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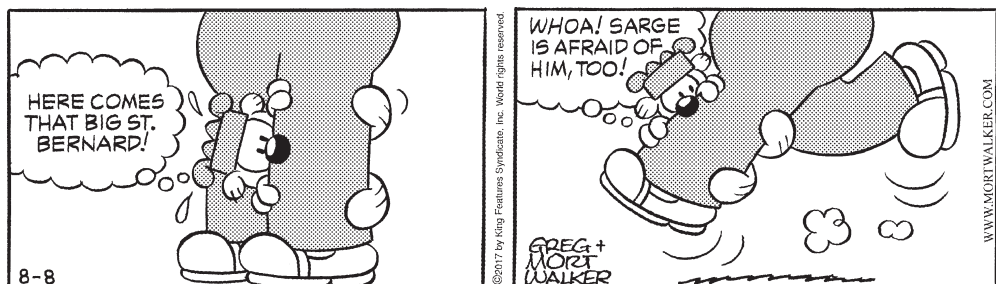
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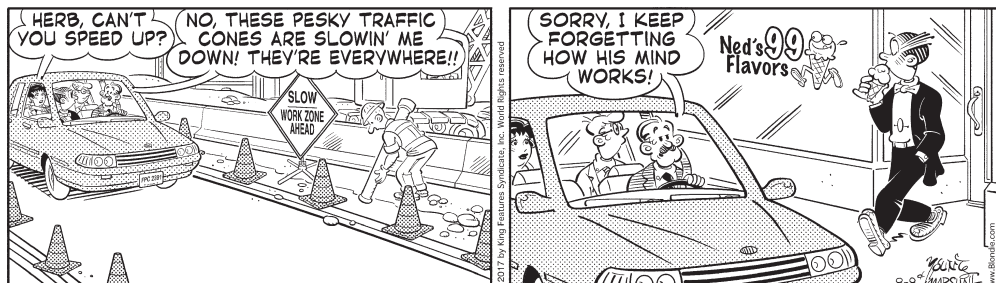
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DEAR ABBY

Gym client vents her anger at bad-mouthing by trainer

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I work out at the same gym. Over the past several months it has gotten back to me that one of the trainers, "Bob," has been talking negatively about me to some of the other members.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

My boyfriend works out with another trainer there, and during his workout, I approached him and his trainer and expressed my anger about what Bob was doing. I said I was fed up and that I wanted to confront him.

My boyfriend told me to keep my mouth shut and say nothing. He said I shouldn't take it personally, that Bob is just being a hater. He also said the person who told me shouldn't have. I disagree. I don't think it matters how it got back to me — it did!

Last week, while his regular trainer was away, my boyfriend trained with Bob! I feel it was disloyal, but he disagrees. He thinks I should just let it go. What do you think? — **Gym Dilemma**

Dear Gym Dilemma: Because the bad-mouthing has happened more than once, talk to the manager of the gym about what's going on. Bob may not like you, but that doesn't give him the right to make the gym an unpleasant place for clients to visit. If your boyfriend were loyal, he would have told Bob to knock it off. And he would not have worked out with him when his regular trainer was away; he would have chosen someone else.

Dear Abby: My sister-in-law lives in another state, so she often mails my daughter's gifts to us after she buys the items online.

Then she expects me to wrap them. The icing on the cake? She's now saying I need to add bows to these gifts, but she doesn't send any money for the wrapping paper or bows.

I think this is very rude. My daughter thinks her aunt takes the time to purchase these gifts, when she's only pressing a button and that is it. With everyone shopping online more and more, is this a new trend, to have the parents wrap gifts instead of the person giving them? — **Online**

Gift Giving

Dear Online: It's only a trend if you decide to let it become one. Feeling as you do, it's time you had a discussion with your sister-in-law concerning how you feel about this arrangement and what you expect from her.

Dear Abby: My wife of 55 years passed away five months ago and I am lonely. How long should I wait before establishing a relationship with another woman?

A certain lady and I go to church together, so we are well acquainted. I never thought about being with her until my wife died. She and my wife were friendly acquaintances.

