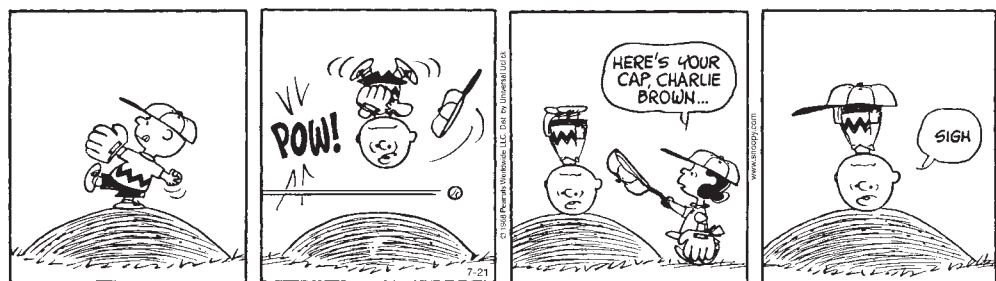


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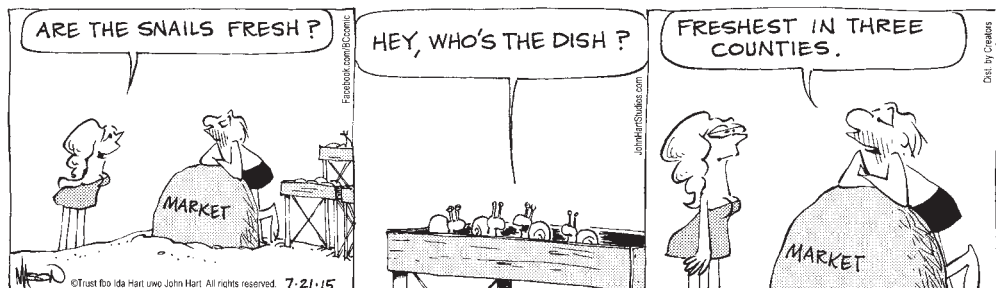
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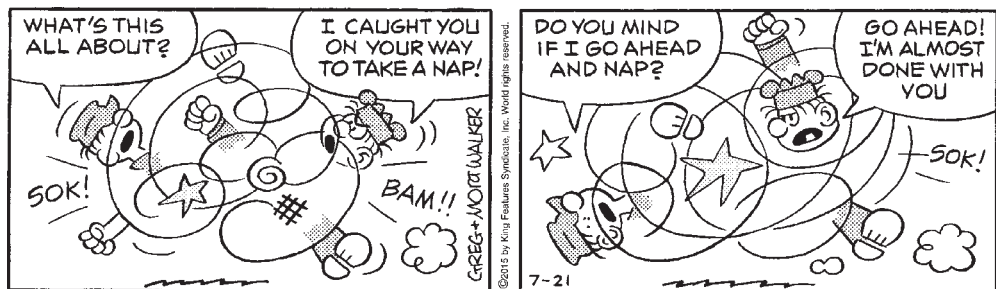
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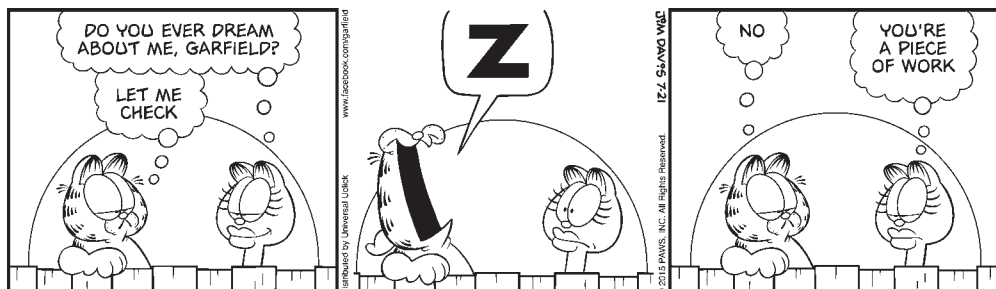
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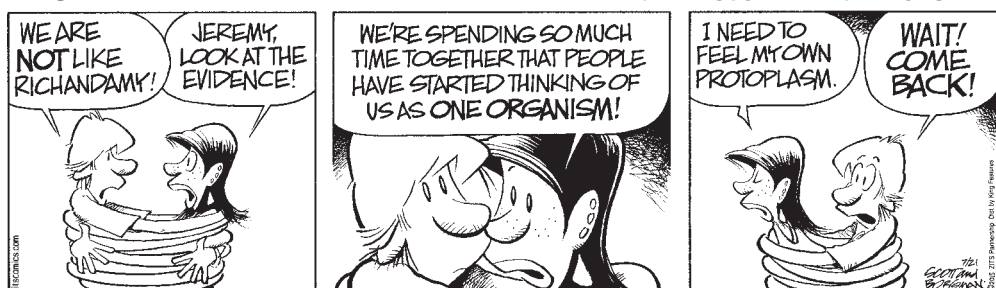
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DEAR ABBY

Hospital worker violated law by reading husband's records



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: "Concerned in Massachusetts" (Feb. 20) used her status as a hospital employee to access her husband's medical records and found a history of STDs. I'm a registered nurse with 40 years' experience. Every healthcare organization I know of teaches all their employees about HIPAA violations and that accessing private patient medical information is a criminal offense. It is essential that patients know they can trust us to protect their privacy. We have specific policies against using one's employee status to access a relative's medical information.

needs addressing — such as why there are weeks between sexual contact with her husband.

