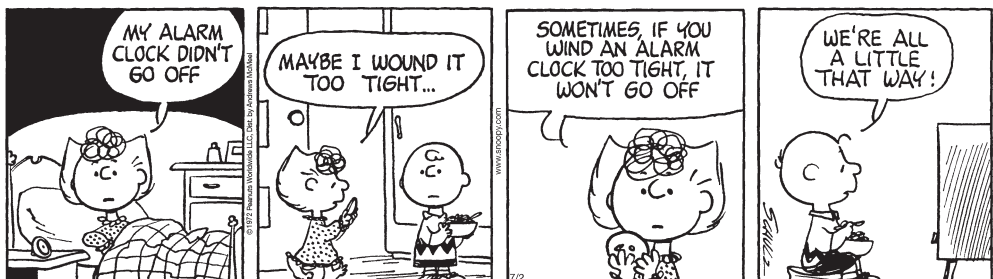


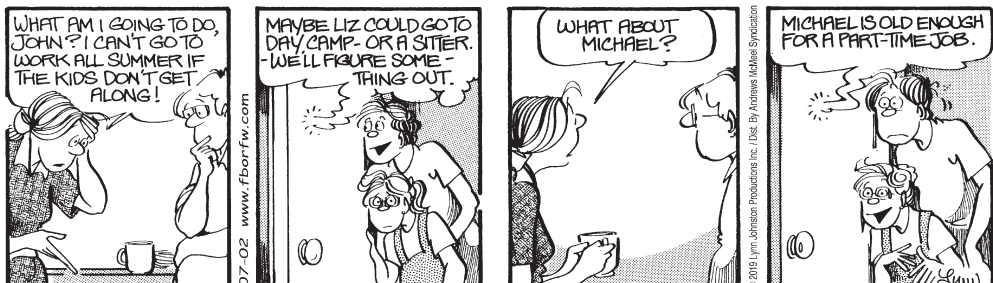
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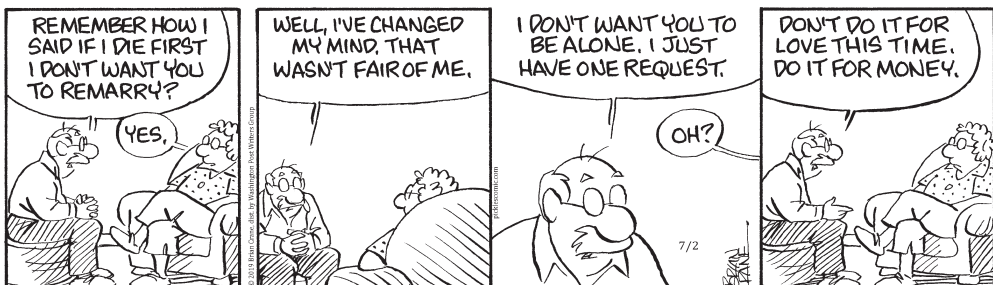
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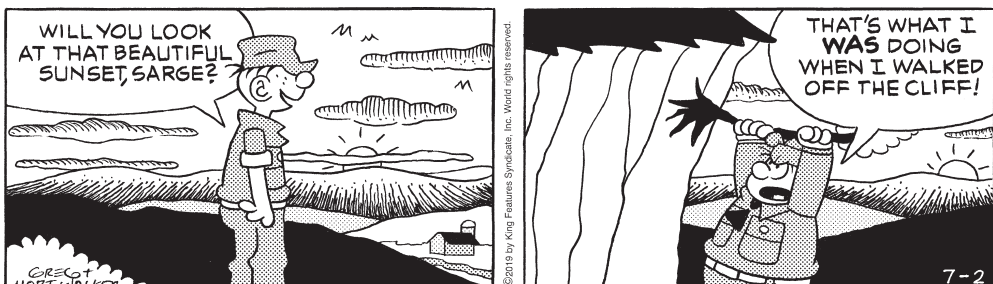
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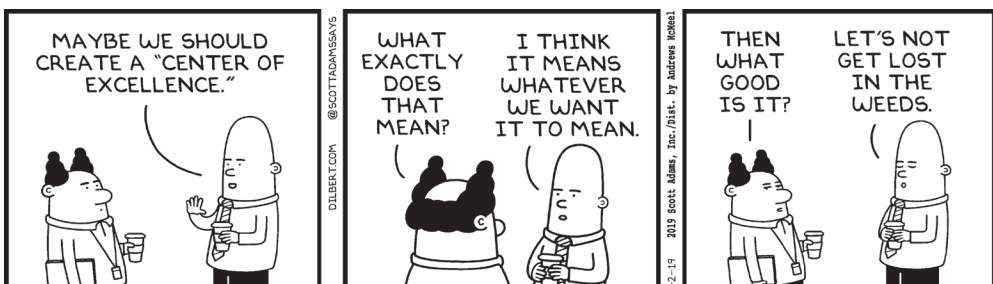
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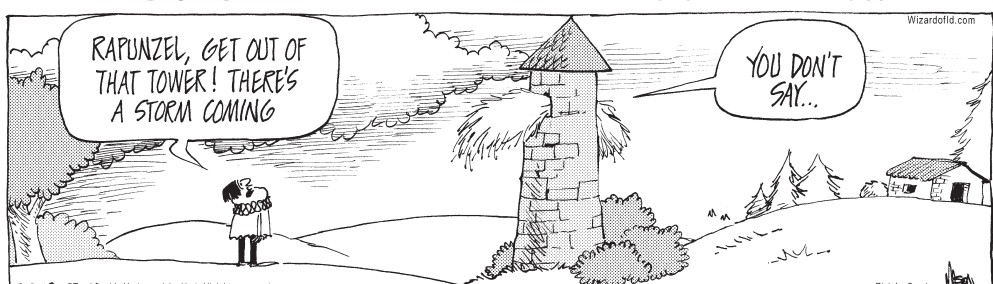
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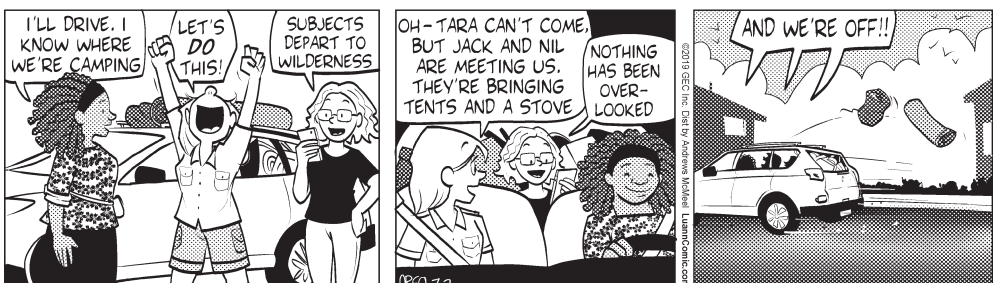
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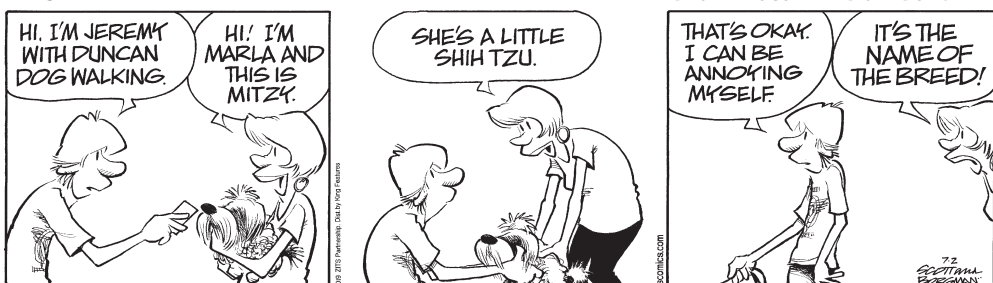
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DEAR ABBY

