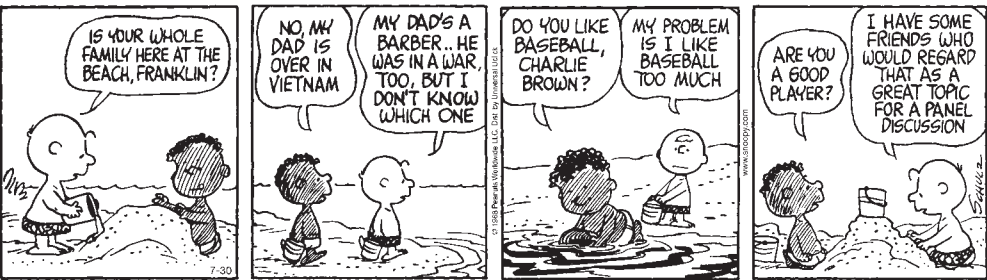


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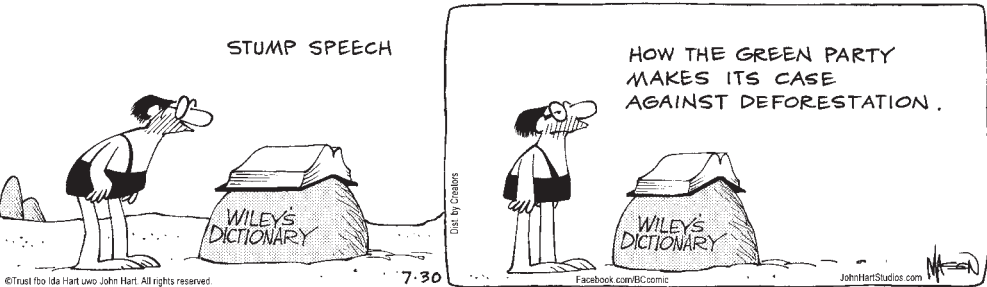
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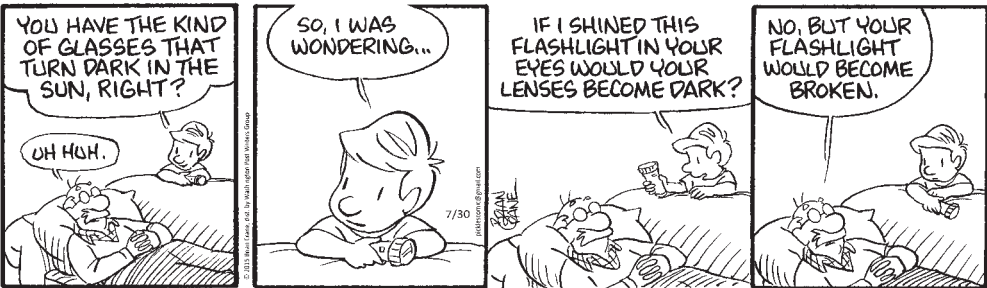
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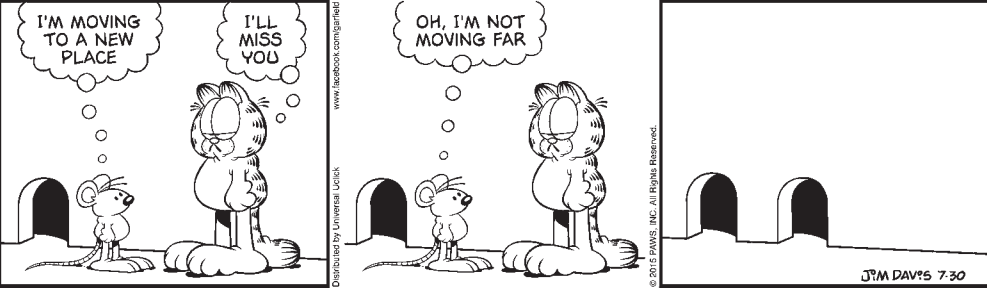
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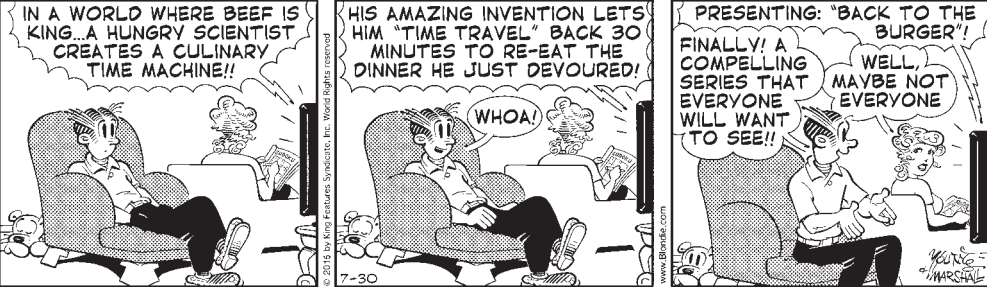
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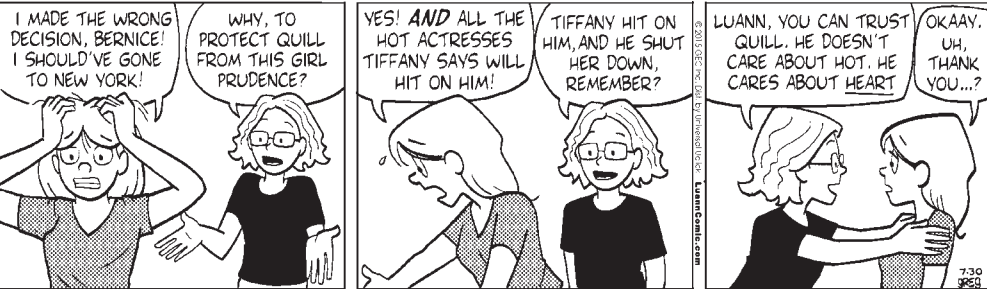
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DEAR ABBY

