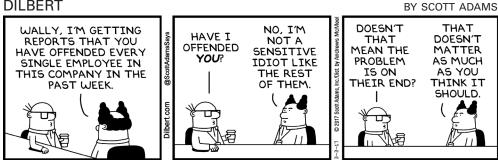
Jon Q. Johnston, the Milton-Freewater man who last month admitted his guilt in the 1990 double murder on Weston Mountain, this morning was sentenced to spend at least 60 years in prison. Circuit Court Judge J. Burdette Pratt, following a day and a half of testimony, sentenced the 27-year-old Johnston to consecutive life terms, each carrying a 30-year mandatory minimum. Pratt, from Nyssa, made his decision after hearing more than eight hours of testimony from relatives and friends of George and Charmaine Meyers of Brownsville, whose bodies were found along Lincton Mountain Road on June 24, 1990, and from witnesses called on Johnston's behalf.



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THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 62nd day of 2017. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.

On this date:

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1887, Anne Sullivan arrived at the Tuscumbia, Alabama, home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller, to become the teacher for their deaf and blind 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

In 1913, more than 5,000 suffragists marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., a day before the presidential inauguration of Woodrow Wilson.

In 1923, Time magazine, founded by Briton Hadden

and Henry R. Luce, made its debut.

In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1959, the United States launched the Pioneer 4 spacecraft, which flew by the moon. Comedian Lou Costello died in East Los Angeles three days before his 53rd birthday.

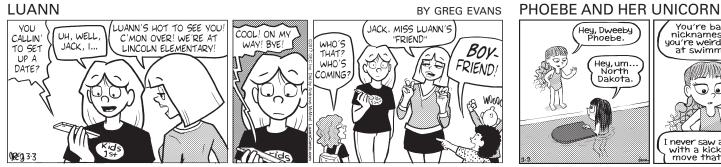
In 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz, a day after they'd finished filming the last episode of "The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show" ("Lucy Meets the Mustache") on Arnaz's 43rd birthday.

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 2002, voters in Switzerland approved joining the United Nations, abandoning almost 200 years of formal neutrality.

Birthdays: Today's Socialite Lee Radziwill is 84. Singer-musician Mike Pender (The Searchers) is 76. Movie producer-director George Miller is 72. Actress Hattie Winston is 72. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 70. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 67. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 64. Actor Robert Gossett is 63. Rock musician John Lilley is 63. Actress Miranda Richardson is 59. Rock musician John Bigham is 58. Radio personality Ira Glass is 58. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee is 55. Former NFL player and College Football Hall of Famer Herschel Walker is 55. Rapper-actor Tone Loc is 51. Actress Jessica Biel is 35.

Thought for Today: "Happiness always looks small while you hold it in vour hands, but let it go, and you learn at once how big and precious it is." - Maxim Gorky, Russian writer (1868-1936).



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