

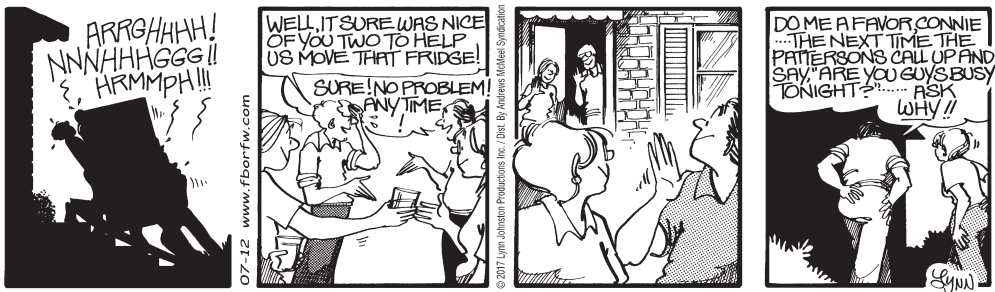
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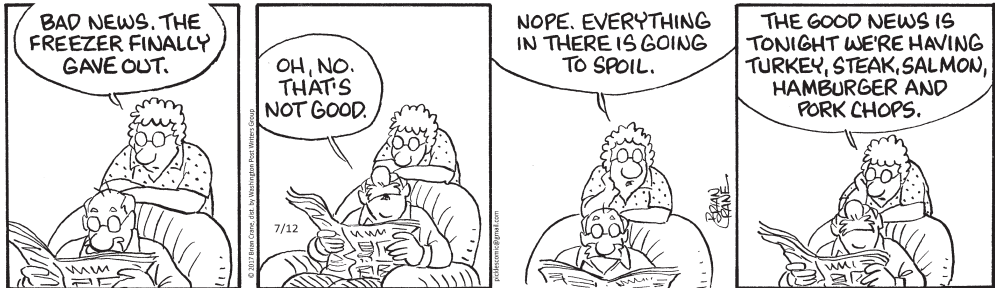
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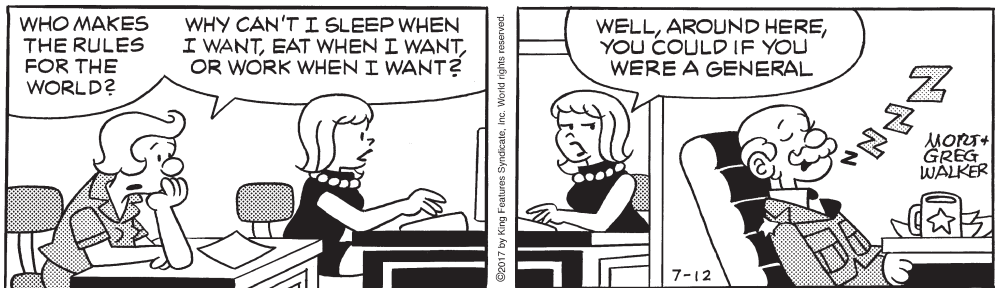
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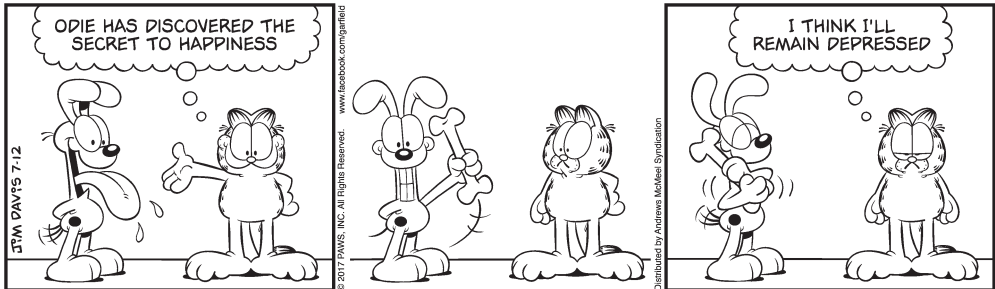
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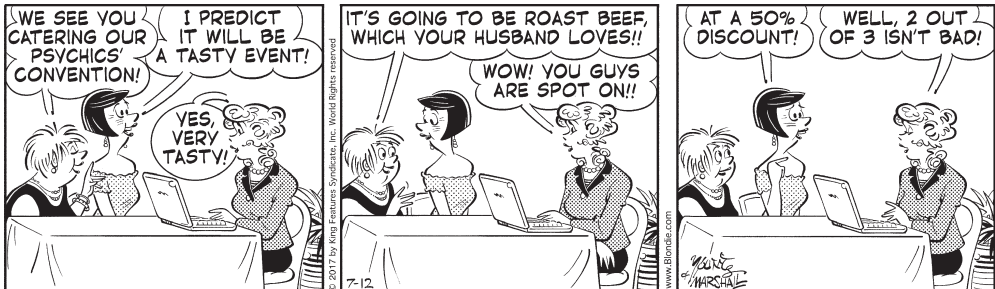
