

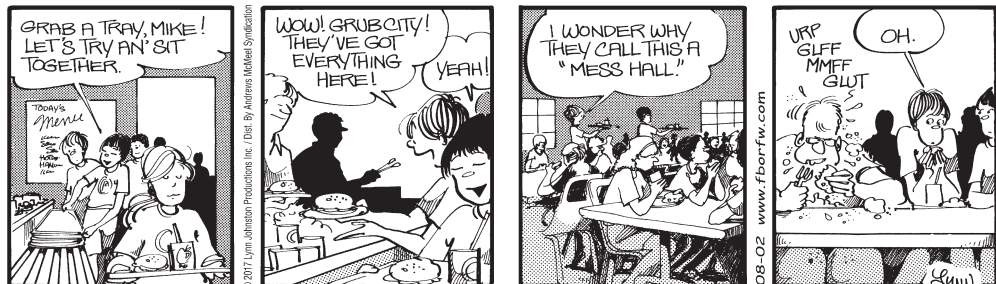
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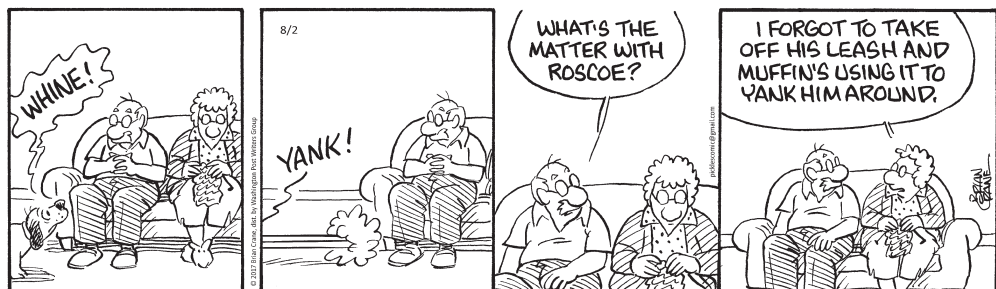
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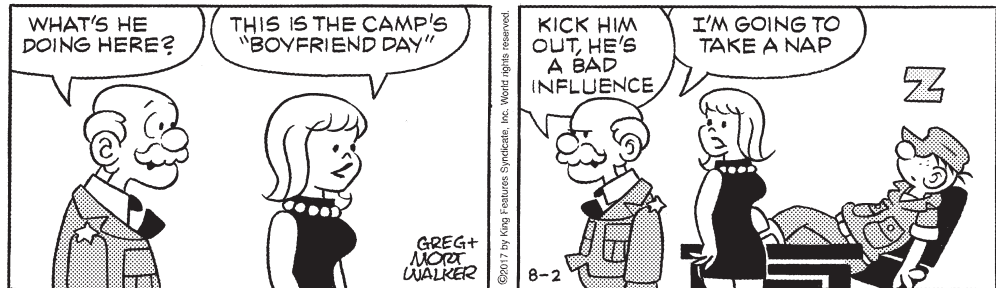
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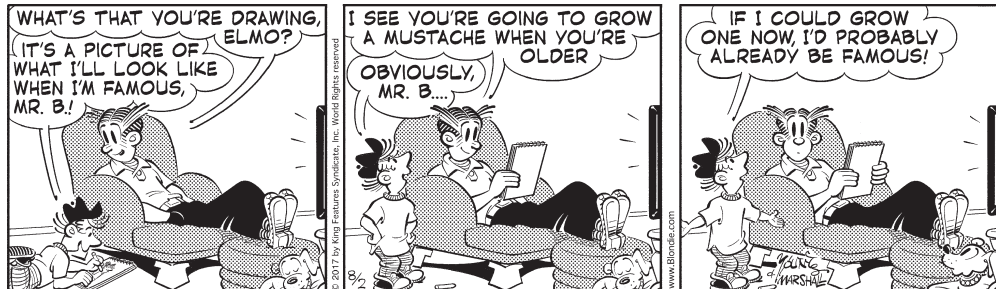
