

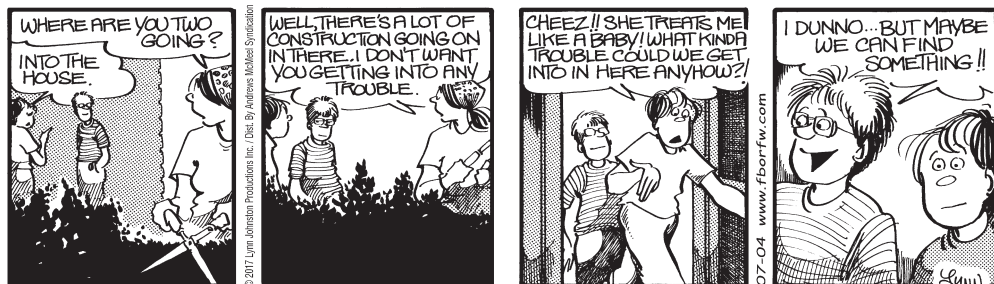
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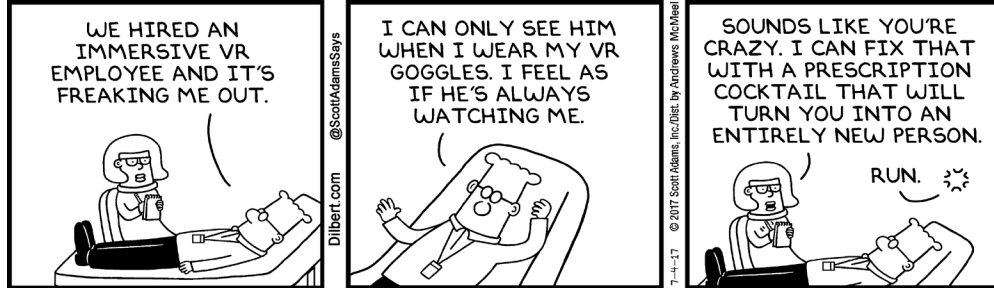
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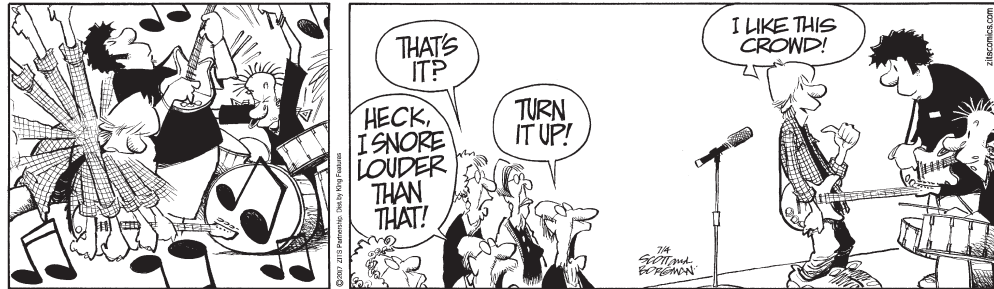
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DEAR ABBY

Family cycle of abuse is legacy of sexual predator



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

**Dear Abby:** I recently moved to Texas and met my teenage niece for the first time. After I got there I learned she had been molested by her mother's father at the age of 3. He had also molested her mother when she was a child. "Grandpa" is currently serving a life sentence in prison.

Abby, my niece has some issues. Her parents caught her sexting twice that I know of and took her phone away for a period of time. She was also accused of touching her 8-year-old niece and was ordered to knock it off.

She told me she showers with her mother and asked to shower with me. When I refused, she became abusive. When I tried to tell my brother she needs professional help, he told me to mind my own business.

If I report this, I risk never seeing anyone in my family again, but I love my niece and I'm afraid for her. Her mother has already limited my contact with her, and I'm afraid Mom needs help as much as my niece. Please help. None of this makes sense to me. Why won't they get her help? — **Desperately Needs Help**

**Dear Desperately:** They won't get help because it appears that in their lives inappropriate sexual behavior may have become an ingrained family affair. You are right that the mother needs as much help as your niece, and your brother should not be covering for his wife. You should report what's going on to child protective services. While you probably won't be thanked for it, you may be able to interrupt the cycle of incest and molestation.

**Dear Abby:** I have a great-paying job telecommuting. I know the idea of sitting around in pajamas all day seems wonderful, but I'm going stir crazy.

I live in a very small town with no fancy co-share offices or trendy coffee shops. There's one fast-food place that allows 20 minutes of internet use, but that's about it. How can I stay productive and motivated and not feel so much like a hermit crab? By Friday, I don't want to be at home anymore. — **Going Crazy At Home**

**Dear Going Crazy:** If there is another telecommuter in your town, perhaps you could compare notes with him or her. If your problem is getting an internet connection or finding Wi-Fi, consider using the public library as an additional site from which to work. That way, you wouldn't be trapped in your home feeling so isolated. If there isn't one in your community, ask your boss if you can change your schedule occasionally. This might allow you to take breaks and do something like take a powerwalk, which would put you in contact with other human beings.

