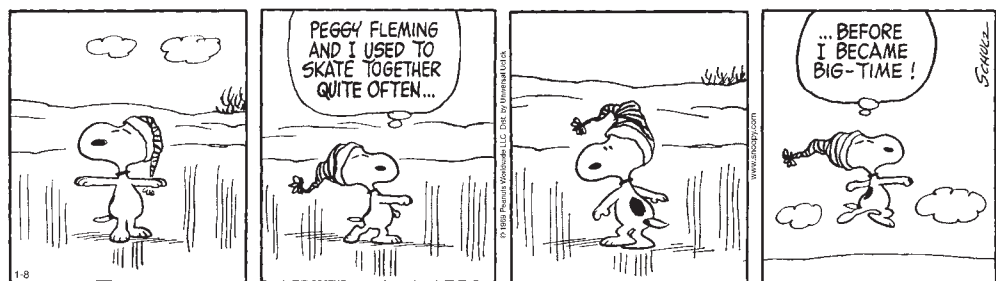


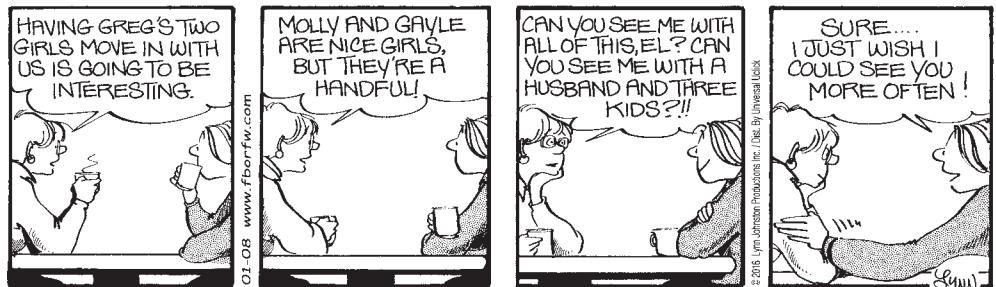
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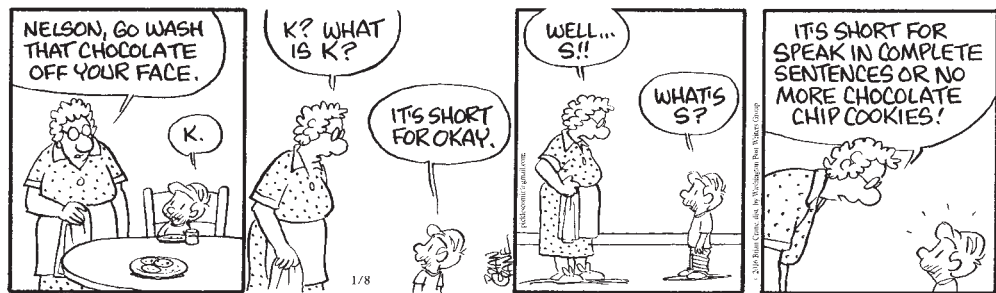
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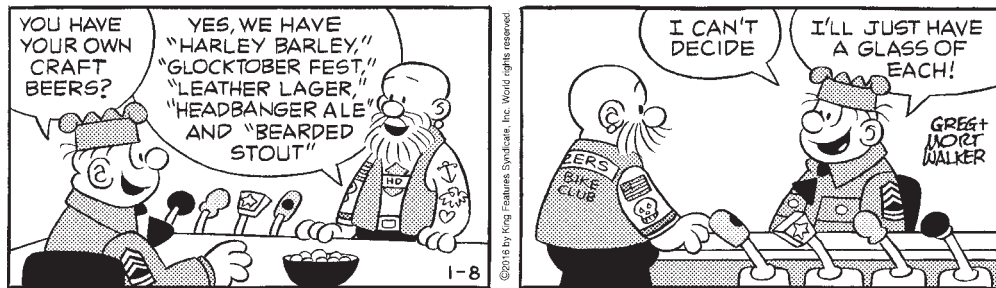
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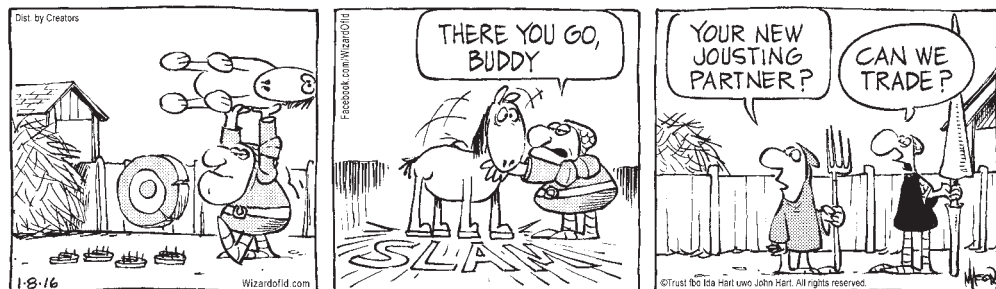
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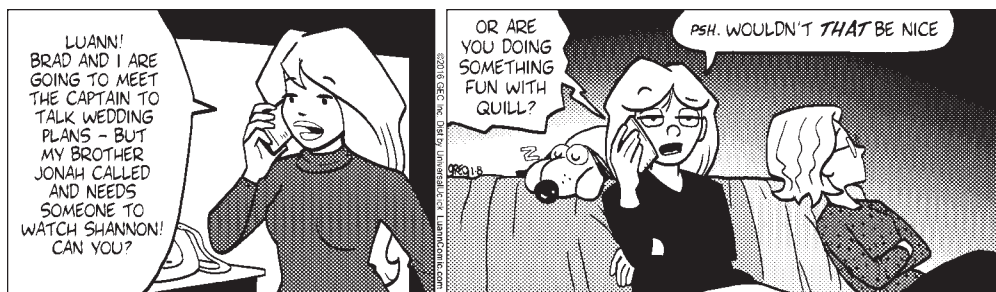
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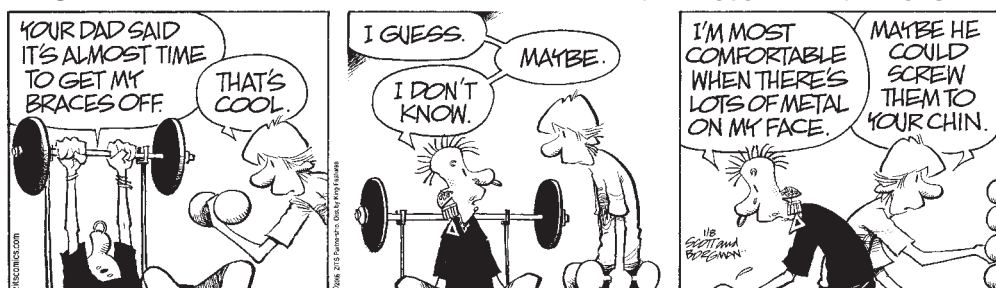
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DEAR ABBY