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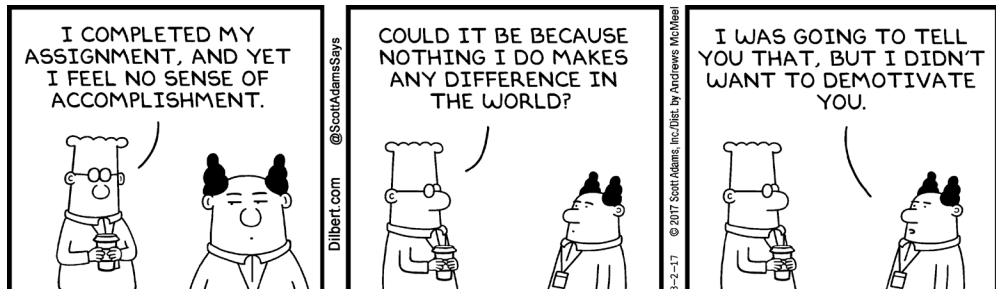
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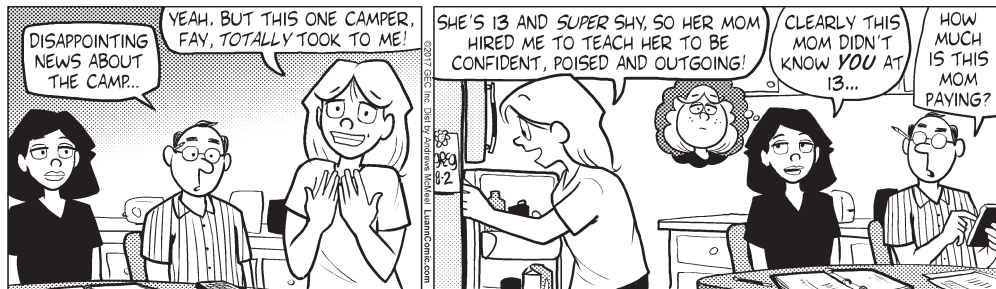
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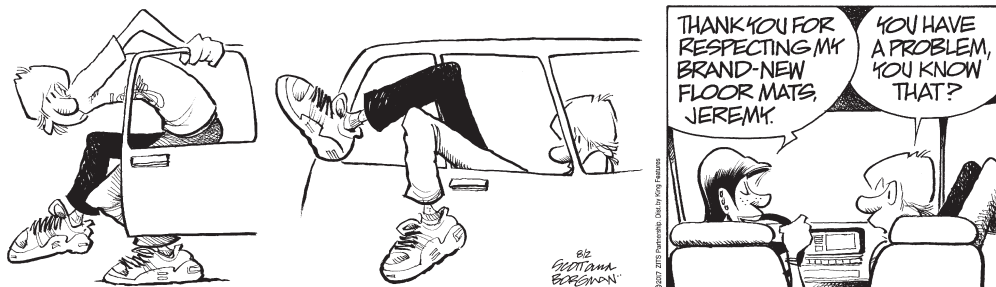
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DEAR ABBY

