

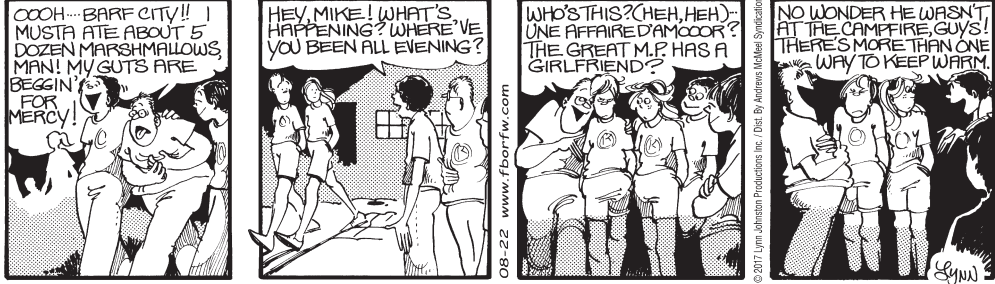
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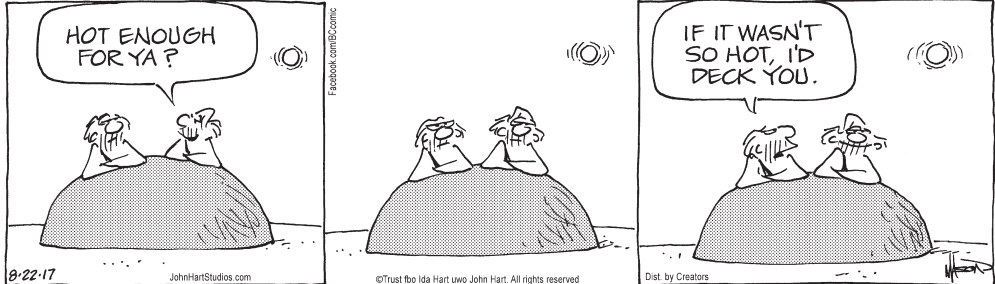
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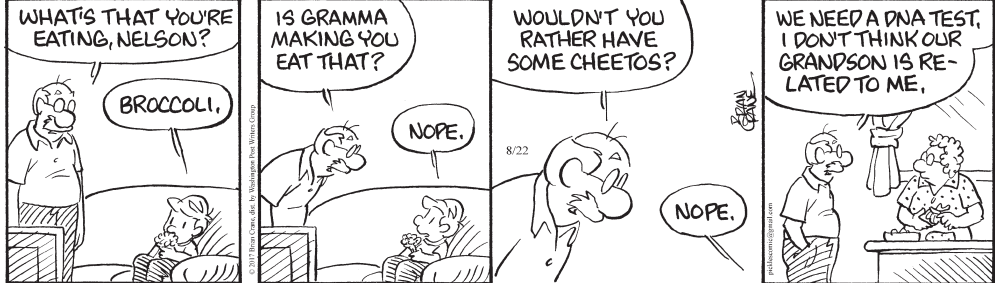
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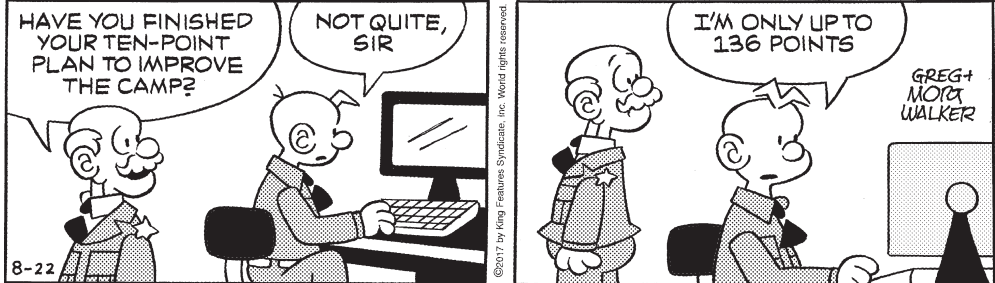
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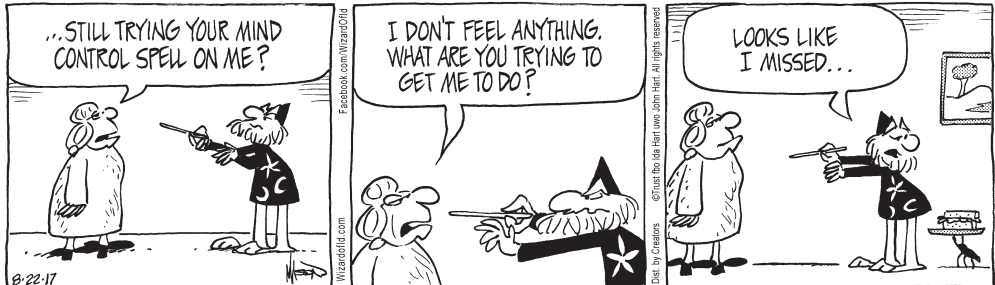
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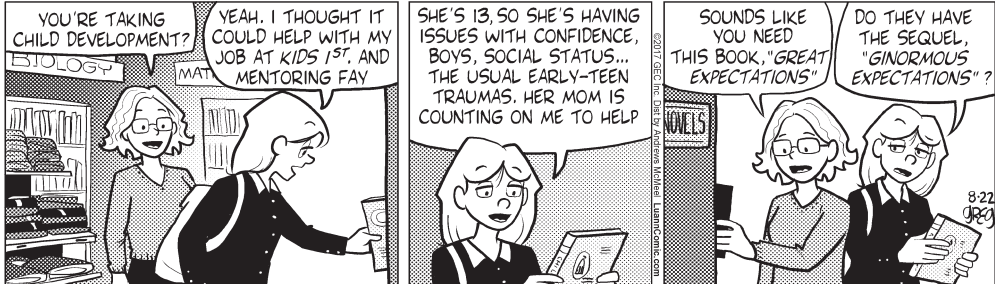
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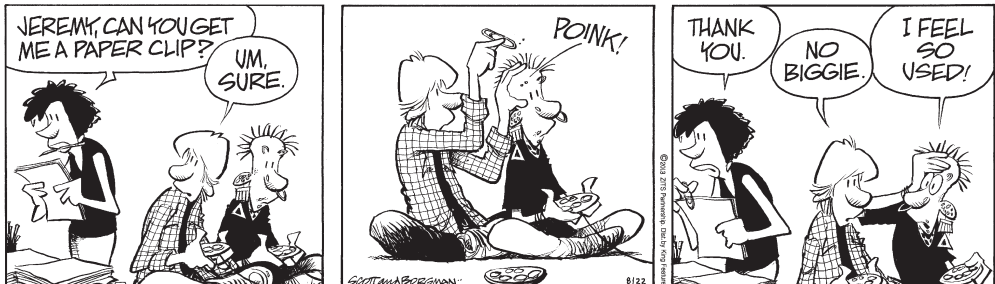
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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Family's tolerance of verbal abuse is red flag for girlfriend

