

PEANUTS

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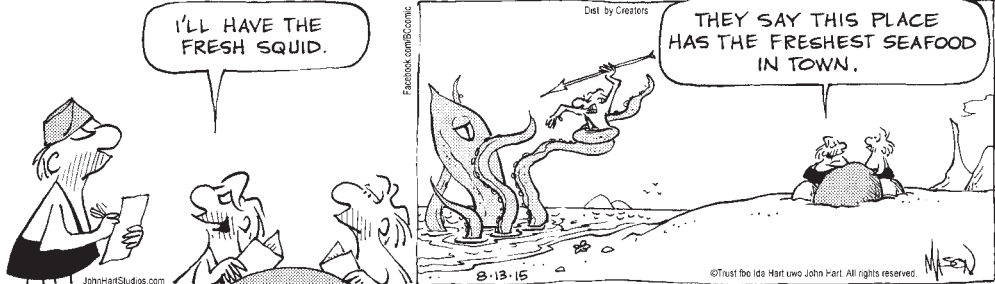
FOR BETTER OR WORSE

BY LYNN JOHNSTON



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BY JOHNNY HART



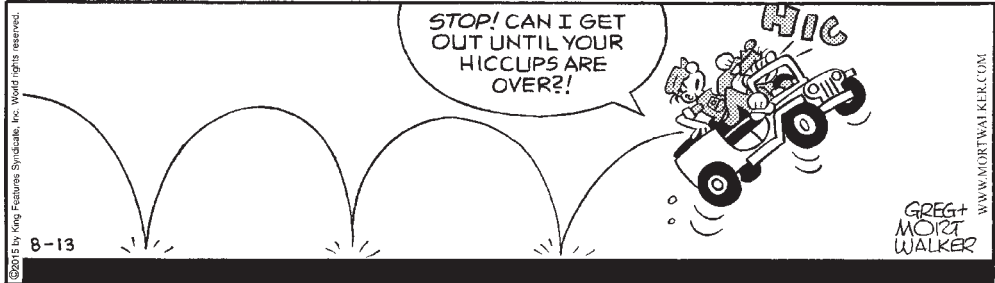
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BY MORT WALKER



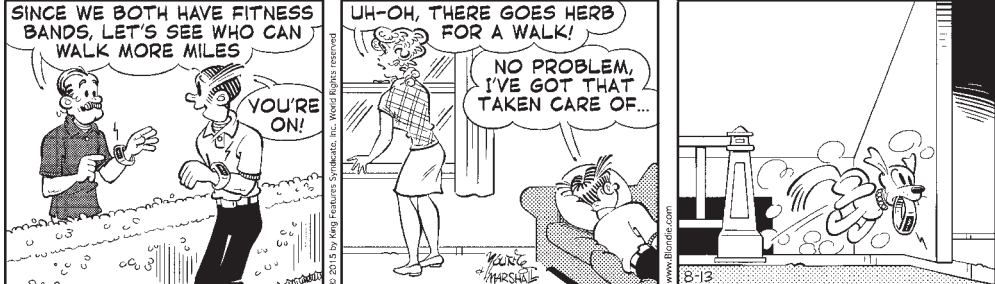
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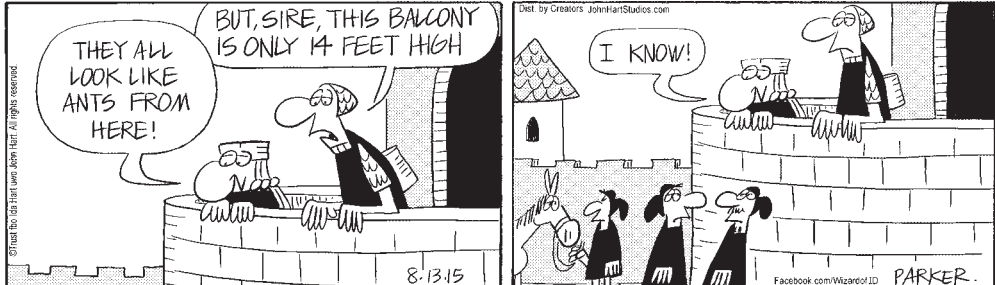
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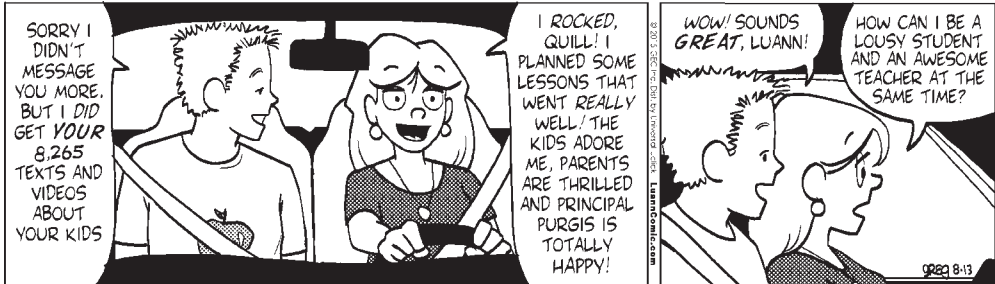
THE WIZARD OF ID

