

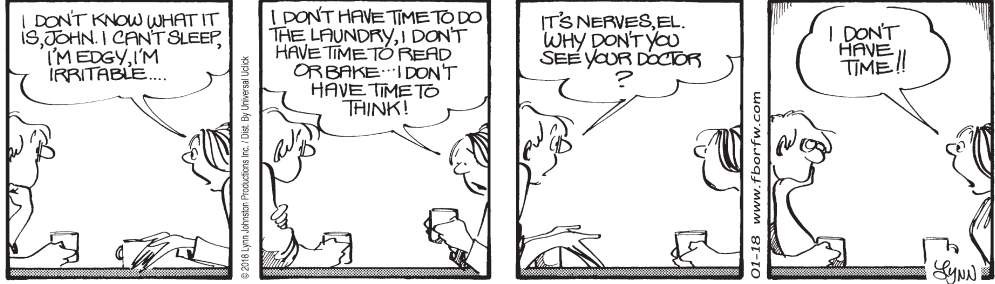
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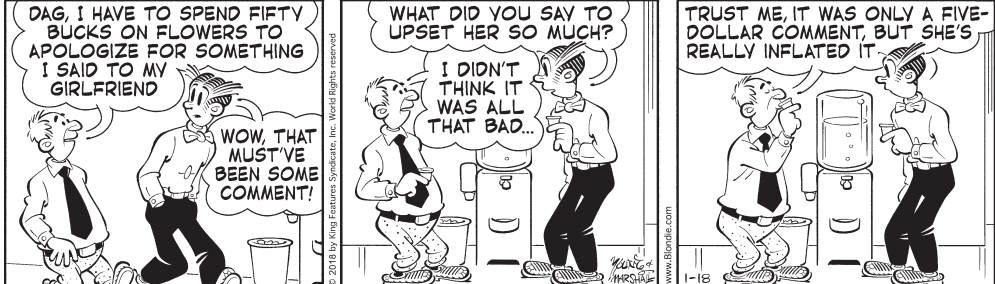
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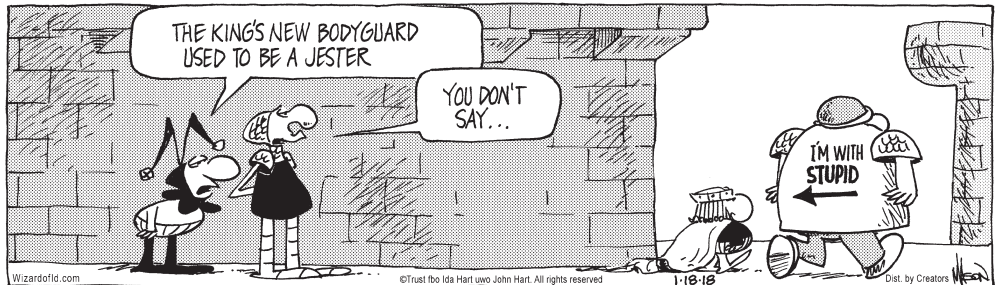
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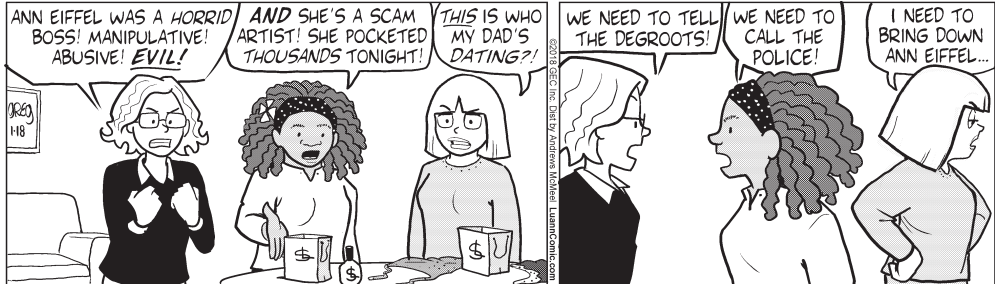
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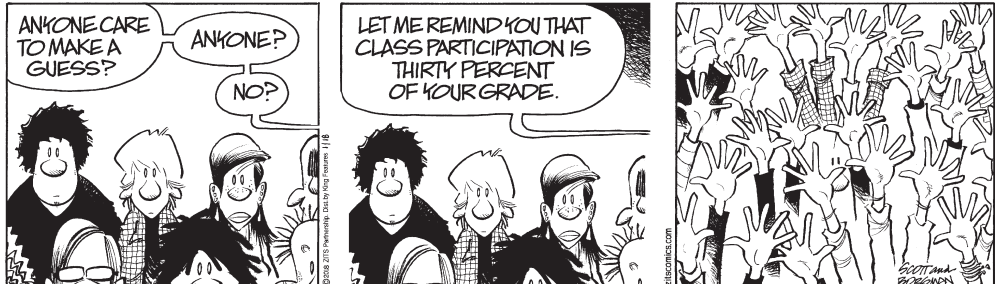
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DEAR ABBY

Foot-dragging boyfriend puts engagement on endless hold

Dear Abby: I'm 28 and have been dating my boyfriend, "Spencer," for 2 1/2 years. We have talked a lot about getting married. We know where we want it to be, who will be in our wedding party and what the theme will be.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

A year ago we discussed getting engaged. Spencer said he'd propose "sometime within the next year" and last spring it seemed like he was working up the courage to do it. (He was talking about how happy he was and what he was seeing for our future). Then his best friend got his girlfriend pregnant and told Spencer he was thinking about proposing to her. After that, the idea of us getting married went on the back burner.

