

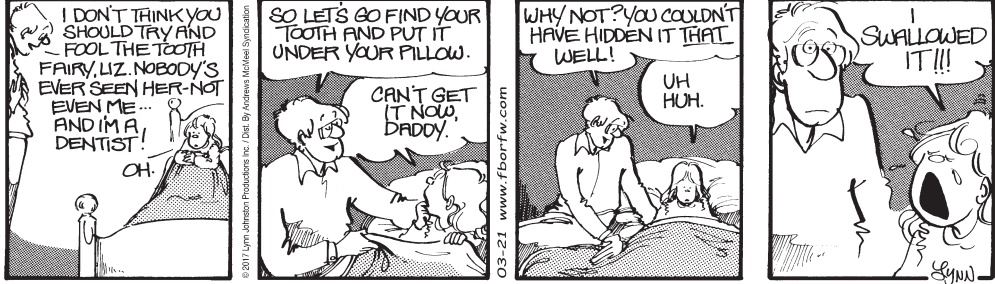
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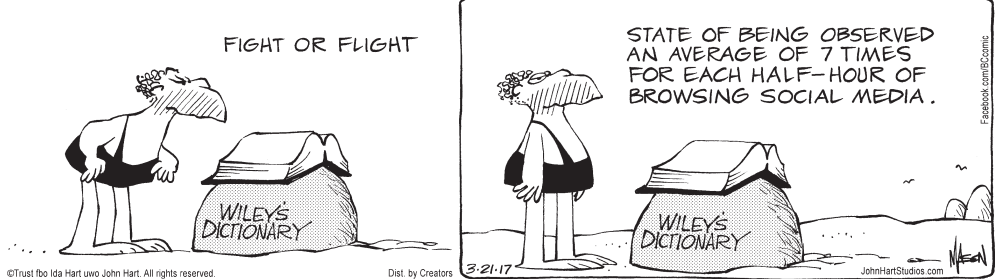
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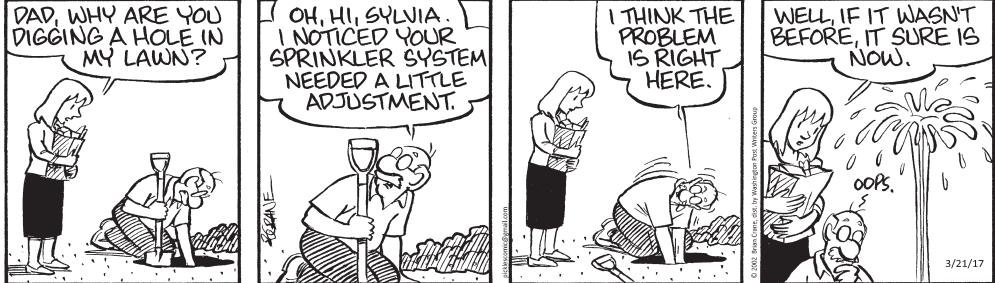
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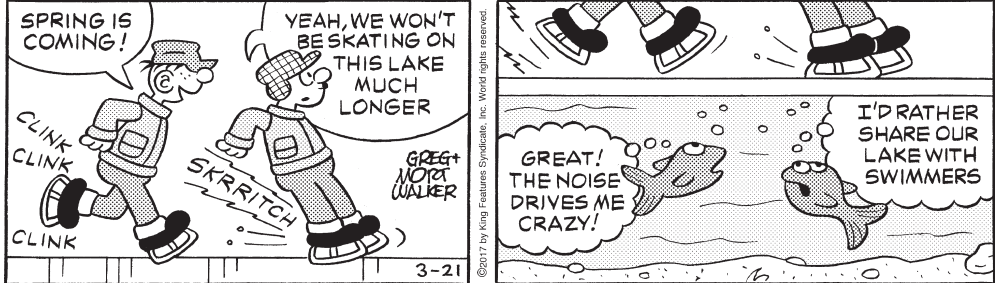
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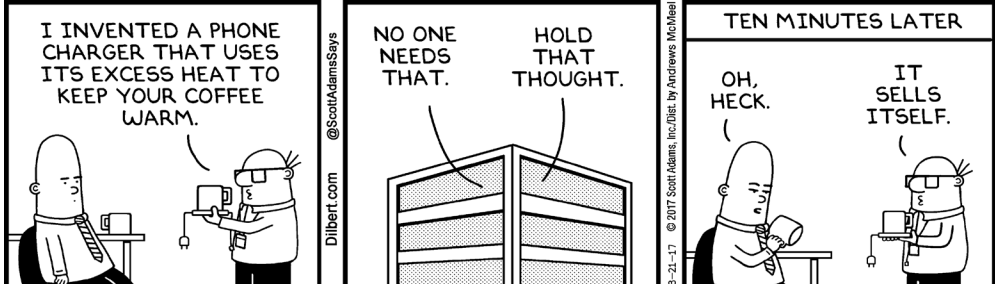
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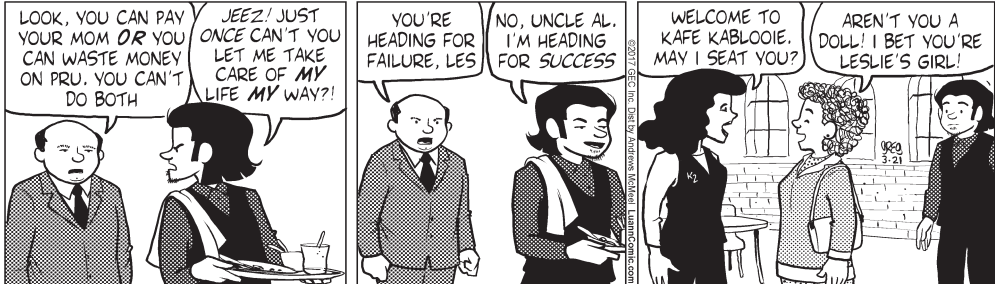
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DEAR ABBY

