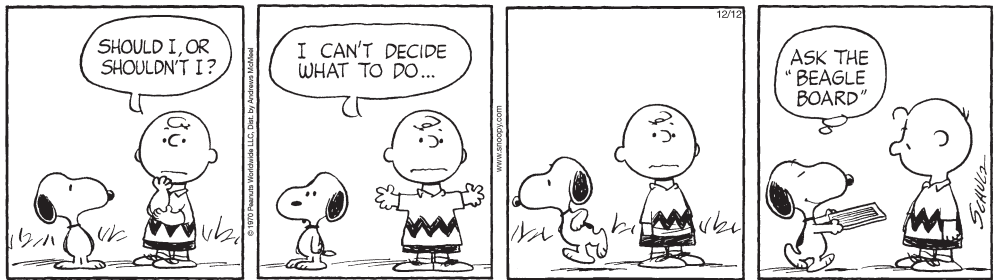


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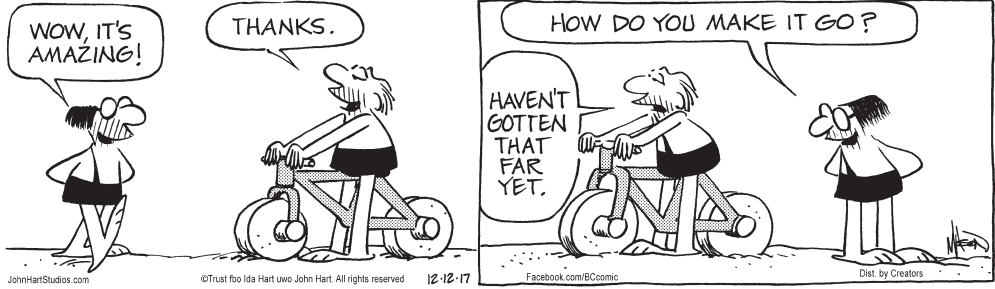
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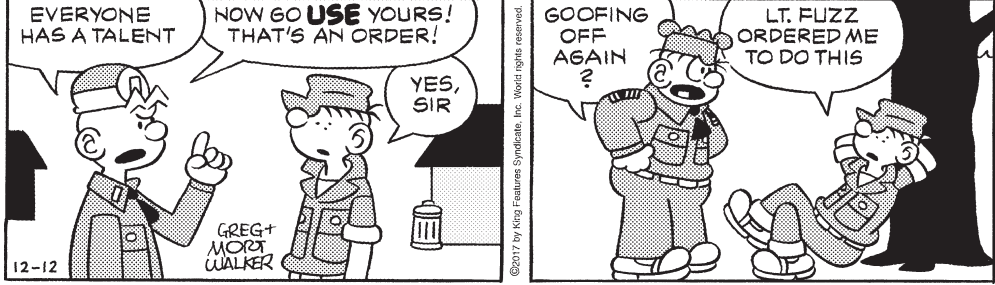
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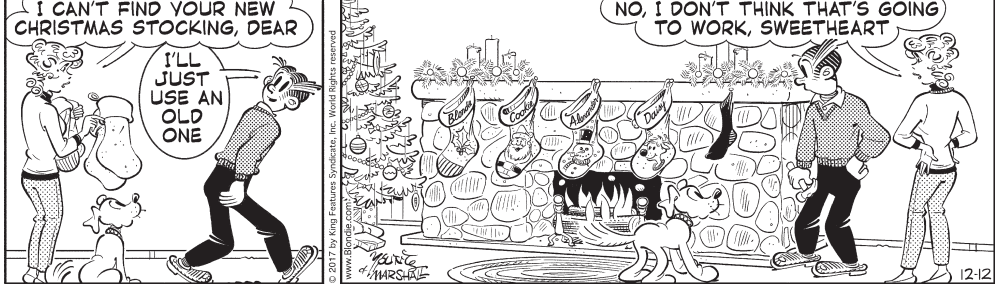
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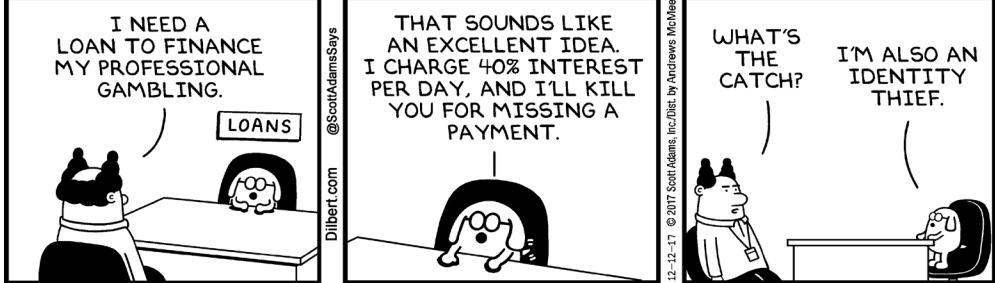
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DEAR ABBY

Husband's luddite attitude puts a heavy burden on wife

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been together for 40 years. Like most people, we've had our good times and bad, but we've both been committed to the marriage, and so we've made it work.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

P.S. Consider asking your husband what he would do in the case of YOUR sudden death. He, too, would be left completely adrift. It couldn't hurt to warn him.