Dear Ready: Not knowing your boyfriend, I can't guess why you haven't received the official proposal. It's time to talk turkey with Spencer and ask him exactly why he seems to be stuck at the starting gate. It was considerate of him to postpone your engagement so it wouldn't distract from his sister's wedding plans. But for him to do it again because of his friend's impending fatherhood doesn't seem like a legitimate reason to me.

How do I bring up the subject without coming off as pushy or selfish? A lot of our friends are in committed relationships. If we put our lives on hold every time one of them gets engaged, we'll be waiting years before it's our turn and we can start a family. I'd appreciate any advice you might have. — Ready To Move Forward

Dear Abby: I am a tween and I'm scared about getting a disease or sickness. It started when I watched the news one night last month waiting for a show to come on. The news had all these terrible crimes and diseases, and that's when I started freaking out. My friend says I'm crazy, and I'm afraid she's right. All this worrying has me really feeling out of it. What should I do to quit worrying about diseases? — Southern Girl

Dear Southern Girl: There's a saying in the news business, "If it bleeds, it leads." It means the more shocking a story is, the more attention it will grab and the more people will watch. Quieting your fears may be as simple as talking with your parents about what's scaring you, or having them schedule a visit with your pediatrician.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 18, 1918

That owners of the timber in the southern part of Umatilla County are preparing to develop their property this spring and that the plans in connection with the enterprise call for extending the Pilot Rock Branch to Ukiah and the establishment of a large saw mill adjacent to Pendleton is the substance of a report received here today. There is said to be "only one chance in a thousand" that the plan will not be carried out. Nothing is said as to the probable location of the mill but several suitable sites are said to be available for the purpose. A crew of from 250 to 300 men is contemplated.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 18, 1968

The city of Pendleton will find itself on a list of delinquent property taxpayers Umatilla County will publish next month in a foreclosure list. The city council learned Tuesday that the city is now almost \$40,000 behind in taxes the county has assessed on

the city's rental property at the airport. The terminal building and the cropland are not included. City Attorney John Walker said Tuesday his research indicates the city failed to pay the 1963-64 bill because of a lack of funds.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 18, 1993

The only thing missing is violence. All the other signs — the colors, hand signals, tattoos, oversized clothing and graffiti — point to at least three formal, functioning youth gangs in Hermiston. Parents are worried, school officials are concerned, and police are cautious enough to commit three-fifths of an officer's time strictly to the investigation of gangs in Hermiston. So far, activities by gang members — mostly Hispanic boys between the ages of 11 and 18 — have been fairly unremarkable. Guns and drugs have played a very limited role, although a 12-year-old boy was accidentally killed in November by a blast from a shotgun, which was to be used in a rumble between gang "wannabes" from Umatilla and one or more Hermiston youth.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 18th day of 2018. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 18, 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted). A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

On this date: In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1862, the tenth president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Virginia, at age 71, shortly before he could take his seat as an elected member of the Confederate Congress.

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser

USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1919, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In 1949, Charles Ponzi, engineer of one of the most spectacular mass swindles in history, died destitute at a hospital in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at age 66.

In 1957, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In 1970, David Oman McKay, the ninth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at the age of 96.

In 1988, a China Southwest Airlines Ilyushin 18 crashed while on approach to Chongqing Airport, killing all 108 people on board.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

Today's Birthdays:

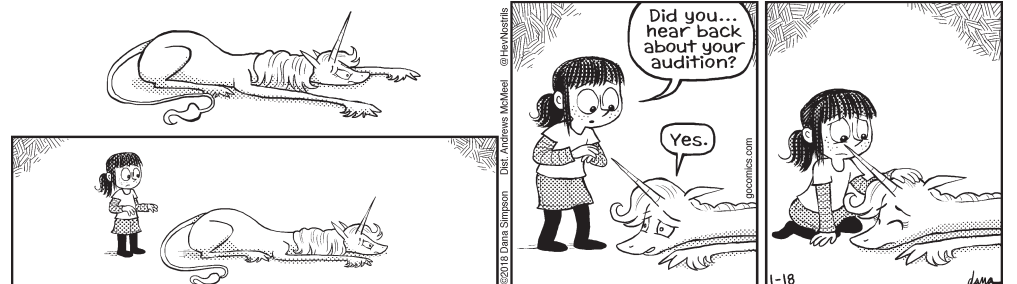
Movie director John Boorman is 85. Former Sen. Paul Kirk, D-Mass., is 80. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 77. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 65. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 63. Country singer-actor Mark Collie is 62. Actor Mark Rylance is 58. Actress Alison Argrim (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 56. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is 55. Actress Jane Horrocks is 54. Comedian Dave Attell is 53. Actor Jesse L. Martin is 49. Rapper DJ Quik is 48. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 47. Former NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous is 45. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 44. Actor Derek Richardson is 42. Actor Jason Segel is 38. Actress Samantha Mumba is 35. Country singer Kristy Lee Cook (TV: "American Idol") is 34. Actress Devin Kelley is 32. Actress Ashleigh Murray (TV: "Riverdale") is 30. Tennis player Angelique Kerber is 30. Actor Mateus Ward is 19.

Thought for Today:

"If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten." — Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

