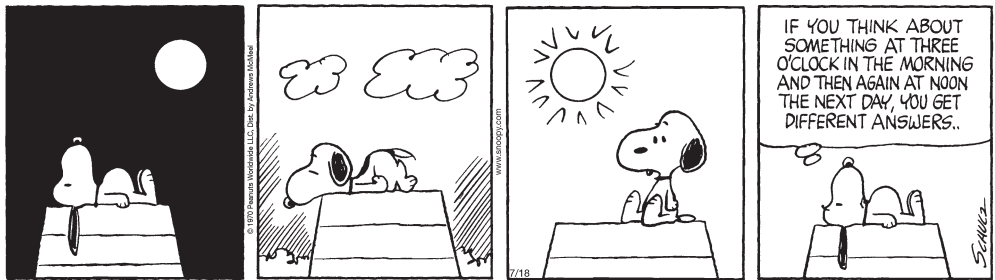


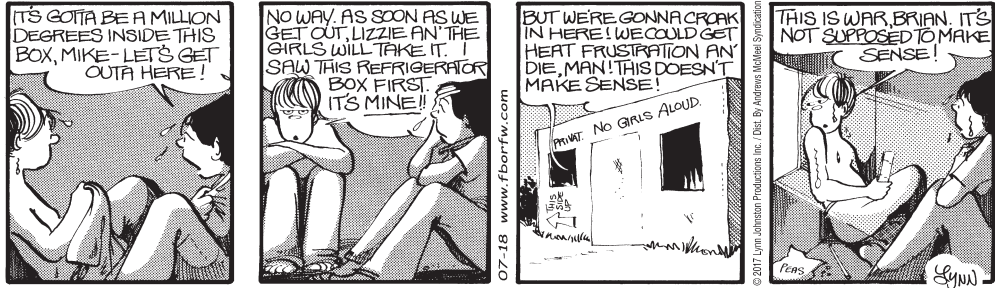
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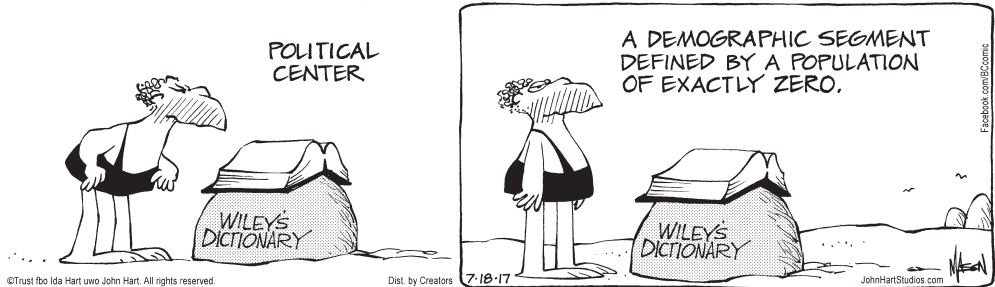
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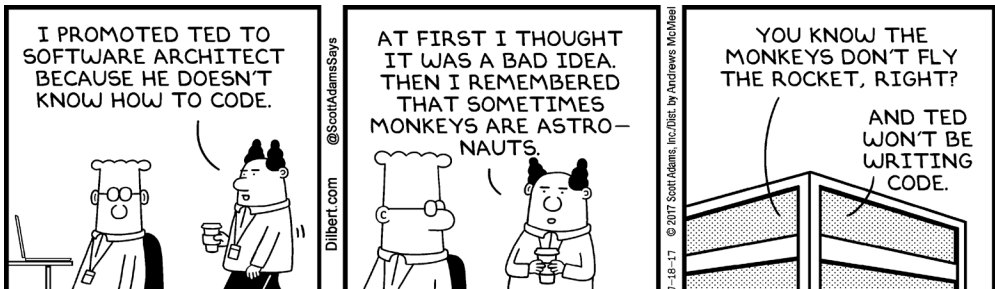
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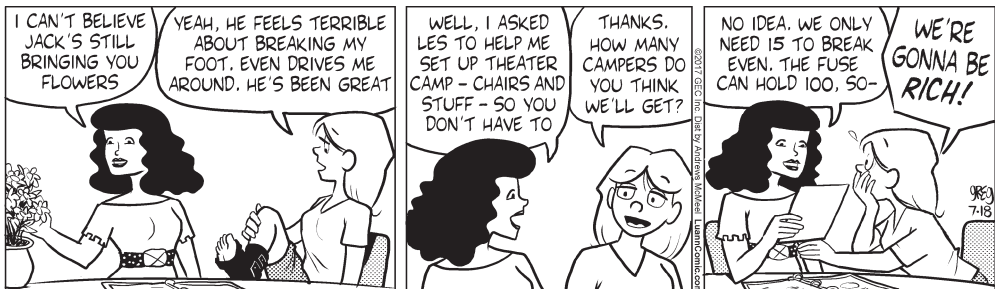
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DEAR ABBY

