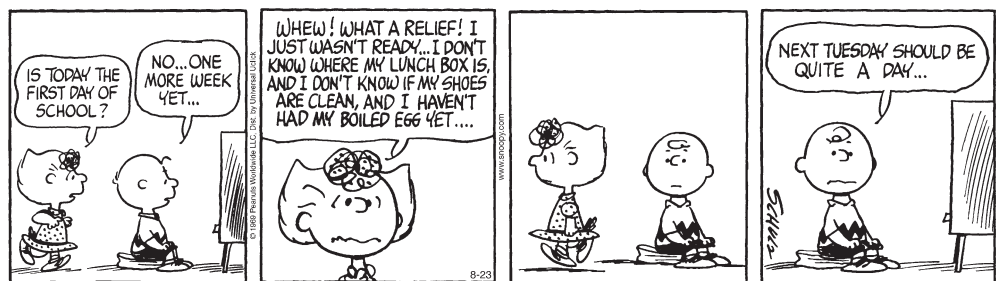


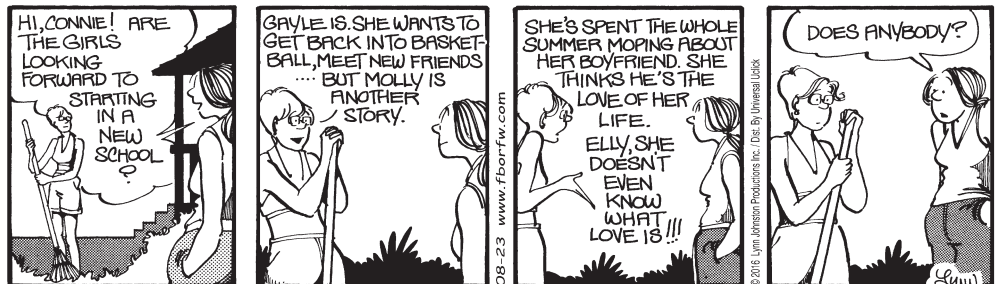
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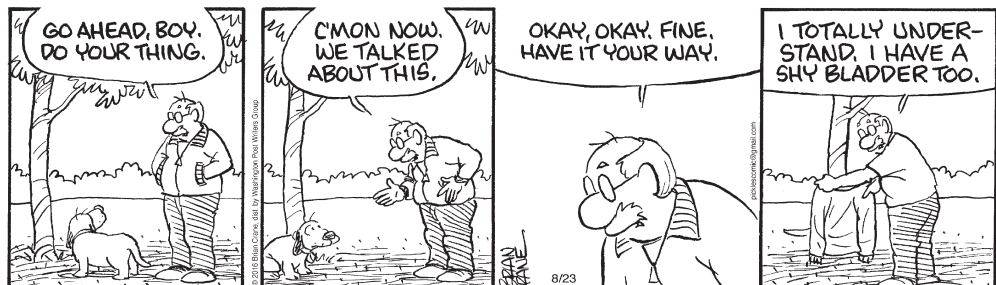
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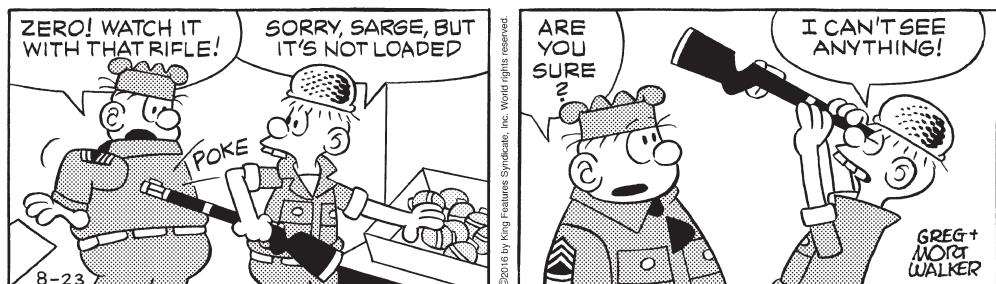
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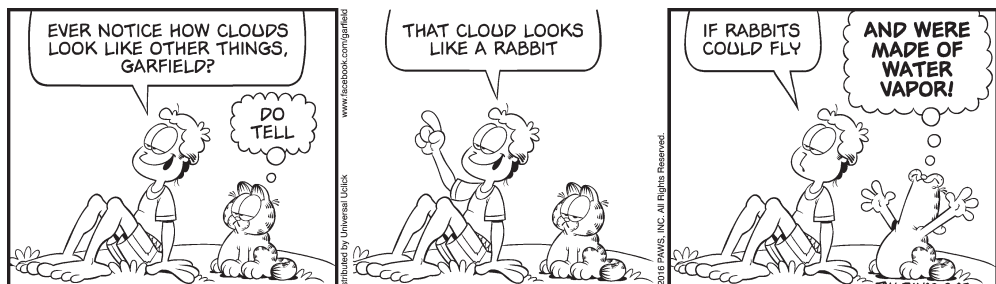
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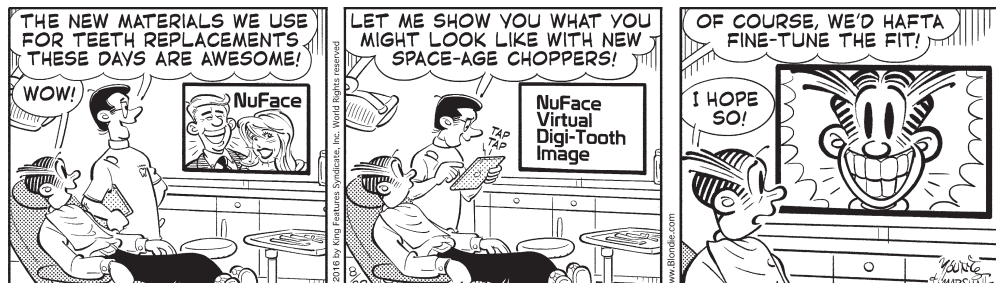
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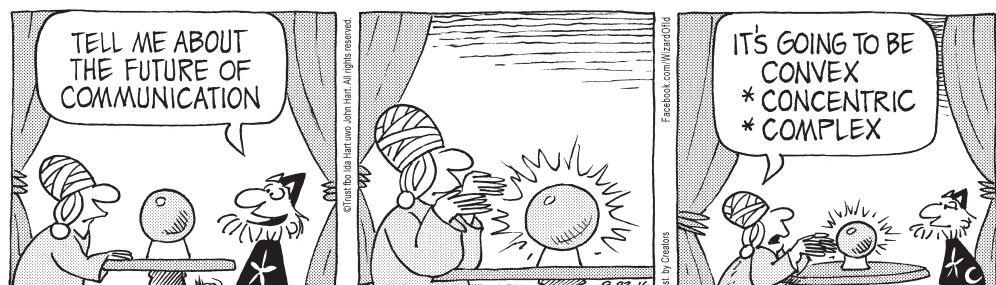
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DEAR ABBY

Worried son foresees trouble in parents' all-day drinking

Dear Abby: I have been concerned about my parents for some time now. They are elderly and live in a retirement community. They have a very nice home and don't have to worry about money.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

The problem is, they drink every day — sometimes from noon to when they go to bed. Many times, their drinking has caused arguments and police visits. When I express my concern about their drinking, they tell me to stay out of it, mind my own business, and they're retired and have earned the right to do whatever they want.

Abby, I don't mind them having cocktails every now and then, but this has gotten out of hand. I think they have become alcoholics and only bad things are coming of it. They refuse to listen to me, or anybody else, for that matter. What should I do? — **Worried William In New York**

Dear William: As people age, their bodies are sometimes less able to metabolize alcohol than they were when they were younger. When things get out of hand to the extent that the police are being called, I agree something must be done. Because there is this level of disruption going on, it follows that the neighbors in that very nice retirement community must be less than thrilled.

