

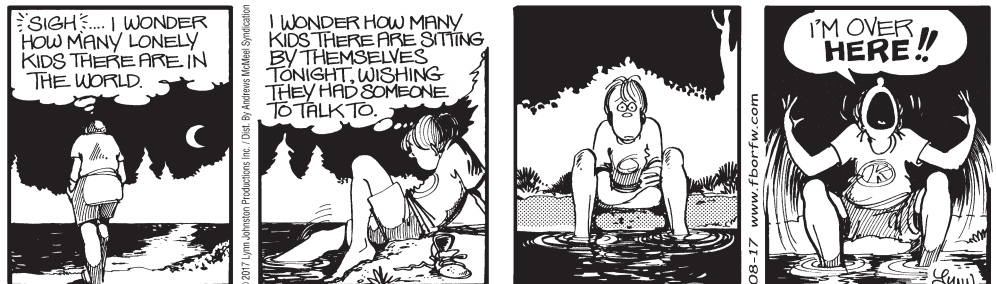
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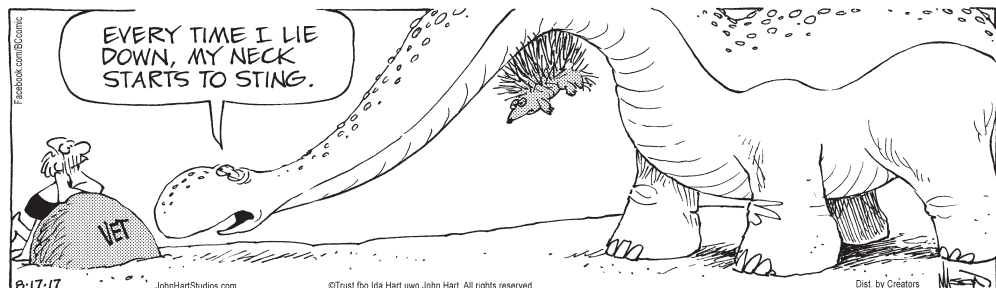
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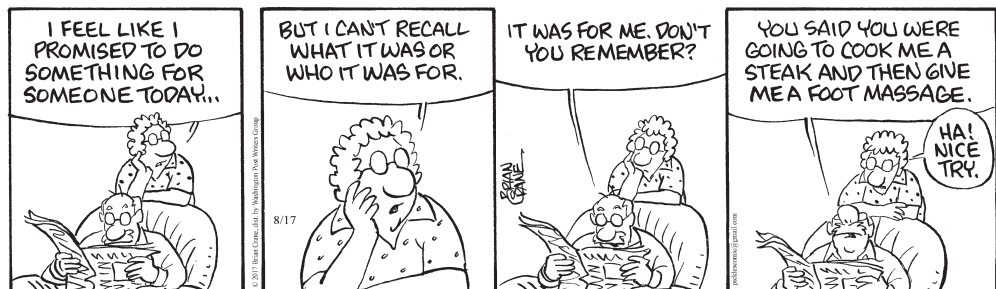
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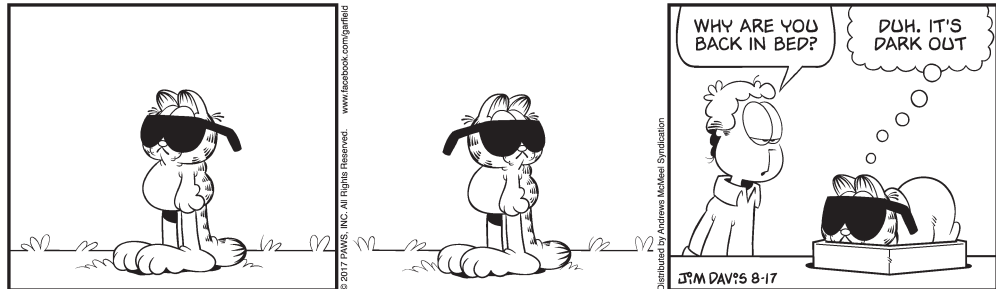
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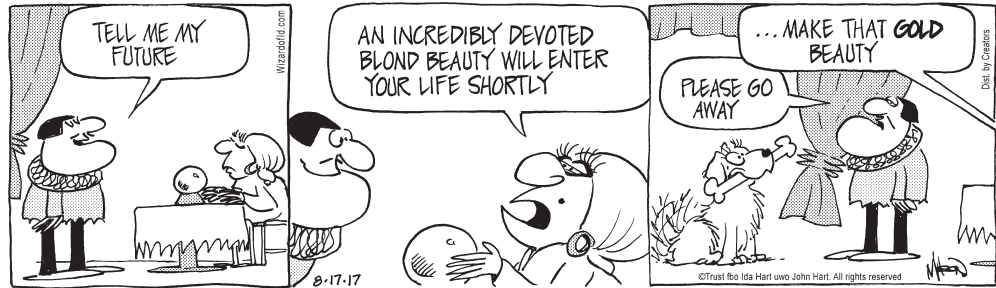
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DEAR ABBY

With twins on the way, man still refuses to buy a ring

Dear Abby: I have been with my boyfriend for three years. I am pregnant with twins, and we already have a son together. His daughter lives with us as well.

