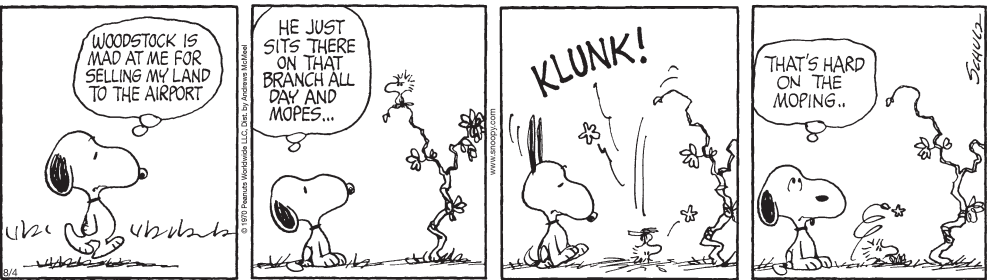


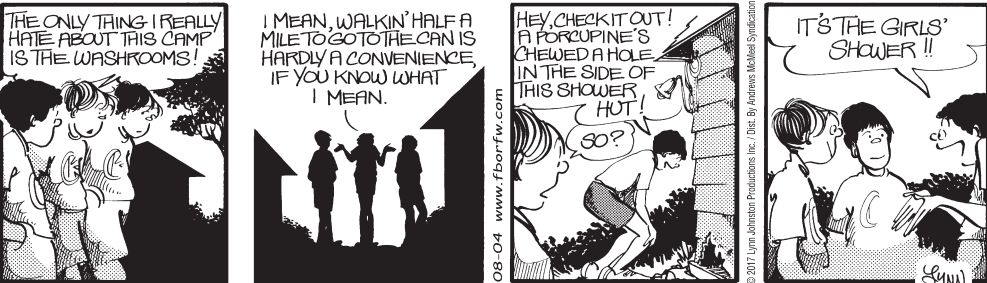
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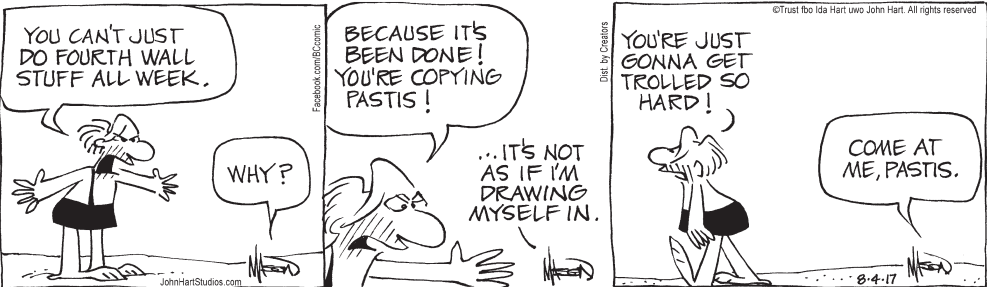
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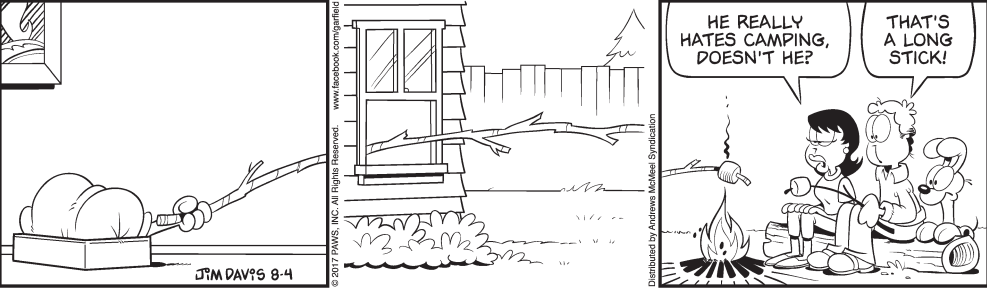
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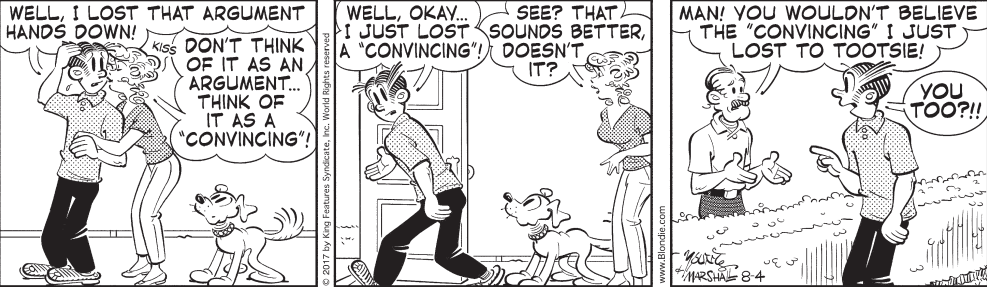
