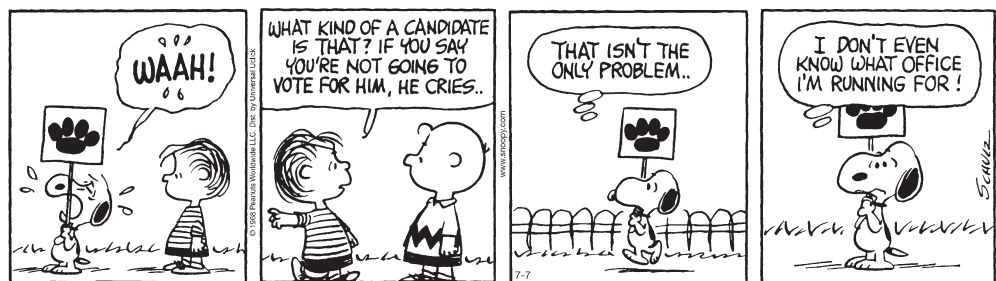


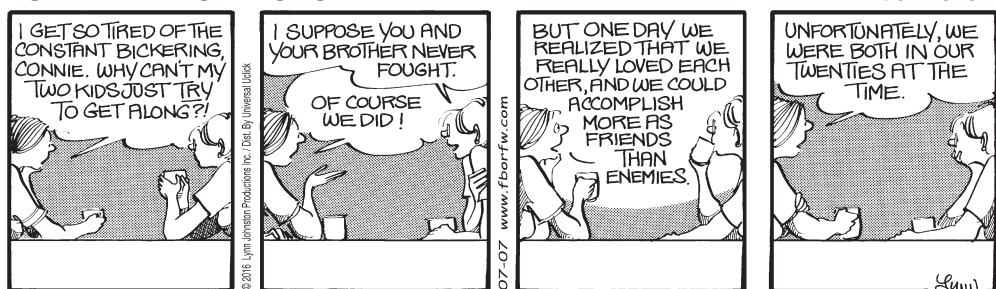
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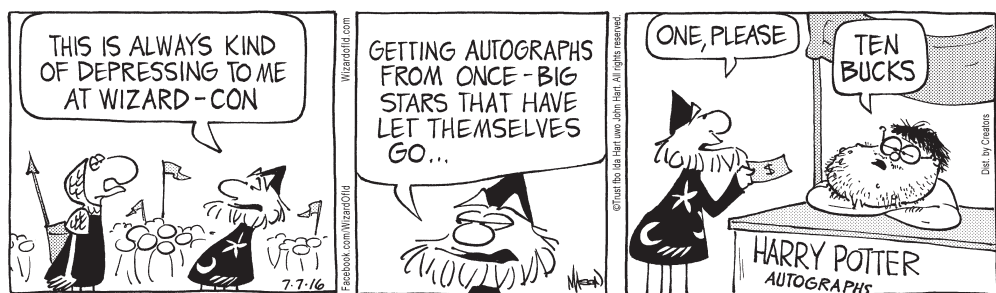
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DEAR ABBY

Stepson is on losing end of misspent child support

Dear Abby: I have an 8-year-old stepson, "Kaden," whom I love dearly. Kaden spends the bulk of his time with his mother on the other side of the country. When he comes to visit us in the summer, his clothing and shoes are always ragged and a few sizes too small.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

placed with you. While a young child may not be able to do this, I believe a teenager can make a compelling case for it. If Kaden's mother has been depriving him, it would make a persuasive argument for a change in custody.

Dear Abby: I really like this guy named "Gary." He's super sweet, funny, cute and just incredible. He's my brother's friend.

My husband pays child support and buys Kaden a new wardrobe every six months. Yet every time he comes to us, he's never wearing anything his dad and I bought him, but what appear to be hand-me-down rags. We have spoken to the mother many times about it, but nothing changes.

We feel if we stop buying clothes for Kaden it would punish him, when it is his mom who isn't spending the child support money on the boy. We have paid for extracurricular activities (sports) for her to not take him there. She lies and says he doesn't want to go, but we get a different story from the boy. He says she says, "Judo isn't a real sport." He has gained weight and we don't want him to be picked on for it.

The state where the boy lives is not good about giving fathers custody of their kids, and the mom is not necessarily unfit. How can we make her see she's hurting her kid? — Mother Doesn't Know Best

Dear M.D.K.B.: You can't "make" another adult do something she isn't inclined to do. However, what you can do is enroll Kaden in sports programs when he visits you during the summer months.

