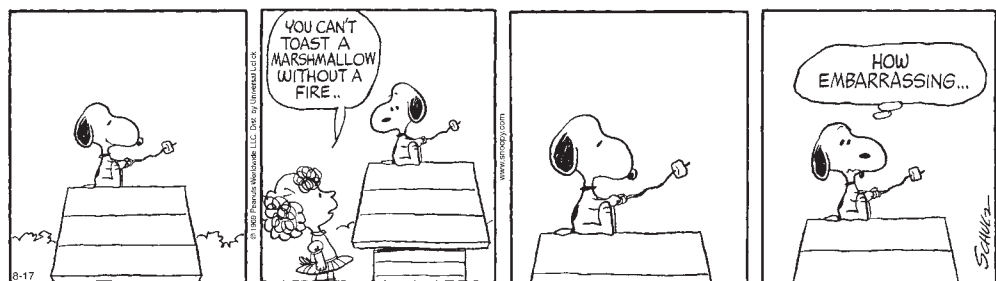


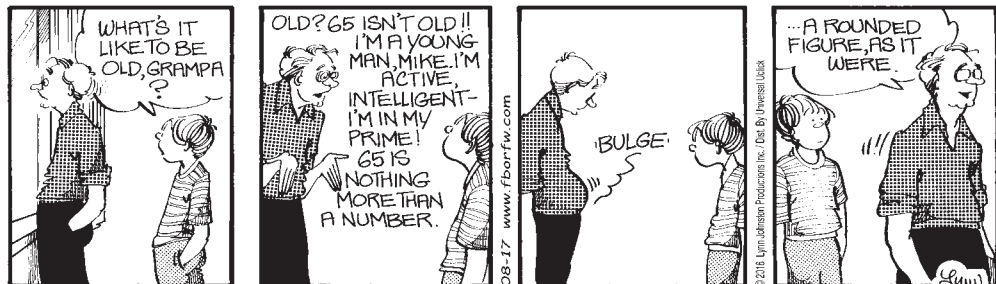
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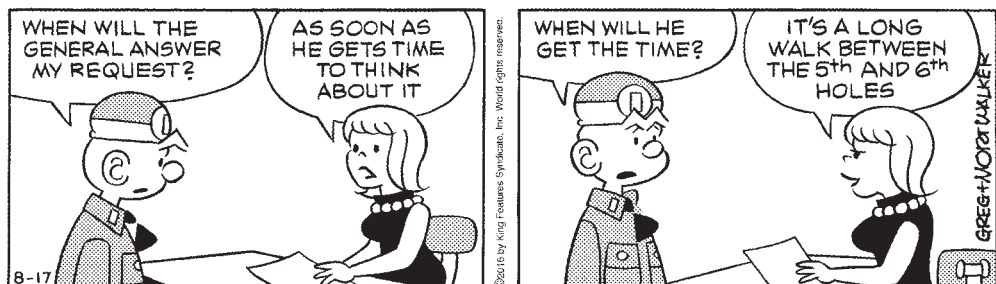
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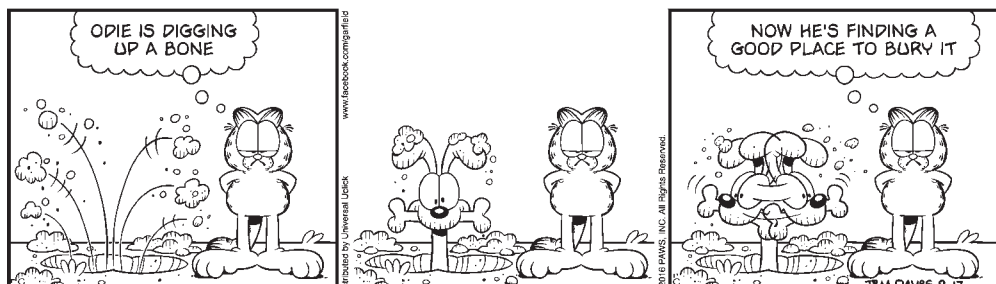
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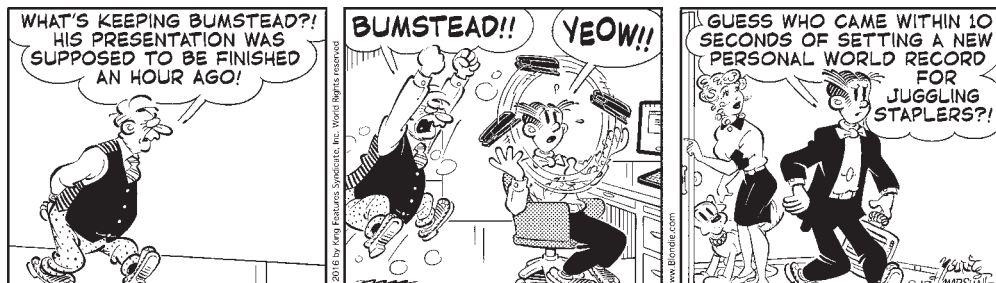
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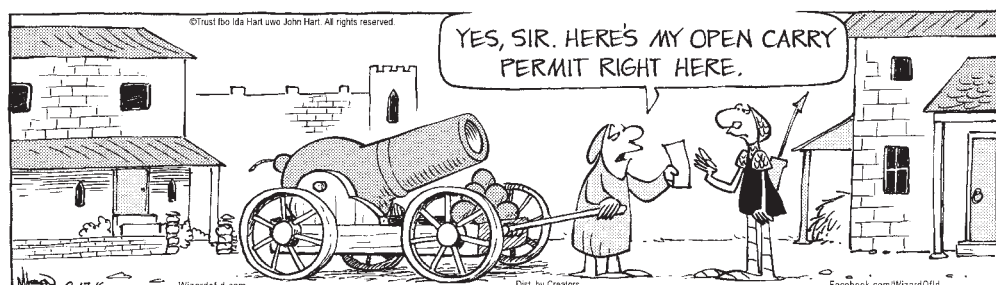
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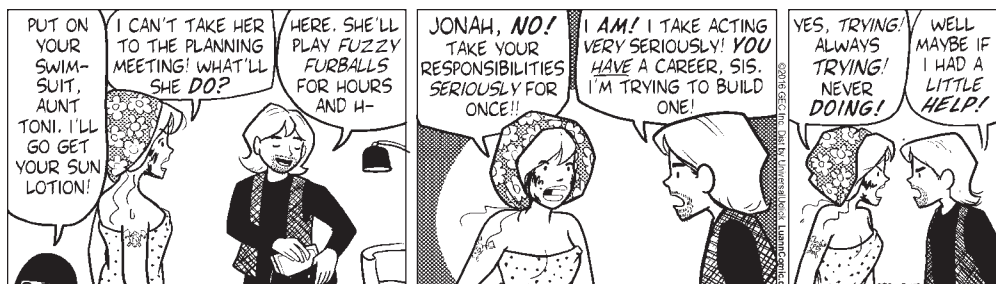
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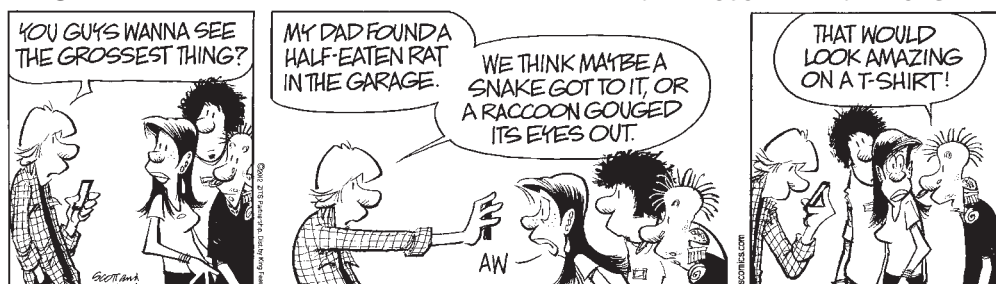
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DEAR ABBY