Unexpected parenthood keeps mismatched couple together

Dear Abby: Four years ago, I became friends with a co-worker and things took off too fast. Within a couple of months, I became pregnant. We were thrown together without really even knowing each other because, deep down, we wanted a family and decided to stick it out.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Have people grown so self-centered and uncaring about other people's feelings that they think posts like this are appropriate without asking the immediate family's feelings on the matter? It seems to me it's a self-serving grab for attention and sympathy without any respect for the immediate family of the deceased. I really cannot find a way to forgive her actions. — Hurt and Angry in the East

Well, it's been a hell of a ride. I ended up having to leave because neither one of us was happy, and it wasn't the greatest environment to raise our daughter in. I came back a few months later, and we have been trying our best to get along and be great parents for her. But our past issues with each other constantly raise their ugly heads and cause problems that make us want to split up.

I have suggested individual and couples counseling, but he isn't into it, and it's always a blame game between us. I'm beyond tired of it. My head says go, but my heart says stay. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — Weighing the Pros and Cons

Dear Weighing: Your child's father may prefer to play the blame game because he's unwilling to own up to his part in the problem. Dragging an unwilling partner to counseling would be unproductive. However, that doesn't mean you shouldn't go without him. If you do, you will have a clearer understanding about whether and why you should continue living together. Keep in mind that a household where there is conflict is not a healthy environment for a child.