With this pregnancy coming to term, I keep throwing hints to him about us becoming engaged, but he brushes them off. I know he's the person I want to spend the rest of my life with. I don't want to pressure him into an engagement, but it's been three years, three kids and a stepchild, and I still don't have my ring!

I wouldn't even mind a long engagement. I just want to know we're headed in the direction of marriage. I want to know he wants the same things I want. An engagement is the only way I'll feel sure he plans on spending his future with me. Can you help? — **Very Pregnant In New Jersey**

Dear Very Pregnant: It should be dawning on you by now that a man who brushes off hints about becoming engaged isn't interested in a formal arrangement. I wish you had asked for my advice 10 months ago, because I would have urged you not to become pregnant again unless you were sure where the relationship was going.

From where I sit, it is going nowhere. There is no way anyone can help you push someone who is unwilling into marriage. What I CAN do is stress that should anything happen to him, you and the little ones will be left with nothing unless he makes a will that names you as beneficiary. When you discuss THAT with him, do not hint or allow him to brush you off, because the implications are very serious.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: My sister "Marcie" is very attached to her dog, "Doodles." She had two. They were quite old, and one passed last year. It was traumatic for the entire family because we were concerned about Marcie's mental state. Now Doodles looks close to the end, and she's in a constant state of distress.

Marcie takes the dog with her everywhere, whether it's appropriate or not. When her in-laws invited her and her husband on a cruise next spring, she burst into tears at the thought of leaving Doodles for a week.

I'm beside myself with worry over my sister's mental state and afraid of what her dog's passing will bring. It's not just Doodles' age and declining health; Marcie has always let her animals run/ruin her life. Thousands of dollars have been spent replacing carpeting, wood floors, urine-stained curtains, rugs and furniture.

Any thoughts? How can she be prepared for what we all know is coming? — **Too Attached In Tennessee**

Dear Too Attached: If you think there is anything the family can do to prepare your sister, forget it. She will go through a period of grieving for the animal companion she has grown to love. To her, Doodles is a full-fledged family member.

When the inevitable happens, be patient, be understanding, be prepared to listen when she pours out her grief and, if necessary, go online to help her find a grief support group for people who are mourning the loss of a pet.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 17, 1917

George Hackathorne, the Pendleton boy who left here for Los Angeles and entered the moving picture game, plays a prominent minor part in the film play "Wild and Woolly," starring Douglas Fairbanks, which appears at the Pastime Sunday and Monday. He is cast in the character of "The Simp."

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 17, 1967

Mrs. John S. Bauer of Pendleton received a phone call from a Mission ham radio operator Wednesday evening. The operator, Jim Armstrong, told them he had received a message from their son-in-law in Alaska. Robert E. Carter, a radar technician on a radio wave unit for RCA on Distant Early Warning line, had evacuated his wife Dortha and two of their children, Kim, 5, and Sean, 4 months, from Nenana, along the flooded Yukon river, and sent them via airplane about 200 miles to Anchorage. Their son, Robert,

9, stayed behind with his father at the radar station. Mrs. Bauer said that the Chena river had flooded into the Tanana and Yukon rivers, forcing the evacuation.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 17, 1992

A Hermiston man suffered a broken leg and head injuries when he was hit while walking across a freeway exit at the intersection of Interstate 84 and Highway 730 early this morning. It was the third I-84 pedestrian accident in the area in the past month. Dennis J. Graham, 40, was struck about 2:05 a.m. while walking eastbound on the freeway and crossing exit 168. A car driven by Heather J. Lusco, 22, of Colfax, Wash., struck Graham as it exited the freeway the same time Graham was crossing the ramp a couple miles east of Boardman. Graham was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital by Boardman ambulance with a broken lower leg, injury to the side of his head and cuts and abrasions. Lusco also suffered cuts from broken glass from the windshield.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 229th day of 2017. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany.

On this date: In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding. In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily during World War II was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared their independence from the Netherlands. The George Orwell novel "Animal Farm," an allegorical satire of Soviet Communism, was first published in London by Martin Secker & Warburg.

In 1962, East German border guards shot and killed 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

In 1982, the first commercially produced compact discs, a recording of ABBA's "The Visitors," were pressed at a Philips factory near Hanover, West Germany.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Chinese president Jiang Zemin is 91. Author V.S. Naipaul is 85. Former MLB All-Star Boog Powell is 76. Actor Robert DeNiro is 74. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 71. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 70. Actor-screenwriter-producer Julian Fellowes is 68. Actor Robert Joy is 66. International Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 65. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 64. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 62. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 62. Olympic gold medal figure skater Robin Cousins is 60. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 59. Author Jonathan Franzen is 58. Actor Sean Penn is 57. Jazz musician Everett Harp is 56. Rock musician Steve Gorman (The Black Crowes) is 52.

Thought for Today: "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it." — Edith Wharton, American author (1862-1937).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