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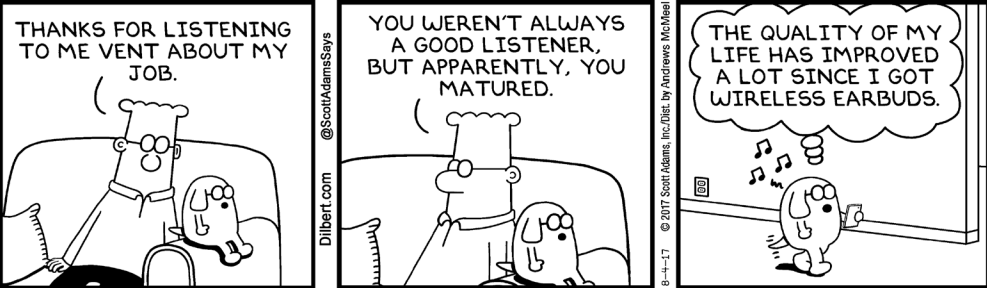
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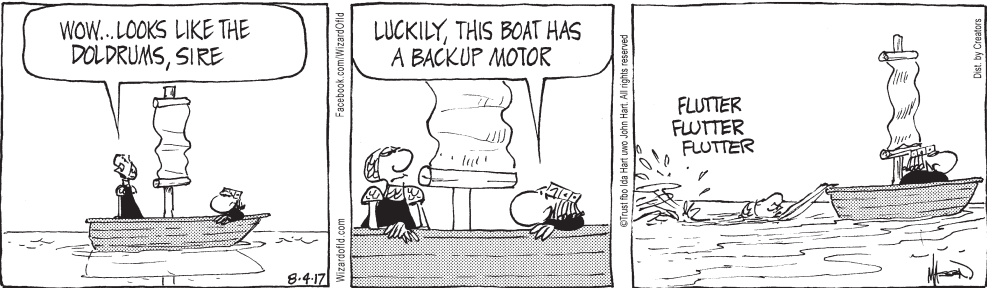
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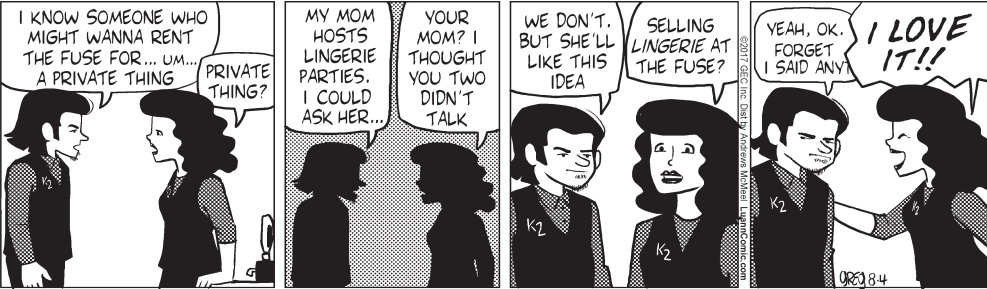
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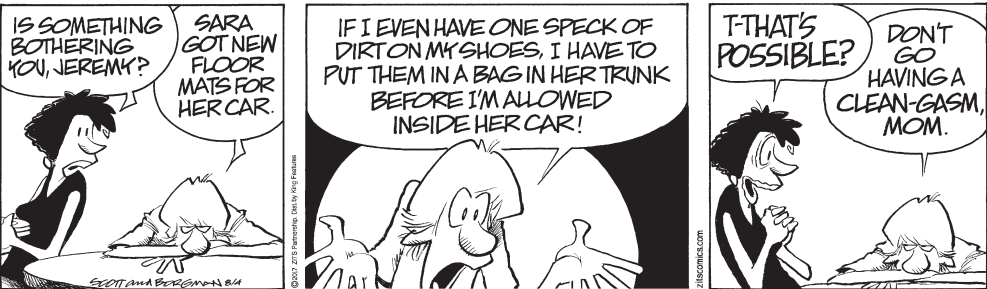
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DEAR ABBY

Woman feels steamrollered by in-laws in her own home

Dear Abby: My in-laws live in an apartment above our garage. It wasn't my idea. It was a compromise with my husband.

They now want to move Grandma into a trailer in our back yard! I am totally against it, and have voiced my opinion loudly.

My husband is stressed out and isn't capable of saying no to his parents. I have a feeling they are going to move forward with this plan regardless of my objections. I feel completely disrespected in my own home. Any advice? — **Disrespected In Ohio**

Dear Disrespected: You have a right to be respected in your home. If you don't want it turned into a "family compound," that's your prerogative. Put your foot down and tell your husband that his parents living there was all the compromise you are willing to make. If he can't summon the strength to tell his parents "NO!" then you will have to do it for him. If that doesn't put a stop to it, ask a respected friend or religious adviser to mediate.

Dear Abby: My husband and I endured months of trying and multiple trips to a specialist before we finally conceived our daughter. My due date was Dec. 23, and I worried throughout my pregnancy that she would be born on Christmas Day. Low and behold, on Christmas Eve I went into labor and our precious baby girl joined us early Christmas morning.

Looking back now, I wouldn't change a thing. I know it's silly to worry because we have a happy, healthy baby girl and feel



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

very blessed and lucky. But how can I respond to people — strangers included — when they say how "sad" it is that my daughter was born on Christmas and that she will get stiffed on presents, and maybe I should have timed my pregnancy better? — **Blessed In New York**

Dear Blessed: If anyone is so insensitive as to imply that you should have timed your pregnancy differently, perhaps you could put them in their place by responding that you feel lucky to have gotten pregnant at all.

Then tell them you wouldn't change a thing because being born on Christmas Day puts her in good company.

And as to her being "stiffed" when it comes to receiving presents, consider doing what other parents have done: Choose a date in June and celebrate her HALF-birthday.

Dear Abby: I am a gay man. My friend "Brian" and I have known each other for 10 years. We dated for a while, but realized we are better off as friends. We have lived together for the past several years and are now considering getting married because my job has better benefits. My question is, is a marriage of convenience legal? — **Going To The Chapel?**

Dear Going: Marriages of convenience have been happening since the institution of marriage was invented. That said, however, this is a question you should address to a lawyer to make sure that if you decide to marry Brian, you'll be going to the chapel instead of going to the hoosegow for insurance fraud.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 4, 1917

The young son of J.P. Endicott of Ukiah fell from a horse Wednesday in such a manner that he received a double fracture of the arm at the elbow and was taken to Pendleton by Dr. DeVaul. They started down with Frank Chamberlain and on going up the Yellow Jacket mountain something about the car broke and the car started down the hill backwards and crashed into a tree before going far. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt although Mr. Chamberlin was pretty badly shaken up, Mrs. Endicott received some scratches on the face, and the boy escaped entirely, while Dr. DeVaul saved himself by jumping from the car. Mr. Chamberlin is a very careful driver but when the car broke, he had no further control of it. It was a miracle that all escaped as they did.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 4, 1967

Two more arrests were made here Thursday afternoon by city police in their continuing investigation of marijuana in

