

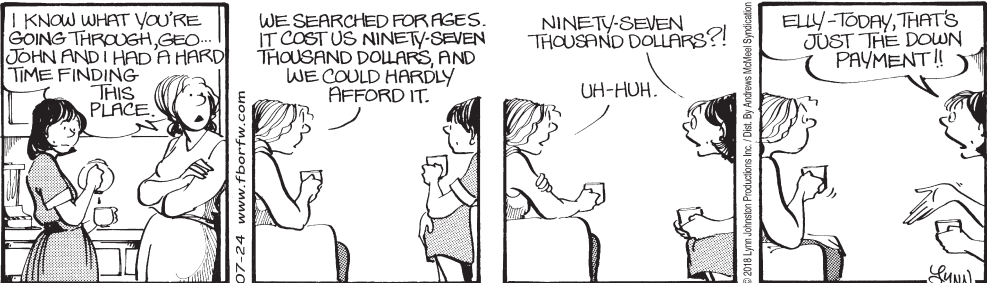
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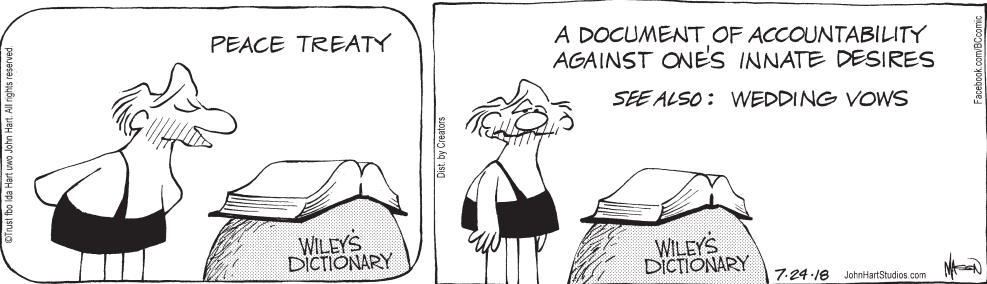
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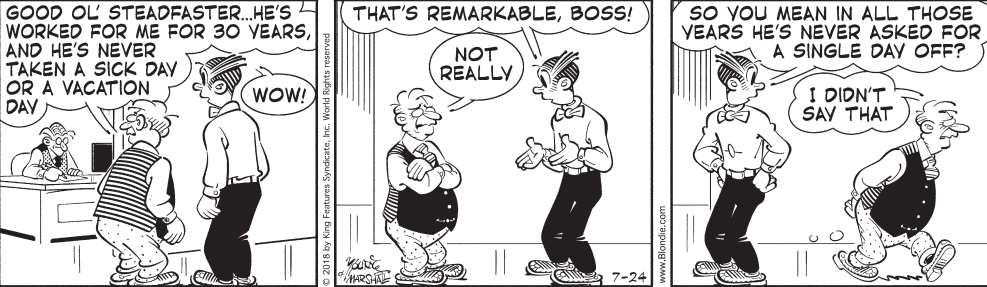
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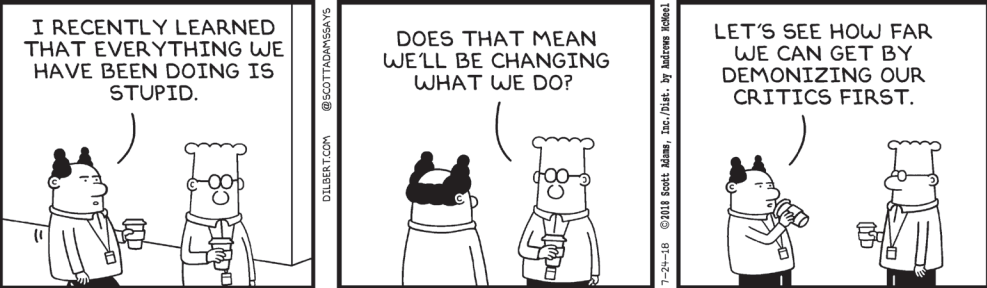
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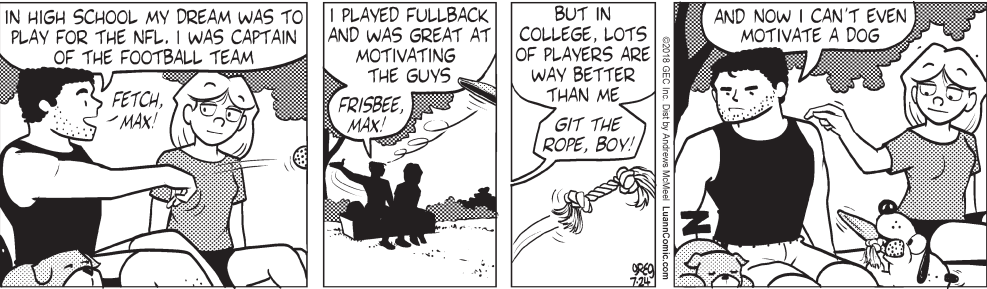
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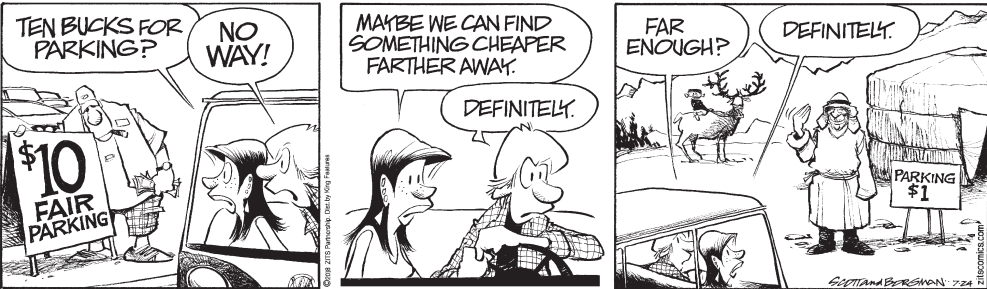
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DEAR ABBY

Man loses focus on life after close friend's death

Dear Abby: A lifelong friend of mine has died unexpectedly. Because he was my age, this brought up issues of my own mortality. We'd had our ups and downs over 25 years, but he moved cross-country to the same city as I'm in and was there for many happy and sad life events, including the deaths of my remaining immediate family and his parents.