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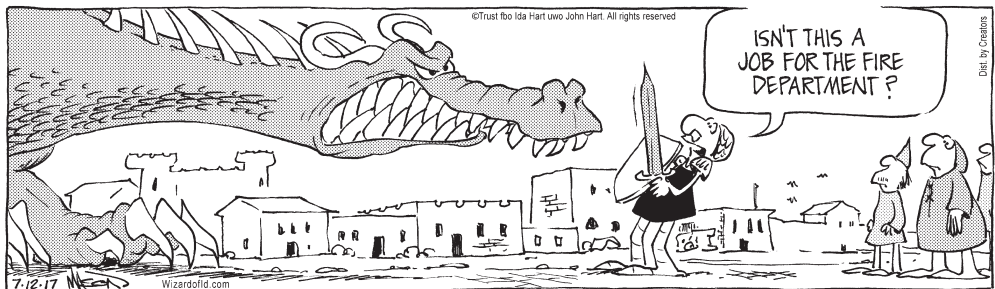
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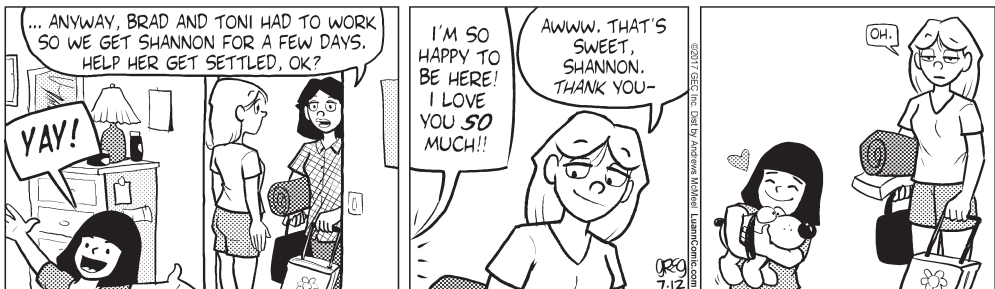
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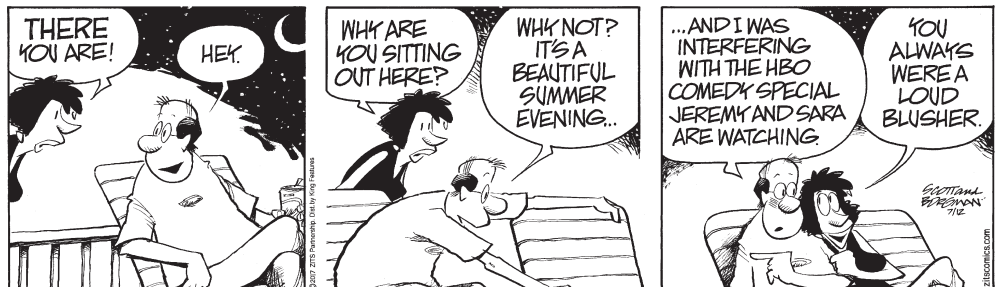
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BY GREG EVANS



