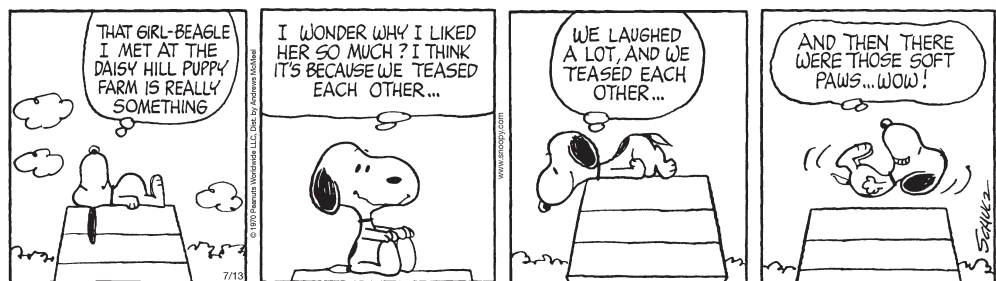


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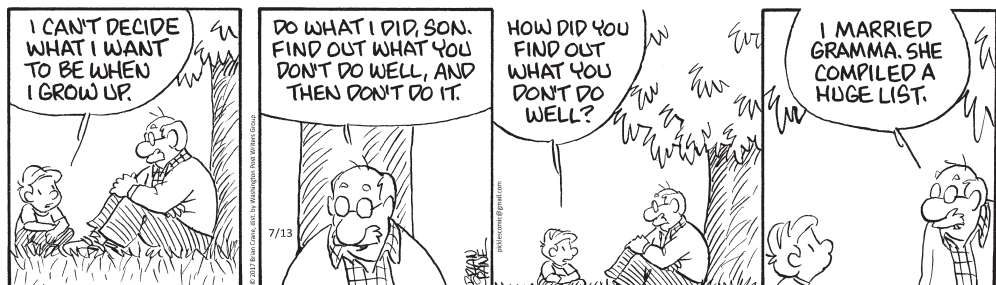
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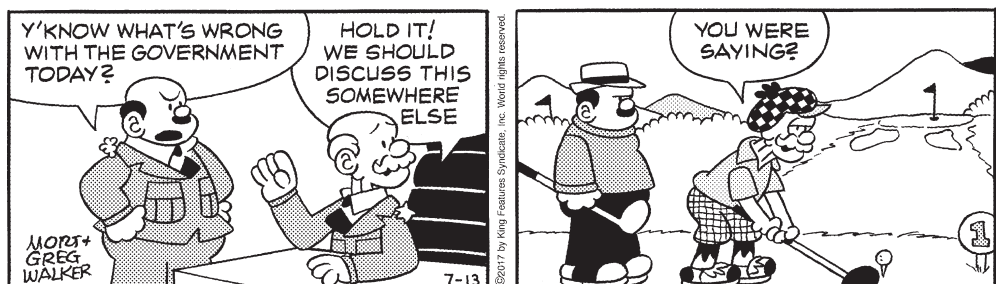
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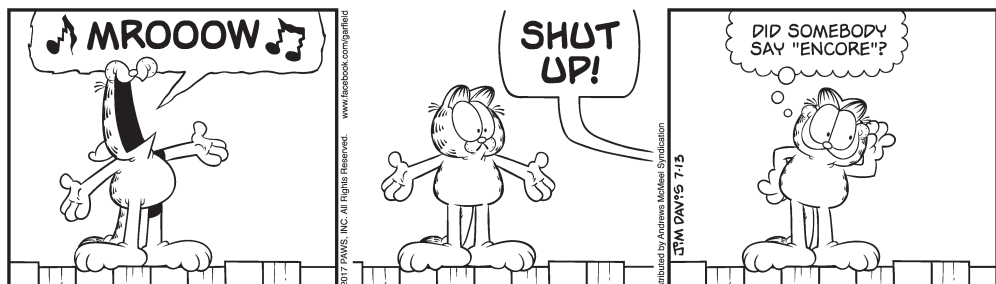
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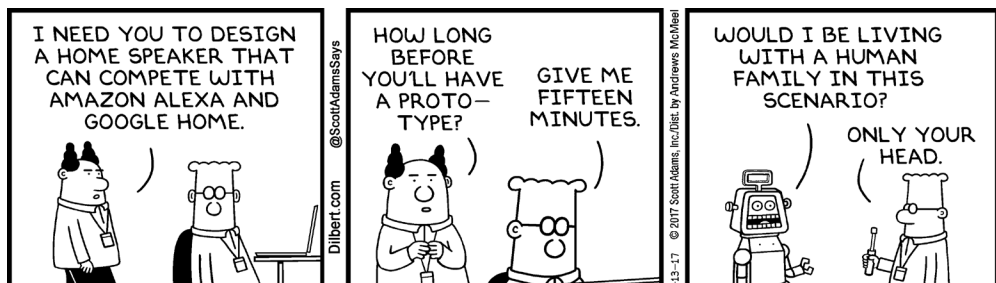
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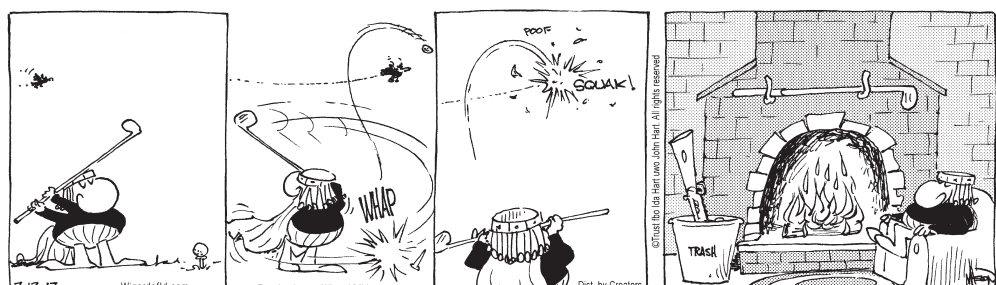
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DEAR ABBY