Family pet-sitter helps herself to homeowner's possessions

Dear Abby: A trusted and beloved family member who takes care of my cats — and therefore has a key to my house — has been stealing things like cleaning supplies, knickknacks, family pictures, etc. Most of them have little monetary value. But imagine my surprise when I spotted some of my missing seashell collection in her fish tank!

Naturally, I can't accuse her of taking things like seashells that anyone can pick up free on the beach, but I select ones with distinct markings, which is why I know they are mine. It's frustrating to run out of toothpaste and find that the spare tube I just bought is missing. It's not like she doesn't have the money to buy her own.

She does so much for me and my kids. Should I just continue to ignore it? — **Seashells By The Seashore**

Dear S.B.T.S.: Your family member may have a touch of kleptomania — a compulsion to steal — or perhaps she takes the items because she feels entitled to "payment" for the favors she does for you.

If you confront her, she will probably deny it. This is not to imply that you must continue putting up with it until she takes something with greater sentimental (or tangible) value. Ask her to return your key "because you have made other arrangements to care for your cats," or change your locks. Then follow through with someone who won't take advantage of your trust.

Dear Abby: My wife is a big woman (not fat). She's an athlete and quite strong. We both enjoy wrestling. We are evenly matched



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

and do it often. Many times she'll pin me down with me on my back, shoulders to the ground. Other times, I do the same to her. The loser takes the winner out to dinner. We enjoy it greatly.

Are we crazy? Are we weird? And most of all, are we alone in this activity? — **Happy Husband In Florida**

Dear Happy Husband: As long as no one gets hurt, what two consenting adults do is their business.

I don't think you are either crazy or weird, nor are you alone in this activity. What you have described as "wrestling" some people call "foreplay."

Dear Abby: Can you advise me on how to respond to comments from younger men when I am at dinner or out with friends? I often get "Wow, you are really good looking for an older woman!" which I find vaguely insulting even though they may think it's a compliment. I'm in good shape for my age (48), but my husband agrees it's rude.