Dear Abby: I am a widow, and I often dine out with my youngest son. Invariably, because I have a 25-year-old man with me and no husband, we are shown to an undesirable table in the restaurant. Usually, I say nothing.

Now I'm faced with a problem for which I see no solution. My husband refuses to learn to use a computer. He knows nothing about computers, not even how to turn one on!

As you know, computers are now key to even the most fundamental tasks. That means, as the only computer user in the house, all tasks are MY responsibility. Banking, bill paying, communication with family, friends, lawyers, financial advisers, arrangements for social events, business meetings, medical appointments, travel and other activities are totally up to me. He does NONE of it! He washes the dishes and takes out the trash, but any function that requires brains and technology are totally left to me.

I'm tired! Is this fair? I've asked many times for him to go to our public library and take lessons on computer use, but he adamantly refuses. How do I handle this? — It's All On Me In New York

Dear All On You: After 40 years you are not going to change your husband, so appreciate the things he does do. I know you're tired and it may not seem fair, but grit your teeth and forge ahead.

You have no idea how lucky you really are. Many wives know little or nothing about the family finances. If something unforeseen happens to their husbands, they are left scrambling to learn about realities for which they are not equipped.

This evening, we were escorted to a room way in the back of a large restaurant (two-thirds full). The only other occupants were a couple with two small children who looked to be about 2 or 3. When I requested a different table, my son was furious. He said what I had done was rude.

We were moved to another table. It was between the hostess station and the kitchen door. I sat there and said nothing. This was an expensive restaurant, and our bill was more than \$100. Was I rude? I would appreciate your opinion. — New Seat In Florida

Dear New Seat: Your son was mistaken. To ask to be seated at a table in a different part of the restaurant was not rude; it was your prerogative. If you preferred a location in the front of the place rather than near the kitchen or a family with small children, you should have repeated your request. And if the host or hostess had a problem with it, you should have left and enjoyed dinner at a restaurant more accommodating than that one.

To My Jewish Readers: The eight days of Hanukkah begin at sundown. Happy Hanukkah, everyone! May we all enjoy a joyous festival of lights.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 11-12, 1917

With the time for voluntary enlistment closing on Saturday of this week, dozens of young men are hurrying to enlist in their favorite branch of the service. The navy is proving the most attractive branch and Recruiting Officer Swartz is kept busy signing men up and answering inquiries. During the past two and a half days 14 men have joined the navy here, making a total of 23 since Dec. 1 and 53 since Nov. 1.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 11-12, 1967

A Columbia River landmark, the Pendleton Grain Growers elevator in Umatilla, burned to the ground Friday night. The fire was set to clear the land for Lake Umatilla, which will be formed next spring with the closure of the gates at John Day Dam. For years the Umatilla Fire Department had mapped plans on how they would fight a fire at the big PGG elevator. When it did go up

in a big burst of flames they were on hand to protect the Tidewater-Shaver tank farm to the southeast. A breeze from the southeast about 9:30 p.m. eliminated any fire hazard and the huge elevator burned to the ground without incident.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 11-12, 1992

The Baha'i Faith often is misunderstood, according to Pendleton believers who attended the recent World Congress in New York. Vafa Afatouni, from the local Baha'i governing body, says people mistakenly believe it's a cult or sect. But Baha'i is a worldwide, independent religion that encompasses all religious revelations (including Christianity and Judaism). Vafa was among more than 30,000 Baha'is from 187 countries who gathered in New York City from Nov. 23-26. He was joined by his wife, Leslie, along with Ken and Billie Robbins, Katherine Young and Amin Mansuri, all of Pendleton; brothers Keith and Andrew Lavador of Adams; and Farahmand Ziari of Hermiston.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 346th day of 2017. There are 19 days left in the year. Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 12, 1917, during World War I, a train carrying some 1,000 French troops from the Italian front derailed while descending a steep hill in Modane; at least half of the soldiers were killed in France's greatest rail disaster. Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Nebraska.

On this date: In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. In 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolph Dirks, made its debut in the New York Journal.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member. In 1925, the first motel —

the Motel Inn — opened in San Luis Obispo, California.

In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River.

In 1946, a United Nations committee voted to accept a six-block tract of Manhattan real estate offered as a gift by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to be the site of the U.N.'s headquarters.

In 1947, the United Mine Workers union disaffiliated from the American Federation of Labor.

In 1963, Kenya became independent of Britain.

In 1977, the dance movie "Saturday Night Fever," a Paramount Pictures release starring John Travolta, premiered in New York.

In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

In 2000, George W. Bush became president-elect as a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election.

Today's Birthdays:

Former TV host Bob Barker is 94. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Pettit is 85. Singer Connie Francis is 80. Singer Dionne Warwick is 77. Rock singer-musician Dickey Betts is 74. Hall of Fame race car driver Emerson Fittipaldi is 71. Actor Wings Hauser is 70. Actor Bill Nighy is 68. Actor Duane Chase (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 67. Country singer LaCosta is 67. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 65. Author Lorna Landvik is 63. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 60. Actress Sheree J. Wilson is 59. International Tennis Hall of Famer Tracy Austin is 55. Rock musician Eric Schenckman (Spin Doctors) is 54. Rock musician Nicholas Dimichino (Nine Days) is 50. Country singer Hank Williams III is 45.

Thought for Today: "Experience has taught me that the only cruelties people condemn are those with which they do not happen to be familiar." — Ellen Glasgow, American author (1874-1945).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