Newlywed's world caves in when the truth comes out

Dear Abby: I dated the perfect man for two years. When he asked me to marry him, I had to say yes. He was kind, gentle, attentive, easygoing, full of dreams, great sense of humor, an excellent provider and sexually the best.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Three months after our perfect wedding, it all began to unravel. I learned he is bipolar with manic episodes. He has been married three times before me and always lost interest in sex. He says he may be attracted to men, then tells me he's not sure. He also isn't as good handling his financial affairs as he led me to believe.

I'm 58, and he's 59. How could I not have had a clue about any of this? I sold my house to move into the parsonage with him. After repeatedly being lied to, misinformed or left out of the loop all together, I am now couch-surfing, mainly at my ex-husband's house.

I feel tired and broken — no income, no home, no respect and no hope of him getting it together. I would appreciate any advice or counsel. All I have figured out is to start over and remain single as he is my third husband.

— Third Time Around

Dear T.T.A.: You will feel less tired and broken after you have consulted a lawyer about helping you get out of this fraudulent marriage. And while you're at it, you and your lawyer should bring this to the attention of the church council or whoever holds the lease on that parsonage. I am sure they will be very interested in what you have to say about the leader of their flock.

Dear Abby: When I started dating my

husband, "Ralph," 22 years ago, I made it very clear that I would NEVER move to his hometown, which is six hours away. Even though it may seem selfish, my wish was to be near my family. Our relationship progressed anyway. We've been married for 15 years, live in my hometown, and have three little boys.

Ralph is 42, homesick and wants us to move back home now to be around his parents because he's lived around my parents for 15 years. I told him my intentions were made crystal clear before we got married and I wasn't moving. His response was, "So you were worth moving for, but I'm not?"

There are other reasons for my not wanting to move there, but the bottom line is that I wish he had been true to himself before deciding to marry me. I think it's a bit late to be playing this game. I'd like your thoughts, and please give it to me straight. — Staying Put

Dear Staying: OK, here they are. I think your husband has a valid point. Marriage is supposed to be about compromise, and for the last 15 years he has lived in your community.

I wish you had shared what your other reasons for being against moving are, because they might have influenced my opinion. But from where I sit, I think you owe it to Ralph to give it a try. Perhaps you and your family could rent out the home you're living in and rent a place in his hometown for a year. That way, if you can't adjust, you would be able to move back near your own family, which appears to be your first priority.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 17-18, 1917

With the official thermometer registering 107, yesterday was the warmest day Pendleton has experienced since the first day of August, 1913. On that day the same temperature was recorded. Last night was also within one degree of the most uncomfortably warm nights ever recorded in Pendleton. The lowest official temperature recorded was 71 degrees above zero. The record of 72 above for a minimum night temperature was recorded on the night of August 29, 1915.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 17-18, 1967

