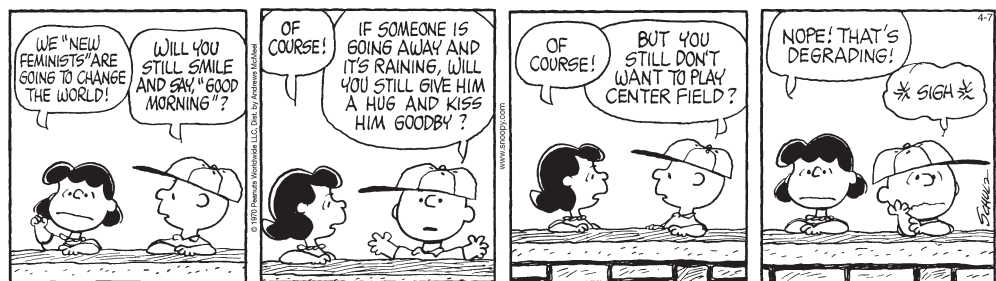


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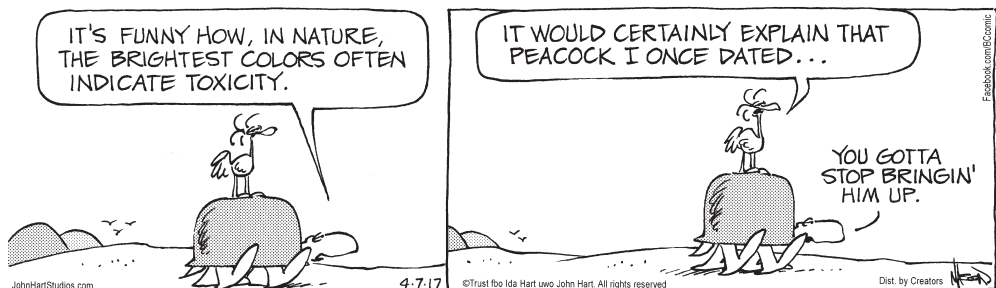
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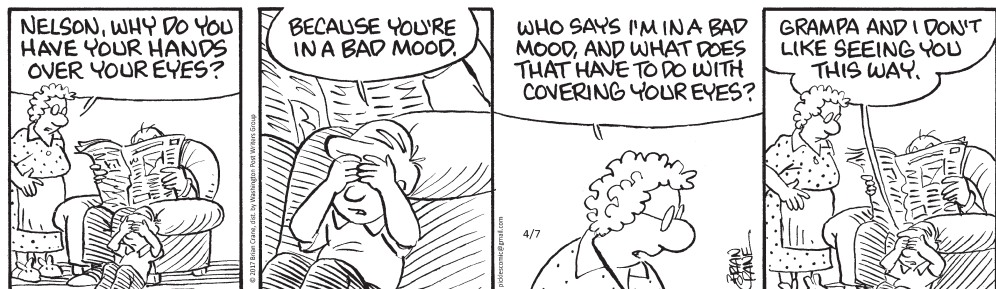
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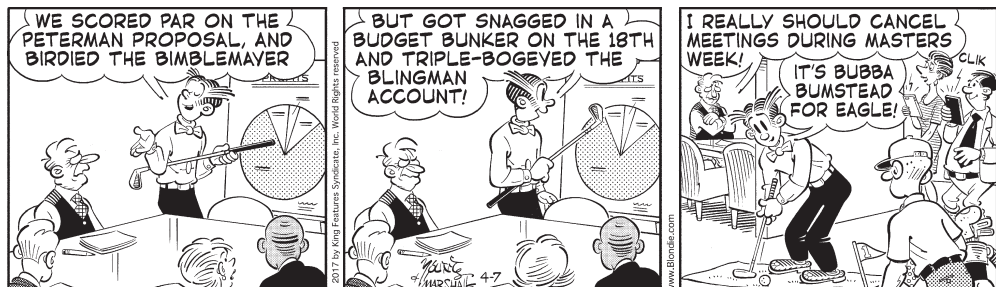
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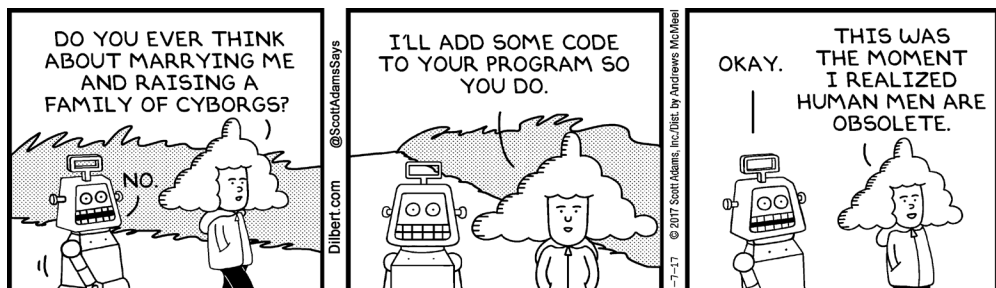
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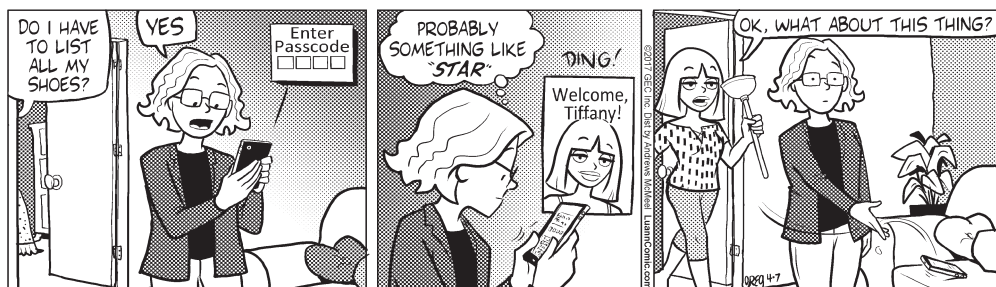
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DEAR ABBY

