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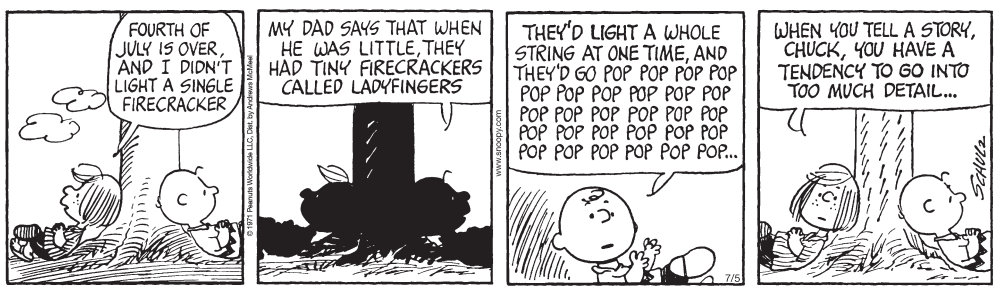

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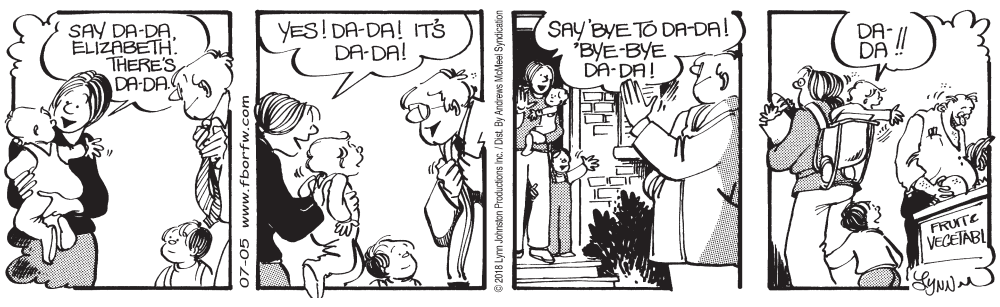

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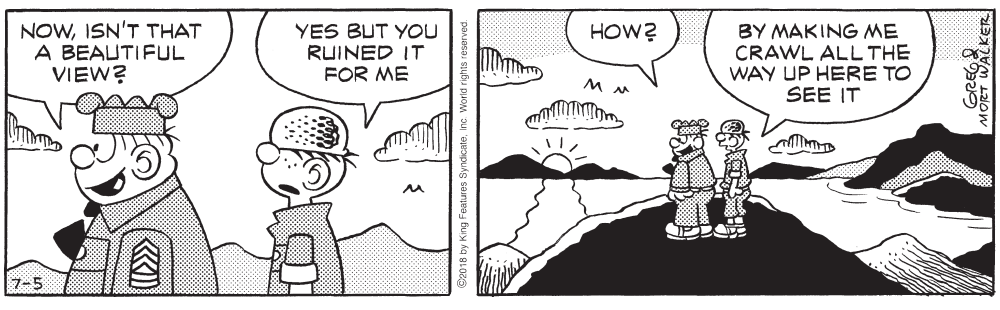

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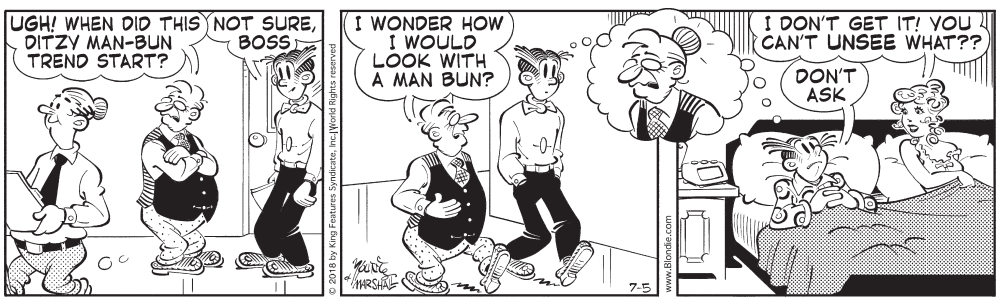

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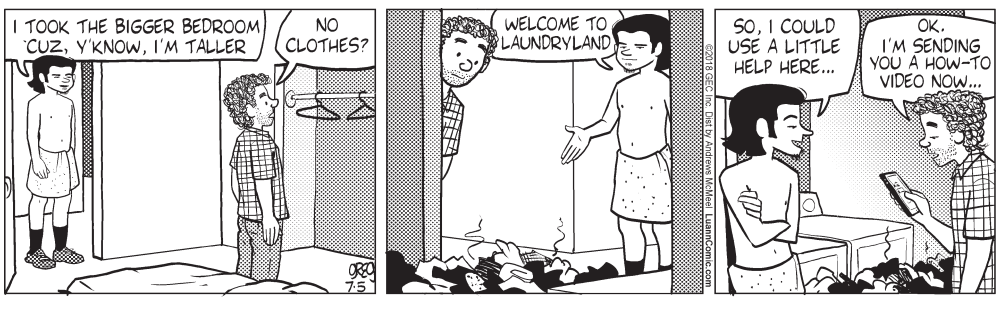

ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

DEAR ABBY

Late bloomer worries he is being labeled a playboy

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I have never been married. I've been perceived as a "playboy" for many years now. I don't mean to be, but when I sense the potential for a passionate romantic encounter with flowers, candy, champagne, pot (and an occasional Quaalude), the urge takes over.

