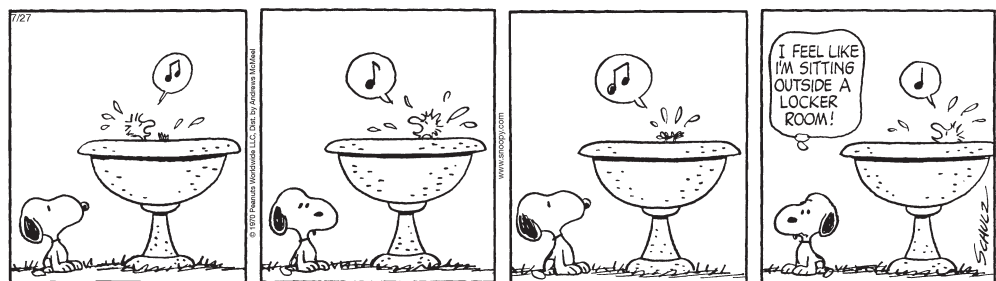


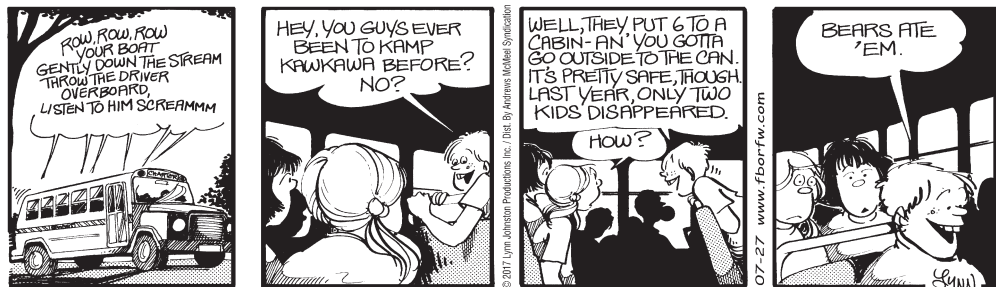
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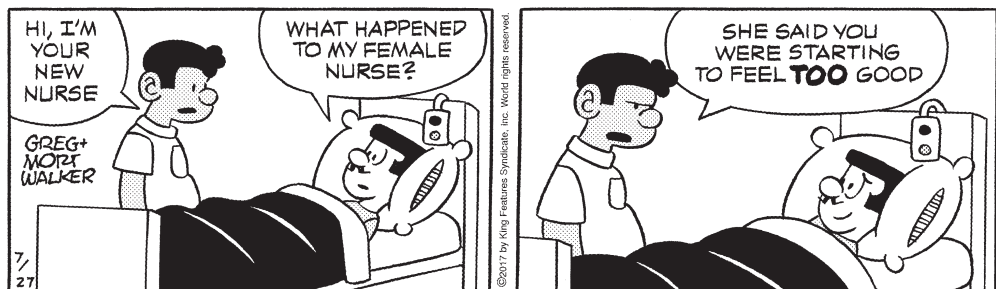
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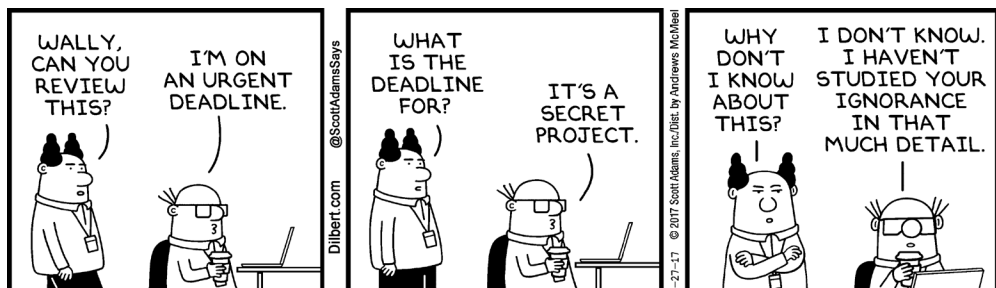
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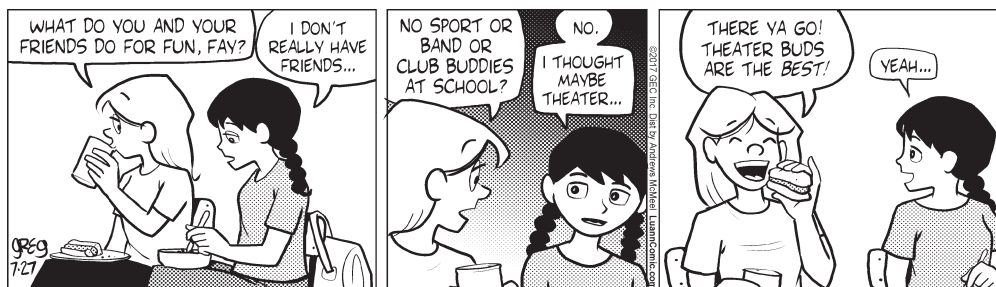
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DEAR ABBY

Dad suspects he's judged for his stay-at-home status

Dear Abby: I'm at my wits' end. I have been unemployed for almost two years. My wife has been working during that time. We have two girls I take care of as a stay-at-home dad. Although I have consistently searched for work, I haven't found anything, and it's driving me crazy. I have edited and re-edited my resume, but nothing has happened.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

6 miles from me. They have a 4-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. The only time I am guaranteed to see my son and his family is on my birthday. The most I have ever seen my grandkids is four or five times a year.