Wife decries kissing cousin's return to family gatherings

Dear Abby: When my husband and I were dating, he told me that he'd had a consensual sexual relationship with his cousin, "Irma." He said they were in their early 20s and very immature. They parted ways because they both knew it was wrong, and Irma moved to another state. He told me so one day I wouldn't be blindsided should we ever be married.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

fine, except for one problem. He never washes his hands after going to the bathroom. To make matters worse, he does most of the cooking, and he often goes right from the bathroom straight into the kitchen.

I know that if I comment on his lack of hygiene, he will get angry and defensive. How do I get him to be sanitary at his age? — Hungry No More

Well, we got married, and this cousin has kept her distance until recently. Irma has now started to attend their family events. We live too far away to go, but I dread the day when we do and she's there. Should I act like I don't know what went on before I was in the picture? Nobody in his family knows this ever happened between them.

I have told my husband it makes me very uncomfortable and that it almost seems she attends hoping to run into him. Why else would she? I would be very ashamed of having done this and would continue to keep my distance.

My husband says I have nothing to worry about because Irma means nothing to him. What do I do if I run into this woman at one of these family gatherings? — Not Happy In The USA

Dear Hungry No More: I don't blame you for having lost your appetite. After reading your letter, mine is gone, too.

You say your father lives with you and not the reverse. In your home, you get to make the rules. If this makes your father "defensive and angry," so be it.

There's a reason employees of restaurants are required to wash their hands after using the bathroom. It's to prevent the spread of disease. It may mean watching your father like a hawk, but you will have to enforce this. And if at all possible, do the cooking yourself.

Dear Abby: I like this girl "Jayne" who I work with that I wouldn't mind dating. Problem is, her mother also works there and has sent out signals that she "likes" me, too. So how do I get Jayne without breaking her mother's heart or creating waves at work for me? — Trouble In Albany, N.Y.

Dear Trouble: Workplace romances are strongly discouraged because if they end — and most do — it could be a recipe for disaster. Your situation sounds like DOUBLE-trouble. If I were you, I'd find a job where there is less electricity in the air.

Dear Not Happy: I know it may be uncomfortable, but when your paths finally cross, be polite. You don't have to do anything but exchange the basic social amenities, and spend your time socializing with the other relatives.

Dear Abby: I'm a middle-aged, single woman. My 76-year-old father lives with me. We get along well and the arrangement works

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 2, 1917

Art "Skipper" Hicks seems to have a penchant for picking trouble with the wrong man. On the morning of July 3 he entered the home of Dr. I.U. Temple while drunk and was vanquished by the physician in a fistic combat. With that charge still hanging over him last night he and Ed Herrin attacked Roy McAfee, guard at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital. McAfee bested them in the encounter and delivered both to the police. Each paid a \$25 fine this morning in police court.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 2, 1967

Maj. Gen. Patrick F. Cassidy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cassidy of Pilot Rock, received the Luxembourg Military Medal for his work with the Luxembourg Army. Maj. Gen.

Cassidy, commanding general of the 8th Infantry Division in Germany, is the sixth foreign recipient of Luxembourg's highest military decoration.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 2, 1992

The Hanford Fire Department's mobile training vehicle arrived Wednesday in Pendleton to give firefighters from city, tribal and volunteer departments hands-on experience in dealing with an emergency. The traveling semi-trailer has been making the rounds in Eastern Oregon for the past week. The facility includes movable panels that can be placed in seemingly unlimited positions to create mazes, tunnels, confined spaces, dead ends, climbing obstructions and stairs. Firefighters were besieged by heat, actual fire and simulated radio traffic to make the situation as realistic as possible.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 214th day of 2017. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 2, 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

On this date: In 216 B.C., during the Second Punic War, Carthaginian forces led by Hannibal defeated the Roman army in the Battle of Cannae.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1892, movie producer Jack L. Warner was born in London, Ontario, Canada.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge issued a written statement to reporters: "I do not choose to run for President in nineteen twenty-eight."

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging

creation of an atomic weapons research program. President Roosevelt signed the Hatch Act, which prohibited civil service employees from taking an active part in political campaigns.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed in the middle of the night by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. Two crew members were killed.

In 1967, the crime drama "In the Heat of the Night," starring Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger, premiered in New York.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Nehemiah Persoff is 98. Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 95. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 80. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 74. Actor Max Wright is 74. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 72. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 67. Actor Butch Patrick (TV: "The Munsters") is 64. Rock music producer/drummer Butch Vig (Garbage) is 62. Singer Mojo Nixon is 60. Actress Victoria Jackson is 58. Actress Apollonia is 58. Actress Cynthia Stevenson is 55. Actress Mary-Louise Parker is 53. Rock musician John Stanier is 49. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 47. Actress Jacinda Barrett is 45. Actor Sam Worthington is 41. Figure skater Michael Weiss is 41. Actor Edward Furlong is 40. Rock musician Devon Glenn is 37. TV meteorologist Dylan Dreyer (TV: "Today") is 36. Singer Charli XCX is 25. Actress Hallie Eisenberg is 25.

Thought for Today:

"The trouble with this country is that there are too many people going about saying, 'The trouble with this country is...'" — Sinclair Lewis, American author (1885-1951).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