I was never considered "hot" until I turned 50 and decided to get in shape. I had a hair transplant, a neck lift and lost 25 pounds. Shouldn't I continue to enjoy this? I'm really loving it. But I worry about the comments about my age. I look about 38. — **Max In The Midwest**

Dear Max: If you are wooing adult women with flowers and candy, that's the traditional way of going about it. However, if you are using alcohol, pot and Quaaludes to render them so dizzy they can't refuse your advances, it is considered rape — a prosecutable offense no matter how good you look for your age. If you doubt me, just look at the news.

Dear Abby: My husband and I are pregnant, and we are arguing over the gender of the baby. We have wanted this child for a long time and had trouble conceiving. I won't care if it's a boy or a girl, but he is adamant that he wants a boy. He has even gone so far as to say that he will be disappointed if it isn't.

We find out the gender this month, and I'm not sure how to prepare or if we should even find out. Help! — **Disappointed In Ohio**

Dear Disappointed: Many men fantasize about having a son, a "mini-me" to teach sports to, just as many women dream of having a daughter and what her first prom will be like or helping her to plan her wedding. When most couples have a baby, the first thing they do is thank God the baby is born healthy.

Little girls have been known to wrap their daddies around their little fingers before they are old enough to walk. The same is true for baby boys and their mothers. Please do not take your husband's spouting off so seriously; it will pass. As to whether you should determine the sex of your baby before birth, consider this: It will give you time to color-coordinate the nursery and layette.

Dear Abby: My good friend injured her back, so I offered to help out with chores and errands while she recovers. One of the errands was to pick up some groceries, which included items for a barbecue party. No problem. However, I later learned she threw a grand cookout on Memorial Day, complete with boat rides, jet skis, fireworks and tons of food — the food I picked up for her. The kicker? I wasn't invited! Am I immature for feeling angry and left out? — **Trying To Be An Adult About This**

Dear Trying: I don't think you are immature. You called this woman a good friend. Unless an important fact was omitted from your letter, your feelings are normal. The only "good friend" in this relationship appears to be you.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 5, 1918

Harry Judd, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Judd, now in service in France, writes that he and Frank Dickson finished their course at the truck school and are back with Battery D, 65 Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces. "Smock" deplores the fact that he can't speak French and said: "I went into a restaurant and asked for eggs. They couldn't understand so I crowed like a chicken and drew a picture of an egg — but no chance! We can get regular meals of course but the French tastes are so different from ours. I am feeling fine and believe me, I wouldn't trade places with anyone in the United States."

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 5, 1968

Dusty Schiewe, 16, Spokane, was taken to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, with an injured left knee incurred in a spill after he'd reached the eliminations, but otherwise Athena's second annual 100 cc national motorcycle races went off without a hitch on the perfect day. Sizzling 100-plus temperatures didn't keep anyone away. Crowds were far larger than last year, Chamber of Commerce officials said. Weston Fire Department beat Pendleton's Main Street Cowboys in the third go-around to win the annual water battle in which Adams also took part. Kenny Roberts, 16, Modesto, Calif., riding a Suzuki, took the motorcycle championship. Harry Taylor, Athena, on a Hodaka, was second, and Duane Francisco, Portland, riding a Kawasaki, was third.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 5, 1993

The Fremont Power Station emerged in the Blue Mountain in the early 1900s and forever changed the face of mining by electrifying the remote forest townships. But this winter under the weight of snow, the historic gem surrendered. Its metal roof, turned orange with rust and age, was torn apart at the seams by the heavy snow, which set off a chain reaction of structural mayhem. Now cordoned off by a chain-link fence, Umatilla National Forest officials are searching for ways to restore the building that was completed in 1907.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On July 5, 1947, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League three months after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the National League. In the game against the Chicago White Sox at Comiskey Park, Doby, pinch-hitting for Bryan Stephens, struck out in his first at-bat during the seventh inning; Chicago won 6-5.

In 1687, Isaac Newton first published his Principia Mathematica, a three-volume work setting out his mathematical principles of natural philosophy.

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1865, the Secret Service Division of the U.S. Treasury Department was founded in Washington, D.C., with the mission of suppressing counterfeit currency.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke off diplomatic relations.

In 1946, the bikini, created by Louis Reard, was modeled by Micheline Bernardini during a poolside fashion show in Paris.

In 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee; the song he recorded was "That's All Right."

In 1962, independence took effect in Algeria; the same day, civilians of European descent, mostly French, came under attack by extremists in the port city of Oran.

In 1977, Pakistan's army, led by General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, seized power from President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. (Bhutto was executed in 1979.)

In 1984, the Supreme Court weakened the 70-year-old "exclusionary rule," deciding that evidence seized in good faith with defective court warrants could be used against defendants in criminal trials.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine Helmond is 89. Actress Shirley Knight is 82. Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 75. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 70. Rock star Huey Lewis is 68. Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage is 67. Actress Edie Falco is 55. Rapper RZA is 49.

Thought for Today: "Without promotion something terrible happens: Nothing!" — *P.T. Barnum, American showman (born this date 1810, died 1891).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON

BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE