

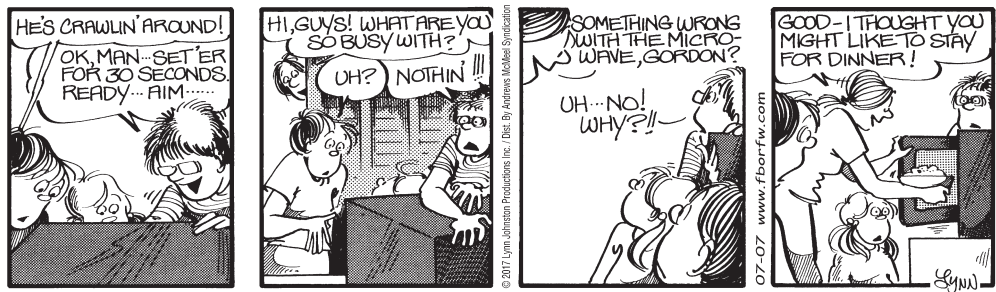
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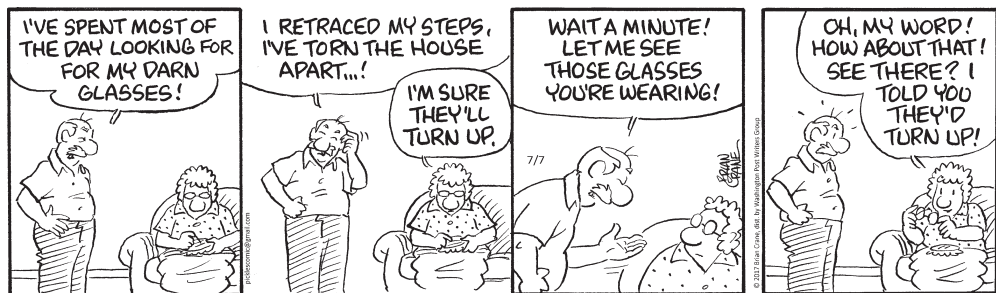
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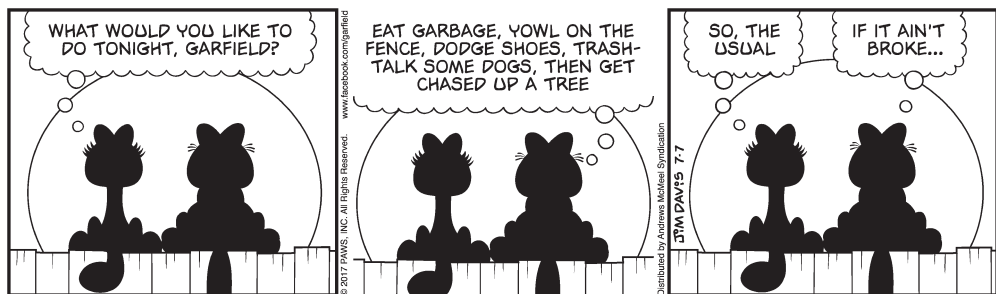
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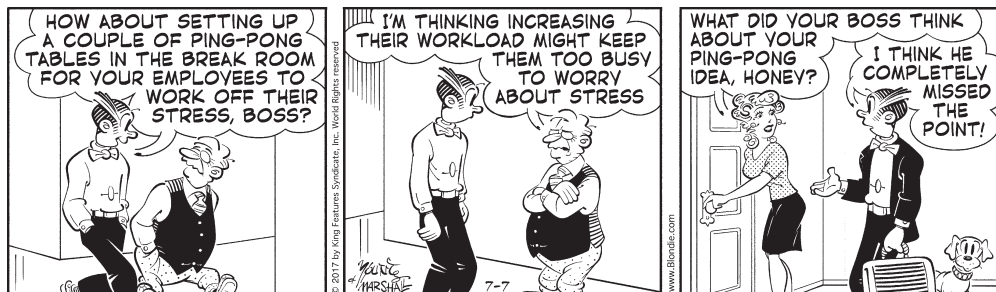
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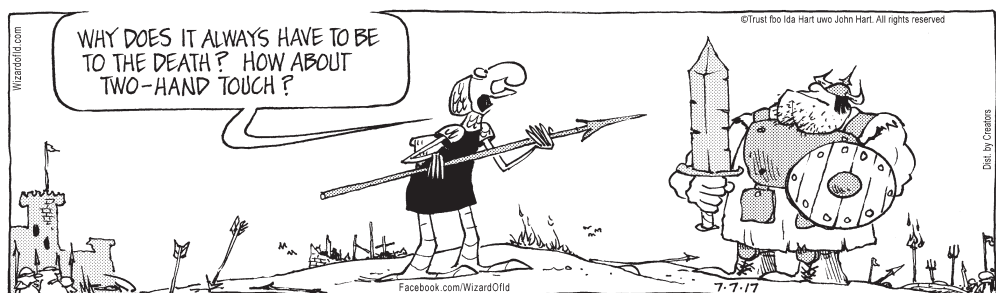
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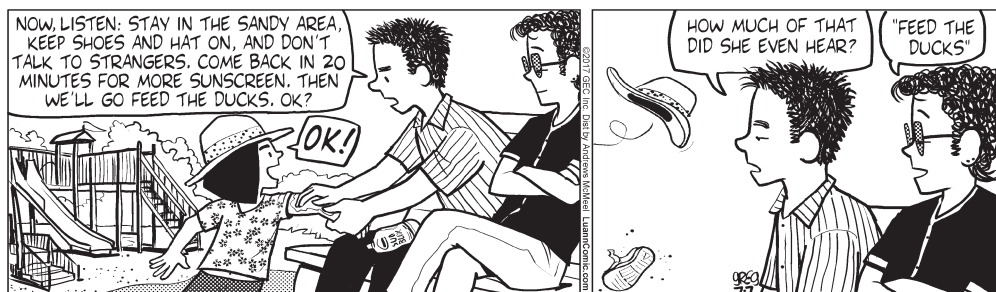
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LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Bluesman's wife feels no love after festival incident