Wedding date forces difficult decision for maid of honor

Dear Abby: My best friend is getting married next year and I am supposed to be the maid of honor. I am Jewish, and she scheduled her wedding on the first day of Passover. This also means her rehearsal dinner will be during my family's first Seder.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

"mother-in-law" treatment of their spouses and collectively wish I'd check my tongue. I meant well, but my kids are right. The problem is, I'm afraid I can't stop. Trying to hold my opinions back leaves me anxious and depressed.

How do I explain to her that for the first time in my life, she has broken my heart? It seems her family doesn't understand that Jewish holidays are as important as theirs. She is asking me to choose between my beliefs, my family and our friendship.

My family is pretty normal, and I don't want to alienate anyone. But I am having difficulty dialing back these habits and don't know where to turn. — Critical Matriarch In Utah

What do I say to her, or should I just decline to be in her wedding? With 52 weekends in a year, I feel like she could have found another day. — Brokenhearted In Boston

Dear Matriarch: When the urge to criticize becomes overwhelming, bite your tongue or leave the room. The only exception would be if you see an impending disaster.

Dear Brokenhearted: Your friend was under no obligation to time her wedding date to avoid conflicting with your religious ritual. If you are wise, you will put aside the temptation to lay a guilt trip on her. Explain that you will be unable to be part of her wedding party the same way you explained it to me. Because you are strictly observant, you should make clear to her why this religious observance takes precedence over her wedding.

I'll share with you some advice my mother gave me years ago: The most unwelcome advice in the world is that which is unasked for. Take it to heart and your relationship with your adult children and their spouses may improve.

Dear Abby: As my children have grown older, I have regarded myself as matriarch of the family, giving advice and help where I think it's needed. Lately, though, I'm afraid my relationship with them may have taken a turn for the worse. I can't seem to stop criticizing.

Dear Abby: I'm planning to travel to another state in September and trying to save up for the plane ticket. The issue is, I'm going during my birthday. I'd like my family to help me with the cost of the trip, even if it's only \$5 to \$10, instead of buying me gifts. How do I go about telling them that, instead of gifts, I'd prefer money without sounding ungrateful or pushy? I just would really like help paying for my trip. — Family Help

Recently they sat down with me and told me they dread coming to visit, are sick of my

Because you would prefer cash to tangible gifts, a way to approach this would be to confide your preference in your mother or another close relative and let that person spread the word. Good luck!

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 13, 1917

Following a conference last night between the governor, fire marshal and adjutant general White over the I.W.W. conditions in eastern Oregon, White announced that a battalion of soldiers was being organized throughout the state for home defense. The men in the battalion all have had previous military experience. A hundred have already enlisted. The battalion will be ready for service by July 25. The governor instructed the sheriffs to select a certain number of deputies in each county who would be prepared to act as a supplementary force for the battalion. White said the troops will be stationed in eastern Oregon to protect the grain fields.

