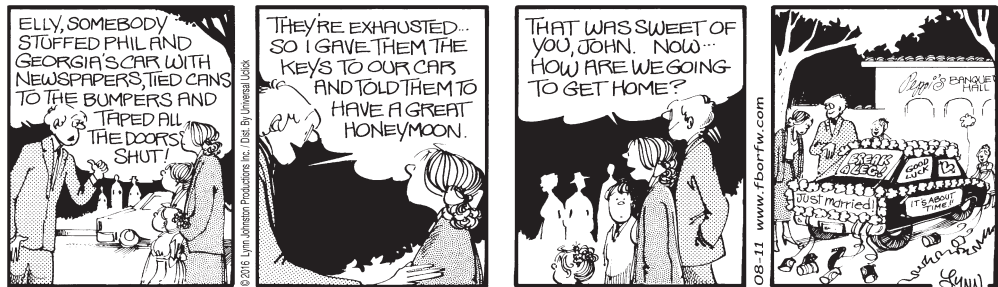


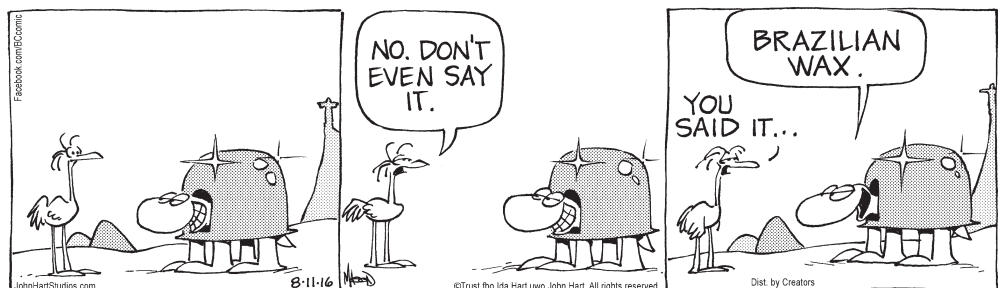
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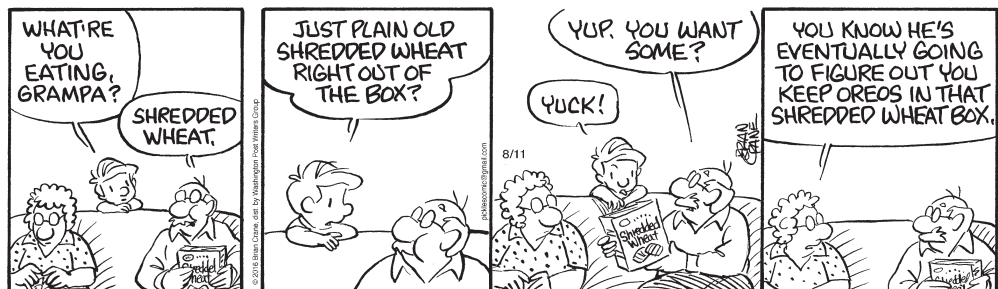
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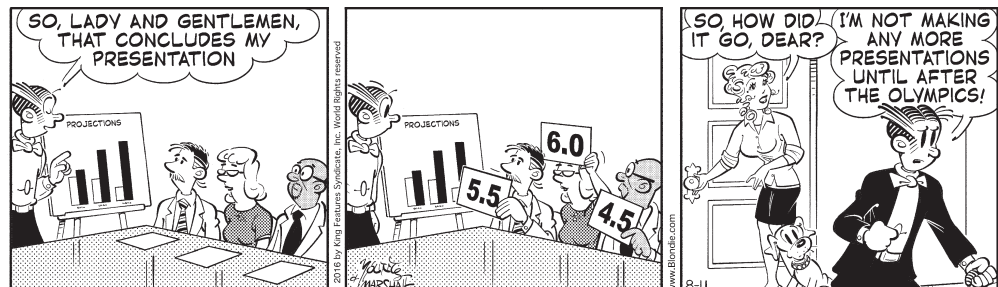
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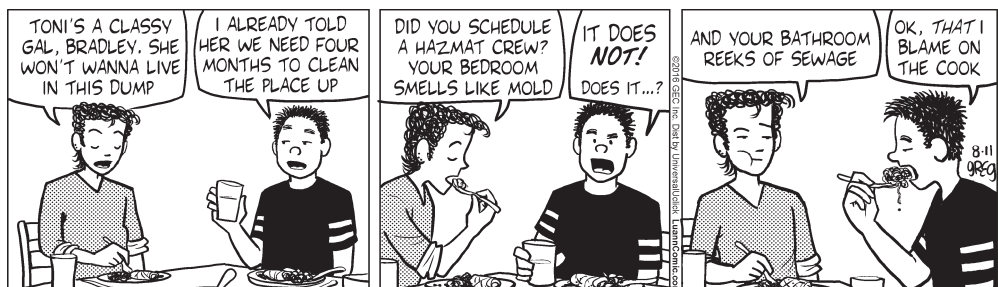
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DEAR ABBY

