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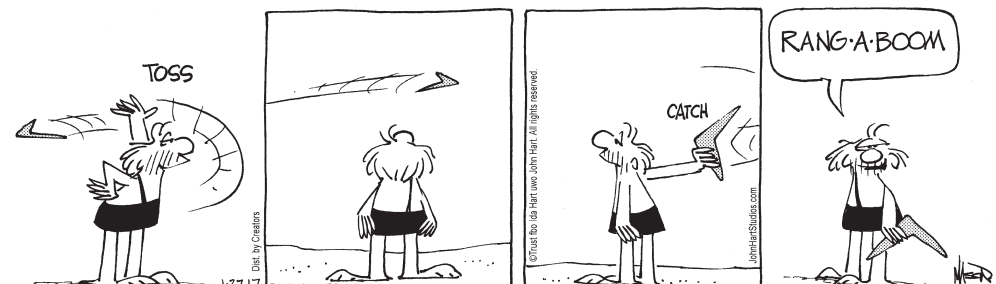
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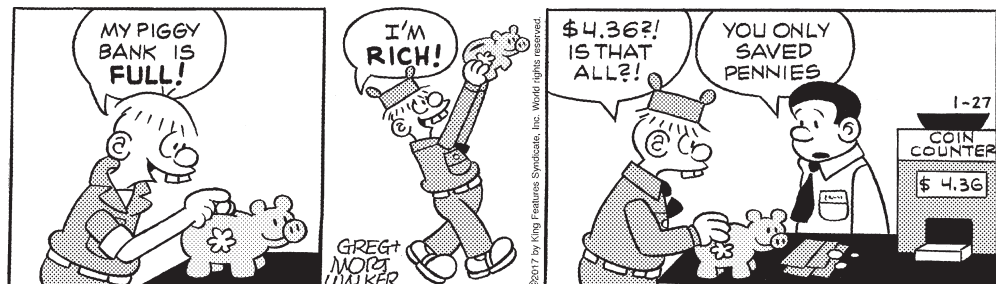
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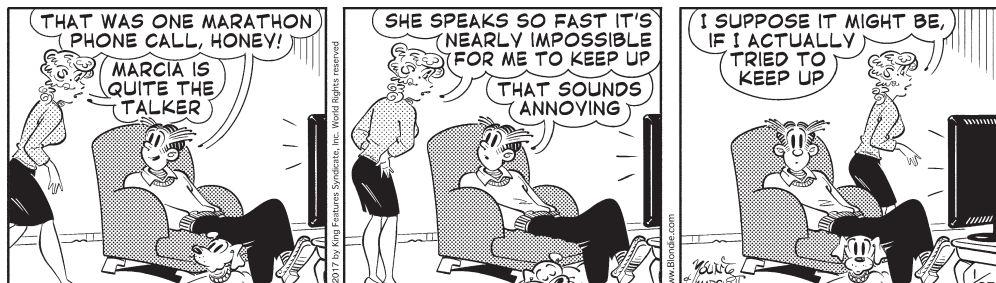
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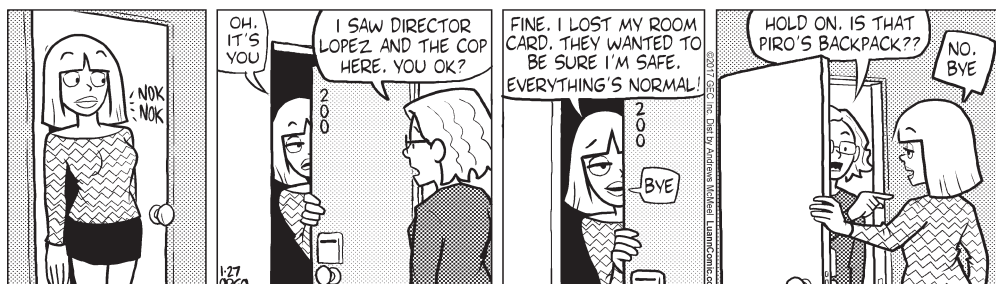
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DEAR ABBY

Stranger's boyfriend looks a lot like friend's husband

Dear Abby: I work in customer service and was helping a guest. During my eight- to 10-minute chat with her, she showed me her phone. The wallpaper on her phone was a picture of the guest and her boyfriend in Times Square. Without mentioning it to the guest, I recognized her boyfriend as the husband of a friend of mine I'll call Julie.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

beyond being overprotective. What do you think? — Feeling Conflicted

Dear Feeling Conflicted: I agree with you. What your mother is proposing is the definition of helicopter parenting. If your boyfriend were to find out, it would be the end of your romance. Perhaps you should ask your mother how she would feel if your fiancé's family hired a detective to shake your family tree. I'll bet she wouldn't like it one bit.

Julie and her husband have two young children. Part of me wants to confront him, but part of me says this would destroy a family. I have resolved to remain quiet unless I hear of marital difficulties, but would that be a disservice to my friend and her children? I feel like I'm carrying a grenade that may devastate many innocents. — Wants To Confront Him

Dear Wants To Confront: Unless you are 100 percent certain that the man you saw on the phone was who you think he was, and not someone with a strong resemblance to Julie's husband, do NOT involve yourself.

