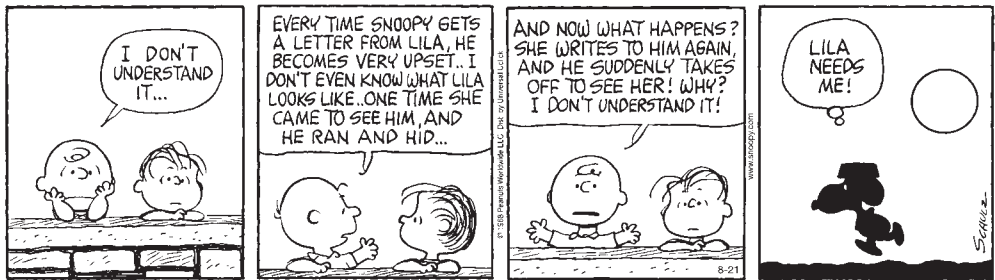


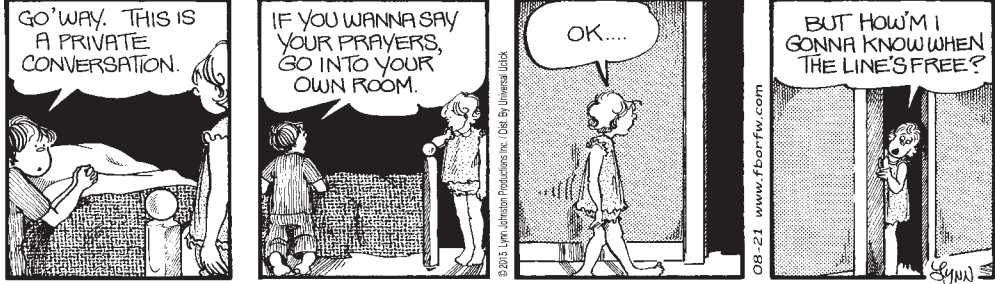
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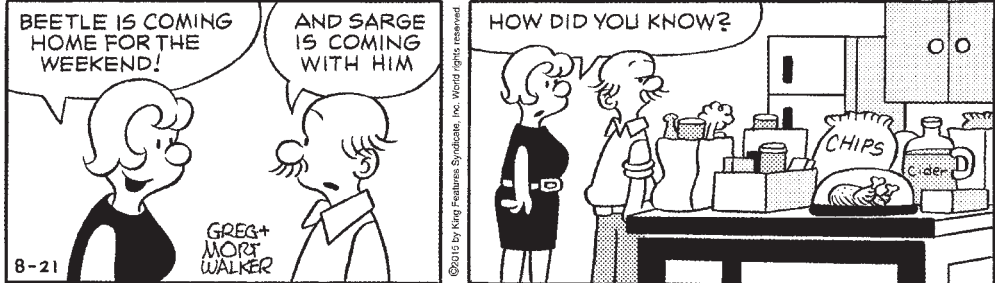
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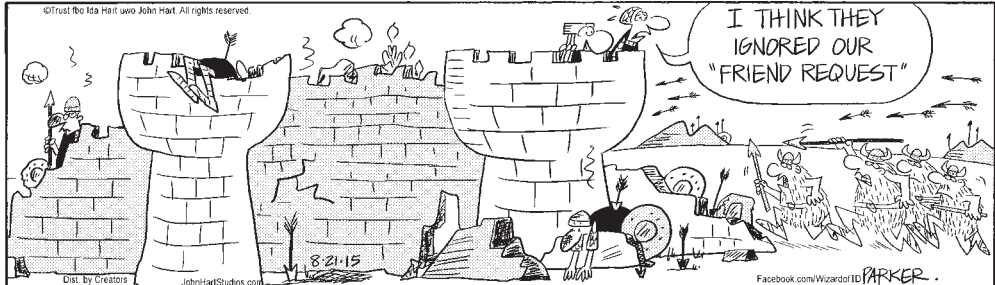
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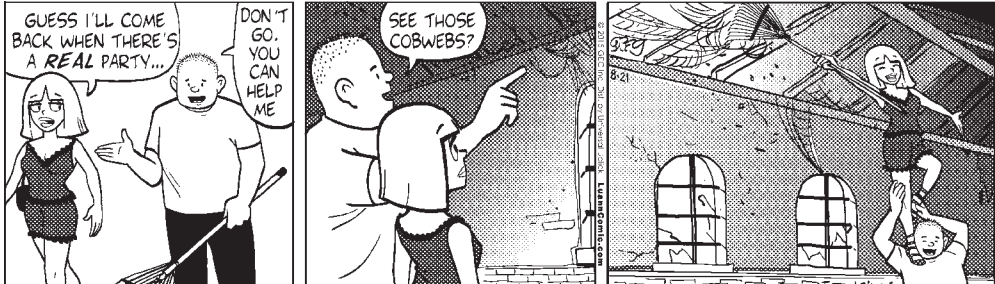
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BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Man suffers a sense of loss after returning dog he found