Couple's wedding can wait until fiancé finds a job

Dear Abby: My fiancé and I have been engaged for two years. Our wedding is set for a year from now. I'm thinking about calling off our wedding, not because I don't love him, or because I don't want to spend the rest of my life with him. I know I want that. It's because I'm the only one with a decent job. He has a job, but doesn't earn enough to support us.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I am a gay man. Recently, I rekindled a relationship I had with a guy I was close with many years ago. We have a lot of the same interests.

When he asked what it would take for us to be permanent, I asked that he stop smoking pot. He responded that he does it only "two or three times a year" and that for me to make that request was "controlling." I asked him for no other changes.

I hate the smell of smoke, and pot is illegal in our state, so I broke it off because he wouldn't agree. Did I do the right thing? — Tony In Florida

Dear Tony: Yes, because his response to your simple request indicates that any accommodation you asked of him would likely be met with the same reaction.

Dear Abby: My 63-year-old husband refuses to cut his hair. It is gray and thinning and is now longer than mine. Even when it's clean it looks dirty.

I was raised to take pride in my appearance. If I say anything about it, he thinks it's funny, or the other extreme, that I am picking on him. He's not a rock star or a young lad. Please help. — Neat And Clean In California

Dear Neat And Clean: I'll try. Your mistake is making his problem (poor grooming) your problem. Continue to take pride in your appearance, and if he prefers to look like an old hippie, let him. Neither you nor I can change him, and because his tresses are thinning, the problem may resolve itself.

I can't be the only one earning an income. How are we supposed to move out of our parents' houses and start a life together if I'm the one doing everything? What will happen when things need to start getting paid for, and there's no guarantee he'll find something? I have talked to him about it, and he's angry. He knows it's time to change his life around and get serious.

Should I keep the date and keep my fingers crossed he'll find a job by then, or postpone our wedding, which has a venue but nothing else planned? I don't need to get married anytime soon, and I'd prefer to wait until he can support himself and we are in a better place financially. Then I feel like we could move forward. Am I making the right decision? — Cautious In New Jersey

Dear Cautious: Yes, you are. You are thinking with your head instead of being swept away by your emotions, and I applaud you for it. I have said for many years that before a woman marries she should be able to support herself, in case future circumstances require it. Well, the same is true for a man.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 20-21, 1917

With three feet of snow and more all over the southern part of the country, zero weather prevailing, no indications of an immediate break of winter's grip and a hay famine staring them in the face, stockmen of the Camas Prairie country have begun driving out their cattle to lower valleys, according to reports brought down from that section. One band of 700 and one band of 500 is now being driven down to the Butter Creek meadows where there is hay, according to reports. The moving of cattle any distance during this time of the year is a step all cattlemen take only as a last resort owing to the extreme likelihood of losses. The animals are weakened from the feed shortage.

