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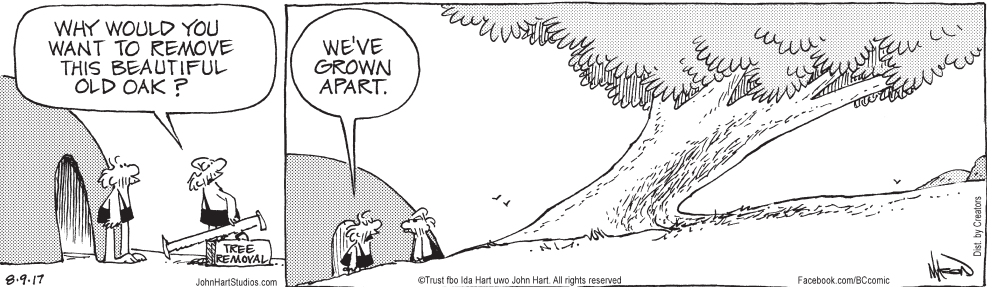
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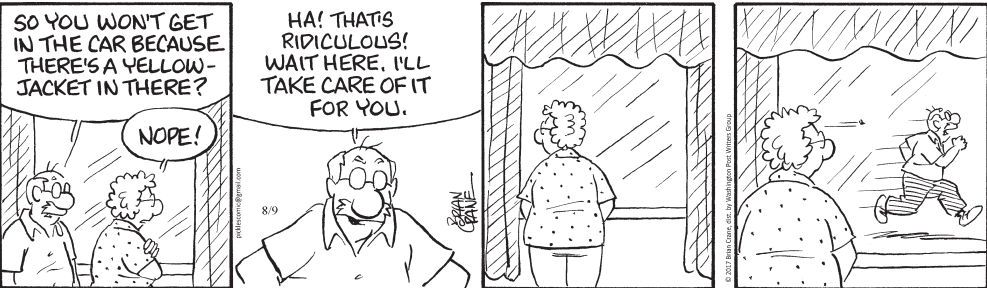
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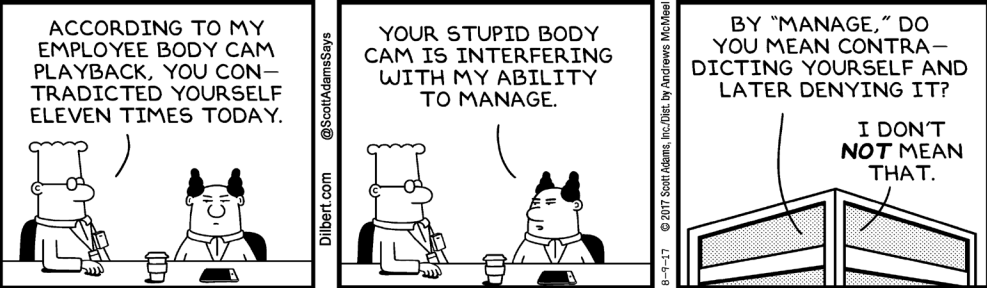
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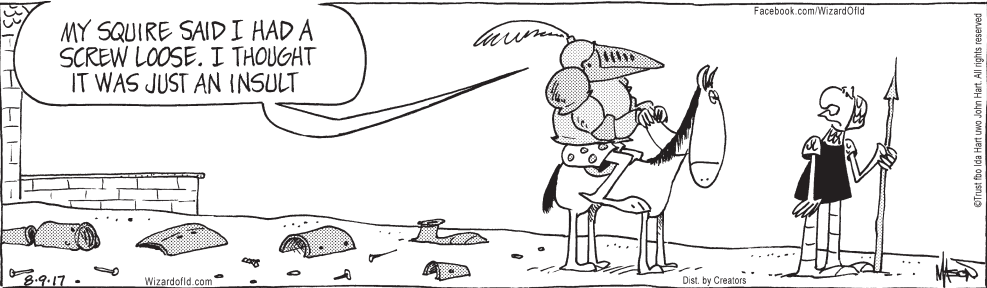
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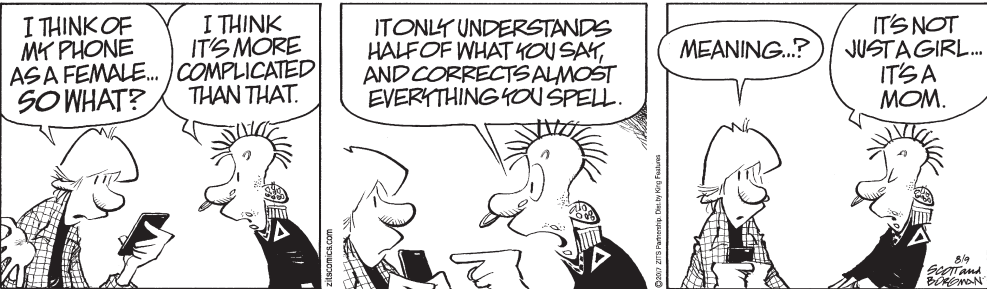
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DEAR ABBY