That your parents drink is only part of the problem. Elderly people can suffer from balance problems even when they are sober. It is common for someone who is inebriated to fall, which could cause your mom or dad to suffer serious injury.

If other family members are also worried

about your folks, an intervention might be in order. Before attempting one, attend some Al-Anon meetings so you can listen to others' similar experiences and learn how they were handled. Visit www.al-anon.alateen.org, or call 1-888-4-ALANON to find a meeting near you.

Dear Abby: I went out to dinner with a close friend last night. During the hour we were at the restaurant, she made and received no less than 11 cellphone calls. These were entire conversations, not unanswered rings or a quick, "I'm busy now. Call you later."

If there had been extenuating circumstances, maybe I wouldn't feel so offended. But the chats were with a co-worker, someone from church, her boyfriend, her daughter, etc. This friend does "live" on her phone, but this was excessive even for her.

I thought it was ridiculous, and next time I may be "too busy" to meet her for dinner. Should I say something or just avoid or limit meals with her in the future? — **Put On Hold In Texas**

Dear Put On Hold: Tell your friend that you were very hurt by her lack of consideration at dinner because you had looked forward to spending some time with her — not listening secondhand to her 11 conversations. Her behavior that night was thoughtless and rude, and she owes you an apology.

Dear Abby: Should stepchildren and their offspring be recorded in your family Bible? — **Keeper Of The Family Bible**

Dear Keeper: Yes, if they are considered members of the family.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 22-23, 1916

A movement to require all automobilist owners to provide their cars with dimmers is on foot here. It is reported an ordinance will be submitted to the council at an early date to this effect. It is said that the lights of many of the machines are so strong that an approaching automobile driver is blinded and oftentimes must pull to the side of the road. One driver a few nights ago was unable to see for several moments after meeting such a car and suffered a severe headache. Farmers report narrow escapes from serious accidents because of strong auto lights. Seattle, Walla Walla and all of the California cities have such ordinances.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 22-23, 1966

Ukiah is dry. So dry that water is being hauled from Pendleton. Umatilla County Judge D.R. (Sam) Cook said today that the possibility of fire in the small community in the Blue Mountains is probably even more serious than the water shortage. To combat the double-barreled problem, the city of Pendleton

sent two tank trucks of water — about 7,000 gallons — and an old but serviceable fire engine to Ukiah. County equipment moved the water and a county driver shepherded the pump truck over Battle Mountain to Ukiah. Judge Cook said "every shallow well in the town is dry. Ukiah is drier than a bone." Cook indicated he would take steps to see that Ukiah is protected despite an argument raised by the state watermaster over water rights.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 22-23, 1991

A lack of housing may be as much a factor as limited course offerings in restricting the record enrollment anticipated this fall at Blue Mountain Community College, administrators said Wednesday night. Student registration appointments are on a pace that easily will eclipse any enrollment in the school's 29-year existence, Pat Loughary, dean of college and student services, told the BMCC Board of Education. "The scary part of this is not just the numbers of students, but where they're going to find housing. It's extremely difficult," he said. "... If we have to limit enrollment it may be because of housing rather than classes."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 236th day of 2016. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 23, 1926, legendary silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

On this date:

In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1858, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," a play by Timothy Shay Arthur about the perils of alcohol, opened in New York.

In 1913, Copenhagen's Little Mermaid statue, inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story, was unveiled in the harbor of the Danish capital.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1927, amid protests, Italian-born anarchists

Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1944, Romanian Prime Minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies.

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president.

(However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Vera Miles is 86. Actress Barbara Eden is 85. Political satirist Mark Russell is 84. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 82. Actor Richard Sanders is 76. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 74. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 72. Pro Football Hall of Famer Rayfield Wright is 71. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 69. Singer Linda Thompson is 69. Actress Shelley Long is 67. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 67. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 67. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 55. Actor Ray Park is 42. Actor Scott Caan is 40. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 38. Retired NBA player Kobe Bryant is 38. Dance musician Sky Blu is 30. NBA player Jeremy Lin is 28.

Thought for Today: "A wise man without a book is like a workman with no tools." — Moroccan proverb.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