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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Forward thinking can help parents deal with cancer

Dear Abby: I'm writing in response to "Not Talking About the Future" (March 24), whose wife has breast cancer, was told she has only a few years to live, and feels sad when her kids talk about their futures. My dad was diagnosed with stage four multiple myeloma, a type of blood cancer, in 2006. He was told that even the most aggressive treatment would buy him only two or three more years. Well, he's now working on year nine.



to cherish from her. "Not Talking's" wife may want to consider doing some of these things. I send her, and everyone else dealing with cancer, a prayer of peace. — Proud Daughter, Vancouver, Wash. Dear Abby: I was 13 when my father found out he had cancer. I didn't know what it was, and no one in my family sat me down and told me he was going to die. He passed away at a hospital out of town, and I wasn't there when it happened. When I was told, I was heartbroken.

While I must admit that it's been hard at times for me to stay positive about his prognosis, I try not to let it show. Instead, every chance I get, I talk about the future with him — holiday plans, plans for my wedding next year, projects around his house, etc. It helps to take his mind off the pain and nastiness of his treatments and gets him thinking about positive things.

Forward thinking has been great medicine for Dad. "Not Talking" and his wife don't really know how much more time she actually has, and it certainly doesn't hurt to think positively. — Looking Ahead In Glendale, Ariz.

Dear Looking: Thank you for your upbeat message. Read on for a sampling of what other readers had to say about that letter.

Dear Abby: "Not Talking" asked if he should shield his sick wife from discussions involving the future. One thing my mom, who died last year, did for the future was to take a video of herself visiting with her grand-nephews so they would have it to look at when they are older. She also bought — or gave us — things for our future adopted child, to give to him or her later on. She crafted notebooks for us to hand out at her memorial service, so everyone would have something

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 13, 1915

That the water shortage in eastern Oregon, of which State Engineer Lewis has just sent out warnings, will not interfere with Umatilla county crops to any considerable extent is the statement made today by L.A. Reinemen, county water master. In other parts of eastern Oregon the shortage is serious, he reports, but this county has been very fortunate. The Butter Creek country alone is the sufferer in this county, he states. The shortage of water in Butter and Willow creeks has already been felt. The farmers along those streams secured a good first crop but the second crop was short and there will be no third crop at all, he says.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 13, 1965

The Hermiston Youth Club's adult adviser has resigned, the CRC Advisory Council had already declined to accept the responsibility for sponsoring the club's activities and one city councilman suggested Wednesday night that the club itself be disbanded during the school year. Mrs. Dean Dickenson, youth club adviser since its founding 14 months ago, resigned at Wednesday night's council meeting. She said she thought the youngsters had been unjustly criticized in the past, that she has received very little adult help in administering club

activities and that she hoped the council will continue supporting the club. City Manager Tom Harper told city councilmen that CRC Advisory Council Manager Everett Lake had offered to take charge of the youth club "to keep the club going." He said he thought there was some misunderstanding and that there had been incorrect rumors prior to Wednesday night's council meeting that Mrs. Dickenson had resigned.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 13, 1990

The state's oldest truss-constructed bridge, built to accommodate horse and buggy at the turn of the century, will soon find a new home in Milton-Freewater as a foot bridge. The bridge, "built hell for stout" across McKay Creek in 1907, was moved in 1929 to its current location across Greasewood Creek about 10 miles east and north of Pendleton. Umatilla County crews are expected to start stripping the timber deck and joist-like stringers from the undercarriage of the light-steel frame today, Roy Thurman, county public works director, said. Thurman said the county has wanted to replace the bridge for safety reasons, but because of its historical value, a new home needed to be found. The deck likely will be narrowed as a foot bridge in Milton-Freewater's Marie Dorion Park for crossing Couse Creek.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 225th day of 2015. There are 140 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 13, 1961, East Germany sealed off the border between Berlin's eastern and western sectors; within days, the Communist authorities began building a wall that would stand for the next 28 years.

On this date: In 1624, King Louis XIII of France appointed Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.

In 1792, French revolutionaries imprisoned the royal family.

In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London at

age 90.

In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.

In 1946, author H.G. Wells, 79, died in London.

In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1. The Central African Republic became totally independent of French rule.

In 1979, Lou Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals became the 14th player in major league baseball history to reach the 3,000th career hit plateau as his team defeated the Chicago Cubs, 3-2.

In 1981, in a ceremony at his California ranch, President Ronald Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Cuban President Fidel Castro is 89. Actor Pat Harrington is 86. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 82. Actor Kevin Tighe is 71. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen is 69. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 67. High wire aerialist Philippe Petit is 66. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke is 66. Golf Hall of Famer Betsy King is 60. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 60. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 56. TV weatherman Sam Champion is 54. Actress Dawnn (correct) Lewis is 54. Actor John Slattery is 53.

Thought for Today: "People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges." — Joseph Fort Newton, American clergyman (1876-1950).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

