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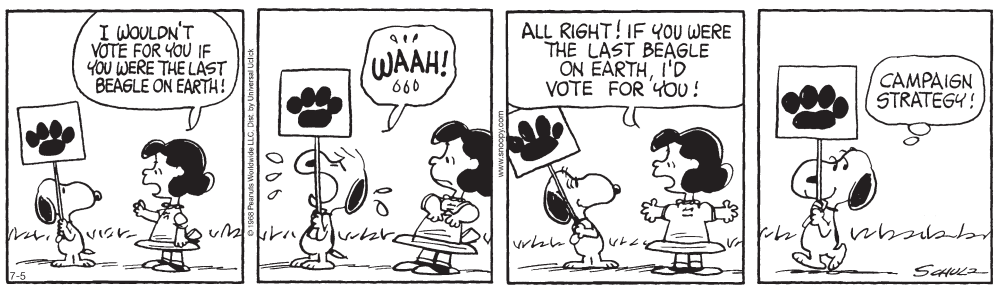

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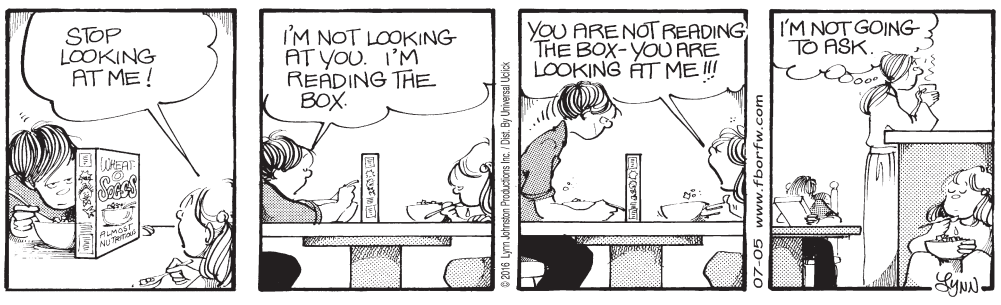

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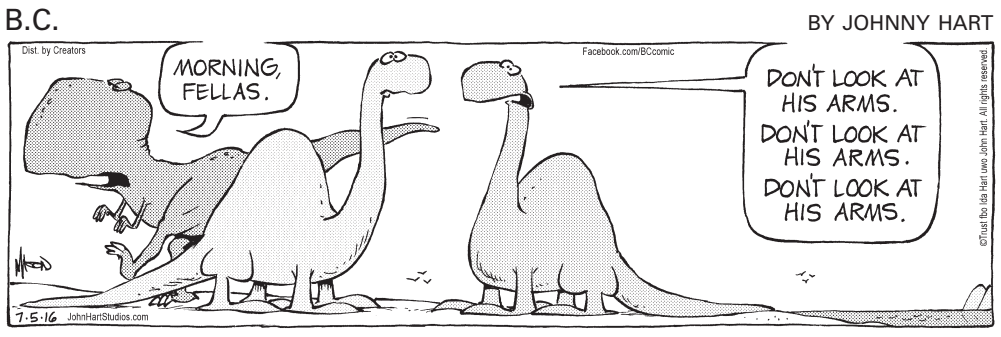

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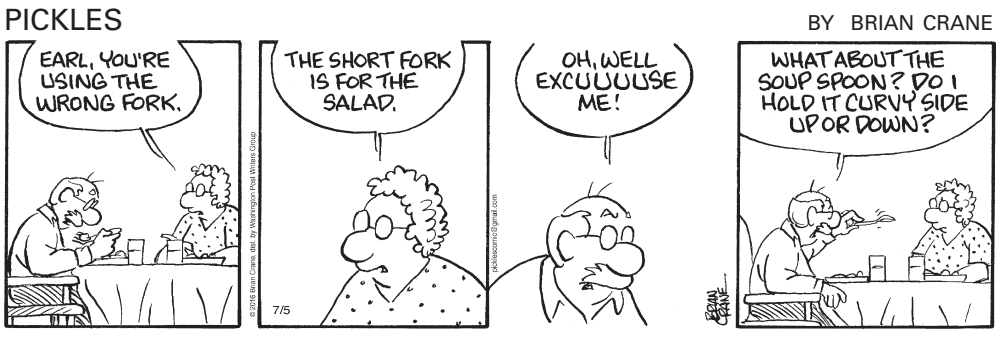