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DEAR ABBY

Girls' mom needs jump start in conversation about puberty

Dear Abby: I'm a mother of three beautiful little girls. I'm nervous about having to talk with my oldest about puberty and sex. She's turning 10, and I know I need to start explaining certain things to her, but I have no idea how. My mother never sat me down and talked to me about anything, really, so my mom would not be of much help. Any advice you can offer would be greatly appreciated. — Minnesota Mom Of Three



for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Order it for yourself and review it before starting your discussions with your daughter. My Teen booklet has been distributed in doctors' offices as well as by educators and religious leaders. The more information you can provide your daughters, the better prepared those girls will be to make informed choices in the future.

Dear Mom: You can spare your daughter a frightening experience when her first period arrives if you start talking to her now, before it happens. Start the conversation by making the message positive — that she will "become a woman" soon and tell her what to expect. Show her what to do in case you are not there and what supplies she will need to take care of herself. That's step one.

Dear Abby: I've been with my girlfriend for seven years and, for the most part, our sex life is great. However, we've had disagreements when I suggested ways to spice it up.

A short time later, ask her what she knows about reproduction. Because reproduction is taught in some schools, she may surprise you by how much she already knows. If she doesn't, start talking to her about how her body works and your family values. It is important that parents also talk to their children about drugs and alcohol well before they start to experiment. My booklet "What Every Teen Should Know" covers sexuality as well as other topics, including dating, peer pressure, sexually transmitted diseases, drugs and alcohol. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order

I proposed costume/role play where she would dress up as an elf or other fantasy genre character. She hates the idea (and elves) and suggested lingerie (which I have bought for her in the past, but gets worn once or twice before being thrown away). I don't think my suggestion is outrageous compared to some of the letters I've seen in your column over the years. Am I wrong for thinking she's being closed-minded? — Cosplay Curious In Calgary

Dear "Cos": It strikes me that your girlfriend may be more clothes-minded than closed-minded. It's a fact of life that some people are more sexually adventurous than others. Because she finds the idea of dressing as an elf unappealing, choose another fantasy figure you can agree upon.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 12, 1917

Hereafter the city council will have to pay for the water which is used to flush the sewers at the rate of 1 1-2 cents a thousand gallons. A communication to this effect was submitted to the council last evening by Water Supt. F.B. Hayes who was acting at the direction of the water commission. The charge is not being made as a matter of revenue, according to Chairman J.T. Brown of the commission, but as a matter of regulating the use of the water and preventing waste. Mayor Best and some of the council members seemed just a bit "peevish" at the action of the commission and murmured threatening protests. It was decided to confer with the commission upon the matter.

alarming rate the past three days. Volunteers and fire fighting crews from Pendleton Grain Growers in Milton-Freewater and Pendleton fought four fires Monday and one Saturday that consumed between 700 and 800 acres of wheat and grass land. It is estimated the loss represents about \$50,000. Most of the growers, however, insure their wheat against fire damage.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 12, 1992

In an effort to promote aviation, and to have a good time along the way, more than 40 classic and antique aircraft have been hopping around the state this week. The group stopped in Pendleton Friday morning, giving pilots a chance to tour downtown and interested Pendletonians the opportunity to look over the planes. "The thing about aviation is it's fun for everybody, even the guy on the ground," Dick Ridgeway of Alaska said. "And it's fun to share it."

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 12, 1967

Fire, the scourge of the wheat grower, has been popping up around the county at an

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 193rd day of 2017. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1967, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

On this date: In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1817, author, poet and naturalist Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Massachusetts.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1917, artist Andrew Wyeth was born in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

In 1948, the Democratic National Convention, which nominated President Harry S. Truman for a second term of

office, opened in Philadelphia.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running-mate.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton, visiting Germany, went to the eastern sector of Berlin, the first U.S. president to do so since Harry Truman.

In 2001, Abner Louima, the Haitian immigrant tortured in a New York City police station, agreed to an \$8.7 million settlement with the city and its police union.

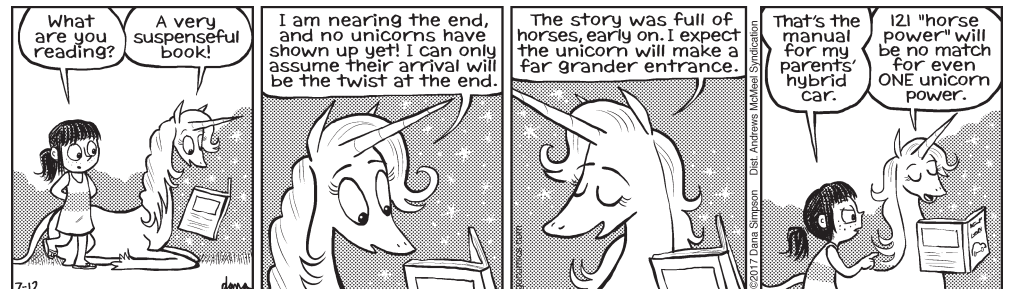
Today's Birthdays:

Movie director Monte Hellman is 88. Actor-comedian Bill Cosby is 80. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 74. Actress Denise Nicholas is 73. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 72. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 69. Actor Jay Thomas is 69. Singer Walter Egan is 69. Writer-producer Brian Grazer is 66. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 66. Country singer Julie Miller is 61. Gospel singer Sandi Patty is 61. Actress Mel Harris is 61. Actor Buddy Foster is 61. Rock guitarist Dan Murphy (Soul Asylum) is 55. Actress Judi Evans is 53. Rock singer Robin Wilson (Gin Blossoms) is 52. Actress Natalie Desselle Reid is 50. Actress Lisa Nicole Carson is 48. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 46. Country singer Shannon Lawson is 44. Rapper Magoo is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tracie Spencer is 41. Actor Topher Grace is 39. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 39. Country singer-musician Kimberly Perry (The Band Perry) is 34. Nobel Peace laureate Malala Yousafzai is 20.

Thought for Today: "There is no remedy for love but to love more." — Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