Man trying to find himself may be lost cause for dating



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I was married for more than 20 years. My ex and I divorced five years ago. During that time I stayed busy focusing on my children and their needs.

About seven months ago I met a nice guy. We saw each other for about five months, then out of nowhere, he broke things off. I was devastated. He said his reason for the breakup was "he needed time to find himself." He was recently divorced and has sole custody of his kids. He has been under a great deal of stress and started seeing a therapist a couple of months ago.

I understand why he needs this time, but I also wish he would let me help. He said he wants to remain friends. I avoided contact with him for several weeks, but now I am drawn back to him. My friends keep telling me to forget him, but I can't get him off my mind. We talk almost daily and have even gotten together again a couple of times. I keep telling myself all the reasons it won't work. Should I run away, stay friends only, or hope to work things out? — **Hopeless Romantic In Wisconsin**

Dear Hopeless Romantic: When a man says he "needs time to find himself" and breaks things off, it usually means he's no longer interested or ready for the kind of relationship you're looking for. This man is newly divorced and parenting solo, so he has as much on his plate as he can

handle right now. That he's seeing a therapist is a wise move, so give him credit for that. But the kind of problems he is trying to work through are not ones you can "help" him with. At a later date things may work out, but clearly not now. A friendship may be possible, but only if you are strong enough to disengage emotionally until he is ready — which could take a very long time.

Dear Abby: I have noticed a trend at children's birthday parties. The children aren't opening their presents at the party. Instead, the parents collect the gifts and take them home for the child to open later. To me, this seems rude and inconsiderate to the children who are attending the party. Part of the enjoyment of giving a gift is seeing the recipient's response. Please let me know the rule of etiquette in this matter. Am I correct in thinking that presents should be opened at children's birthday parties in front of their guests? — **Gift Etiquette**

Dear G.E.: No rule of etiquette decrees that gifts "must" be opened at the birthday party. Because this trend bothers you, ask the parent of the birthday child why she or he has chosen to have the gifts opened afterward, because there may be more than one reason for it. One that occurs to me might be that it's a way of preventing embarrassment on the part of children who might not be able to afford a gift as expensive as some of the other children's.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 7, 1917

