

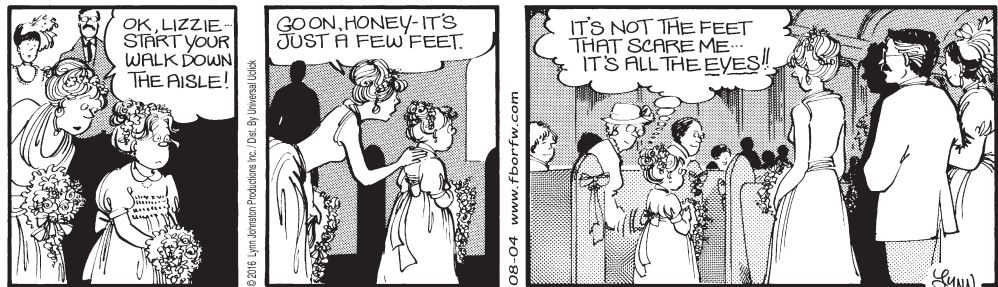
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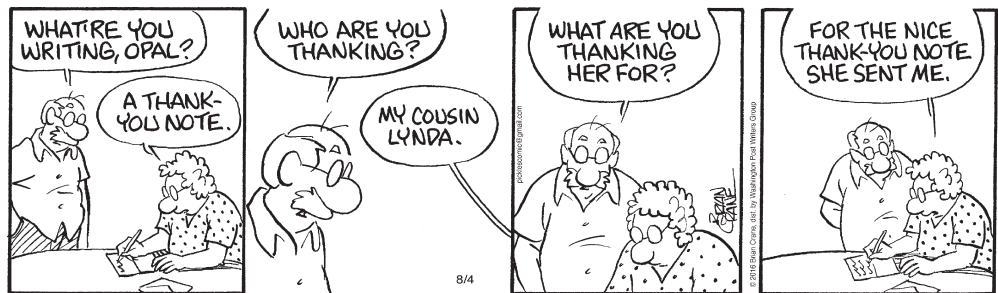
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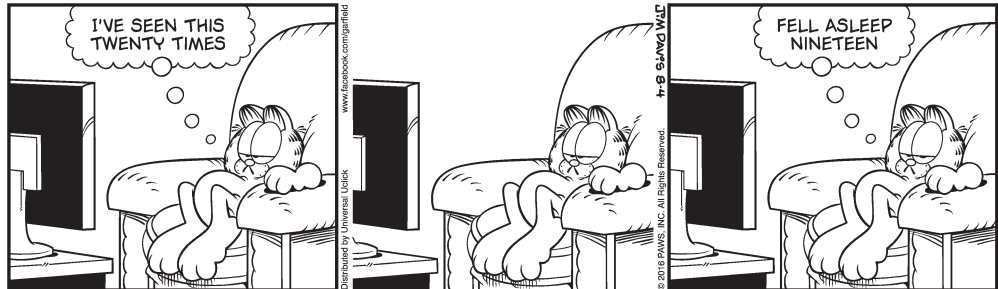
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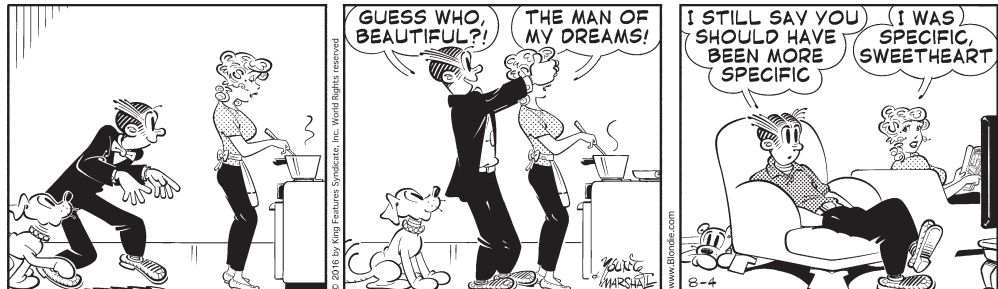
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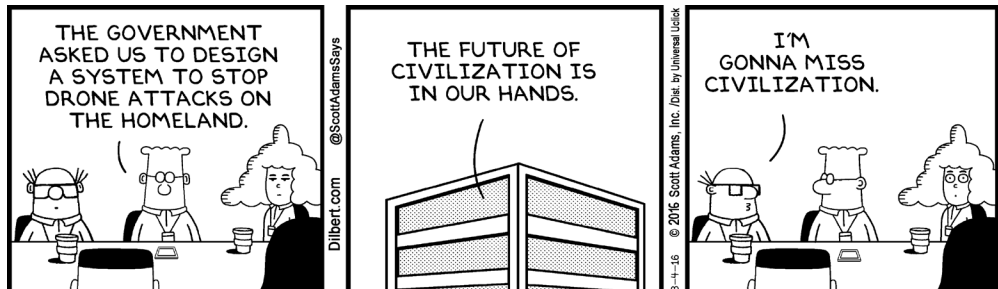
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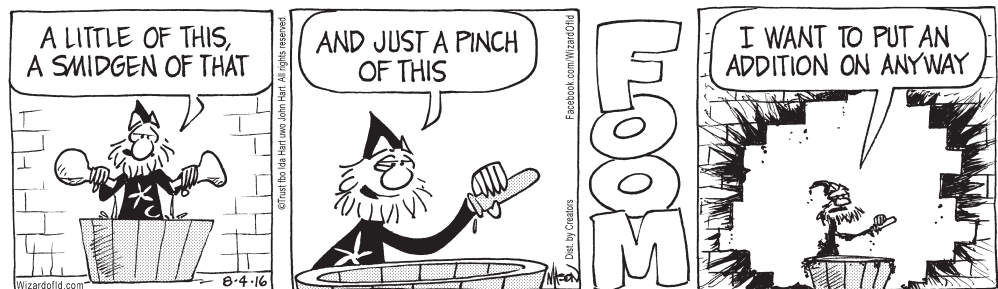
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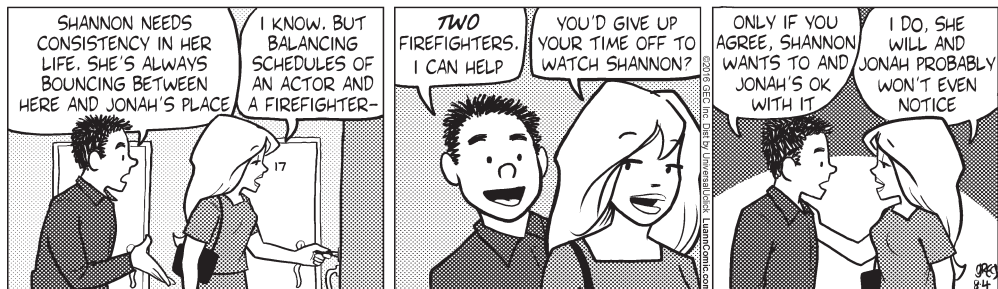
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DEAR ABBY