I have a wonderful wife and amazing children. We are pretty active and have stressful jobs, so there is little time to be engaged, which leaves me feeling guilty about being less than 100 percent for her and the kids. We have a newborn, and he is a star among stars for me, so I feel even more need to be present at all times.

My friend's death has brought up painful feelings I thought I was over — like the feeling of being an “orphan” (even though I have extended family, I have no immediate family left). Losing someone my age has hit me hard, which I honestly didn't anticipate. I know I'm focusing on the wrong things, like some missed opportunities, but I can't seem to move past them. I feel so drained and useless. Any help would be appreciated. — **Missing My Friend In Las Vegas**

Dear Missing: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your good friend. The death of someone close can affect people in many different ways. For some, the reminder that life isn't infinite can trigger them to re-evaluate their relationships or how they have been living their lives.

Because you seem to be unable to move past your feelings of abandonment, which



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Advice

many people experience after the loss of their parents, consider joining a grief support group to help you to work through some of these thoughts you are experiencing. However, if that isn't enough, a licensed therapist may help you to regain your balance.

Dear Abby: My daughter's significant other fathered her two children and seemed dedicated to his family. He worked hard to support and care for them. Then, almost overnight, it all changed.

My daughter is now a single (unemployed) mom with two little ones under 4. She needs help, and I need advice about how to best help her. It appears they'll need to move in with us (an arrangement that will be stressful for all). Life is a bowl of lemons, and I need a good recipe for lemonade. Help, please! — **Ready To Pitch In**

Dear Ready: This would be my recipe: The first thing you adults should do is remind yourselves that this won't be forever — only until your daughter is able to find a job, get back on her feet and the children are in day care. Repeat it to yourselves out loud when necessary, and it may help you retain your sanity when life becomes stressful.

Next, help your daughter ensure that the children's father continues to provide financially for them. If he is resistant, an attorney may be able to help, and so can government agencies in every state.

And last, give the new additions to your household all the love and understanding you can — which I am sure you are already doing because you seem like a very nice person. This, too, will pass.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 23-24, 1918

The alarm for country fires will be 6 rings of the curfew bell repeated three times. This is the understanding reached this morning between Fire Chief Wm. Ringold and Capt. H.E. Williams, of the O.M.P., for the spread of the alarm in the city where fires are reported in the wheat fields or other farm property in the surrounding country. Farmers or others reporting such fires are requested to phone first to the city fire department, when the alarm will be given. Then they should call the military police headquarters, where they can give the location of the fire, its character and if possible the cause of it. With this information the captain can determine the number of men that will probably be needed as fire fighters, and the mistake will not be made of taking out a lot of unnecessary men. All volunteers going out to such fires are requested to report at once to the city hall when such alarm is given.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 23-24, 1968

Martha Leib is one of ten University of Oregon students who will study music in Austria this summer under a program spon-

sored by World Crossroads of Learning, with headquarters the University of Wisconsin and branch work in other universities in the United States and foreign countries. Miss Leib, a graduate of Hermiston High School, finished her sophomore year in June. She is a music major and a student in the voice performance department. Miss Leib was chosen for the study program on the recommendation of her instructors at the University of Oregon.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 23-24, 1993

A Pilot Rock man with pot in his pockets was sniffed out by drug dogs early this week, leading police to an extensive grow operation at his home Tuesday. Pilot Rock police chief Ron Layton uncovered 192 marijuana plants, hoses, lights, an automatic timer and watering devices. Tobey Mason, 32, is being charged with possession and intent to deliver, Layton said. But he is not currently in custody with local police. Instead, the charges filed against Mason come from the Bellingham, Wash., police department. Mason was boarding a ferry in the Washington port town when police there made a routine drug inspection. With the aid of drug dogs, they discovered he was carrying three quarters of a pound of marijuana.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 205th day of 2018. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous “Kitchen Debate” with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

On this date:

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the “Scottsboro Case.”

In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1974, the U.S.

Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1983, a two-run homer by George Brett of the Kansas City Royals was disallowed after New York Yankees manager Billy Martin pointed out there was too much pine tar on Brett's bat. However, American League president Lee MacPhail reinstated the home run. (The game was completed Aug. 18, 1983 with the Royals beating the Yankees, 5-4.)

In 1987, Hulda Crooks, a 91-year-old mountaineer from California, became the oldest woman to conquer Mount Fuji, Japan's highest

peak.

In 2002, nine coal miners became trapped in a flooded tunnel of the Quecreek Mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily 77 hours later with the rescue of all nine.

Today's Birthdays: Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 83. Comedian Gallagher is 72. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 66. Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez is 49. Director Patty Jenkins (“Wonder Woman”) is 47. Actress Elisabeth Moss is 36.

Thought for Today: “Everything has two sides — the outside that is ridiculous, and the inside that is solemn.” — *Olive Schreiner, South African author and feminist (1855-1920).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