Man in relationship wants more than sleeping on floor

Dear Abby: I am a 40-year-old man, divorced with teenage children, and have been exclusively dating a woman who has a 4-year-old daughter. There have been no clashes between our children.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

We have yet to have sex. When I'm over at her place, I sleep on the living room floor either on an inflatable air mattress (her idea) or in a sleeping bag (my response when I just couldn't take the air mattress any longer). Either way, I feel like I'm left to sleep on a dog bed — not great for my self-esteem, as you can imagine.

My girlfriend uses her daughter as the reason, suggesting that the girl just wouldn't understand me sleeping in Mommy's bed. I don't personally see it as being a big issue for her daughter, given how long we have been together. We have discussed the subject, and she makes reference to perhaps planning some sort of rendezvous, but it never seems to go from theory to practice.

There are no religious issues here. My girlfriend did have a promiscuous and troubled past as a young adult, so I'm sensitive to the issue. But this is driving me nuts. Any suggestions would be appreciated. — On Hold In New York

Dear On Hold: People usually find the time to do the things they want to do. Your girlfriend may be holding out for marriage, not have a strong sex drive, or not be as attracted to you as you are to her.

You didn't mention how long you have been seeing this lady, but I think it's time you discussed your feelings with her again, find out exactly why your sexual relationship hasn't gone from theory to practice, and take your cue from there.

Dear Abby: I'm 37 and have been married for eight years. I love my husband, but I'm not "in love" with him. In my younger years I gave my heart to another woman.