It's ironic that she's bent out of shape over infidelity concerns, but thinks it acceptable to betray the privacy and ethics rules governing medical professionals. — Vincent In West Virginia

"Concerned" is lucky she still has a job. At my institution, she would be terminated for violating organizational policy and federal law. She wouldn't have to worry about how to broach the subject with her husband; she'd be explaining why she was fired. He may not be a saint, but neither is she. Her actions were unacceptable and reflect a clear lack of integrity and honesty. — Safeguarding The Right To Privacy

Dear Abby: "Young at Heart in Texas" (Feb. 9) could have written my story. I am also a 70-year-old man who is sexually dysfunctional. I, too, was lonely, having outlived two of my brides. However, I did find someone who appreciates holding hands and whispering sweet words without more physical contact.

Abby, you said: "Not only do I think you can (find companionship), I suspect you may need police protection to control the crowd of applicants. Years ago, my aunt, the late Ann Landers, polled her female readers asking if they would prefer 'holding and cuddling' to actually doing 'the deed.' The majority of them answered in the affirmative."

Dear Safeguarding: Thank you for your informed response. You are not the only reader who was appalled at what "Concerned" had done. Read on:

My first wife died of a heart attack after 30 years of marriage. My second wife died after eight years of marriage, of kidney cancer. At 71, I married my third wife, a wonderful woman just as you both describe. She was my next-door neighbor. We have been married three years and nine months. (The Bible says, "Love thy neighbor," so I married her!) We also enjoy cuddling, even without doing "the deed."

Dear Abby: Like "Concerned's" husband, I, too, am labeled as high risk for STDs based on a medical survey I completed, although I have had a monogamous 30-year marriage and do not do drugs of any kind. In that survey, they asked how many partners I had in my lifetime. Those few other partners were before I met my wife.

So I say to "Young at Heart in Texas": YES, you can find a woman such as you and Abby describe. And when you do, I suggest you rub her back often. Women love it! — Young At Heart In Colorado

"Concerned" indicated that her husband had been treated twice for STDs "some years back." What does that mean? Were they married then? If not, is he labeled high risk due to his previous behavior? Perhaps there is something deeper in the relationship that

Thanks for writing to encourage him.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 20-21, 1915

Pendleton's fine new \$10,000 public natatorium will be formally dedicated Friday evening of this week, just a year from the date when the first agitation for such an institution was started. The dedicatory exercises will consist of the presentation of the natatorium to the city, acceptance by the city authorities, an exhibition of fancy swimming and diving, swimming contests and an inspection of the pool and dressing rooms by the public. The committee has not yet prepared the formal rules and regulations which will govern the pool. In all probability, however, one or two afternoons a week will be designated as ladies' day and upon these afternoons the ladies will have exclusive use of the pool. Probably one afternoon for a two-hour period will be reserved for private bathing parties as a means of securing revenue for the maintenance and upkeep. The evenings and other afternoons will find the pool open to the general public.

of the U.S. Weather Bureau. Below normal temperatures are expected to continue the remainder of the week although a warming trend is forecast. Some showery periods will occur, the prediction said. Pendleton's hottest average period is from July 21 to July 26, but it's different this year. The mean here yesterday was 62 degrees, which was 12 degrees below normal, and the high of 67 was eight degrees below the normal mean of 75. At mid-morning today the mercury was 55 above, the month's average rainfall already had been reached and more was in prospect.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 20-21, 1990

Indian elders will install Carl Donald Sampson as the selected hereditary head chief of the Walla Walla tribe in the longhouse at Mission Saturday morning. The Wallalapus, who are now referred to as the Walla Wallas, have been without a chief for more than 20 years, since the death of Jack Abraham, Sampson's uncle. Sampson was given the Indian name of Peo Peo Mox Mox, after his great-grandfather, who served the Walla Wallas as chief until his death in 1855. Sampson's grandfather, Homily, was the direct hereditary chief when Peo Peo Mox Mox was killed. Homily passed the chieftainship to Jim Kanine, who held the position until the early 1950s. Kanine's successor, Abraham, served more than 10 years before he died.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 20-21, 1965

The entire area was in the grip of really unusual weather today with snow falling at Desolation Butte and Tower Mountain back of Ukiah, and soaking rain occurring at the lower elevations, according to the local station

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 202nd day of 2015. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Virginia, resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration (later the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1972, the Irish Republican Army carried out 22 bombings in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing nine people and injuring 130 in what became known as "Bloody Friday."

On this date: In 1773, Pope Clement XIV issued an order suppressing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. (The Society was restored by Pope Pius VII in 1814.)

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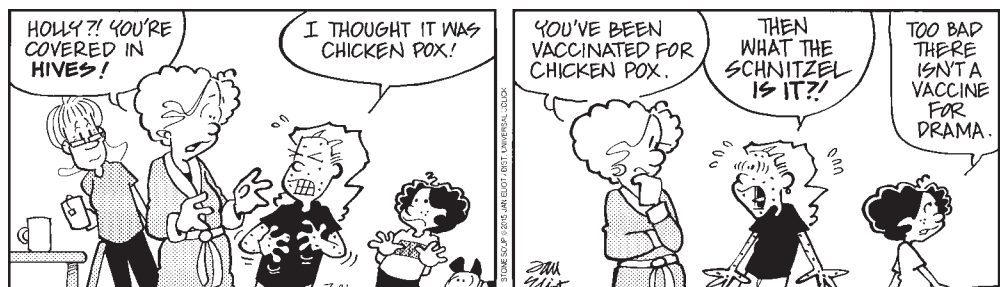
In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Kay Starr is 93. Movie director Norman Jewison is 89. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 77. Actress Patricia Elliott is 73. Actor David Downing is 72. Actor Leigh Lawson is 72. Actor Wendell Burton is 68. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 67. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 67. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 64. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 62. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 58. Rock musician Will Berman (MGMT) is 33.

Thought for Today: "We have too many high-sounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them." — Abigail Adams, American first lady (1744-1818).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