What is the right time to wait? Six months? A year? I never thought I could be lonely. Well, think again! — **Ready For The Future**

Dear Ready: There's no timetable for grieving. If you feel you are ready for companionship, all you need to do is pick up the phone and call the lady you have in mind. To do that is not disrespectful to your late wife. It's a tribute to the happiness you experienced being part of a couple.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 7-8, 1917

Billie McMillan, 11 years old and rather small for his age, was cast adrift by his parents in this city yesterday and told to make his own living. According to his story told this morning to Juvenile Officer John Hailey, they brought him to Pendleton yesterday from Adams in the horse-drawn rig in which they are traveling through the county, set him down here, and drove away without him, telling him he was big enough to look out for himself. Fortunately he fell into the hands of Mr. Hailey this morning. The juvenile officer will care for him while he makes a search for the unnatural father and mother.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 7-8, 1967

State police suspected arson in a fire Monday morning inside an abandoned

service station on Highway 30 near Barnhart. Pendleton Grain Growers sent one truck to the scene. Firemen were able to save part of the building. Residents in the Sherwood Heights area, six miles from the fire, smelled the smoke.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 7-8, 1992

Thomas Maletta, the New Jersey long-distance truck driver who earlier this year pleaded guilty in the murder of his ex-girlfriend, was sentenced Thursday to spend at least 25 years in prison. Maletta, 30, will be 55 years old when he becomes eligible for parole in 2017, Judge Jack Olsen said in announcing his judgment. The sentence came after more than three hours of testimony from the victim's mother, father and 10-year-old son, from a New Jersey woman who claimed she was raped by Maletta in 1987, and from Maletta himself, who otherwise sat quietly throughout the proceeding.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 220th day of 2017. There are 145 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon, facing damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal, announced he would resign the following day.

On this date:
In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.
In 1911, President William Howard Taft signed a measure raising the number of U.S. representatives from 391 to 433, effective with the next Congress, with a proviso to add two more when New Mexico and Arizona became states.
In 1937, during the Second Sino-Japanese War, Japan completed its occupation of Beijing.
In 1942, during World War II, six Nazi saboteurs who were captured after landing in the U.S. were executed in Washington, D.C.; two others who cooperated with authorities were spared.
In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed the U.S.

instrument of ratification for the United Nations Charter. The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

In 1953, the United States and South Korea initialed a mutual security pact.

In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

In 1968, the Republican national convention in Miami Beach nominated Richard Nixon for president on the first ballot.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew branded as "damned lies" reports he had taken kickbacks from government contracts in Maryland, and vowed not to resign — which he ended up doing.

In 1992, AIDS activist Alison Gertz died in Westhampton Beach, Long Island, New York, at age 26.

In 1994, Israel and Jordan opened the first road link between the two once-warring countries.

In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice.

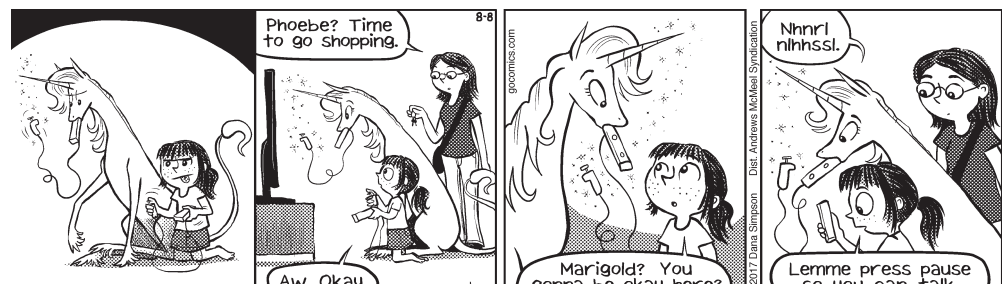
Today's Birthdays:

Actor Richard Anderson is 91. Actress Nita Talbot is 87. Singer Mel Tillis is 85. Actor Dustin Hoffman is 80. Actress Connie Stevens is 79. Country singer Phil Balsley (The Statler Brothers) is 78. Actor Larry Wilcox is 70. Actor Keith Carradine is 68. Movie director Martin Brest is 66. Radio-TV personality Robin Quivers is 65. Percussionist Anton Fig is 64. Actor Donny Most is 64. Rock musician Dennis Drew (10,000 Maniacs) is 60. TV personality Deborah Norville is 59. Rock musician The Edge (U2) is 56. Rock musician Rikki Rockett (Poison) is 56. Middle distance runner Suzy Favor Hamilton is 49. Rock musician Tom Linton (Jimmy Eat World) is 42. Singer JC Chasez ('N Sync) is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Drew Lachey (98 Degrees) is 41. Actress Jackie Cruz (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 33. Britain's Princess Beatrice of York is 29. Actress Bebe Wood (TV: "The Real O'Neals") is 16.

Thought for Today: "The time to relax is when you don't have time for it." — Sydney J. Harris, American journalist (1917-1986).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

