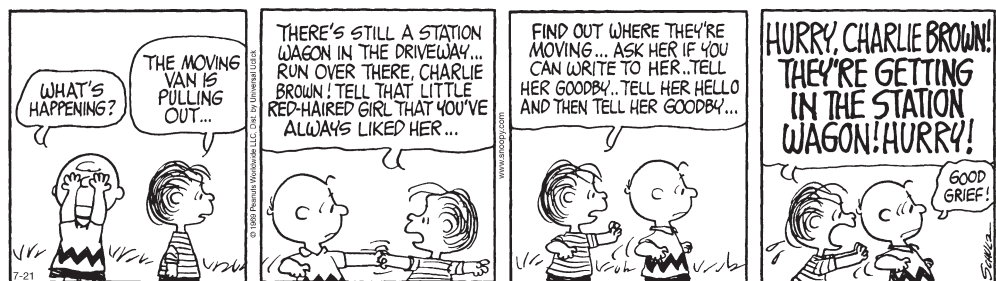


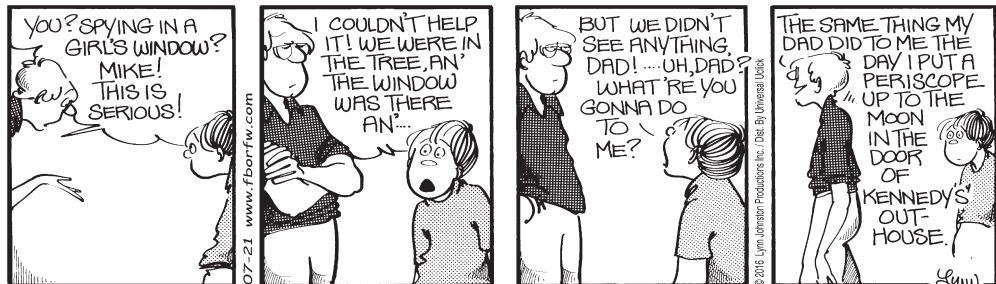
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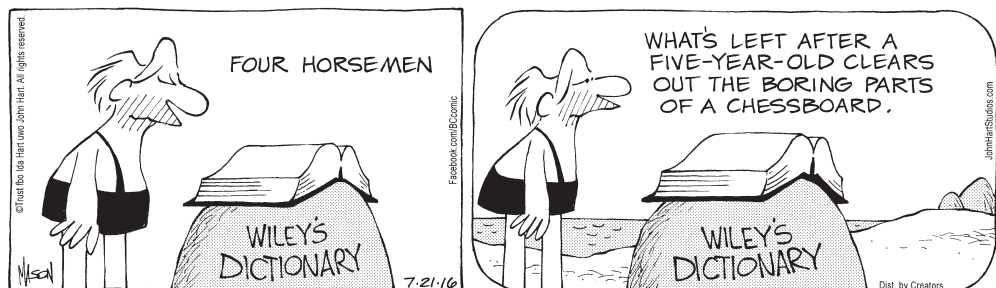
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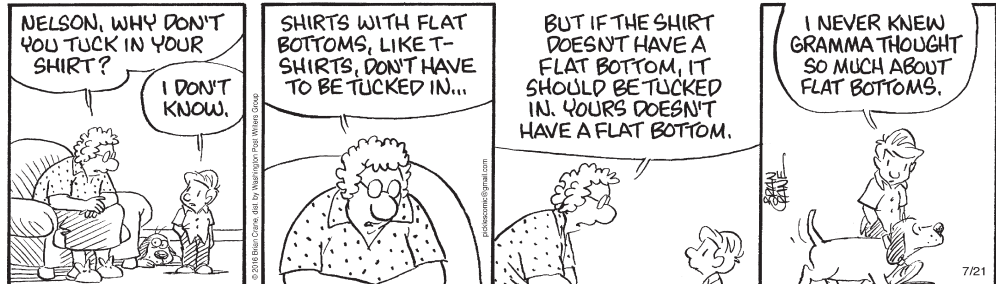
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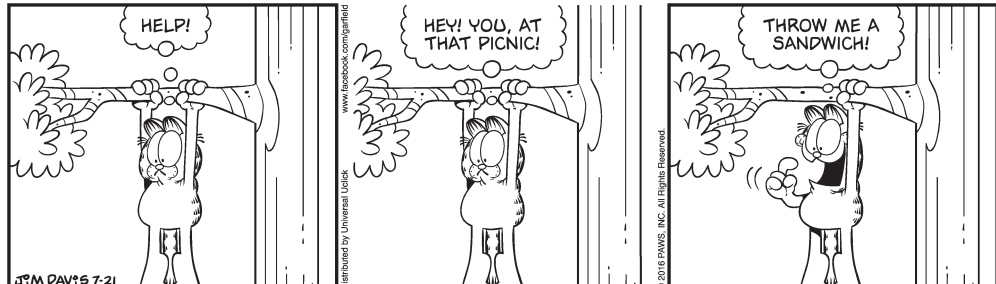
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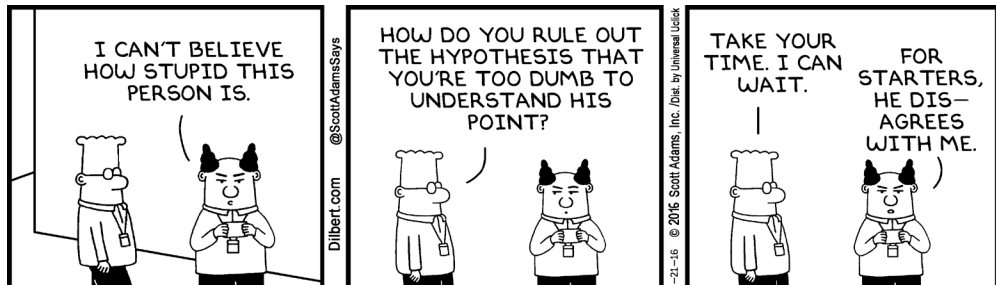
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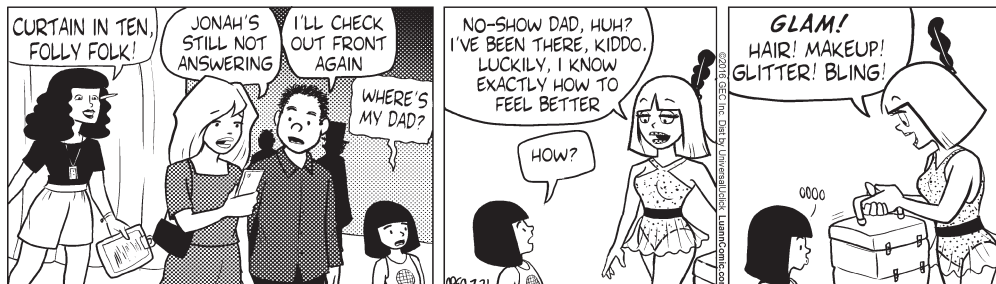
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DEAR ABBY