Dear Abby: A man I work with found a dog on his way to the office. He picked it up, took it home and was immediately talking about what a good playmate the dog would make. He said he tried to call the local animal shelter, but was put on hold twice, so he gave up.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I felt he should have made more of an attempt to find the owner before claiming it as his own. I immediately posted a free "found dog" ad online and, three weeks later, received a message.

It turned out the dog belonged to a 72-year-old woman who lives alone. She discovered her back door open one day and her dog missing. I put my co-worker in touch with the lady and said I'd leave it to him to do what he felt was best. After confirming the dog was indeed hers, he reluctantly returned it to her.

He is now telling everyone he's very sad at his loss and that it was "almost as hard as having a dog put to sleep." He's receiving major sympathy from some of our co-workers who seem to be upset with me for posting the found dog ad. Am I wrong to think this small effort should have been expected in this situation, and what I did was the right thing? — Did The Right Thing In Texas

Dear Did: I don't think you did anything wrong, and I'm 100 percent positive that the dog's owner would agree with me. She was probably worried sick, wondering if her beloved companion was lying injured or dead in a ditch somewhere.

While I appreciate your co-worker feeling a sense of loss at having to return the dog, he should be comforted in the knowledge that it's

in a home where it is loved and cared for. And that is NOT comparable to having to have one euthanized. However, because he is grieving, suggest he ask the owner for visitation. Out of gratitude, she may agree.

Dear Abby: I have been with my partner, "Pat," for 10 years. For personal reasons, we have chosen not to get married. I call him my partner because, for the majority of our 10 years together, we have lived together. We share multiple financial commitments, and he is truly my partner in life.

My problem is, when I refer to Pat as my partner, people immediately ask me if I'm gay. I'm less worried about people thinking I might be a lesbian, but more that people might think Pat is a woman. Even his family members have remarked when I refer to him as my partner.

I know our friends and family respect our choice to not be married, but I'm not sure what to call him other than my partner. I feel that "boyfriend" is too casual for our level of commitment. I don't have a problem calling Pat my partner. I do have a problem with all the unnecessary confusion that follows.

What should I call the man I am committed to and who is equally committed to me, when we have chosen to take the "no ring" route together? — Not Single In St. Louis

Dear Not Single: You could use "better half," but I think the word "partner" describes your relationship very well. If someone asks if you are gay or if Pat is a woman, don't be defensive — just say no. Giving more information to someone who isn't close enough to you to already be aware of your situation is oversharing.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 21, 1915

Walter Ogilvy, who is alleged to have terrorized the residents of California Gulch, is today an inmate of the county jail, Sheriff T.D. Taylor and Deputy Sheriff J.H. Estes having brought him down last night at 10 o'clock. He will be given a hearing within a few days on a complaint sworn to by James Stubblefield and it is probable that he will be placed under bonds to keep the peace. The sheriff and his deputy left Pendleton yesterday afternoon by auto for the Ogilvy homestead but their approach was heard by Ogilvy and he dodged them by hiding behind brush alongside the road. He then came on to Pilot Rock and was arrested on the return of the officers. He offered no resistance.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 21, 1965