It was a day of feverish activity, but Union Pacific officials were finally successful toward Sunday evening in moving 322 passengers of westbound train No. 105 out of Hinkle, most of them via bus, after the train stopped at 7:25 a.m. The crew left the train when it pulled into

Hinkle, an important division point on the UP system. The local tieup is part of the nationwide railroad strike. Frank Davis, UP Hinkle trainmaster, said seven or eight freight trains are stalled at Hinkle.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 17-18, 1992

Police put a stop to an unusual hobby early this morning. Ross Akey, 21, and Edward J. Price, 32, both of Hermiston, were arrested by the Hermiston Police Department for the theft of more than 70 license plates. Both were stealing license plates in order to further their goal of possessing plates from all 50 states, according to police reports. The considerable collection was seized from their residences and vehicles, police said. The arrests were the culmination of a two-week undercover investigation by the Hermiston police. An undercover officer was staked out at local motels and other parking areas where a lot of out-of-state plates could be found, a police official said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 199th day of 2017. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 18, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a Presidential Succession Act which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

On this date:

In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began, consuming most of the city for about a week. (Some blamed the fire on Emperor Nero, who in turn blamed Christians.)

In 1536, the English Parliament passed an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England.

In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

In 1817, English novelist Jane Austen died in Winchester at age 41.

In 1927, Ty Cobb hit safely for the 4,000th time in his career during a game between the Philadelphia Athletics (his new team) and the Detroit Tigers (his old one) at Navin Field. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because of setbacks suffered by his country in World War II. American forces in France captured the Normandy town of St. Lo.

In 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and French Premier Edgar Faure held a summit in Geneva.

In 1969, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., left a party on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard with Mary Jo Kopechne, 28; some time later, Kennedy's car went off a bridge into the water. Kennedy was able to escape, but Kopechne drowned.

In 1976, 14-year-old Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci, competing at the Montreal Olympics, received the first-ever perfect score of 10 with her routine on uneven parallel bars. (Comaneci would go on to receive six more 10s in Montreal.)

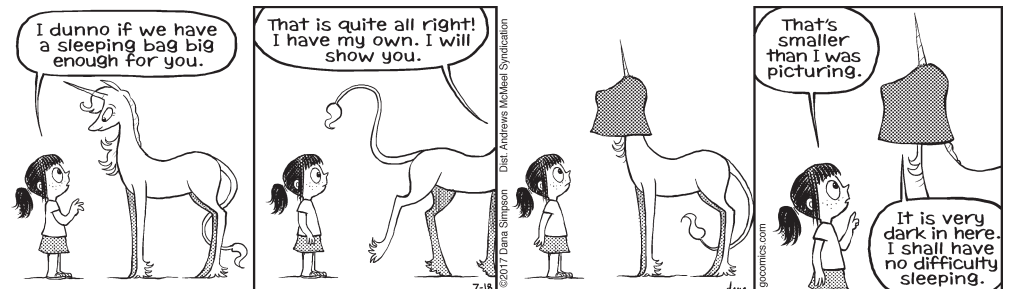
Today's Birthdays:

Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 88. Olympic gold medal figure skater Tenley Albright is 82. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 79. Musician Brian Auger is 78. Singer Dion DiMucci is 78. Actor James Brolin is 77. Baseball Hall of Famer Joe Torre is 77. Singer Martha Reeves is 76. Country-rock singer Craig Fuller (Pure Prairie League) is 68. Business mogul Richard Branson is 67. Actress Margo Martindale is 66. Rock musician John Hermann (Widespread Panic) is 55. Rock musician Jack Irons is 55. Talk show host-actress Wendy Williams is 53. Actor Vin Diesel is 50. Retired NBA All-Star Penny Hardaway is 46. MLB All-Star Torii Hunter is 42. Dance music singer-songwriter M.I.A. is 42. Rock musician Daron Malakian (System of a Down; Scars on Broadway) is 42. Movie director Jared Hess is 38. Actress Kristen Bell is 37.

Thought for Today: "It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do." — From "Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen (1775-1817).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