Husband wants long-lost sister to remain that way



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband and his sister had a rough childhood in foster care. Long story short, they lost contact for 10 years — until now. She found us on Facebook and was desperate to know if she had found her brother or not. My husband ignored her. He isn't sure he ever wants to rebuild a relationship with her.

I know that's his decision to make, and if he doesn't want her in his life, that's fine. But I couldn't live with myself if I ignored her, too. I just wanted her to know she could stop looking and wondering if her brother is still alive. So I told her. She was grateful to have some closure and know that he is doing well, and she reassured me that she wouldn't contact him again unless he reaches out to her. Even if they never talk again, I think she deserved to know she had found him.

Now I feel guilty for going behind his back and meddling in things that aren't my business. But I can't imagine spending my whole life searching for a family member, when someone could have been honest with me and given me peace of mind. Did I make a terrible mistake, and should I come clean to my husband about what I did? — **Feeling Guilty In Georgia**

Dear Feeling Guilty: You failed to mention the reason for your husband's ambivalence about re-establishing a relationship with his sister. Now that she has found you on Facebook, she can follow his whole life, unless you block her. Whether you made a terrible mistake remains to be seen. If the

sister contacts your husband again, you will have to tell him what you did. He may have wanted to protect his privacy. As long as she doesn't, I think you should keep your mouth shut.

Dear Abby: My 18-year-old daughter has just finished school. She now wants to take a gap year and work to save enough to travel overseas. The problem is, she's so eager to get away from home that she wants to move to another city to work.

I have advised her that staying home and working will allow her to save more to travel, and she would have to pay for her food, accommodation and transportation, and would have little left over to save to travel. She got upset with me and could not understand why I wouldn't want to pay her rent or support her. Am I being unreasonable saying that she should pay her own way if she moves out of the home? — **Mom In Johannesburg, South Africa**

Dear Mom: If anyone thinks that an attitude of entitlement is strictly a problem in the United States, your letter should banish that notion. What you told your daughter makes perfect sense. If she wants independence, she should be prepared to accept the responsibility for living that way.