Woman's dangerous dating habits frighten her friend

Dear Abby: I'm worried about a close friend I have known for about 10 years. She's well-educated, independent and family-oriented. She has been online dating for quite a while and continually meets guys who have criminal backgrounds.

She dated one of them on the down low for two years because she was embarrassed by how he behaved in public. The most recent man served a 16-year prison sentence for being involved in a murder.

She tells me she doesn't see a future with any of them, but goes on multiple dates and defends them with, "He seems like a nice guy." In the next breath, she'll claim to want a steady and meaningful relationship.

I have voiced my concerns. I asked her what she'd say to me if the tables were turned, and her responses mimic the concern I show her. I suggested she try a different website or mode of meeting potential partners, but it hasn't made a difference.

I believe in second chances up to a point, but now I'm genuinely worried for her safety. Is there anything else I can do to convince her to have safer boundaries? — **Concerned About Criminals**

Dear Concerned: No, you have done enough. Until your friend admits to herself that she's fishing for trout in the wrong stream, she'll continue to reel in sharks.

Dear Abby: Is it normal for men to sulk or get angry when they don't get sex when they want it? I've been married to my husband for more than 30 years. I run several miles a day and, with all the work I do, I don't always feel like having sex. Lately, I have been under a lot of stress, so I haven't been in the mood.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

The other night, he did his usual sulking. Then, as he often does, he tossed about in bed, repeatedly and roughly, while we're trying to sleep. The whole bed shook. Another night, he stuck his elbow in my ribs to be sure he got my attention.

Sometimes he'll grab my butt really hard while I'm trying to sleep — in the middle of the night, mind you. I end up having sex with him so he leaves me alone and I can sleep.

I have tried sleeping in another bed. But then he comes to that room and repeatedly kicks the mattress. If I lock the door, he kicks the door. So, I have sex with him so I can live in peace. Do most men do this when they don't get sex as often as they like? — **Spouse Sulking In The North**

Dear Spouse: You have tolerated this for 30 years? What you have described is spousal abuse. Most men do not behave the way your husband does, bullying and coercing their wives into marital relations. Please discuss this with a licensed mental health professional. His behavior is off the charts, and you need more help than I can give you in a letter.

Dear Abby: I have a question. If you are traveling with a group of friends on a plane, is it rude for one couple to upgrade to first class? This was a group trip traveling to go on a cruise together. — **Just Wondering In Florida**

Dear Just Wondering: I wouldn't call it a breach of etiquette. However, it's less than an expression of solidarity with the friends who are sitting in the back. Personally, I think it sends a wrong message and could cause resentment unless there's a practical reason the couple needs the extra space — long legs, a bad back, a weight problem, etc.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 9, 1917

