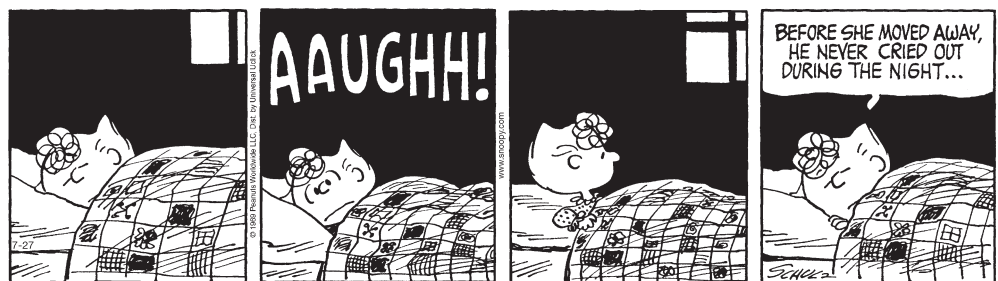


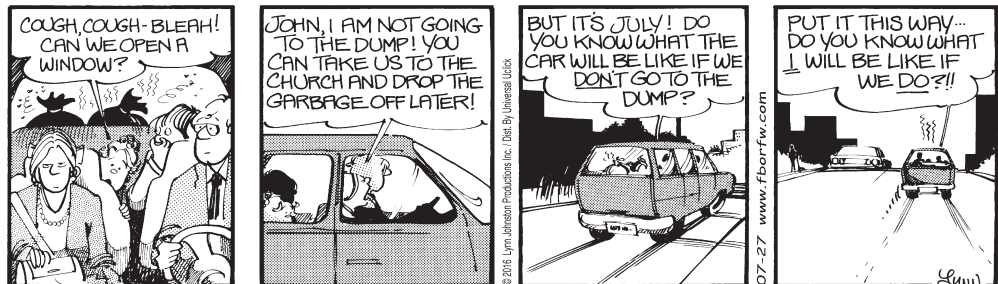
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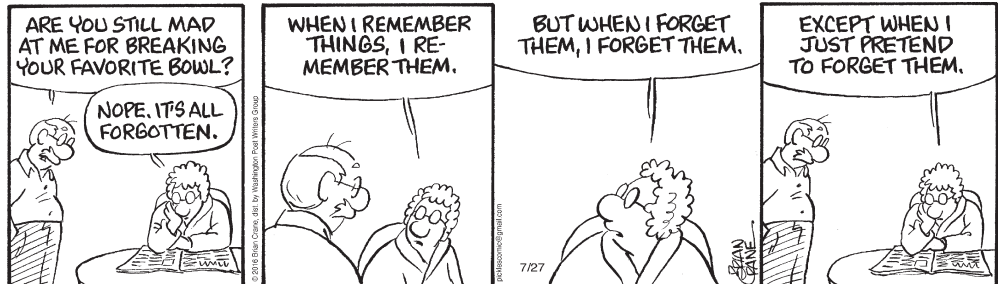
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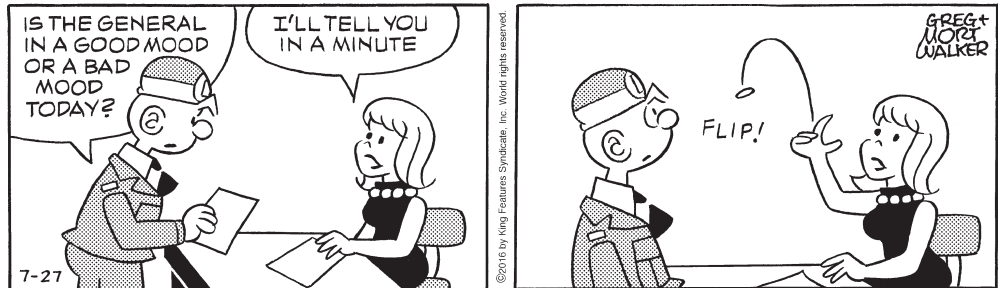
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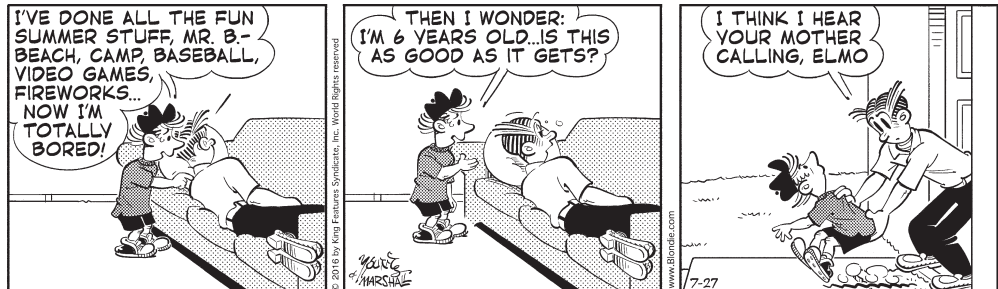
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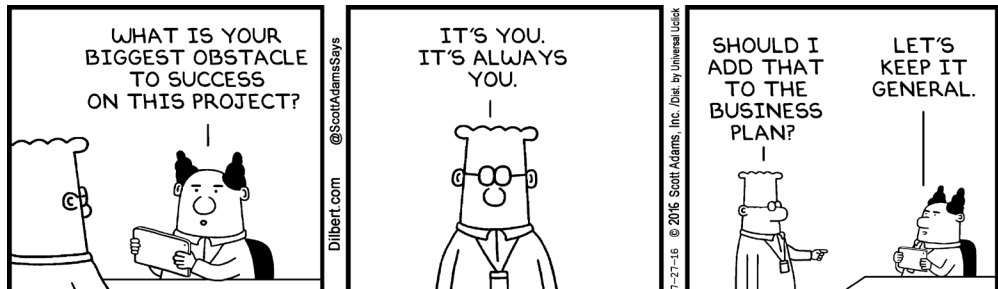
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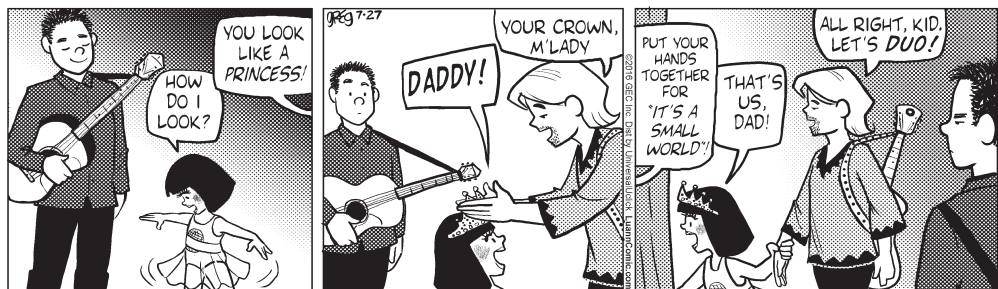
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DEAR ABBY

Single mom craves family's embrace of her daughters



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I am a single mother of two biracial daughters ages 2 and 4. They fill my life with joy and I am thankful to be their mother. My problem is, I haven't been able to face my family members since the birth of my second child.

My family has strong Christian roots, and I know they were disappointed when they heard about another unplanned pregnancy. This isn't the first time I have disappointed them. I smoked a lot of marijuana as a teen and young adult. I straightened my life out during my late 20s.

I miss my family very much, and I also feel my children are missing out by not knowing them. My parents passed away many years ago. My children's father was beaten to death days before my youngest daughter was born. My aunts and uncles are all I have left, and it breaks my heart to think we have lost them, too. How should I handle this without getting my heart broken? — **Mississippi Mommy**

Dear Mommy: Did these aunts and uncles have children, or are they childless? If you have cousins, consider reaching out to them first, because their views may be less conservative than their parents'. If your family's Christian roots are as strong as you say they are, they should be both welcoming and forgiving, and embrace your children in their loving family circle.