Last year, I saw them on my birthday and on my grandson's birthday. They never initiate any other interactions. I occasionally see my son if he needs to come by to pick up personal items still at my house. I have the impression that they see her family members frequently.

My question is, do women (and men) think stay-at-home dads are lazy people who leech off their wives? I have to admit negative thoughts have crossed my mind, and I sometimes worry that people — relatives — think I'm a low life or incompetent. Is this true? — Stay-At-Home Dad

Dear Dad: I know you are frustrated, but you are being needlessly hard on yourself. While some people still think that way, an increasing number no longer do. The traditional roles of the woman staying home and the man being the breadwinner have, of necessity as well as choice, become increasingly reversed since the beginning of the new millennium.

The realities of today are far different than they were 10, 20, 30 years ago. I don't know if your relatives feel the way you suspect they do, but if you think that's what's happening, talk to them and straighten them out. This truism isn't original, but it applies to much that's happening in the world today: The only thing that's constant is change.

Dear Abby: My son and his wife live

have the impression that they see her family members frequently. My son works two jobs and drives 70-plus miles to work four days a week. The only time they really have together is on Sunday. I realize my son is very busy, but I would like to see them more often.

Do you have any suggestions about approaching him about more contact? In the past when I've mentioned it he became defensive, as if I were trying to put a guilt trip on him. — Hoping For More

Dear Hoping: Your mistake may be in waiting for your son and daughter-in-law to do the inviting. You might have better luck if you offered to stop by for a visit, or to watch the grandkids so their mother can have a little time for herself. Clearly, your son is on a tight schedule, and he does need to have time alone with his wife and kids. Granted, you would not be seeing your son, but half a loaf is better than none.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 27, 1917

Pendleton made such a hit with the editors by the entertainment given and incidentally gained such wide-spread publicity that there seems to be a desire on the part of other organizations to partake of this city's hospitality. Yesterday the local jewelers received a telegram from the president of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association to the effect that Pendleton has a fine chance of landing the 1918 convention. At the same time Gene Goode of the Hotel Pendleton brought back word from the convention of the Oregon Hotelmen that all eyes are being turned to Pendleton as the place for the next meeting place of the innkeepers.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 27, 1967

A Round-Up great, Sammy Garrett, now 75, who won the bulldogging and all-around championship at the 1914 show, and who won the world championship trick roping title seven times at the Cheyenne Frontier celebra-

tion, will return to Pendleton in September to serve as grand marshal of the historic Westward Ho! parade. The Round-Up was in its fifth year when Garrett captured the world championship here, with its symbolic Police Gazette belt. This was in the days when the Round-Up concluded the "counting" shows and when world cowboy champions actually were crowned in the arena.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 27, 1992

Robert Bonham, a 9-year-old Boardman boy, was seriously injured by a falling tree Saturday in south Morrow County. According to his other, Marie Bonham, her son was assisting his father, Ralph Bonham, and a friend load lumber into the back of a pickup truck near Penland Lake on the Umatilla National Forest about 25 miles from Heppner. A tree felled by one of the men struck the boy at about 6:15 p.m., she said. Robert was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner before being transferred to St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla. He was listed in critical and unstable condition this morning.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 208th day of 2017. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown told a press conference in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie. Americans taught the black people to be violent. We will use that violence to rid ourselves of oppression if necessary."

On this date: In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State. In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few weeks' use). In 1880, British and Indian troops suffered a major defeat to Afghan forces during the Second

Anglo-Afghan War.

In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto.

In 1942, during World War II, the First Battle of El Alamein in Egypt ended in a draw as Allied forces stalled the progress of Axis invaders. (The Allies went on to win a clear victory over the Axis in the Second Battle of El Alamein later that year.)

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

Today's Birthdays:

TV producer Norman Lear is 95. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 86. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 78. Actor John Pleshette is 75. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 70. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 69. Singer Maureen McGovern is 68. Actress Janet Eilber is 66. Rock musician Tris Imboden (Chicago) is 66. Actress Roxanne Hart is 63. Country musician Duncan Cameron is 61. Comedian-actress-writer Carol Leifer is 61. Comedian Bill Engvall is 60. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 55. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 50. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 50. Actor Julian McMahon is 49. Actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau is 47. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 45. Rock musician Abe Cunningham is 44. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 43. MLB All-Star Alex Rodriguez is 42. Actor Seamus Dever is 41. Golfer Jordan Spieth is 24.

Thought for Today:

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie' until you can find a rock." — Will Rogers, American humorist (1879-1935).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