Grandma is demanding hostess during family's annual visits



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: We visit my grandmother out of state once a year. After our visits, I usually leave feeling defeated. A few reasons why:

She leaves multiple notes around "reminding" us to clean up after ourselves. There's a note in the shower that says, "Please wipe down shower walls after use." She asks me to change the sheets or launder our towels before I leave. Although she has decorative paper hand towels in the bathrooms, she asks us not to use them because they are "too expensive."

When we return home, she gushes about our visit for months, saying how "lonely" she is now that we're gone and how much she enjoyed our visit. I don't understand. Is this normal grandmother behavior, or does she take it too far? Must we continue spending big bucks to go out there every year, or can we just send pictures and call often? — Granddaughter In A Quandary

Dear Granddaughter: If these annual visits are a "command performance," I can see why you might resent them. However, it's not unheard of for a hostess to leave a note asking that the shower be wiped down, or that the sheets and towels be laundered before a guest leaves — particularly if the guests are family members. A gracious guest wouldn't mind doing those things, and would ask how her hostess wanted it handled before she left.

Rather than stew when she complained

about your 2-year-old's handprints on her windows, the appropriate response would have been: "You know, you're right. I'll get the Windex!" And when she made a negative comment about someone, you should have found something nice to say about the person in response.

If these visits cause financial hardship, visit your grandmother every OTHER year, or consider inviting her to visit you, but don't cut her off completely. After all, she's family, and not all family members are "perfect."

Dear Abby: I'm a newly retired woman living alone. Today I received a phone call on my landline asking me to participate in a survey. The first question asked was how many people are in my household.