began in Baker. Wayne Norman Riddall, who escaped from the WSP Dec. 10, gave up to local state police without a fight at 11:30 p.m. Saturday. He was returned to Baker County where he faces auto theft charges. He is also wanted by Portland police for rape, robbery and kidnapping; by Vancouver, B.C. police for armed robbery; and by Umatilla County for auto theft.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 20-21, 1992

Spring has just arrived, but the spring runoff already has made a hasty retreat from many areas of northeast Oregon's Blue Mountains. The absence of snow cover this early is a warning sign for parched conditions later this summer, leaving some farmers and ranchers in the all too familiar position of praying for rain. Of the nine sites where measurements are taken, five are already showing no snow cover. The nine sites are in drainages that supply water to the Umatilla, John Day, Walla Walla and Grande Ronde rivers. The watersheds without measurable snow are Emigrant Springs, Lucky Strike, Madison Butte, Meacham, and County Line.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 20-21, 1967

A Washington State Penitentiary escapee who is wanted in two countries for crimes ranging from armed robbery to rape was arrested near Meacham Saturday by Oregon state police following a high speed chase that

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 80th day of 2017. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 21, 1952, the Moondog Coronation Ball, considered the first rock and roll concert, took place at Cleveland Arena.

On this date: In 1556, Thomas Cranmer, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for heresy. In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon," as it was later called, was adopted. In 1925, Tennessee Gov. Austin Peay signed the Butler Act, which prohibited the teaching of the Theory of Evolution in public schools. (Tennessee repealed the law in 1967.)

In 1935, Persia officially changed its name to Iran. In 1946, the recently created United Nations Security Council set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in the

Bronx, New York.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan began a four-day conference in Bermuda.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1981, Michael Donald, a black teenager in Mobile, Alabama, was abducted, tortured and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan. (A lawsuit brought by Donald's mother, Beulah Mae Donald, later resulted in a landmark judgment that bankrupted one Klan organization.)

In 1997, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin wrapped up their summit in Helsinki, Finland, still deadlocked over NATO expansion, but able to agree on slashing nuclear weapons arsenals.

In 2006, the social media website Twitter was established with the sending of the first "tweet" by co-founder Jack Dorsey, who wrote: "just setting up my twttr."

Today's Birthdays:

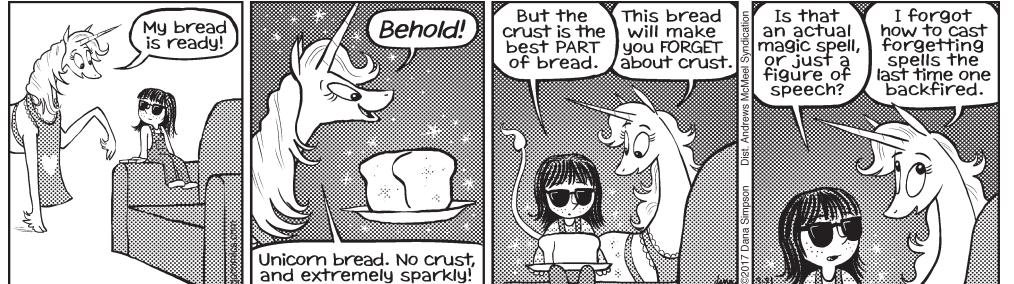
Actress Kathleen Widdoes is 78. Songwriter Chip Taylor ("Wild Thing") is 77. Folk-pop singer/musician Keith Potger (The Seekers) is 76. Actress Marie-Christine Barrault is 73. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 72. Actor Timothy Dalton is 71. Singer Ray Dorset (Mungo Jerry) is 71. Singer Eddie Money is 68. Rock singer-musician Roger Hodgson (Supertramp) is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Russell Thompkins Jr. (The Stylistics) is 66. Comedy writer-performer Brad Hall is 59. Actor Gary Oldman is 59. Actor Matthew Broderick is 55. Comedian-talk show host Rosie O'Donnell is 55. Rock musician Jonas "Joker" Berggren (Ace of Base) is 50. Rock MC Maxim (Prodigy) is 50. Rock musician Andrew Copeland (Sister Hazel) is 49.

Thought for Today:

"History is principally the inaccurate narration of events which ought not to have happened." — Ernest Albert Hooten, American anthropologist (1887-1954).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

