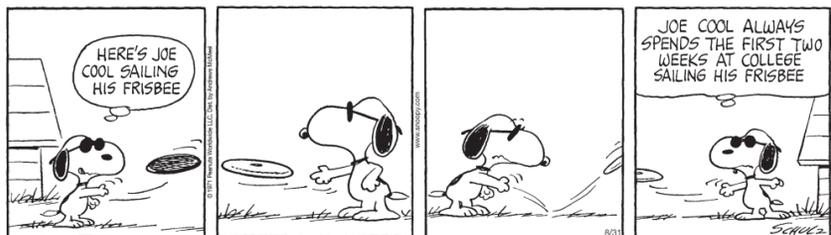


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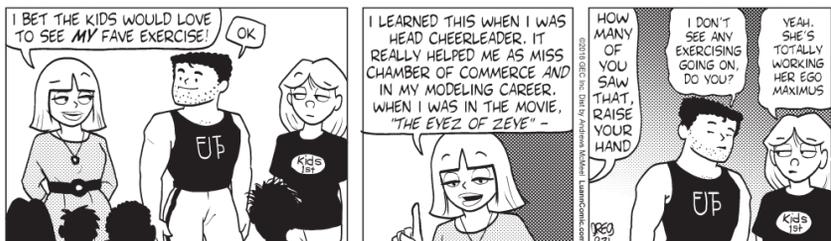
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DEAR ABBY

Man won't budge on having surgery to quiet his snoring

Dear Abby: My husband and I are happily married, but have one serious problem. Our sleeping habits are incompatible. I am an extremely light sleeper; he is a horrendous snorer.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

macy bed" does not always have to be the "sleeping bed." Good sleep quality is necessary for us to function properly.

Dear Abby: I have five grown children and three grandchildren. They have always come first, especially my grandchildren. When I began the relationship with my husband, I told him how important both were to me and that, no matter what, my grandchildren always came first.

He sees a snoring specialist and tried several medical treatments, none of which worked. The only solution is a minor surgical procedure. He doesn't want to have the surgery. He insists he "sleeps fine," and says I'm the one with the problem.

I have tried earplugs, white noise machines, sleep medications and more, but I cannot get a decent sleep with the obnoxious snoring. He stays up much later than I do, and I enjoy sleeping in our master bedroom until he comes to bed. I usually get driven out of the room by the noise.

We agree we don't want to sleep in separate rooms and lose the intimacy, but it's the only option for me to sleep well. Neither of us wants to give up the master bedroom because it's the only one with an attached bathroom.

Am I wrong for asking him to have surgery so we can share a bed? And if he won't, who should get the master bedroom? — Sleepless In Louisiana

Dear Sleepless: Let's be honest. By now your husband knows full well he doesn't "sleep fine." The reason for his reluctance is fear of the surgery. It wasn't wrong of you to ask, and out of consideration for you and the intimacy in your marriage he shouldn't have refused.

However, because he insists on coming into the master bedroom, which he knows wakes you, for the sake of your health, take the other bedroom. Understand, the "inti-

He agreed and said he felt the same way.

Now, two years into our marriage, my daughter and grandchildren want to come live with us for nine months while her husband is deployed. My husband is freaking out and keeps complaining every day even though they aren't even here yet. He has pushed me to my breaking point, and I am not sure what to do. I would never tell him that or act that way toward his children or grandchildren. I'm now considering divorce. What should I do? — Family First In The South

Dear Family First: I can't help but wonder how you would REALLY feel if the shoe was on the other foot. Would you be as accommodating as you expect him to be, or would you be panicking, too?

Remind your husband that this is what he agreed to before your marriage, and point out that this isn't forever. It will be for only nine months. Tell him it will be an opportunity for him to get to know the grandkids and vice versa. Who knows? He might even enjoy it.

If he's still unhappy after a reasonable period of time after they arrive, then it may be time to discuss separating. But don't jump the gun.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1918

All families are requested by the food administration hereafter to make all of their sugar purchases during a given month from one store. This will not only make it easier on the store clerks but will be more convenient for the purchaser and may save them from unjust suspicion. Beginning Sept. 1 all merchants will install the individual cards. Each purchaser will be required to sign a card at each store where sugar purchases are made during the month. Second, third and fourth purchases during the month can be made at the same store without any additional signature.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1968

Grand marshal of the Westward Ho! parade Sept. 13 will be Clarence Burke,

79-year-old Cayuse who is Round-Up co-chief. Chief Burke, whose Indian name means Son-Who-Sits-On-The-Mountain, is the eldest son of the last chief of the Walla Walla tribe, Poker Jim, and a descendant of Peo Peo Mox Mox of the Walla Wallas. He succeeded his father as co-chief of the Round-Up in 1936.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1993

McKay Reservoir, which virtually dried up last year, holds more water today than it has on any Aug. 31 since 1943. By midnight tonight, the storage level is expected to be just under 38,000 acre feet of water, said Ron Morris, the Bureau of Reclamation's Umatilla River manager. On this day a year ago, the level had dropped to 4,000 acre feet. The average water level on Aug. 31 over the last five decades was 18,900 acre feet.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 31, 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1939, the first issue of Marvel Comics, featuring the Human Torch, was published by Timely Publications in New York.

In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday.

In 1987, the Michael Jackson album "Bad" was released by Epic Records.

In 1991, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan declared their independence, raising to

ten the number of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

In 1992, white separatist Randy Weaver surrendered to authorities in Naples, Idaho, ending an 11-day siege by federal agents that had claimed the lives of Weaver's wife, son and a deputy U.S. marshal. (Weaver was acquitted of murder and all other charges in connection with the confrontation; he was convicted of failing to appear for trial on firearms charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison but given credit for 14 months he'd already served.)

In 1997, Prince Charles brought Princess Diana home for the last time, escorting the body of his former wife to a Britain that was shocked, grief-stricken and angered by her death in a Paris traffic accident earlier that day.

Today's Birthdays: Japanese monster movie actor Katsumi Tezuka

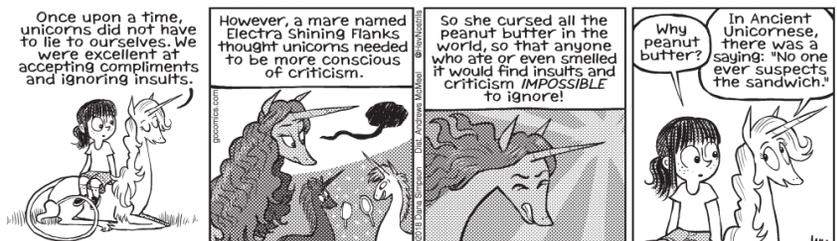
("Godzilla") is 106. Baseball Hall of Famer Frank Robinson is 83. Actor Warren Belinger is 81. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 79. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 73. Singer Van Morrison is 73. Actor Richard Gere is 69. Actor Stephen Henderson is 69. Olympic gold medal track and field athlete Edwin Moses is 63. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 61. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 61. Singer-composer Deborah Gibson is 48. Rock musician Greg Kirschling (Wallflowers) is 48. Actor Zack Ward is 48. Golfer Padraig Harrington is 47. Actor Chris Tucker is 46.

Thought for Today: "Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know."

— William Saroyan, American author and playwright (born this date in 1908, died 1981).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