Pendleton, according to Police Chief Ernest Gallagher. Lt. Lyle Earley and officer Wayne Moore took Virgil Paul Seeley Jr., 20, of Helix and John Paul Hagen, 23, of Pendleton into custody in the 200 block on NW Ellis at 4:35 p.m. on warrants issued by the Umatilla County District Court charging possession of narcotics (marijuana). Gallagher said the arrests of the two young men were in the same general case which resulted in arrest Wednesday here of Christine Anita Board, 19, on a possession of narcotics charge.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 4, 1992

When Chuck Haugsted's fishing pole bent into the water while trolling McKay Reservoir Monday, he knew it wasn't a trout nibbling the end of this line. "It was like I just hooked into the bottom of the lake is what it felt like," Haugsted said. That feeling, however, turned out to be a well-fed, 23-pound channel catfish. Haugsted grabbed the light spinning rod and fought the fish for about 15 minutes before it was close enough to land. "I was hoping I would at least get a look at him," he said. "It was the thrill of a lifetime."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 216th day of 2017. There are 149 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 4, 1892, businessman Andrew Borden and his wife, Abby, were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Massachusetts. Lizzie Borden, Andrew's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but acquitted at trial.

On this date:

In 1782, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart married Constanze Weber at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

In 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard had its beginnings as President George Washington signed a measure authorizing a group of revenue cutters to enforce tariff and trade laws and prevent smuggling.

In 1792, English romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was born at Field Place near Horsham, England.

In 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

In 1914, Britain declared war on Germany for invading

Belgium; the United States proclaimed its neutrality in the mushrooming world conflict.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the U.S. won the second of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he prevailed in the long jump over German Luz Long, who was the first to congratulate him.

In 1942, the Irving Berlin musical "Holiday Inn," starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire and Marjorie Reynolds, and featuring the song "White Christmas," premiered in New York.

In 1944, 15-year-old diarist Anne Frank was arrested with her sister, parents and four others by the Gestapo after hiding for two years inside a building in Amsterdam. (Anne and her sister, Margot, died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.)

In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

Today's Birthdays:

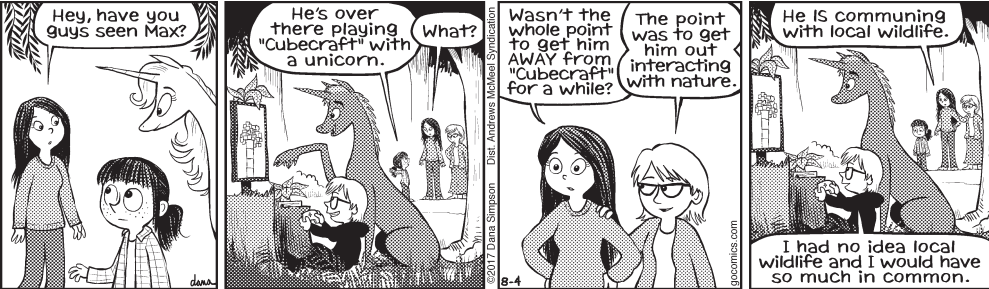
Actress-singer Tina Cole is 74. Actor-comedian Richard Belzer is 73. Football Hall of Famer John Riggins is 68. Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is 62. Actor-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton is 62. Actress Kym Karath (Film: "The Sound of Music") is 59. Hall of Fame track star Mary Decker Slaney is 59. Actress Lauren Tom is 58. Former President Barack Obama is 56. Producer Michael Gelman (TV: "Live with Kelly & Ryan") is 56. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Roger Clemens is 55. Actress Crystal Chappell is 52. Author Dennis Lehane is 52. Rock musician Rob Cieka (Boo Radleys) is 49. Actor Daniel Dae Kim is 49. Actor Michael DeLuise is 48. Race car driver Jeff Gordon is 46. Rapper-actress Yo-Yo is 46.

Thought for Today:

"When you love someone, all your saved-up wishes start coming out." — *Elizabeth Bowen, Irish author (1899-1973).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