For most people, work involves more than labor — there is also a social component involved. If that kind of stimulation/interaction is what you're craving, you may have to change jobs.

**Dear Readers:** Have a very happy, healthy and safe Fourth of July, everyone! — **Love, Abby**

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 3-4, 1917

With one fistic punch, Dr. I.U. Temple frustrated the plans, burglarious or otherwise, of Art Hicks, former bartender, who entered the Temple home on West Court street at an early hour this morning. When mere words would not avail to get rid of the intruder, the doctor turned pugilist and landed one blow that laid open Hicks' face and put him in a state of helplessness.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 3-4, 1967

The doors were opened to the public Saturday by a new Umatilla industry that has prospect of developing into a major agricultural operation in Umatilla County. The Spada Distributing Co. held open house at its new \$160,000 fresh-packing plant that is designed to handle large-scale potato production in the

area. Potato production on tracts of several hundred acres is new in the local area, and an official of Spada said Saturday that the cash outlay of the plant, growing this year's crop in the area, the investment and harvesting the spuds represents \$1 million invested in the area this year.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 3-4, 1992

Plans for \$8 million in improvements are underway for the Court Avenue viaduct, which could be replaced by a shorter, but wider, three-lane bridge. To accommodate the structure, preliminary designs call for the removal of eight houses, the addition of a traffic signal at the viaduct's west end, the creation of new through streets and the closure of others. Although it's only the beginning design stage, transportation officials and project consultants have already met with local residents to discuss the possible changes.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 185th day of 2017. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

**On July 4, 1776,** the Declaration of Independence was adopted by delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

**On this date:** In 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, New York.

In 1817, ground was broken for the Erie Canal in Rome, New York. The middle section of the waterway took three years to complete; the entire canal was finished in 1825.

In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

In 1831, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, died in New York City at age 73.

In 1872, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, was born in Plymouth, Vermont.

In 1917, during a ceremony in Paris honoring the

French hero of the American Revolution, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles E. Stanton, an aide to Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, declared: "Lafayette, we are here!"

In 1939, Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees delivered his famous farewell speech in which he called himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

In 1942, Irving Berlin's musical revue "This Is the Army" opened at the Broadway Theater in New York.

In 1947, the small central California town of Hollister was overrun by thousands of motorcycling enthusiasts, dozens of whom ended up being arrested, most for drunkenness, in what came to be called the "Hollister Riot."

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into effect the following year.

In 1987, Klaus Barbie, the former Gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of Lyon," was convicted by a French court of crimes against humanity and sentenced to life in prison (he died in Sept. 1991).

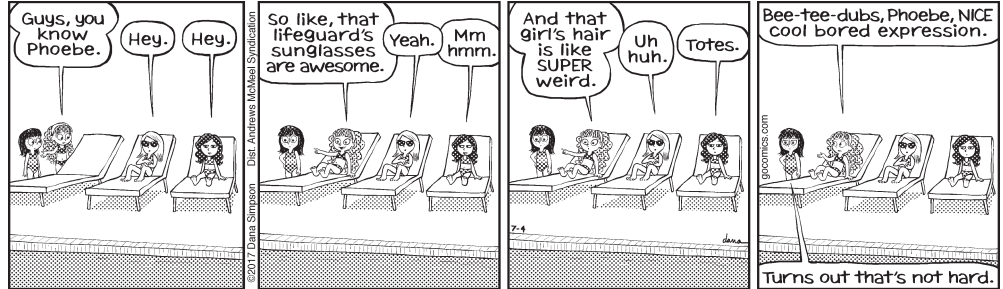
Today's Birthdays:

Actress Eva Marie Saint is 93. Actress Gina Lollobrigida is 90. Playwright Neil Simon is 90. Country singer Ray Pillow is 80. Singer Bill Withers is 79. Actor Ed Bernard is 78. Actress Karolyn Grimes is 77. Rhythm and blues singer Annette Beard (Martha and the Vandellas) is 74. Broadcast journalist Geraldo Rivera is 74. Vietnam War veteran and peace activist Ron Kovic is 71. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ralph Johnson (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 66. Rock musician Domingo Ortiz (Widespread Panic) is 65. Singer John Waite is 62. Rock musician Kirk Pengilly (INXS) is 59. Country musician Teddy Carr is 57. Rock DJ Zonka is 55. International Tennis Hall of Famer Pam Shriver is 55. Rock musician Matt Malley is 54. Actor-playwright-screenwriter Tracy Letts is 52. Malia Obama is 19.

**Thought for Today:** "If the American Revolution had produced nothing but the Declaration of Independence, it would have been worthwhile." — Samuel Eliot Morison, American historian (1887-1976).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

