

PEANUTS

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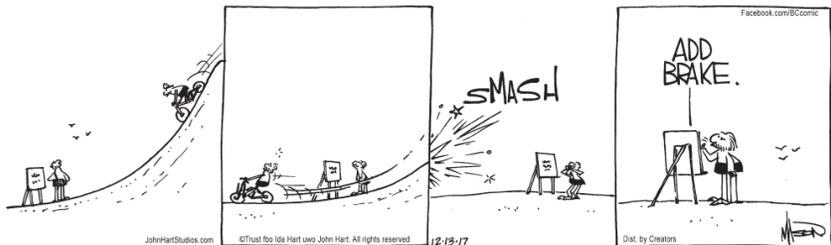
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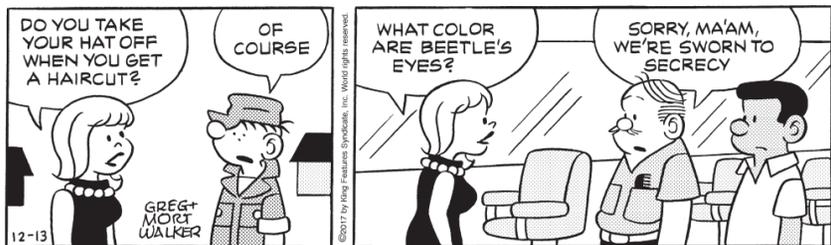
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DEAR ABBY

Man keeps wife in the dark about new 'business partner'



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband met a gal 33 years younger than he is at a doctor's office. It seems they "became close," so they went off and bought real estate together in another state. They spend weeks at a time together there alone.

When they are both here in town, they have "business" meetings several times a week. I am not allowed to attend, know when they take place or even ask what was discussed. They never have phone conversations while I'm near, and their texts to each other are "none of my business."

My husband's words: "I don't know why you're so mad; you're just jealous." Your thoughts, please? — **Peeved In California**

Dear Peeved: You live in a community property state. Half of your husband's share of whatever property he and this woman bought together belongs to you.

My first thought is your husband is having a fling and lying about not knowing why you are angry. He's right that you are jealous. You have every right to be.

My second thought is that you should consult an attorney ASAP. I don't know how much you know about your husband's finances, but a forensic accountant can help you unearth any assets he may be hiding or has already buried. After that, it will be up to you to decide whether you want to continue in a marriage with someone who would treat you so shabbily.

Dear Abby: My husband and I treated our 24-year-old granddaughter to dinner and a historical city tour. When we stopped by to pick her up, she came out of the house wearing a skin-tight top that laced up the

front, with a 3-inch gap from top to bottom and no bra.

My first reaction was to ask her to change, thinking it was highly inappropriate. Her grandfather thought we should just let it go, so we went out for the evening. Nothing was mentioned regarding her attire, but I was extremely uncomfortable. What is your opinion? — **Buttoned Up In Indiana**

Dear Buttoned Up: Your granddaughter is an adult. For you to have asked her to change clothes would have been awkward for everyone concerned. While her choice of outfit may have been revealing, if there was any embarrassment, it should not have been yours. If you prefer she dress more modestly when she's with you, the next time you invite her to go someplace, say so.

Dear Abby: Allow me to offer a tip for those men about to pop the "big question" to their girlfriends: Let your fiancée pick out the ring style she will be wearing for the rest of her life. Arrange with a jeweler to have a tray of rings in different styles in your price range. Then present a ring with the proposal with the understanding it can be exchanged. — **Wise Southerner**

Dear Southerner: This is a subject that has been addressed in my column several times. A practical way to handle it is for the man to talk to the jeweler about what he can afford to spend beforehand, so the stones will be available to display to his fiancée, as well as a variety of settings from which she can choose. And, if none are to her liking, she might prefer the option of designing her own setting. Many brides do.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 13, 1917

Giving fresh evidence of Pendleton's location as a hub for inland empire activities is the announcement that the biological survey of the department of agriculture has decided to establish the headquarters of Luther J. Goldman, predatory animal inspector for Idaho, in this city after the first of the year. Because of the fact that Mr. Goldman's work takes him into both northern and southern Idaho he is forced to jump from one end of the state to the other, passing through both Oregon and Washington en route, as there is no railway connecting the two parts of Idaho. Pendleton's location adapts itself to his requirements as headquarters and his superiors decided it would be more economical and more convenient for him to be located here.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 13, 1967

One man was killed and two other people hospitalized as the result of a two-car head-on collision on Highway 11 near Adams early Tuesday morning. Dead on arrival to St. Anthony Hospital was James Ross Simonton,

24, of Pendleton. Simonton was the driver of a southbound vehicle that crossed the center line into the path of a car driven by Gail Ann Taber, 21, Long Creek. She suffered a broken elbow and leg. Simonton's passenger, Everett D. Pennington, 25, Pendleton, was in critical condition Tuesday morning at St. Anthony Hospital.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 13, 1992

Entrepreneur Anne Beard of Heppner spends many hours painstakingly creating exquisite, one-of-a-kind fashions from tiny pieces of silk. Her work is drawing praise. A long, reversible coat sporting brilliant colors recently was acclaimed winner of the "Fabrics at Their Best" division during a juried Art to Wear show in Yakima, Wash. Beard said she was influenced by her mother's sewing talents. The skills helped her become "one of the best dressed kids in school." Beard and her mother, Florence Bayless, decided to try to break into the competitive fashion world about nine years ago. Their first juried show was in Savanna, Fla., the state where Bayless lives. They sold everything they brought to the show.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 347th day of 2017. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 13, 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces during the Sino-Japanese War; what followed was a massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains that up to 300,000 people were killed; Japanese nationalists say the death toll was far lower, and some maintain the massacre never happened.)

On this date: In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire received its charter.

In 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of

Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1944, during World War II, the light cruiser USS Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack off Negros Island in the Philippines that claimed 133 lives.

In 1962, the United States launched Relay 1, a communications satellite which retransmitted television, telephone and digital signals.

In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 97. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 92. Actor Christopher Plummer is 88. Country singer Buck White is 87. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 84. Singer John Davidson is 76. Actress Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Affair") is 72. Singer Ted Nugent is 69. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 69. Country musician Ron Getman is 69. Actor Robert Lindsay is 68. Singer-actor Morris Day is 61. Actor Steve Buscemi is 60. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 50. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 42. Rock singer Amy Lee (Evanescence) is 36.

Thought for Today:

"A society in which men recognize no check upon their freedom soon becomes a society where freedom is the possession of only a savage few." — Judge Learned Hand, American jurist (1872-1961).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

