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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE





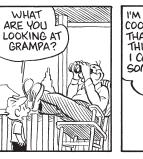


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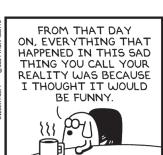






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YEARS AGO, DISCOVERED A WAY TO HACK THE SIMULATION.





THE WIZARD OF ID







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YOU THINK STUDYING THE CIVIL WAR IS YEP. ANCIENT POINTLESS?





BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN





DEAR ABBY

Fiance's aversion to pets plants the seed of doubt

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have gotten engaged and we are being married in a year or so. Everything about him is wonderful, and I'm excited to share my life with him — except for one worry. I have been an animal lover my entire life. After living with him this past year with my two cats, I have slowly come to the realization that he absolutely loathes the idea of pets.

Besides my inability to understand this (he has never had a bad past experience with an animal), it makes me question his compassion (or lack thereof) for all things living. Should this be a red flag, worthy of reconsidering our engagement? — Critter Lover In New England

Dear Lover: Perhaps. Not everyone is an animal lover, but it's usually because they haven't had pets or been exposed to them. This does not mean they lack compassion for all things living. It simply means they haven't interacted with different species.

However, you say your fiance absolutely "LOATHES" pets. If you plan to have animals in your household in the future, you MUST have some serious discussions about it and lay your cards on the table. If you don't deal with this NOW, it could be a deal-breaker in the future.

Dear Abby: As a frequent traveler, there is the inevitability of being seated

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near children on airplanes. I can't blame kids for becoming a little bit fussy. Often, they seem miserably bored. My sad observation is their parents seem to be unprepared to engage their kids.

When I traveled by plane with my children, I always planned ahead. I packed plenty of healthy snacks, a few surprise treats and games, books and art supplies to engage them. I also

talked to them in advance about the trip, the plane, who we were going to visit and what we were going to do after we arrived. Strangers would thank me at the end of the flight for my children's good behavior.

Time on a plane is a perfect opportunity to forgo the hustle and bustle of a typical day. Use the downtime to have fun and enjoy special bonding time with your kids and, hopefully, give the other passengers a break. — Mile-High Play

Mile-High: I'm printing Dear your intelligent suggestions in the hope that as families travel in the coming months, they will be taken to heart. I'm not doing this for the benefit of airline passengers, but rather the comfort of the children involved. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with my readers and me. You may not be an angel, but today you have earned your 'wings."

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

A six team league with three Oregon teams and three Washington teams will be proposed by the Pendleton baseball club at the meeting of the Walla Walla club this week. This was decided at a meeting yesterday at the Commercial Association rooms. It is proposed to have Hermiston, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater from Oregon and Walla Walla, Dayton and one other Washington team probably Wattsburg. This combination would represent the entire of Umatilla county as Hermiston is from the west end, Milton-Freewater from the east end and Pendleton in the middle. It is the plan of the club to provide games this year that will be more interesting than those in the last few years. The ball fans can expect plenty of competition if the proposed league is formed.

50 years — 1972

"There is a definite potential for an outbreak of grasshoppers within a five-mile radius of Heppner this spring," Don Stengel, Morrow County agent, said Wednesday. He said an unusually large number of grasshoppers were found late last summer. "If all their eggs hatch we could have a real problem," he said. The infestation seems to be all around the town, with Heppner as the center of a circle. "Our

hope," Stengel said, "is that the weather will be such that they do not survive." This would consist of a warming trend in late May, then a cold snap. "They cannot live through the cold while they are still young, but seem to survive anything when they get older." There is, Stengel said, a control cooperative association that was formed several years ago between Morrow and Gilliam counties and some funds could be available from this source immediately. He also said there was, he thought, emergency money available on the state level.

25 years ago — 1997

Blue Mountain Community College will raise tuition next school year by \$3 per credit hour. The board approved an increase from the current \$32 per credit hour for the first 15 credits to \$35. However, a \$25 technology fee assessed to students using the computer lab will be dropped. Board member Phil Houk verbally expressed "regrets" but joined fellow board members in unanimously approving the fee increase. The rationale for dropping the technology fee was that while only those students taking a computer lab were assessed the fee, all students benefit from increased technology on campus. The increase in tuition for all students will help cover the cost of technology in a more equitable fashion.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On March 24, 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil.

In 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence to the Philippines.

In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador.

In 1995, after 20 years, British soldiers stopped routine patrols in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

In 1999, **NATO** launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country. Thirty-nine people were killed when fire erupted in the Mont Blanc tunnel in France and burned for two days.

2010, In keeping a promise he'd made to anti-abortion Democratic lawmakers to assure passage of his historic health care legislation, President Barack Obama signed an executive order against using federal funds to pay for elective abortions covered by private insurance.

In 2015, Germanwings Flight 9525, an Airbus A320, crashed into the French Alps, killing all 150 people on board; investigators said the jetliner was deliberately downed by the 27-year-old co-pilot, Andreas Lubitz.

In 2016, a U.N. war crimes court convicted former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic of genocide and nine other charges for orchestrating a campaign of terror that left 100,000 people dead during the 1992-95 war in Bosnia; Karadzic was sentenced to 40 years in prison. (The sentence was later increased to life in prison.)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

There's something ATAVISTIC about fire

Atavistic

So maybe like...staring at a fire, I feel something ancient humans felt sitting around a campfire. It's a word my mom taught me.



BY DANA SIMPSON

BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE







