

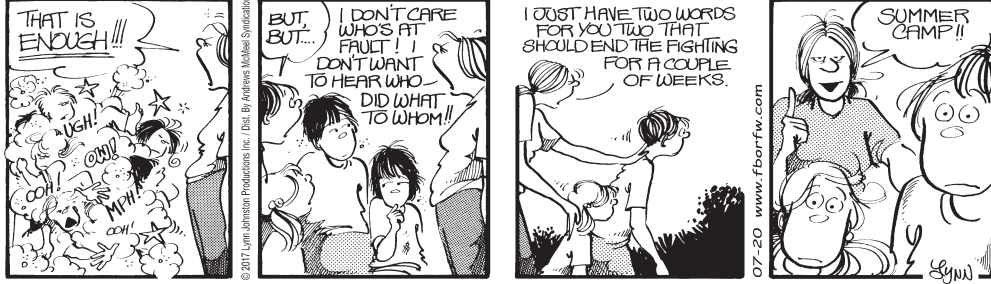
PEANUTS

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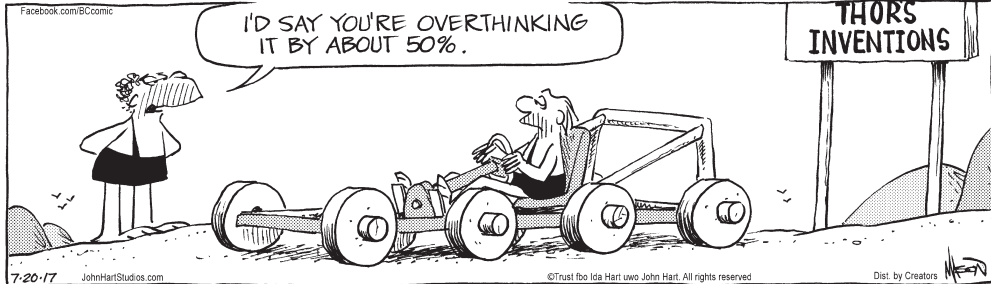
FOR BETTER OR WORSE

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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Mistress seeking solace still mourns years after man's death



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I don't know what to do. I was having an affair with the most wonderful (married) man. I'm sure that he and I were the only ones who knew. He passed away unexpectedly a few years ago. I still go to the place where we met and hung out together. In my mind, I see him walking in and speaking his last words to me.

We just opened their last gift, Abby, and it is so awful I won't use it even in cooking. My husband and I are now having a disagreement: He says, "Dump it and return the bottle with a thank-you." I say, "Return the leftover wine (minus a 1/4 glass), and say how much we appreciate the thought, but that it just wasn't the flavor we drink." I just don't want them to waste their wine on us and give us any more, as they work hard to make it. Please advise. — Not A

How do I mourn for him without giving it away? He was cremated, so there's no grave to visit. I end up in tears when I visit "our" place. I need all the advice you have to offer. — Needs Help In Massachusetts

Dear Needs Help: Please accept my sympathy for your clearly heartfelt loss. Ordinarily I'd suggest you join a grief support group, but I'm afraid if you do, you might run into his widow if you live in the same area.

It might help you to visit the place you met less often. Surely there are less painful places you can go to quietly reflect on your relationship. You might also consider discussing your feelings with a therapist or a trusted, nonjudgmental friend, because keeping these feelings bottled up is not healthy.

Dear Abby: There is a nice couple we know who make their own wine. They give us a couple of bottles a year and ask us to return the empties, which we are happy to do.

We love good wine of all kinds. In years past, we have appreciated their wine gifts, although, to be honest, they have been of marginal quality. I usually end up using it for cooking.

Liar In Colorado

Dear Not A Liar: It might be kinder to return the empty bottle with a note thanking them and asking them to please not send you more because you are trying to cut back on your alcohol consumption. It's the truth. The alcohol you're trying to cut back on is theirs.

Dear Abby: My daughter "Maria's" quinceanera is next year. We invited her half-siblings to come. But her father's current wife, "Elena," refuses to allow it because Elena is a Jehovah's Witness. Maria will be heartbroken that they won't be there. Is there anything I can do to persuade Elena to let them come, or would it be overstepping my place? — Proud Mama In Kentucky

Dear Proud Mama: If your daughter's half-siblings are being raised as Jehovah's Witnesses, it would be against their religious beliefs to attend her quinceanera. While I don't think it would be overstepping to talk with your ex and his wife and ask if their girls can come, do not be surprised or take it personally if the answer is still no.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 20, 1917

Gunner Peterson, local concrete worker and former Tri-State League player, has just demonstrated that he is in a big league class when it comes to pegging a coyote between the eyes with a rock. A few days ago Peterson and William McGarrigle were fishing on upper McKay creek where the incident happened. The men had built a fire to cook supper in the evening when they heard a disturbance among some cattle nearby. A coyote was after the stock and a few minutes later he appeared at the camp making straight toward Peterson. Picking up a large rock the latter gave the intruder the once over and with all his force slammed the coyote directly between the eyes. The coyote dropped to the ground and a few more blows put him out of existence. The actions of the coyote convinced the two men the animal had rabies and hence they are rejoicing at the fact Peterson's baseball arm was in good shape for defensive work.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 20, 1967

Jill Hodgen, a vivacious, outgoing senior at Pendleton High School, is a dedicated musician who finds everything about it fun. Jill attended her first summer camp at Wash-

ington State University and broke a long-standing tradition by winning the all-around girl student trophy. In other years students who have won the coveted award have been second- or third-year students. There were four floors of girls and two and a half floors of boys in the dormitory on the WSU campus where the summer students were housed. Jill said they were treated like college students, and they really worked.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 20, 1992

A stray spark from a cutting torch apparently started the grass fire that burned hundreds of tires at an auto wrecking yard on the northeast edge of Pendleton Monday. The fire sent a column of noxious black smoke billowing over Pendleton early in the afternoon, which concerned officials and led to a temporary shutdown of air conditioners at nearby St. Anthony Hospital. Wind pushed the fire from a starting point near Wildhorse Road through a gully formed by Wildhorse Creek and directly toward Lindell's Auto Salvage yard. The Oregon State Police arson unit was continuing its investigation this morning into the cause of the fire, but were reasonably certain it was an accident caused by crews demolishing an abandoned railroad line.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 201st day of 2017. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On July 20, 1917, America's World War I draft lottery began as Secretary of War Newton Baker, wearing a blindfold, reached into a glass bowl and pulled out a capsule containing the number 258 during a ceremony inside the Senate office building. (The drawing of numbers by various officials continued until shortly after 2:00 a.m. the next day.) The Corfu Declaration called for creation of a unified Yugoslav state.

On this date: In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States convened in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1923, Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa

was assassinated by gunmen in Parral.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1954, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1968, the first International Special Olympics Summer Games, organized by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, were held at Soldier Field in Chicago.

In 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 87. Author Cormac McCarthy is 84. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 82. Former Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 81. Actress Diana Rigg is 79. Artist Judy Chicago is 78. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 74. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 73. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 70. Rock musician Jay Jay French (Twisted Sister) is 65. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols, Man Raze) is 61. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 51. Singer Vitamin C is 48. Actress Judy Greer is 42. Supermodel Gisele Bündchen is 37. Rock musician Mike Kennerty (The All-American Rejects) is 37. Actor John Francis Daley is 32.

Thought for Today: "Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen." — Albert Einstein, German-American physicist (1879-1955).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