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband, "Ray," and I have been together for 10 years and, like most couples, we have had our ups and downs. Ray is a professional musician, so a lot of my time is spent supporting this, either by promoting his endeavors or accepting the fact that I will always come second to his first love — the blues.

what to think or what to do. Any advice you could give me would be greatly appreciated. — **Face In The Crowd**

Dear Face: You are neither alone nor unloved, and I seriously doubt your husband's response to your hypothetical question was an indication that he doesn't love you. It's possible that he was afraid he would not be able to adequately protect you, and that Security could deal with the three men more effectively than he could. Bear in mind that if the real thing were to happen, he might react very differently.

A couple of gigs ago, Ray played at an outdoor festival. So there I sat, in the rain, in the dark, watching the show. Three men approached where I was sitting and stood in a circle around me watching the show. Attendance was sparse due to the weather, so it seemed strange they stood so close to me. It made me uneasy, but I have been in similar situations since being with Ray, so I didn't think much about it.

Because you are fearful, plan ahead. Carry pepper spray when you attend his performances.

At home later that night, while I was unwinding and listening to Ray complain about his fingers, I mentioned the three men. He said he had witnessed it and thought it was a little odd, too. This led me to ask, hypothetically, what he would do if he were on stage and I was being attacked in front of him. He said he would put his guitar in its stand, go to the microphone and ask for assistance for me. He wouldn't throw the guitar down and rush to my aid!

Dear Abby: My daughter graduated more than two years ago. I offered to help her with her thank-you notes, but I dropped the ball and never got them completed and sent out. I feel terrible and guilty.

Would it be wrong to send out letters to everyone and explain what happened? Or how else can I resolve this mess and put my conscience to rest? — **Proud Mama In Ohio**

Dear Proud Mama: The task of writing thank-you letters was your daughter's responsibility from the start. She should send them out right away, with her apologies. Better late than never.