Not only are there quite a number of white men in they county who are entitled to pensions under the new act enacted for the benefit of veterans of Indian wars but there are a number of Indians on the Umatilla reservation who likewise have valid claims. One of these is Henry Campo. He served as a private under Lieutenant Edward S. Farrow in the campaign against the Sheepstealers in 1879. In an old shot sack he has carefully preserved the papers officially mustering him out of the government service. Campo was one of the forty or fifty Indians of the local tribes who went with Farrow to capture the band of renegade Indians who were preying upon sheepmen east of the Blue Mountains. Several expeditions from Fort Boise had failed but Farrow with his men captured the whole band and turned them over to the government.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 7, 1967

The Pendleton airport interchange issue continues to heat up today. Someone hung an effigy of County Judge D.R. (Sam) Cook late

last night. A petition is reportedly being circulated outside the city of Pendleton to muster the support of rural folk for a diamond-type interchange. Fear has been expressed by one public official that the interchange issue could boil into an ugly rural-city squabble. The interchange is located in the county adjacent to the city limits and according to the state highway department is a county matter.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 7, 1992

Too heavy to haul by horse-drawn wagon, a bulky black safe was left in Kendrick, Idaho, when the Hamley brothers, John J. and Henry, loaded what was left of their saddle business after a fire at the turn of the century. Eighty-seven years later, the safe — likely more than a century old — has finally made the 150-mile journey to the Round-Up City from the tiny Idaho panhandle town where Hamley and Co. operated for more than 20 years. The combination still works on the safe, which was left in Kendrick when fire struck and destroyed Hamley stocks and equipment in 1904. The brothers survived an earlier fire that destroyed the business in 1894, but the second blaze served as a signal to move westward once more.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 97th day of 2017. There are 268 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 7, 1917, American entertainer and songwriter George M. Cohan, galvanized by America's entry into World War I the day before, wrote his rousing call to arms, "Over There."

On this date: In 1788, an expedition led by Gen. Rufus Putnam established a settlement at present-day Marietta, Ohio.

In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

In 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1939, Italy invaded Albania, which was annexed less than a week later.

In 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Michigan, at age 83.

In 1957, shortly after midnight, the last of New York's electric trolleys completed its final run from Queens to Manhattan.

In 1962, nearly 1,200 Cuban exiles tried by Cuba for their roles in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion were convicted of treason.

In 1967, "The Death of a President," William Manchester's detailed reconstruction of the events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was published in book form by Harper & Row after being serialized in Look magazine.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon.

In 1984, the Census Bureau reported Los Angeles had overtaken Chicago as the nation's "second city" in terms of population.

In 2001, NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft took off on a six-month, 286 million-mile journey to the Red Planet.

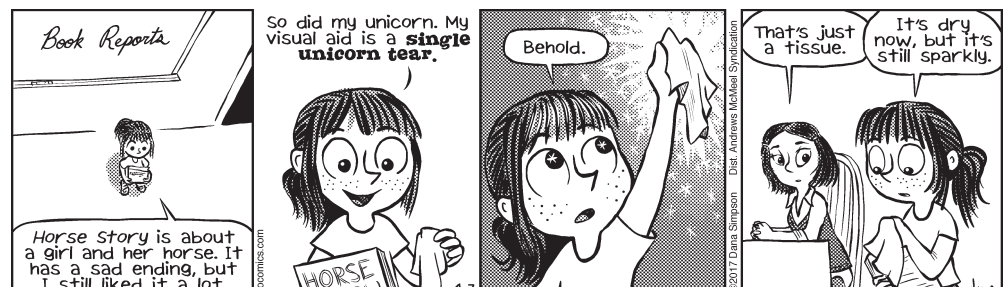
Today's Birthdays:

Media commentator Hodding Carter III is 82. Country singer Bobby Bare is 82. Rhythm-and-blues singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 80. California Gov. Jerry Brown is 79. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 78. Actress Roberta Shore is 74. Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 70. Singer John Oates is 69. Former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels is 68. Singer Janis Ian is 66. Country musician John Dittrich is 66. Actor Jackie Chan is 63. College and Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dorsett is 63. Actor Russell Crowe is 53. Christian/jazz singer Mark Kibble (Take 6) is 53. Actor Bill Bellamy is 52. Rock musician Dave "Yorkie" Palmer (Space) is 52. Former football player-turned-analyst Tiki Barber is 42. Rock musician Ben McKee (Imagine Dragons) is 32.

Thought for Today: "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't — you're right." — Henry Ford (1863-1947).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