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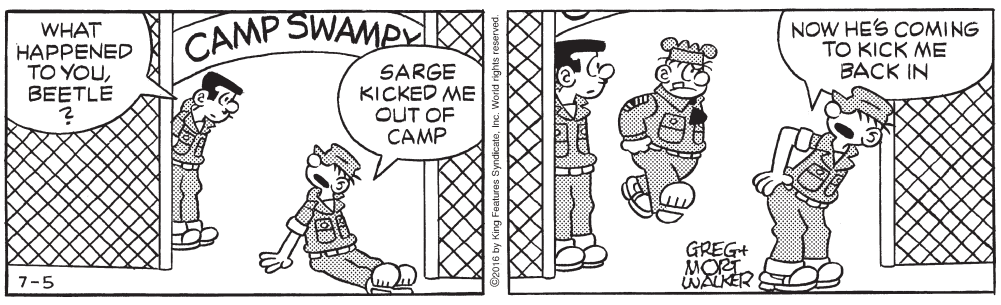

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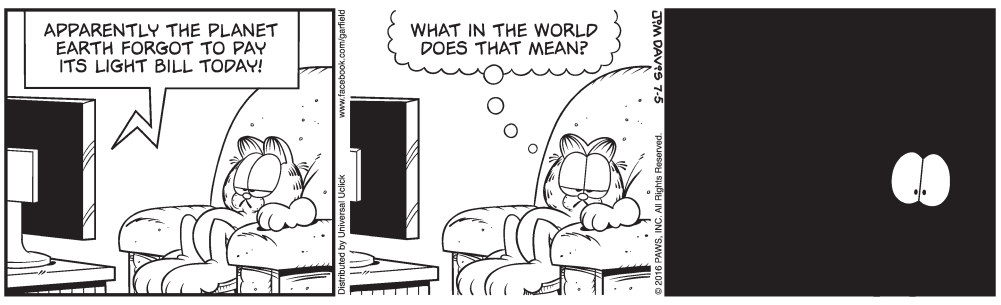

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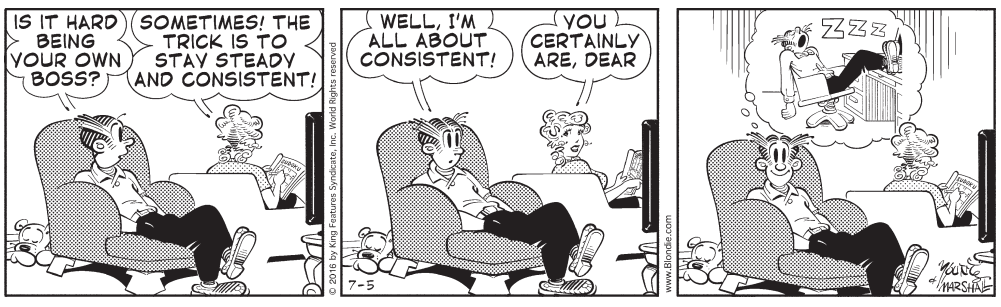

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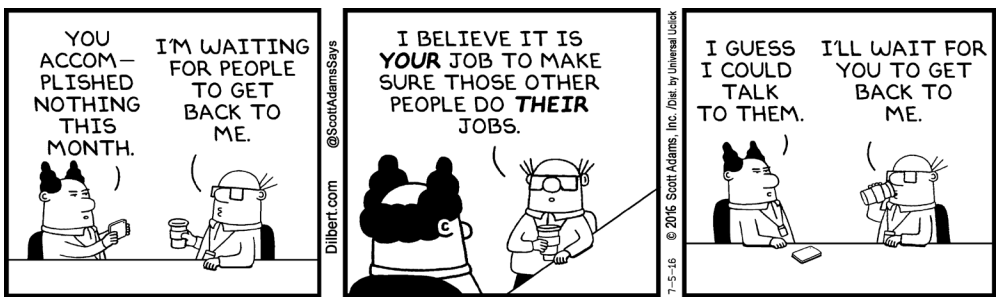