Handyman's unwanted attention ruins excitement of new job



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: About six months ago, I started a new job I really enjoy. A handyman who does odd jobs around the building was working on the floor in my area. He was chatty and I made polite conversation, but now things have escalated.

There's one family I sit for regularly. I absolutely love their two dogs and the family themselves. I stay anywhere from two nights to seven nights and work a second job on the weekdays. After walking, feeding, etc. is done, I have a ton of free time.

He has started contacting me on social media to the point where I had to block him. He tries to talk to me daily and I am feeling very uncomfortable. He's twice my age and I have no interest in him, romantically or otherwise.

My dilemma: I'd like my long-term boyfriend to stay with me for a night or two on the weekends. I'm having trouble figuring out how — or if — I should ask them. They have never met my boyfriend, but I have proven my own trustworthiness because they keep asking me to come back.

It has reached the point where I have a great deal of anxiety about going to work. I feel uncomfortable and intimidated. It's especially difficult because I work alone most of the day, so I am nervous he might try to harm me.

I will go through my boss first, but I'm worried that the family may be offended if I even ask. Should I ask, or should I just let it be since it's part of my job? Help! — The Dog Sitter

How should I approach this without it turning into a huge deal at work? I want to let my manager know, but I'm afraid it'll only cause more issues and make things worse. I'm afraid to make him mad, and afraid about what he might do. Any advice would be great. — Afraid He'll Harm Me

Dear Dog Sitter: You are in the dog-sitting BUSINESS, and if you want to be successful, you need to view it as such. Definitely discuss this question with your employer. Because you are working through a company, that company could be liable for any property loss or damage that might occur while your boyfriend was staying in a client's home with you.

Dear Afraid: Talk to your manager about this immediately. This man should not be attempting to have a personal relationship with you in or out of work. He needs to be told to stop bothering you during work hours or attempting to contact you afterward, because if he doesn't, he could be cited for harassment or lose his job.

But if there's any question in your mind about how asking your clients to have your boyfriend stay with you in their house will be received, don't do it. Some families have moral values that would preclude unmarried couples sleeping together under their roof. For the sake of your own credibility, please consider what I'm trying to convey to you.

Dear Abby: I am 23 and a dog sitter. I work through a company that sets up the visits and stay overnight with different families' dogs.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 11, 1916

Frank Hayes, city water superintendent, appeared before the city council last night on behalf of the water commission, which body, he declared, has been placed in a wrong light by an evening paper. Mr. Hayes said that the water commission was glad and willing to give the city all of the water needed for flushing the sewers, and would work in peace and harmony with the board. The sewer committee after an investigation decided that the sewers should be flushed once an hour with the exception of two or three which would require flushing twice an hour. Mr. Hayes said that the commission was desirous of having anyone who wished to flush a sewer get permission from the city water office before attaching onto a hydrant. This will enable the fire chief to know what fire hydrants are out of the running and the length of time. The Thorn Hollow springs are reported to be running 2,500,000 gallons of water daily with an overflow every day in the week with the exception of Monday.