Water in the West Extension Irrigation canal for the thirsty farmland near Irrigon and at Boardman has been a death trap this summer for thirsty animals — 19 head of cattle, 16 from the same herd, and 35 deer. Chester Collins of Irrigon, manager

of the West Extension Irrigation District, said Tuesday night that adequate fencing would keep the cattle out, but only the very expensive solution of a walkout every 3 or 4 miles would reduce deer fatalities under this summer's circumstances. Collins estimated that when the canal is running at capacity, water will be as deep as 6 feet. He said that at various sectors for a total of 18 or 19 miles, cattle would be unable to touch bottom. The concrete sides are too steep for anything but a dog to get out of, the district manager said.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 21, 1990

Tuesday's uncharacteristic August rain storm dropped a half inch of rain on the Pendleton-Hermiston area. From Monday night through 5 a.m. Wednesday morning, 0.47 inches of rain was recorded in Pendleton and 0.52 inches in Hermiston. Heppner was in the same ballpark with 0.51 inches. Exactly half an inch fell at Meacham in the Blue Mountains. The rain caused no flooding problems locally. Some intersections in Hermiston flooded but caused no serious problems. The rain also came after most harvest work was finished.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 233th day of 2015. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 21, 1945, President Harry S. Truman ended the Lend-Lease program that had shipped some \$50 billion in aid supplies to America's allies during World War II.

On this date:

In 1831, Nat Turner led a violent slave rebellion in Virginia resulting in the deaths of at least 55 white people. (He was later executed.)

In 1858, the first of seven debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (The painting was recovered two years later in Italy.)

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon

Trotsky died in a Mexican hospital from wounds inflicted by an assassin the day before.

In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations. (The talks concluded on October 7.)

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order making Hawaii the 50th state.

In 1963, martial law was declared in South Vietnam as police and army troops began a violent crackdown on Buddhist anti-government protesters.

In 1983, Philippine opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino Jr., ending a self-imposed exile in the United States, was shot dead moments after stepping off a plane at Manila International Airport.

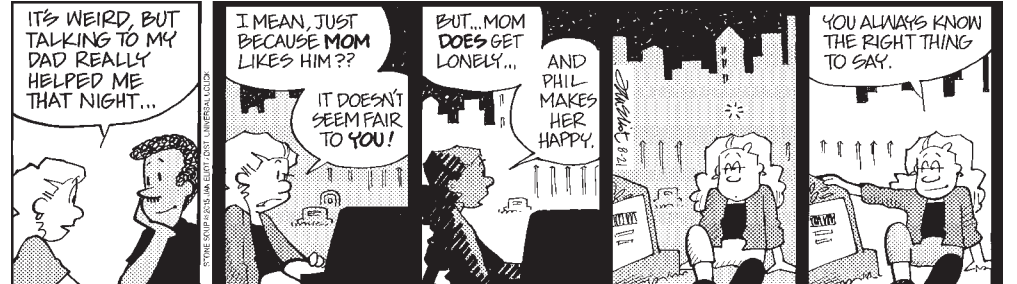
Today's Birthdays:

Former NFL player and general manager Pete Retzlaff is 84. Actor-director Melvin Van Peebles is 83. Playwright Mart Crowley is 80. Singer Kenny Rogers is 77. Actor Clarence Williams III is 76. Rock-and-roll musician James Burton is 76. Singer Harold Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 76. Singer Jackie DeShannon is 74. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Willie Lanier is 70. Actress Patty McCormack is 70. Pop singer-musician Carl Giammarese is 68. Actress Loretta Devine is 66. NBC newsman Harry Smith is 64. Rock singer Serj Tankian (System of a Down) is 48. Actress Carrie-Anne Moss is 45. Olympic gold medal sprinter Usain Bolt is 29. Actor RJ Mitte is 23.

Thought for Today: "I don't measure America by its achievement but by its potential." — Shirley Chisholm, American politician (1924-2005).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