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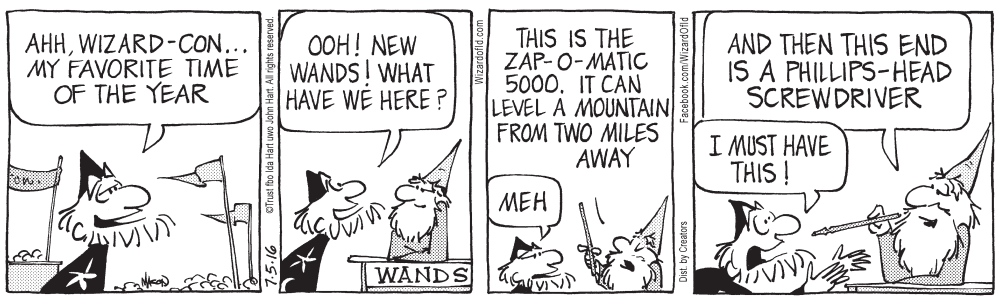

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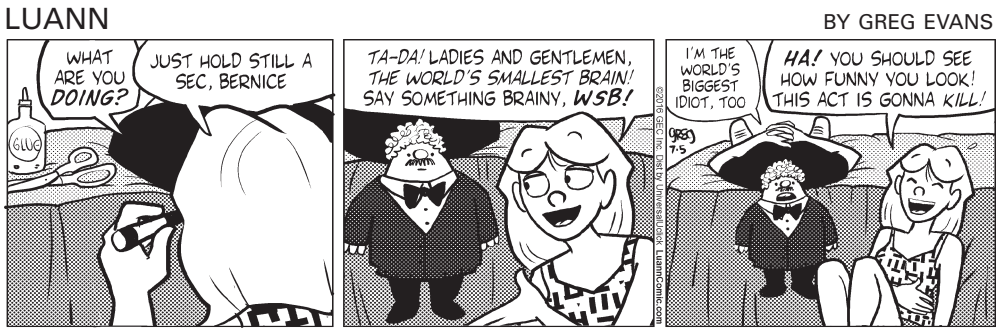

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON

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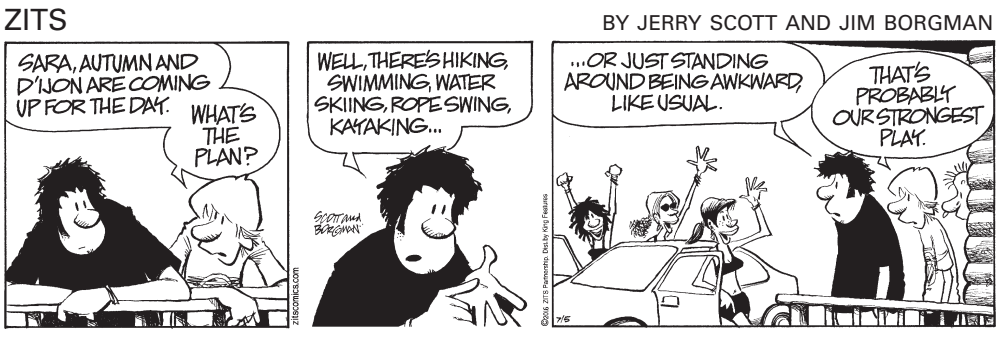

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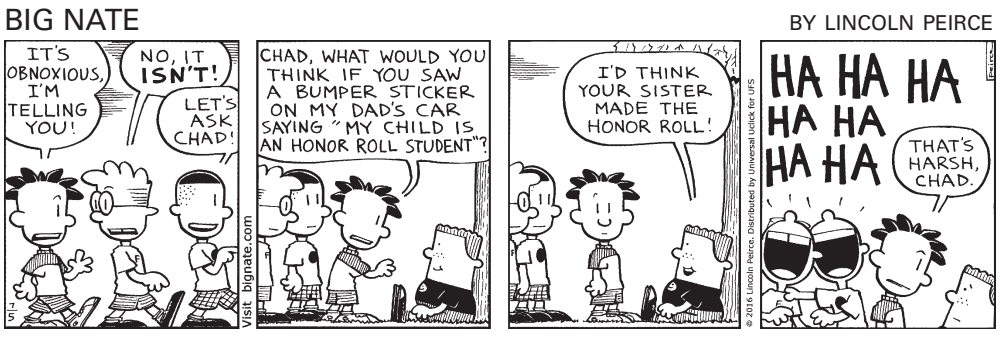

DEAR ABBY

Abuser preyed on woman's fear of being alone, unloved

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I recently had my lover of 11 years arrested for domestic violence. It was the hardest thing I have ever done. He had me isolated and cut off from the world, and without family around, I felt extremely lonely and fragile. Looking back, I see how wanting to be loved and not alone caused me to let so many intolerable things happen.