Helicopter mom turns girls' squabbles into adult irritation



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: Do you think parents should intervene in arguments between 10-year-olds? My daughter, "Amy," was playing at a neighbor's house with two other girls and they had an argument over something stupid. The neighbor's daughter, "Kathy," started to cry, so her mother asked my daughter and the other girl to leave because they had upset Kathy. Afterward, she called and wanted me to punish my daughter for upsetting hers.

He thinks one of us should take him in and complains that we are a "bad family" because no one has offered to let him live with us. None of our retirement plans were made with provisions for him. He is selfish, irritating and untrustworthy. I don't want to spend my retirement being miserable. What do I do? — **Retired In Chicago**

I didn't do it because I think 10-year-olds are old enough to make amends with each other. When Amy explained the situation, I concluded that Kathy started to cry because she didn't get what she wanted. The girls were playing with each other again two days later.

Dear Retired: If taking your irresponsible brother in would ensure that your retirement would be miserable, you shouldn't do it. Your brother has lived his life the way he wanted, without consideration for the consequences. If his retirement plan was gambling that you and your siblings would support him for his poor choices, it appears he has lost that bet, too. As a kindness, direct your brother to resources that help low-income seniors.

This isn't the first time this has happened, but it's annoying because they make a big deal out of it. Kathy is an only child and we have three children. What do you think about this? — **Amy's Mom In Antwerp, Belgium**

Dear Abby: My husband and I decided to go our separate ways and have filed for divorce. Although I moved out, we agreed to keep prior engagements. One of them is a trip to Europe to visit family and friends.

Dear Amy's Mom: Hang onto your sense of humor and take "Helicopter Mom's" suggestions regarding parenting your child with a grain of salt. Kathy's mother means well, but she should stop trying to fight her daughter's battles for her.