In the past, I didn't live alone and I didn't mind participating in surveys. But calling on my landline makes me worry that person has access to my physical address. And being asked by some stranger for information like my age, the number of people in my household, and whether I have guns in the house, etc. makes me feel very vulnerable.

I told the caller I was not interested in participating and wouldn't give a reason why. There has got to be a better way to conduct surveys. Please let researchers know. — Cautious Senior

Dear Cautious: I'm doing that. But while I'm doing it, I am also advising readers that they are under no obligation to respond to surveys of any type, and that all they have to do if they receive this kind of call is say, "Not interested," and hang up.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 4, 1916

Roberts' Rules of Order were invoked last evening by the supporters of Miss Sabra L. Nason, county librarian, to prevent her dismissal from office. Refusing to recognize the meeting of July 12, at which the resignation of Miss Nason had been asked by motion on or before August 1, as a legal one, Mrs. Lina H. Sturgis, chairman of the library board, voted with four other members to sustain her attitude and produced Roberts' Rules to substantiate her claim that she had the privilege of voting. The supporters of the librarian thus won a temporary victory at least, but those members seeking her removal will continue the fight either in the board or in the courts. The fact that three new members are to be appointed in the near future may result in the deferring of further action until the new appointments are made.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 4, 1966

Residents of Rieth are being asked to band for community action in combating the severe mosquito problem that arose last weekend in their area. A severe pest type mosquito (Aedes nigromaculis) made its first appearance in the area as "tremendous numbers" hatched off an

old, abandoned log pond at Rieth. Residents are being asked to give contributions to cover the \$50 cost of fogging the town Thursday night. This is expected to give relief but not solve the problem. The pond itself has been treated.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 4, 1991

Hermiston's junior legion baseball team should add another column next to its win-loss record this summer: rescues. A week ago, the team stopped at Multnomah Falls en route to a state playoff game with Rex Putnam of Portland. As the players were admiring the towering waterfall, a man appeared with a stretcher and asked for help. He was on his way to the top of the falls to rescue a climber who had broken his ankle. Three of the Hermiston players — Chad Loomis, Ryan Corey and Ryan Ferguson — volunteered their services and off they went, trudging up the steep, narrow trail that led to the top of Oregon's highest waterfall, 620 feet. And while that was going on, three other members of the team — Jeff Tarter, Jason Edmiston and Troy Cornett — were off searching for a missing 9-year-old boy. The players found him after a brief search; he had apparently wandered up the trail toward the falls but wasn't in any danger.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 217th day of 2016. There are 149 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 4, 1991, the Greek luxury liner Oceanos sank in heavy seas off South Africa's southeast coast, the 402 passengers and 179 crew members all survived, largely through the efforts of ship's entertainers who oversaw rescue operations. (Capt. Yiannis Avranas and other officers faced criticism for leaving the ship while some passengers were still on board.)

On this date: In 1735, a jury found John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal not guilty of committing seditious libel against the colonial governor of New York, William Cosby.

In 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard had its beginnings as President George Washington signed a measure authorizing a group of revenue cutters to

enforce tariff and trade laws and prevent smuggling.

In 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Massachusetts. Lizzie Borden, Andrew's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but acquitted at trial.

In 1914, Britain declared war on Germany for invading Belgium; the United States proclaimed its neutrality in the mushrooming world conflict.

In 1944, 15-year-old diarist Anne Frank was arrested with her sister, parents and four others by the Gestapo after hiding for two years inside a building in Amsterdam. (Anne and her sister, Margot, died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.)

In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission voted to abolish the Fairness Doctrine, which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress-singer Tina Cole is 73. Actor-comedian Richard Belzer is 72. Football Hall-of-Famer John Riggins is 67. Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is 61. Actor-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton is 61. Actress Kym Karath (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 58. Hall of Fame track star Mary Decker Slaney is 58. Actress Lauren Tom is 57. President Barack Obama is 55. Producer Michael Gelman (TV: "Live with Kelly") is 55. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Roger Clemens is 54. Actress Crystal Chappell is 51. Author Dennis Lehane is 51. Rock musician Rob Cieka (Boo Radleys) is 48. Actor Daniel Dae Kim is 48. Actor Michael DeLuise is 47. Race car driver Jeff Gordon is 45.

Thought for Today: "The beginning is the most important part of the work." — Plato, Classical Greek philosopher.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