Dear Abby: My mom told me that when I get engaged, she is going to hire a PI to investigate my fiancé! I know that parents can be concerned, but this seems to me like total paranoia.

She told me a story she saw in the news about a seemingly normal man who ended up killing people to steal their money to pay for his wedding. That's scary, but I don't think it warrants hiring a PI to follow my future fiancé around. I think my mom is going

how other wives would handle this. I have a "friend" who constantly calls my husband her "boyfriend." She's married, and I'm sure this irks her spouse too. Every time they come over, she has to give my husband a really big hug (she has a large chest).

I feel what she's doing is inappropriate and want to know what you recommend to put a stop to this. It has reached the point I wish they would quit coming here. My husband and I are both polite people, but I would like for this to cease. — Polite Pat In The South

Dear Polite Pat: I'm a wife and here's how I'd handle it. I would have your husband tell your friend privately that her effusiveness is embarrassing and to please stop doing it. If he doesn't feel comfortable doing this, talk to the woman yourself and tell her that when she calls your husband her boyfriend, it offends you, and that HER husband should be her boyfriend.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 27, 1917

A national farm loan association was organized by the farmers of the east end of the county yesterday morning and the organization had no more than been perfected than more than \$50,000 in loans were applied for, according to a letter from Attorney G.H. Bishop who assisted in the organization work. The organization has decided to do business under the name and style of "The Freewater National Farm Loan Association." It proposes to do business in a territory co-extensive with Umatilla county.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 27, 1967

The next time you feel bored get Emery Tresham to take you over some of the route he flies with biologist John Ely in making herd composition counts on elk in this part of the Blue Mountains. It's invigorating to swoop over the snowy ridges low enough to see the startled look on a sleepy cow elk's face. Your blood will flow a little faster, too.

when you see a herd of anywhere from 50 to 200 elk bounding through the snow, heading for the bottom of a canyon and thick timber. Ely and Tresham make the flights early in the morning when elk are feeding.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 27, 1992

Plans to construct an overnight campsite on the shores of the lake behind Willow Creek Dam near Heppner are still "on track," said park district chairman Kenneth Turner, even though the project now has a \$1 million price tag. Turner and Raul Davila of Vancouver, Wash., consultant to the Willow Creek Park District, presented an update on the project at a recent Heppner Chamber luncheon. "The project now seems to have taken a life of its own," Turner said. Although the board had hoped to start construction on the overnight campsite in 1991, after the U.S. Corps of Engineers agreed in late 1990 to fund half of the project, it took a lot longer than expected for the paperwork and necessary studies to be completed, he said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 27th day of 2017. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft. More than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the deploying of nuclear weapons in outer space.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1913, the musical play "The Isle O' Dreams," featuring the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" by Ernest R. Ball, Chauncey Olcott and George Graff Jr., opened in New York.

In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977, the Vatican issued a declaration reaffirming the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

In 1998, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, on NBC's "Today" show, charged the sexual misconduct allegations against her husband, President Bill Clinton, were the work of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

In 2001, 10 people were killed when a plane bringing people home from Oklahoma State University's basketball game against Colorado crashed in a field outside Denver.

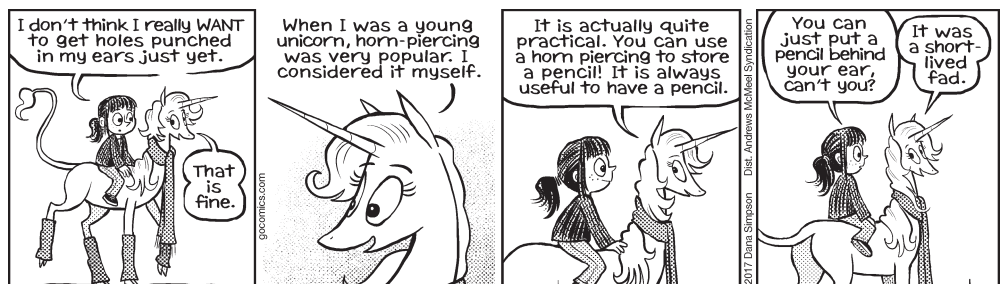
Today's Birthdays:

Actor James Cromwell is 77. Actor John Witherspoon is 75. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 71. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 69. Political commentator Ed Schultz is 63. Chief U.S. Justice John Roberts is 62. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 62. Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 60. Actress Susanna Thompson is 59. Political and sports commentator Keith Olbermann is 58. Rock singer Margo Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 56. Actress Bridget Fonda is 53. Actor Alan Cumming is 52. Rapper Tricky is 49. Actor Josh Randall is 45. Country singer Kevin Denney is 41. Actress Rosamund Pike (Film: "Gone Girl") is 38.

Thought for Today: "If we die, we want people to accept it... We are in a risky business and we hope that if anything happens to us, it will not delay the program. The conquest of space is worth the risk of life." — Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom (1926-1967).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