I would, however, encourage you to continue the dialogue with her so you can understand why she feels the need to live apart from you, on the chance that a compromise might be possible. I'm sure it would be enlightening.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 21, 1916

That the bathing suit will soon be the national costume at Helix is indicated by reports reaching here as to the popularity of the swimming pool, just established there. The pool was used for the first time yesterday and one patron was so enthused he went into the pool six times during the day, according to William Morrison. It is planned to have the formal opening of the Natatorium on Sunday.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 21, 1966

A 21-gun salute, with each shot from a different gun, is possible for persons unknown who stole 26 pistols recently. They will, however, have to purchase ammunition. They neglected to take the shells kept for the guns. The 26 guns were part of a 100-gun collection of Irvin Rauch, rancher near Lexington. The

burglary was discovered when the family returned from an event in Heppner. Hunting rifles, with scopes, other rifles and pistols were not touched by the burglars. Ammunition, kept in a different location in the home, apparently was not found. All the guns in the collection were usable and in good condition, Rauch said. State police are investigating the theft.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 21, 1991

A Boise contractor began work this week on Hermiston High School's new gymnasium, cafeteria and classroom complex. A dozen trees have been leveled and storage sheds and a greenhouse removed along West Highland Avenue to make way for the 60,000-square-foot addition, the school district's first major construction project in a dozen years. The addition is to be finished by next summer. Remodeling some parts of the old high school has been scheduled for the summer of 1992.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 203rd day of 2016. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Virginia, resulting in a Confederate victory.

On this date:
In 1773, Pope Clement XIV issued an order suppressing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. (The Society was restored by Pope Pius VII in 1814.)

In 1816, Paul Reuter, founder of the British news agency bearing his name, was born in Kassel, Hesse, Germany.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration (later the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during

World War II, capturing it from the Japanese some three weeks later. The Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated Sen. Harry S. Truman to be vice president.

In 1959, the NS Savannah, the first nuclear-powered merchant ship, was christened by first lady Mamie Eisenhower at Camden, New Jersey.

In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1972, the Irish Republican Army carried out 22 bombings in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing nine people and injuring 130 in what became known as "Bloody Friday."

In 1973, Israeli agents in Lillehammer, Norway, killed Ahmed Bouchikhi, a Moroccan waiter, apparently mistaking him for an official with Black September, the group that attacked Israel's delegation at the 1972 Munich Olympics and killed 11 athletes.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

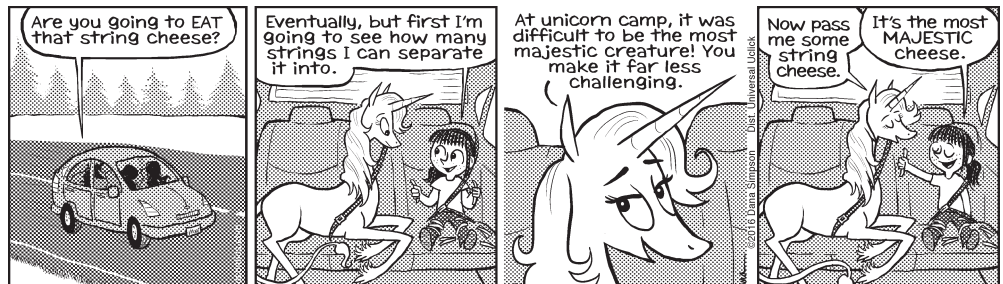
Today's Birthdays:

Singer Kay Starr is 94. Movie director Norman Jewison is 90. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 78. Actor David Downing is 73. Actor Leigh Lawson is 73. Actor Wendell Burton is 69. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 68. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 68. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 65. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 63. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 59. Actor Lance Guest is 56. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 53. Rock musician Koen Lieckens (K's Choice) is 50. Soccer player Brandi Chastain is 48. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 47. Rock-soul singer Michael Fitzpatrick (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 46. Actress Alysia Reiner is 46. Country singer Paul Brandt is 44. Christian rock musician Corey Cooper (Skillet) is 44. Actress Ali Landry is 43. Actor Josh Hartnett is 38. Rock musician Will Berman (MGMT) is 34. Actor Rory Culkin is 27.

Thought for Today: "Suspense is worse than disappointment." — *Robert Burns, Scottish poet (born 1759, died this date in 1796).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