While returning from La Grande over Cabbage Hill, four well known local people observed for some time two bright lights above and to the right of them and at no great distance. One light followed the other at a considerable distance, according to their description. At first they thought the lights were from cars in the distance but their height and the fact that each was a single light banished this theory. They stopped their car and watched the lights until they vanished suddenly as if shut off or turned in another direction. Another car stopped just behind their own and the two occupants also watched the strange lights as they dipped in the air. The local people are of the opinion that what they saw were lights on aeroplanes from some northwest army point.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 9, 1967

A major brawl early Sunday morning that sent a young Hermiston man to the hospital suffering numerous injuries was No. 1 on the agenda of the Umatilla City Council in their Monday night meeting. City councilmen were angry. And the well-known 3 C's cafe and bar could be shut down today for a month or two if two or three councilmen had their way in the affair. Hospitalized in Hermiston

as the result of the brawl is Alfredo Guzman, 22, Hermiston. Warrants for two local men have been issued, and their arrest is expected Tuesday by city officials. Police Commissioner and City Councilman Charles White and Gordon McCoy, auxiliary police officer, were handling the police work Saturday night in the absence of Police Chief Louie Colcord, who was on vacation. White said Monday night that when he and McCoy tried to stop the fight and make arrests, they were restrained by bystanders.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 9, 1992

Ernie and Carolyn Rostock of Pendleton, owners of My Wife's Antiques, recently set up their booth and completed a profitable day at a large Portland flea market. They returned to their Vancouver hotel with a \$400 cash box. As the Rostocks headed back to the market the next morning, the cash box was left on their pickup tailgate. They were in a hurry, Carolyn said. The money was discovered missing, and a quick return to the hotel wasn't helpful. The couple headed back for the market, empty-handed and disheartened. Meanwhile Bert and Judy Williams of Spokane, and their son, Thor, saw the cash box and its contents blowing around the freeway. The family scrambled to pick up the money. Two checks identified the owners. The family fortunately located the Rostocks to return the money.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 221st day of 2017. There are 144 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, a U.S. B-29 Superfortress code-named Bockscar dropped a nuclear device ("Fat Man") over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

On this date:

In 1854, Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," which described Thoreau's experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts, was first published.

In 1902, Edward VII was crowned king of Britain following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.

In 1936, Jesse Owens

won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay.

In 1942, British authorities in India arrested nationalist Mohandas K. Gandhi; he was released in 1944.

In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally slain at Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

In 2014, Michael Brown Jr., an unarmed 18-year-old black man, was shot to death by a police officer following an altercation in Ferguson, Missouri; Brown's death led to sometimes-violent protests in Ferguson and other U.S. cities.

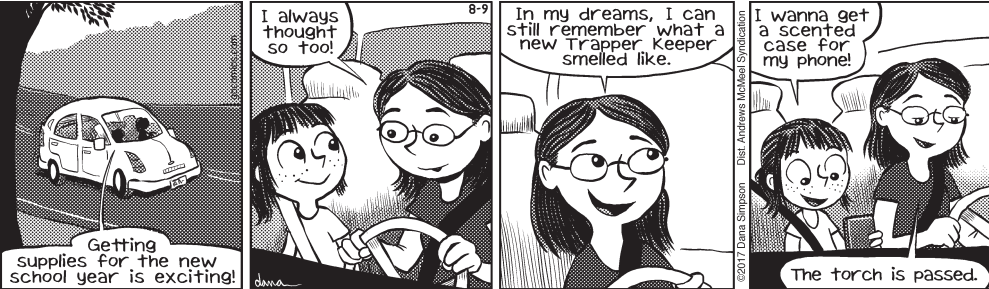
Today's Birthdays:

Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Cousy is 89. Actress Cynthia Harris is 83. Tennis Hall of Famer Rod Laver is 79. Jazz musician Jack DeJohnette is 75. Comedian-director David Steinberg is 75. Actor Sam Elliott is 73. Singer Barbara Mason is 70. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Bill Campbell is 69. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player John Cappelletti is 65. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders is 50. Actress Gillian Anderson is 49. Actress Anna Kendrick is 32.

Thought for Today: "The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything." — *Edward John Phelps, American lawyer and diplomat (1822-1900).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