Oregon at Seaside Saturday and everyone from mayor to high school chum turned out to greet the lovely miss. The parade, which was put together in a hurry by the Pendleton Jaycees, was a dandy in spite of the short notice.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 13, 1992

When a lightning bust unleashed its fury two weeks ago over the Umatilla National Forest, it touched off some 50 forest fires. That's when Ruta Glinski and Jodi Mattison, dispatchers for the Umatilla National Forest, went to work. Their office instantly became the hub between the first reports of smoke and the initial ground attack. "We're the ones who have to find the people who can come in on a moment's notice," Mattison said. Coinciding with the lightning bust, the dispatch office went on a 24-hour schedule and spent much of the next week leading firefighters to "smokes" all across the forest. But radio operators also occupy their time by confirming reports of new fires, pinning down locations, monitoring efforts to control fires and doing the leg work when requests come in for additional equipment and staffing.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 13, 1967

Pendleton gave Chris Beach, the new Miss Oregon, a warm welcome Wednesday, about 106 degrees warm. Chris appeared cool and refreshed despite the heat as she rode triumphantly down Main Street waving to the crowds that lined the street. It was her first trip home since being crowned Miss

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 194th day of 2017. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 13, 1977, a blackout hit New York City in the mid-evening as lightning strikes on electrical equipment caused power to fail; widespread looting broke out. (The electricity was restored about 25 hours later.)

On this date: In 1787, the Congress of the Confederation adopted the Northwest Ordinance, which established a government in the Northwest Territory, an area corresponding to the eastern half of the present-day Midwest.

In 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday, who was executed four days later.

In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

In 1939, Frank Sinatra made his first commercial recording, "From the Bottom of My Heart" and "Melancholy Mood," with Harry James and his Orchestra for the Brunswick label.

In 1955, Britain hanged Ruth Ellis, a 28-year-old former model convicted of killing her boyfriend, David Blakely (to date, Ellis is the last woman to be executed in the United Kingdom).

In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

In 2013, a jury in Sanford, Florida, acquitted neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman of all charges in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black teenager; news of the verdict prompted Alicia Garza, an African-American activist in Oakland, California, to declare on Facebook that "black lives matter," a phrase that gave rise to the Black Lives Matter movement.

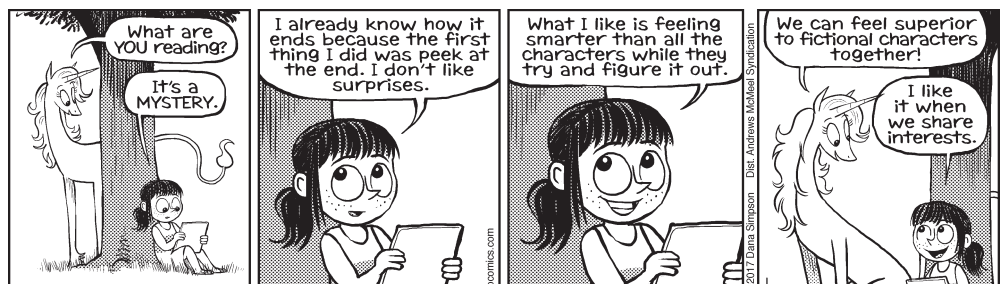
Today's Birthdays:

Game show announcer Johnny Gilbert (TV: "Jeopardy!") is 93. Actor Patrick Stewart is 77. Actor Robert Forster is 76. Actor Harrison Ford is 75. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 75. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 71. Actress Daphne Maxwell Reid is 69. Actress Didi Conn is 66. Singer Louise Mandrell is 63. Rock musician Mark "The Animal" Mendoza (Twisted Sister) is 61. Actor-director Cameron Crowe is 60. Tennis player Anders Jarryd is 56. Rock musician Gonzalo Martinez De La Cotera (Marcy Playground) is 55. Comedian Tom Kenny is 55. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 55. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 55. Actor Kenny Johnson is 54. Actor Ken Jeong is 48. Rock musician Will Champion (Coldplay) is 39.

Thought for Today: "Individuality is freedom lived." — John Dos Passos, American author (1896-1970).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