Since then, I have masked my true feelings, but I can't do it anymore. I'm still in love with "Loretta," and I want to be with her. But now I have many responsibilities — husband, kids, etc.

I have told my husband about my feelings, but he seems to think this is something I'll get over. I was 17 when Loretta and I started our relationship. We still love each other very much. I don't want to hurt him, so what do I do? — Following My Heart In Alabama

Dear Following: What you do is tell your husband that you thought you might be able to get over your love for Loretta, but that you haven't. Do not expect him to take the news lightly because he has good reason to be upset. But he needs to know that none of this is his fault.

If he has trouble accepting and understanding this, suggest he contact the Straight Spouse Network (straightspouse.org) for the support it offers to the heterosexual partners of LGBT individuals.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 17, 1916

J.O. Travelstead, dairyman at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, believes he has an invention that when brought into use will safeguard ships against attacks from torpedoes or from damage from icebergs. The device is now being patented and it has been submitted in a tentative way to the navy department. As described by Mr. Travelstead, the anti-submarine equipment consists of a network of chains. The work entirely surrounds the vessel and the net is so arranged that when a ship is not in a danger zone the net may be folded up again the ship. It is operated by motor power. The guard net will extend out from a ship for distance of 25 to 30 feet. The inventor claims that had the Titanic been fitted with his device it would have suffered no harm from the collision with the iceberg.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 17, 1966

It's too bad Mrs. John L. Perry of Riverside doesn't have any granddaughters. They'd find a little girl's paradise in the front bedroom of the Perry home. This room is filled with

dolls. They sit on the bed, and they lie with eyes closed in their own carriages. All of them are brand new. And each doll has its own handmade wardrobe. Mrs. Perry suffers from asthma and doesn't sleep much at all. She started making doll clothes at the suggestion of a friend a few years ago. Her work was so good, the friend, more or less as a joke, sent in coupons to a cereal company for a doll, and had it sent to Mrs. Perry. This was the first doll the seamstress had received since she was a little girl.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 17, 1991

A torrential hail storm that rumbled through Milton-Freewater last week will likely result in the loss of millions of dollars in income from the area's apple crop. Growers and industry officials have started the process of evaluating the damage on a narrow strip of orchards that were in the direct path of storm clouds. Hail is blamed for damaging nearly 100 percent of some orchards and possibly as much as one third of the valley's total crop. The damage was the worst for orchards between Winesap Road and the old Walla Walla Highway.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 230th day of 2016. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany.

On this date: In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding.

In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily during World War II was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared their independence from the Netherlands.

The George Orwell novel "Animal Farm," an allegorical satire of Soviet Communism, was first published in London by Martin Secker & Warburg.

In 1962, East German border guards shot and killed 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

In 1982, the first commercially produced compact discs, a recording of ABBA's "The Visitors," were pressed at a Philips factory near Hanover, West Germany.

In 1996, the Reform Party announced Ross Perot had been selected to be its first-ever presidential nominee, opting for the third-party's founder over challenger Richard Lamm.

Today's Birthdays:

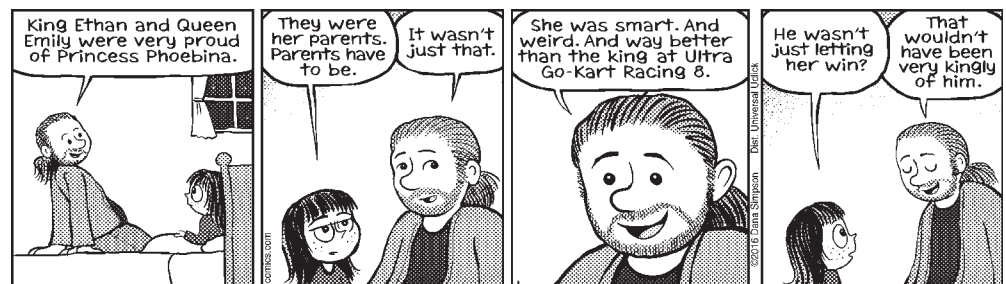
Former Chinese president Jiang Zemin is 90. Author V.S. Naipaul is 84. Former MLB All-Star Boog Powell is 75. Actor Robert DeNiro is 73. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 70. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 69. Actor/screenwriter/producer Julian Fellowes is 67. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 67. Actor Robert Joy is 65. International Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 64. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 63. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 61. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 61. Olympic gold medal figure skater Robin Cousins is 59. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 58. Author Jonathan Franzen is 57. Actor Sean Penn is 56. Jazz musician Everett Harp is 55. Rock musician Steve Gorman (The Black Crowes) is 51. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 47.

Thought for Today:

"Experience is a good school, but the fees are high." — Heinrich Heine, German poet and critic (1797-1856).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