No one should ever have to be bruised and battered physically, psychologically and verbally by anyone. I pray others read this and will do the right thing — which is to press charges if necessary and find the strength to leave, as painful as it may be. — Starting Counseling Soon In L.A.

Dear Starting: I'm glad you found the strength to do that. Counseling will help. Trust me on that. Readers: I haven't printed the warning signs of an abuser in a while, so here they are:

1. **Pushes for quick involvement**: Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. **Jealous**: Excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

3. **Controlling**: If you are late, interrogates you intensively about whom you talked to and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. **Unrealistic expectations**: Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.

5. **Isolation**: Tries to isolate you from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. **Blames others for problems or mistakes**: It's always someone else's fault if something goes wrong.

7. **Makes others responsible for his or her feelings**: The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."

8. **Hypersensitivity**: Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad. Rants about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.

9. **Cruelty to animals or children**: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partners will also abuse children.

10. **"Playful" use of force during sex**: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. **Verbal abuse**: Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse.

12. **Rigid gender roles**: Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.

13. **Sudden mood swings**: Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.

14. **Past battering**: Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.

15. **Threats of violence**: Says things like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

Readers, if you feel you are at risk, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or thehotline.org.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 4-5, 1916

Fully 10,000 people gathered in the grandstand and bleachers at Round-Up Park yesterday afternoon for the sports program, the largest crowd ever assembled there save at a Round-Up. Though disappointed in the big "death defying thriller," owing to an unfortunate accident, they enjoyed the many other events which were pulled off. The mishap to the "thriller" happened just when the event was announced. The big Michigan auto, one of the two that was to meet in the collision, took fire. Gasoline and gunpowder had been sprinkled over it so that it would take fire at the collision but the carefully laid plans were undone when the gasoline took fire just as the driver was starting. Pyrene failed to put out the blaze and the car was then wheeled out up the track and the other car was driven by Ed Wright about the track and squarely into the burning machine. Both took fire and burned fiercely. The Michigan was a total wreck but the engine of the other was not damaged.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 4-5, 1966

Definitely the feminine type, Jimmy Lynn Wilkins, Pendleton, would be a great addition to any boys' PE class or ROTC training class. She has been invited. "Jim," as her family calls her, was placed in a boys' PE class twice in her last two years of high school. Recently her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rae Wilkins, Pendleton, received a letter from the Army asking them to urge their son (Jimmy) to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the ROTC. She will be a freshman next year at Washington State University. At the moment she is awaiting her 18th birthday and a draft notice.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 4-5, 1991

The most populated county in the East Central Oregon Association of Counties has declared its intent to leave the strife-ridden council of governments. The Umatilla County Commission on Wednesday sent a letter to the ECOAC board of directors stating its intent to withdraw as soon as legally possible. The commissioners have long sought the dismissal or resignation of Otto Schmid, ECOAC's executive director.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 187th day of 2016. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 5, 1946, the bikini, created by Louis Reard, was modeled by Micheline Bernardini during a poolside fashion show in Paris.

On this date:

In 1687, Isaac Newton first published his Principia Mathematica, a three-volume work setting out his mathematical principles of natural philosophy.

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1865, the Secret Service Division of the U.S. Treasury Department was founded in Washington, D.C., with the mission of suppressing counterfeit currency.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke off diplomatic relations.

In 1947, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.

In 1948, Britain's National Health Service Act went into effect, providing publicly financed medical and dental care.

In 1984, the Supreme Court weakened the 70-year-old "exclusionary rule," deciding that evidence seized in good faith with defective court warrants could be used against defendants in criminal trials.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine Helmond is 87. Actress Shirley Knight is 80. Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 73. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 68. Rock star Huey Lewis is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Fame pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage is 65. Rapper RZA is 47. Country musician Dave Haywood (Lady Antebellum) is 34. Rock musician Nick O'Malley (Arctic Monkeys) is 31.

Thought for Today: "Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary." — *Cecil Beaton, English fashion photographer and costume designer (1904-1980).*