I'm at a loss for a snappy comeback and usually so embarrassed that I just turn away and pretend that I didn't hear. Am I overly sensitive? Should I be thanking them? That doesn't feel right. Any witty responses you think would be good? — **Speechless In San Diego**

Dear Speechless: A left-handed compliment is one that has two meanings — one of which is not flattering to the recipient. Because you find it offensive, say, "I may look 'older' to you, but I'm not so old I consider that to be a compliment."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 30, 1915

Because automobile owners have acquired the habit of chasing the fire truck to fires and crowding in close to the burning property, thus blocking the exit of the truck and exposing themselves to danger, the city council last evening adopted an ordinance making it a punishable offense for the driver of any vehicle to take his vehicle within 200 feet of burning property. The ordinance also provides that, when the fire bell sounds, all vehicles must drive to the nearest right hand curb and stop for two minutes or until the fire truck has passed on its way to the fire. This is calculated to lessen the danger of collisions between the truck and other vehicles. Violations of the ordinance are punishable by a fine up to \$50 and a jail sentence.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 30, 1965

Julie Ann Feves, 18, of Pendleton brought beauty, brains and a bassoon to the 1600-acre campus of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, where the first session of the Meadow Brook School of Music got under way July 6. Julie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Feves, is the only girl among four bassoonists selected on a competitive basis from the ranks of the country's finest young musicians to join more than 400 students

at the school for a six-week instrumental program and four-week choral program.

Julie totes her grandfather-sized instrument to three hours of daily orchestra rehearsal, Mondays through Saturdays, under the batons of Sixten Ehrling and Albert Tipton. She attends classes in advanced theory and meets twice a week for lessons with the Detroit Symphony's first bassoonist, Charles Sirard, with whom she is polishing her musical technique and perfecting the practical art of making reeds.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 30, 1990

With a seven-bedroom, five-bathroom home, Tom and Clara Burton have plenty of room for extra kids. They've put it to good use. Over the past 12 years they've had 24 foster children in their Pendleton home. The Burtons became foster parents through "the back door," Tom says. They wanted to give a girl from their church a place to stay while there was trouble at home. "We decided to take her and she was with us for four years." Four years is the longest they have had a foster child live with them. At the other extreme, they've provided a few hours of refuge for kids in need. They've had a maximum of four foster children living with them at one time. The Burtons have two adopted children of their own and are currently in the process of adopting two more.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a measure creating Medicare, which began operating the following year.

On this date: In 1729, Baltimore, Maryland, was founded.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Virginia, by exploding a gunpowder-laden mine shaft beneath Confederate defense lines; the attack failed.

In 1918, poet Joyce Kilmer, a sergeant in the 165th U.S. Infantry Regiment, was killed during the Second Battle of the Marne in World War I. (Kilmer is remembered for his poem "Trees.")

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted

for Volunteer Emergency Service" — WAVES for short.

In 1945, the Portland class heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis, having just delivered components of the atomic bomb to Tinian in the Mariana Islands, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 317 out of nearly 1,200 men survived.

In 1953, the Small Business Administration was founded.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure making "In God We Trust" the national motto, replacing "E Pluribus Unum" ("Out of many, one").

In 1963, the Soviet Union announced it had granted political asylum to Harold "Kim" Philby, the "third man" of a British spy ring.

In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa

disappeared in suburban Detroit; although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

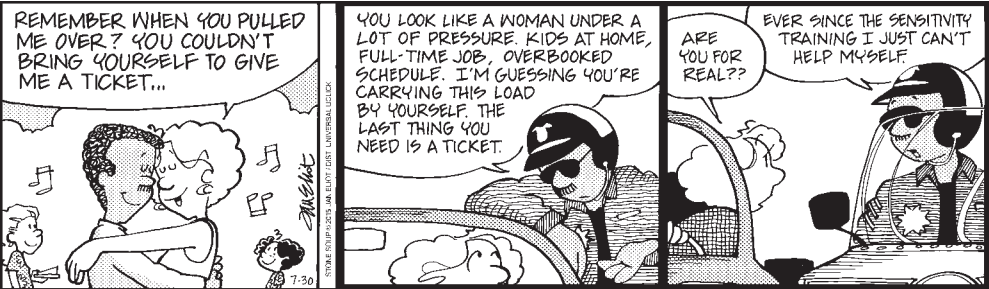
In 1990, British Conservative Party lawmaker Ian Gow was killed in a bombing claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

Today's Birthdays: Blues musician Buddy Guy is 79. Movie director Peter Bogdanovich is 76. Singer Paul Anka is 74. Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is 68. Actor Frank Stallone is 65. Director Richard Linklater is 55. Actor Laurence Fishburne is 54. Actress Lisa Kudrow is 52. Actor Terry Crews is 47.

Thought for Today: "Individualism is rather like innocence; there must be something unconscious about it." — Louis Kronenberger, American drama critic (1904-1980).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