I couldn't believe his response. I feel completely alone and unloved. I don't know

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 7, 1917

Night patrolman Elmer Turner is just a wee bit peeved today and he has good reason for nursing a grouch. Sometime between 12 and 1 this morning, Turner was walking his beat near the Roesch bottling works when he saw a man coming from the direction of the levee with a sack on his shoulder. Turner questioned the man and could feel some glassware within the sack, and ordered the man to accompany him to the police station. Just as he got him to the city hall corner, the man suddenly dropped the sack and "beat it." Turner tried to overtake him but the other was the flecter of foot. Then the officer drew his revolver and fired a couple of shots. These evidently scared the man so badly that he outran the bullets. Anyway he got away. The sack was found to contain two glass gallon containers full of brown liquor.

It was hot Monday on Butter Creek, says rancher Mike Kilkenny. In the afternoon Kilkenny held a thermometer in the palm of his hand, shaded from the sun, while he was in the alfalfa field. The mercury soared up to a sizzling 123 degrees.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 7, 1992

The Weston-McEwen High School Band and Pipes and Drums returned from the National Independence Day Parade with the Salute to Liberty Award. Director Steve Pyle led the group to Washington, D.C., where 76 local musicians marched down Constitution Avenue on Saturday. Nearly 500,000 people watched Saturday's parade. At Arlington National Cemetery, fellow travelers asked Pyle to play "Amazing Grace" in the marble amphitheater. The bagpipe tune was dedicated to Jake Bebb, a band member who died last summer in a grain elevator accident. Max Bebb carried his brother's trumpet in the parade.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 7, 1967

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 188th day of 2017. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C. for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the federal government.

On this date: **In 1846**, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1919, the first Transcontinental Motor Convoy, in which a U.S. Army convoy of motorized vehicles crossed the United States, departed Washington, D.C. (The trip ended in San Francisco on Sept. 6, 1919.)

In 1937, the Second Sino-Japanese War erupted into full-scale conflict as Imperial Japanese forces attacked the Marco Polo Bridge in Beijing.

In 1946, Italian-born Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonized as the first American saint by Pope Pius XII. Jimmy Carter, 21,

married Rosalynn Smith, 18, in Plains, Georgia.

In 1948, six female U.S. Navy reservists became the first women to be sworn in to the regular Navy.

In 1954, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tennessee, station WHBQ played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right."

In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to the Official Languages Act, making French equal to English throughout the national government.

In 1976, President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. The United States Military Academy at West Point included female cadets for the first time as 119 women joined the Class of 1980.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1987, Lt. Col. Oliver North began his long-awaited public testimony at the Iran-Contra hearing, telling Congress that he had "never carried out a single act, not one," without authorization.

Today's Birthdays:

Musician-conductor Doc Severinsen is 90. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough is 84. Rock star Ringo Starr is 77. Rock musician Jim Rodford is 76. Comedian Bill Oddie is 76. Singer-musician Warren Entner (The Grass Roots) is 74. Actor Joe Spano is 71. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 70. Country singer Linda Williams is 70. Actress Shelley Duvall is 68. Actress Roz Ryan is 66. Actor Billy Campbell is 58. Actor Robert Taylor is 57. Rock musician Mark White (Spin Doctors) is 55. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 54. Actor-comedian Jim Gaffigan is 51. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ricky Kinchen (Mint Condition) is 51. Actress Amy Carlson is 49. Actress Jorja Fox is 49. Actress Cree Summer is 48. Actress Robin Weigert is 48. Actress Kirsten Vangsness is 45. Actor Troy Garity is 44. Actress Berenice Bejo is 41. Actor Hamish Linklater is 41. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 37.

Thought for Today:

"Only a mediocre person is always at his best." — *W. Somerset Maugham, English author and dramatist (1874-1965).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