his directorate post. Wednesday night Russell Dorran of Hermiston, chairman of the college board, presented S.E. Brogoitti of Helix, who Aug. 1 retired from the state Board of Education after 17 years of service, with a plaque inscribed: "BMCC designates S.E. Brogoitti honorary board member in appreciation of past and future service." Brogoitti served on the board when the college here was founded and has been a consistent friend of education in all forms in this area and Oregon as a whole.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 11, 1966

Blue Mountain Community College, facing its fourth year, has an honorary board member today, and there is no term ending for

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 11, 1991 The second performance of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo was darkened by gusty winds, but the day still turned out well for a handful of local cowboys. Steve Currin of Heppner took over as the leader in the calf roping event and Troy Cunningham of Milton-Freewater posted a solid 82 on a spinning bull named "Chili Pepper." Currin said the blustery conditions at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo, which is being held in conjunction with the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston, caused little or no problems for the cowboys. "It's nice — I'd rather have this than 100 degrees in the shade," Currin said shortly after roping and tying his calf in 11.1 seconds, who just edged out Todd Vandorn of Pendleton who is running a close second at 11.3.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 224th day of 2016. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 11, 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, New York.

On this date: In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nevada.

In 1909, the steamship SS Arapahoe became the first ship in North America to issue an S.O.S. distress signal, off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz Island (a former military prison) in San Francisco Bay.

In 1942, during World War II, Pierre Laval, prime minister of Vichy France, publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Viet Minh.

In 1962, Andrian Nikolayev became the Soviet Union's third cosmonaut in space as he was launched on a 94-hour flight.

In 1975, the United States vetoed the proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations, following the Security Council's refusal to consider South Korea's application.

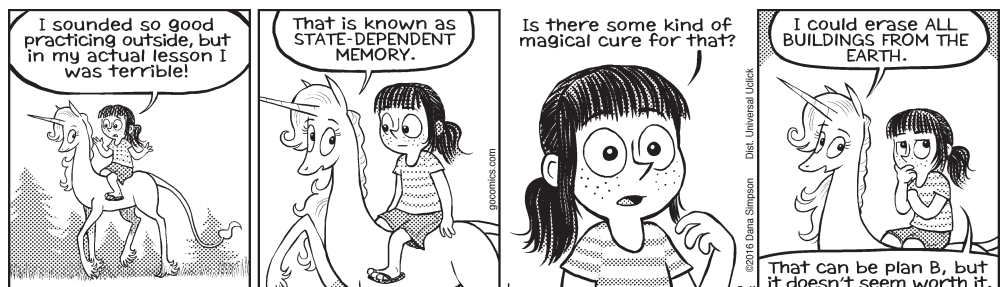
In 1984, during a voice test for a paid political radio address, President Ronald Reagan joked that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

In 2014, Academy Award-winning actor and comedian Robin Williams, 63, died in Tiburon, California, a suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Arlene Dahl is 91. Songwriter-producer Kenny Gamble is 73. Rock musician Jim Kale (Guess Who) is 73. Magazine columnist Marilyn Vos Savant is 70. Country singer John Conlee is 70. Singer Eric Carmen is 67. Computer scientist and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is 66. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 63. Singer Joe Jackson is 62. Playwright David Henry Hwang is 59. Actor Miguel A. Nunez Jr. is 57. Actress Viola Davis is 51. Actor Duane Martin is 51. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 49. Rhythm-and-blues musician Chris Dave is 48. Actress Anna Gunn is 48. Actor Chris Hemsworth is 33. Rock musician Heath Fogg (Alabama Shakes) is 32.

Thought for Today: "Don't wake me for the end of the world unless it has very good special effects." — Roger Zelazny, American science-fiction writer (1937-1995).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