Dear Abby: My mother passed away a short time ago, and my cousin immediately posted about the funeral on social media without even mentioning me in her post, or asking me how I felt about such a posting.

Dear Hurt: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. What happened is one of the regrettable aspects of living in the 21st century. Your cousin may be part of the generation that thinks every detail of their lives must be put online for consumption by an audience waiting with bated breath. If my guess is accurate, then I agree doing it without first running it by the immediate family was insensitive and thoughtless.

Not knowing your cousin, I don't know whether it was a "self-serving grab for attention." However, what's done is done. It's over. I hope you won't allow this to ruin your relationship with this relative or your memories of your dear mother.

Dear Abby: I've always wondered when it's appropriate for a couple to start giving gifts as a couple vs. individually. I've seen couples who start early on in their relationship and others who have been together for what feels like forever who still individually give gifts. — Wondering in Texas

Dear Wondering: There are no hard and fast rules about something like this. It may depend on all the circumstances involved, and also may have something to do with how independent from each other the couple is.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 2, 1919

Pendleton employers who take back into their service the boys and men who were in their employ at the time of enlistment in the army or navy will be presented with engraved certificates issued by the war and navy departments, according to announcement made by Colonel Arthur Woods, assistant to the secretary of war. These honor certificates are to be given to any employer in the United States who notifies Colonel Woods that he has complied with the requirements by re-employing returned soldiers and sailors where were in his service previous to the date of their enlistment in the army and navy.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 2, 1969

Eastern Oregon will get another lake, Kelly Prairie. The Oregon Board of Forest Conservation opened the way Tuesday by approving purchase of the site by the U.S. Forest Service, the Associated Press reported from Salem today. The lake site now is mostly grassland. It is a 648-acre site

in Kelly Prairie on a tributary of Potamus Creek in Morrow County. The creek runs into the North Fork of the John Day River. The Oregon Game Commission will participate in the project, building a dam across the creek and creating a 516-acre lake that will be stocked with fish. The forest service will build a campground.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 2, 1994

Fire investigators have traced the cause of an early-morning fire Thursday to an electrical short in a freezer on the porch of a house on Punkin Center Road in Hermiston. Three men burned in the fire remained in critical condition this morning at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. But fire officials said it's lucky there weren't a lot more injuries considering 27 people were living in the house. One of the home's residents spotted the fire as he came home from work at about 1:30 a.m. Thursday and he woke the people sleeping inside. Most were able to escape without injury. The lone injuries from the fire were the severe burns suffered by Antonio Orta, 23, Jose Macias, 30, and Juan Orta, 22.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)

In 1892, the Populist Party (also known as the People's Party) opened its first national convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1917, rioting erupted in East St. Louis, Illinois, as white mobs attacked black residents; nearly 50 people,

mostly blacks, are believed to have died in the violence.

In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

In 1976, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gregg v. Georgia, ruled 7-2 the death penalty was not inherently cruel or unusual.

In 1982, Larry Walters of San Pedro, California, used a lawn chair equipped with 45 helium-filled weather balloons to rise to an altitude of 16,000 feet; he landed eight miles away in Long Beach.

In 1987, 18 Mexican immigrants were found

dead inside a locked boxcar near Sierra Blanca, Texas, in what authorities called a botched smuggling attempt; a 19th man survived.

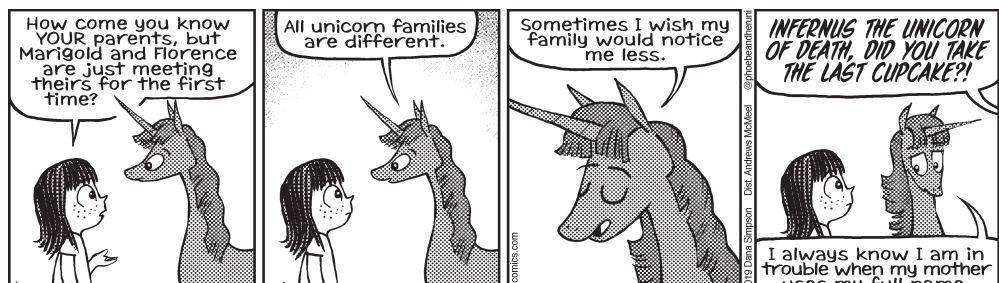
In 1997, Academy Award-winning actor James Stewart died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 89.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 89. Writer-director-comedian Larry David is 72. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 58. Actor Owain Yeoman is 41. Figure skater Johnny Weir is 35. Actor Nelson Franklin is 34. Actress-singer Ashley Tisdale is 34. Actress Lindsay Lohan is 33. Actress Margot Robbie is 29.

Thought for Today: "The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them." — Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

