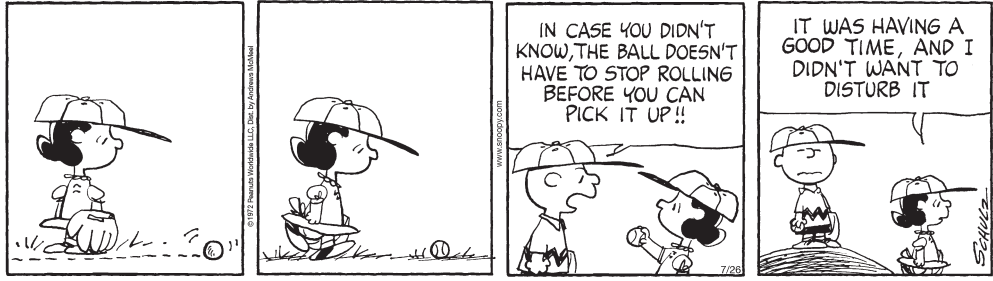


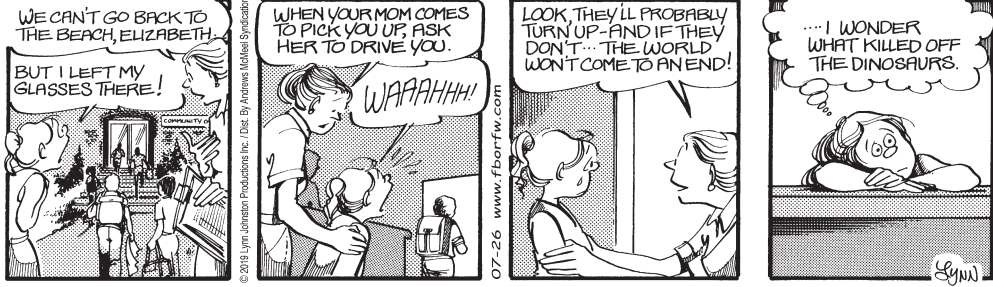
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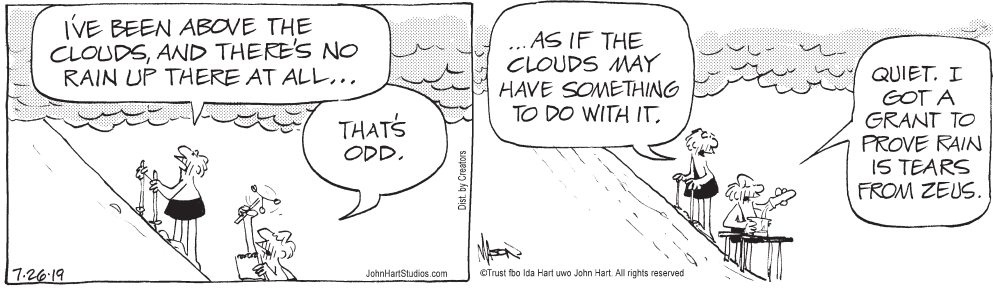
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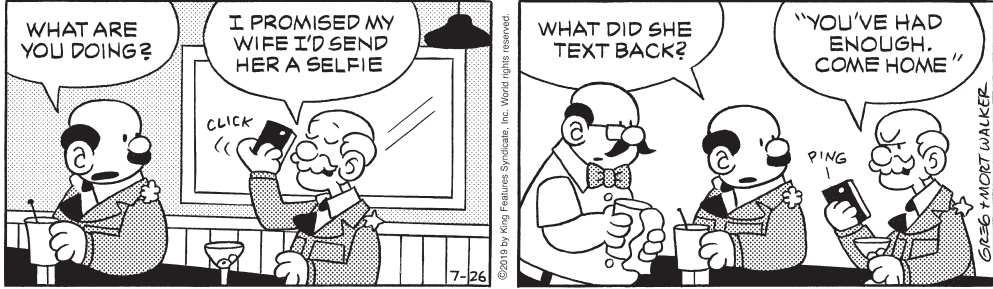
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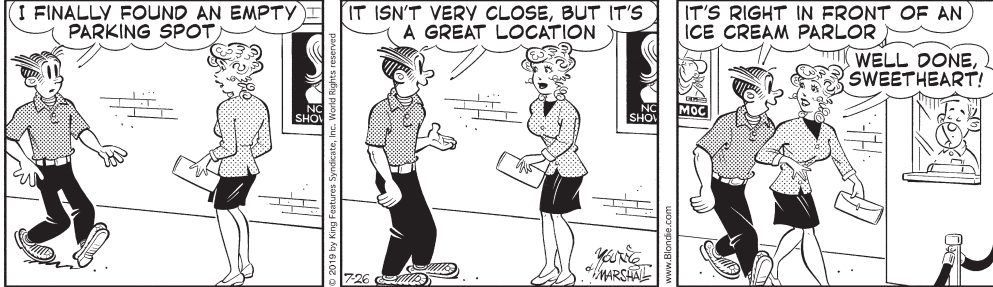
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DEAR ABBY

Small wedding at courthouse makes big waves among family

in Texas



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I recently got married at the courthouse. We had been considering it for months. (A courthouse wedding doesn't take a lot of planning.) We decided it was best for us and went for it. We didn't want to spend thousands of dollars on a wedding, and I'm not one for tradition. We invited immediate family and two of our friends.

My grandmother made excuses not to come, saying, "Not enough space," and, "I'm taking care of my grandchildren." It hurt my feelings that she didn't want to be there. Both my parents have passed away, and I wanted what family I have left around me. However, I now know that my grandmother didn't want to come because she's "traditional."

I'm a private person and don't feel the need to tell everyone everything that's going on in my life. My grandmother is currently not speaking to me. Should I tell her I know she was talking to our family behind my back? How do I tell her how much she hurt my feelings by staying away, assuming something and spreading rumors? What should I say to my family who are hurt because I didn't invite them? What should I tell people who think I'm pregnant? Should I just leave it alone, and in nine months they'll realize how stupid they were for assuming? — Not Pregnant

Dear Not Pregnant: Not every couple wants a large, formal wedding. Many people — like you and your husband — prefer to put the money toward a down payment on a house, paying off credit card debt or travel. If your grandmother thought you might be pregnant, she should have asked you. If you would like to tell her you were hurt that she wasn't with you when you pledged your vows, feel free to do so. And while you're at it, point out that you have "heard through the grapevine" that she has been telling people you are pregnant, which you're not. (She should be ashamed of herself.)

Dear Abby: I have an etiquette question about differences in time zones. My son is currently serving in the military overseas, and there is a 14-hour time difference. My question is: When we talk to him on the phone before we go to bed, do we tell him good night, even though it is morning or early afternoon for him? — Different Time Zones

Dear Different Time Zones: Because you are in a zone in which it is night, it's only natural that you would say good night before signing off. If it bothers your son, which I doubt, ask him what he would prefer that you say.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 26, 1919

Pilot Rock is serving electric lights to its customers and on the streets until midnight at present and finding the plant very satisfactory, according to Mayor J.L. Vaughan. Power is turned on about an hour before sundown and is on for about five hours now. Later it will be operated longer hours. The city has not decided how to charge for its juice but is working on a system of rates. Whether the officials will settle the charges or call in expert advice is not known. Meanwhile patrons are taking the service on faith.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 26, 1969

Being in a movie isn't all a bed of roses. Ask Tammy Thorne or Dianne Lovelin of Pendleton. They've got bruises. The two girls landed small parts in a movie being filmed by Columbia Pictures at Lane Community College at Eugene. The film is entitled "Getting Straight" and concerns college campus life, accentuating the unrest and riots. Tammy and Dianne will be in a scene

portraying college coeds caught up in a riot. They get doused by a fire hose, dragged by their hair, beaten with clubs, and have to fall from a 15-foot concrete wall to a sidewalk below. Practicing with a professional stunt man for the past week, the girls go before the camera on location beginning Monday.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 26, 1994

A gravel road running along the edge of Dan Clark's newly purchased property has the city of Athena and Clark in a quandary about who really owns it. Clark contends he does. The Athena Elementary School principal purchased property located along Fourth, Fifth and Garfield streets from Union Pacific Railroad — which has included the gravel and paved roads as part of its property since 1887. But city officials say they were unaware that the roads were owned privately and now have their attorney, Chris Wallace, poring over property titles. "It kind of caught us by surprise," said Athena Mayor Kim Clark. "We want to be amicable and fair about everything, but by the same token we have to look out for what's best for the city."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 26, 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1925, five days after the end of the Scopes Trial in Dayton, Tennessee, prosecutor William Jennings Bryan died at age 65. (Although Bryan had won a conviction against John T. Scopes for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution, the verdict was later overturned.)

In 2002, the Republi-

can-led House voted, 295-132, to create an enormous Homeland Security Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades.

In 2006, in a dramatic turnaround from her first murder trial, Andrea Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity by a Houston jury in the bathtub drownings of her five children; she was committed to a state mental hospital. (Yates had initially been found guilty of murder, but had her conviction overturned.)

In 2013, Ariel Castro, the man who'd imprisoned three women in his Cleveland home, subjecting them to a decade of rapes and beatings, pleaded guilty to 937 counts in a deal to avoid the death penalty. (Castro later committed suicide in prison.)

In 2017, President Donald Trump announced on

Twitter that he would not "accept or allow" transgender people to serve in the U.S. military. (After a legal battle, the Defense Department approved a new policy requiring most individuals to serve in their birth gender.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Helen Mirren is 74. Actress Nana Visitor is 62. Actor Kevin Spacey is 60. Actress Sandra Bullock is 55. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 54. Actor Jeremy Piven is 54. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 46. Actress Eve Myles is 41. Actress Juliet Rylance is 40. Actress Monica Raymund is 33. Actress Caitlin Gerard is 31. Actress Francia Raisa is 31.

Thought for Today: "Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted." — Aldous Huxley, English author (born this date in 1894, died in 1963).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

