PEANUTS









BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



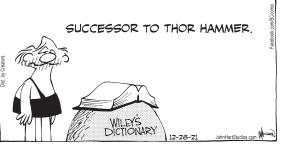




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PICKLES

UGH! SOMETIMES AMAZON PRIVES ME CRAZY!





BEETLE BAILEY

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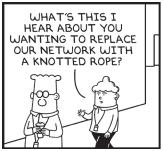


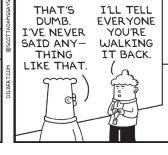




DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS







THE WIZARD OF ID









BY GREG EVANS

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ZITS

I GUESS, I JUST WISH I COULD ISN'T BEING A TUTOR AN IDEAL JOB FOR A FUTURE TEACHER



BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN





DEAR ABBY

Wife considers leaving man because of weight

JEANNE

PHILLIPS

ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm in my late 30s and have been married for seven years. My husband and I have two young children, a beautiful home, good jobs, etc. However, over the last few years, I have lost my attraction to him.

He has gained more than 40 pounds since we met, and he refuses to eat healthy or exercise. He watched me spend countless hours working out to lose all my baby weight. We are rarely intimate anymore, and when we are I do it

out of obligation. I know these things happen, but he seems to be happy. I think if I told him I wanted to leave, he would be floored. Divorced friends of mine who have young children have advised me against it, and say my children's happiness should come before mine. Others say if I'm not happy, the kids won't be happy. I can manage living this life for them, but I feel like I'm too young to cheat myself out of some of my best years. Am I being selfish or smart? — Weighty Subject In New York

Dear Weighty Subject: Before your marriage deteriorates further, have a frank discussion with your husband. He seems to be happy because he doesn't know what's going on in your head. For reasons that go beyond animal attraction including the welfare of his children he needs to make some lifestyle changes and get a handle on his health. I am hoping that when you convey the message to him, he will be receptive. If not, please try marriage counseling before you consult a lawyer.

Dear Abby: I'm in my early 40s. A few months ago, I was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. I keep reading the five-year survival rate is only 28%, and I'm concerned that despite receiving treatment, I don't have many years left. The cancer has been found in my spine and pelvis as well. I am a person of faith, so I'm not afraid of death. I'm just

worried about leaving my daughter behind, along with friends and family.

My question is, should I make a will? I live in an apartment and don't have many assets except for some savings. I plan to start a trust, so my daughter will receive that money at the appropriate time. I have never had a reason in the past for a will. I don't know what sorts of things go into a will. I also have a 2-year-old cat, and now I'm worried he will outlive me. I don't want him to have to go back to the Humane Society if I pass on. He's like a child to me, and I only want the best for him. — Making Plans For The Future

Dear Making Plans: Because you have financial assets, a daughter and a beloved pet you want to provide for in the event of your death, it's important that you consult an attorney NOW about ANY end-of-life documents you need to have in place. You may decide you need more directives than just a will, which will give you peace of mind and guarantee your wishes are carried out.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921

After the strenuous days of a busy holiday period, a tired bunch of saleswomen of the J. C. Penney Company forgot their fatigue Saturday night when Manager J. E. Akey presented seven of them with checks aggregating a little over five hundred dollars. Those who have been with the organization a year or more share in this new cooperative plan. An outstanding feature of the opportunities offered to the men associated with the J. C. Penney company is the chance to become partners in not only one store, but as many as they are able to develop. This bonus plan is a new departure in giving women employees a share in the earnings of the organization.

50 years ago — 1971

Arlin Phillips knows all about sinking feelings. Last week he was working with a Milton-Freewater city crew burning weeds at the bottom of what's known as Milton hill where Highway 11 enters the city from the south. Phillips stepped in a patch of mud that had washed into a ditch from fields to the south. His foot stuck. He freed it, but the other foot sank deeper. In moments he was chest deep in the mud. His fellow city employees looped a fire hose under his arms and tugged. But they couldn't get him out. So the workers ran a backhoe up to the ditch - and scooped Phillips out of the mud with the machine's shovel.

25 years ago — 1996

Earlier this month, the Yellowhawk Clinic lost the services of a natural resource known as Tessie Williams. Williams retired after 28 years as a community health representative. Those who know Williams were not surprised that this was not a somber occasion, but one which saw Williams and friends doing the Macarena and sharing lots of laughter. According to Williams, community health representatives were vital to bridging the gap between doctors and Indian people. "Many of the elders spoke Indian and there was a misunderstanding at that time between doctors and elders, so we became interpreters," she said. Williams intends to participate in all her traditional functions including the annual Medicine Wheel.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Dec. 28, 2014, the war in Afghanistan, fought for 13 bloody years and still raging, came to a formal end with a quiet flag-lowering ceremony in Kabul that marked the transition of the fighting from U.S.-led combat troops to the country's own security forces.

In 1612, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei observed the planet Neptune, but mistook it for a

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down because of differences with President Andrew Jackson. In 1908, a major earth-

quake followed by a tsuna-

mi devastated the Italian city of Messina, killing at least 70,000 people.

In 1972, Kim Il Sung, the premier of North Korea, was named the country's president under a new constitution.

In 1973, the Endangered Species Act was signed into law by President Richard Nix-

In 1975, the "Hail pass" Mary entered football the lexicon as Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach tossed the ball to Drew Pearson for an improbable 50-yard touchdown with 24 seconds left to help the Cowboys come back to edge the Minnesota Vikings

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1991, nine people died in a crush of people trying to get into a rap celebrity basketball game at City College in New York.

In 2007, Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was laid to rest as the country's army tried to quell a frenzy of rioting in the wake of her assassination.

In 2015, a grand jury in Cleveland declined to indict a white rookie police officer in the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, a Black youngster who was shot while playing with a

pellet gun.

about them now

BY DANA SIMPSON

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

And what a year of adventures we have had! Let us think about some of them.

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TOTAL MASTERPIECE

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OF YOU TO SAY, CHAD



YEAH, HIS

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE BECAUSE EVERYONE