When we talked about traveling together, my understanding was that it meant sitting next to each other in the car and on the plane. Now he is making the hotel arrangements and has asked me if he should book a room with two beds or two separate rooms. This is confusing and it's making me feel awkward. How should I answer? — **The Ex-Mrs. In Michigan**

Dear Abby: I have two brothers and two sisters. We all earned a modest but comfortable living and made plans for our retirement — except for one. He blew his money on cars, vacations and gambling. He retired as early as possible, and because of it he doesn't get much Social Security. Now he's broke.

Dear Ex-Mrs.: Be honest. If the idea of sharing a room with your almost-ex-husband makes you uncomfortable, tell him you would prefer separate accommodations.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 8, 1916

The Hermiston city park, between Main street and the railroad, was flooded Thursday morning and again last evening. With the assistance of another hard freeze and another flooding the skaters of this city will have a rare treat, a rink in the main part of town. It will doubtless be popularized chiefly by the business men in the mornings and early afternoons while after school hours they will give way to the boys and girls that they may have their share of the sport. A skating party has been organized by the high school aggregation for tomorrow evening at the government reserves, six miles east of town. A large fire will be built of sagebrush around which weinerfursts will be roasted and enjoyed.

should be granted to allow the location of a \$400,000 forty-unit apartment complex in a residential area near the library. Those who spoke during the hearing were overwhelmingly opposed to the location of the apartments in the area. On the other hand, at least two of the planning commission members indicated they felt an apartment complex would be putting the land to its highest and best use. The area in contention is bordered on the north by Bailey Ave., on the south by the Umatilla River and on the west by the Main Street Bridge.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 8, 1991

Robert "Bob" Koch of Pendleton and Dr. Richard Koch of Pilot Rock are distantly related. In fact, their ancestors were brothers in a German Lutheran village in Russia. Both were raised by German-speaking parents and pronounce their last name "Cook." But the Kochs didn't encounter each other until after Bob moved to the area in the 1960s. Ironically, they discovered the doctor's grandfather and Bob's great-great-grandfather were brothers from the town of Kolb (pronounced "culp"), which has since been changed to a Russian name.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 8, 1966

The Pendleton City Planning Commission Thursday indicated it wanted more time to think before making any decision on a controversial apartment housing proposal. A packed house faced the Planning Commission at a hearing to consider whether a special permit

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the eighth day of 2016. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 8, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

On this date: In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.

In 1790, President George Washington delivered his first State of the Union address to Congress in New York.

In 1815, the last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having gotten word of the signing of a peace treaty.

In 1863, America's First Transcontinental Railroad had its beginnings as California Gov. Leland Stanford

broke ground for the Central Pacific Railroad in Sacramento. (The transcontinental railroad was completed in Promontory, Utah, in May 1869.)

In 1912, the African National Congress was founded in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1959, Charles de Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, declared an "unconditional war on poverty in America."

In 1975, Judge John J. Sirica ordered the early release from prison of Watergate figures John W. Dean III, Herbert W. Kalmbach and Jeb Stuart Magruder. Democrat Ella Grasso was sworn in as Connecticut's first female governor. Opera singer Richard Tucker, 61, died in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

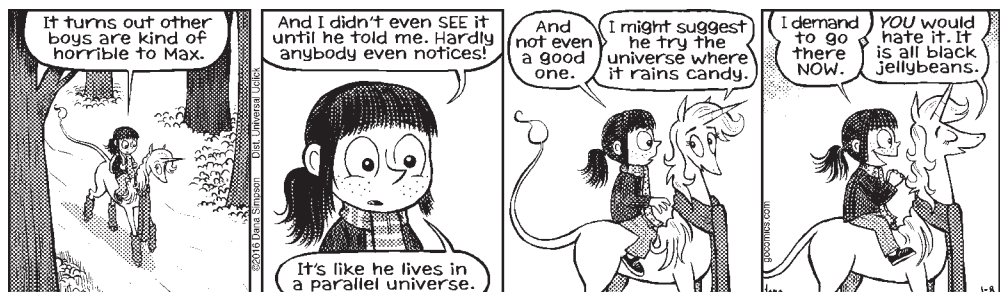
Today's Birthdays:

Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 93. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 88. CBS newsmen Charles Osgood is 83. Singer Shirley Bassey is 79. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 78. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 75. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 74. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 74. Singer Juanita Cowart Motley (The Marvelettes) is 72. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 70. Rock singer David Bowie is 69. Movie director John McTiernan is 65. Singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith is 52. Actress Michelle Forbes is 51. Singer R. Kelly is 49. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 43. Aaactress-rock singer Jenny Lewis is 40. Actress Sarah Polley is 37.

Thought for Today: "Anxiety never yet successfully bridged over any chasm." — Giovanni Ruffini, Italian writer (1807-1881).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