You and your husband can also talk to a family law attorney and find out at what age Kaden will be able to legally request to be

I'm in sixth grade and he's in fifth. I think he might like me back. He asked me to follow his new Instagram account, and when I told him to tell my brother hi, he stared at me for a few seconds longer (plus he was smiling the whole time). One of my girlfriends sort of likes him, too.

What do I do? How do I tell him I like him? Is it OK for me to ask him to go to the park? His brother and my brother could go, too. Please help me. What do I do? — Girl In El Paso, Texas

Dear Girl: If Gary wants you to follow his Instagram account, it's a pretty good sign that he has positive feelings for you. If you want to ask him to go to the park, and your parents don't mind, go ahead and do it. But let me offer a couple of suggestions:

If you ask him, DO include your brother and his brother because being with others will make it more fun. And, everybody loves a compliment. The compliment doesn't have to be as blatant as "I like you," which could embarrass some boys his age. A simple, "I think you're great because (you're really smart, you're good at sports, you're fun to be around, etc.)" should do the trick.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 7, 1916

The Standard Oil Co. will commence work this week on the erection of a large warehouse, office and stable and three large oil tanks, on the ground recently purchased from Loren Kennison near the stockyard in Stanfield. This will be a distributing point for this part of the country.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 7, 1966

Government trapper James Chetwood, who was the object of an extensive search in the Holdman-Helix area Tuesday night and Wednesday, turned up at his Meacham trapping headquarters "wondering what all the fuss was about." Chetwood's wife called the state police Tuesday, after her husband failed to return home that evening from a coyote trapping trip into the rolling wheat country around Holdman. A small scale search began Tuesday evening and grew Wednesday morning when several planes flew over the area. Chetwood had apparently not stopped in Pendleton on his way to Meacham. He also was out checking his

traps when officers visited his Meacham camp earlier Wednesday. Chetwood showed up at his trailer at 7 p.m. Wednesday, ending the search.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 7, 1991

Retired Salvation Army Major James Berry remembers 50 years ago when Pendleton suffered from a bad reputation. "It just had a very poor name ... perhaps because (the Salvation Army) sent wrong people, people who didn't care," said Berry, who now lives in Casper, Wyo. Berry was a Salvation Army captain here from April 1942 until June 1945. He has returned for the 50th anniversary celebration of the United States' entry into World War II sponsored by the Umatilla County Historical Society. At about 2 this afternoon, Berry will serve the first doughnut from the replicated Salvation Army Do-nut Hut to Oregon's adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Gene A. Katke. Berry and his wife, Annabele, initiated the refreshment stand at the Union Pacific railroad depot while living here. Now the re-created hut is located on the same property, next to the Amtrak station and historical society museum.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 189th day of 2016. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On July 7, 1976, President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

The United States Military Academy at West Point included female cadets for the first time as 119 women joined the Class of 1980.

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the U.S. federal government.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1919, the first Trans-

continental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.)

In 1937, the Second Sino-Japanese War erupted into full-scale conflict as Imperial Japanese forces attacked the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing.

Also in 1946, Italian-born Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonized as the first American saint by Pope Pius XII.

In 1948, six female U.S. Navy reservists became the first women to be sworn in to the regular Navy.

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Today's Birthdays:

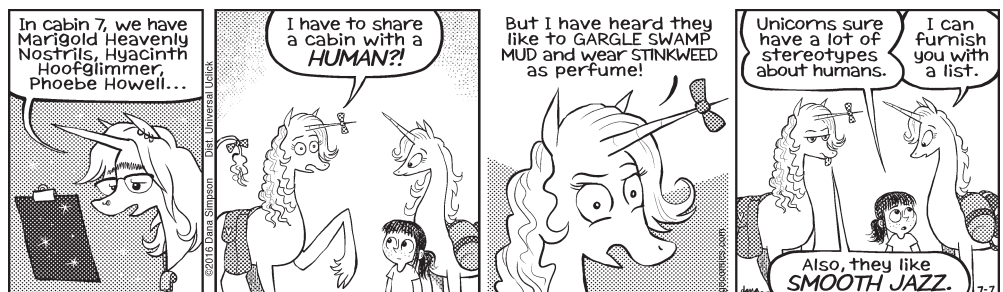
Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 89. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 83. Rock star Ringo Starr is 76. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 75. Comedian Bill Oddie is 75. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 73. Actor Joe Spano is 70. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 69. Country singer Linda Williams is 69. Actress Shelley Duvall is 67. Actress Roz Ryan is 65. Actor Billy Campbell is 57. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 54. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 53. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 50. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 36. Pop singer Ally Hernandez (Fifth Harmony) is 23.

Thought for Today:

"Nothing ever comes to one, that is worth having, except as a result of hard work." — Booker T. Washington, American educator and author (1856-1915).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