However, if they are not, then it would be better for your little girls if they were not

exposed to them. I have advised in the past that sometimes people have to live their own lives and create their own families. If your relatives are rejecting, that is what you will have to do, not only for your daughters' sake but also for your own.

Dear Abby: I have been getting together with a group of ladies for many years now. Husbands and boyfriends are welcome but rarely come. We enjoy meeting at each other's houses and at restaurants every few months.

We are having a problem with one member, "Gail," who is envious of "Rose," a still-beautiful former model. Gail has been making remarks that Rose "must have had work done" on her face to be able to retain her looks for so long. (I think it is a combination of good genes, sunscreen and incredible bone structure.)

What Rose has or hasn't done is none of Gail's business. Rose is aware of Gail's jealousy, and it puts a damper on our good times and our caring attitudes toward each other. We wish Gail would drop out. Her remarks need to stop. Have you any ideas on how we can deal with this problem? — **Club Member In The Southwest**

Dear Club Member: I sure do. The person closest to Gail needs to tell her, privately, that the catty comments make everyone uncomfortable, and if she doesn't stop she will no longer be welcome in the group.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 27, 1916

Get out your Round-Up hat. It has been officially decreed by the Round-Up and Happy Canyon authorities that anyone caught on the streets on the first day of August which according to Tom Tweedy's almanac is next Tuesday, wearing any other than a Round-Up sky piece, will please suffer to have that sky piece smashed, and it will be smashed. No plea in extenuation, moderation or damnation will avail for it must be a Round-Up bonnet. George Baer has been appointed master of ceremonies and the funerals will be held en masse the next day. Special rates have been made by Jim Brown and Ralph Folsom on the undertaking.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 27, 1966

Fifty thousand swarming bees kept a crowd at bay and Pendleton's "bee man," Clanson Scott, busy as, well, a bee, for an hour Monday. The swarm was discovered hanging on a limb at SW 4th and Goodwin. Area residents called

police. Police called Scott, who said cold and dry weather earlier in the summer held back growth of flowers, resulting in a honey shortage. Scott, 73, carefully sawed off the limb holding the 10-pound swarm of bees. "It's the largest swarm I've ever seen," he said. It took three trips up the ladder before all the bees were collected in a hive Scott had brought along. He has more than a hundred hives in his bee yard.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 27, 1991

Cats are being shot and burned in the Sargent City neighborhood of Northwest 14th and 15th streets, a resident told police this morning. Joe Sullivan Jr. said the family pet was "torched" today. He said it appeared someone set off a firecracker on the cat's backside. Sullivan said the small female cat "adopted us" about month and a half ago. He said the animal has become a friend of his children. Sullivan said, too, that at least two other cats in the neighborhood have been shot with BB or pellet guns in the last couple of weeks.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 209th day of 2016. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.)

On this date: **In 1789,** President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few weeks' use).

In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto.

In 1946, American author,

poet and publisher Gertrude Stein, 72, died in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjon, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon.

In 1976, Air Force veteran Ray Brennan became the first person to die of so-called "Legionnaire's Disease" following an American Legion convention in Philadelphia.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 94. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 85. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 77. Actor John Pleshette is 74. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 69. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 68. Singer Maureen McGovern is 67. Actress Janet Eilber is 65. Rock musician Tris Imboden (Chicago) is 65. Actress Roxanne Hart is 62. Country musician Duncan Cameron is 60. Comedian-actress-writer Carol Leifer is 60. Comedian Bill Engvall is 59. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 54. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 49. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 49. Actor Julian McMahon is 48. Actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau is 46. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 44. Rock musician Abe Cunningham is 43. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 42. MLB All-Star Alex Rodriguez is 41. Actor Seamus Dever is 40. Actor Jonathan Rhys (rees) Meyers is 39. Actor Blair Redford is 33. Golfer Jordan Spieth is 23.

Thought for Today: "We are always the same age inside." — *Gertrude Stein (1874-1946).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