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been together for almost a year and a half. In the beginning, he kept his family and me apart. I thought it was because they were extremely close, but turns out he was doing me a favor given their inappropriate and cruel treatment of one another.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I have a strong negative reaction when I see people do it.

When, if ever, is it appropriate to speak to someone about this bad habit? I have recently learned that it is actually a medical diagnosis and can lead to gastric disorders. We all know there are many germs on our hands, and every time you put them in your mouth, you're transferring them to your intestinal tract. — Worried In The East

At my boyfriend's birthday lunch, his father called his mother the worst possible word anyone could call a female. My boyfriend and his sisters didn't seem phased by his verbal abuse. I worry his parents' toxic and unloving relationship is something he will eventually settle for in life. Is it possible for children not to emulate their parents' example, or should I move on? — Not In The Family

Dear Not In The Family: Children do not automatically follow the abysmal patterns set by their parents. However, if you and this man are serious and you are contemplating a future with him, I strongly recommend that before formalizing your relationship, you seek premarital counseling together to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

Dear Abby: I have a question about nail-biting/finger chewing. We recently hired a new employee who is in daily contact with the public. He is a finger chewer, and his nails are bitten well below the finger tip. I am struggling with this because I had a childhood friend who chewed her fingers to the point of bleeding, and

Dear Worried: I have heard of very few nail-biters who are proud of the habit. There's a saying — not original — that if you want someone to avoid you, just tell him something "for his own good." If you want a pleasant working relationship with this person, mind your own business and do not attempt to "help" him by offering unasked-for advice.

Dear Abby: I'm usually well-spoken and articulate with family and close friends. But when talking to strangers or potential employers, I tend to choke up and make no sense at all. I become anxious and forget what I want to say. Do you have any ideas why this happens? — Talker In The West

Dear Talker: It may happen because you suffer from a form of social anxiety — one shared by many people. Fortunately, there's help for it if you consult a mental health professional. Because it is interfering with employment opportunities, you shouldn't wait.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 21-22, 1917

A recent story relates how the government, becoming convinced that there was a secret wireless station somewhere in these parts, sent out investigators who located the plant on a high, lonesome point in the mountains near Kamela. Three Germans were in charge, so the story goes, and so clear was the evidence against them that they were lined up and shot, their bodies being buried where they fell. Attempts to trace the story to its source places the responsibility on a certain Walla Walla resident who is said to be in the employ of the government secret service. Just what the basis for it is or whether it has any has not yet been told. The story is repeated for what it is worth and will make a good running mate for the one about the mysterious aeroplanes that have been circling over Meacham and Kamela at night.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 21-22, 1967

Lost in a \$75,000 fire at Northwestern Livestock Commission Co. Friday west of Hermiston were the sales arena, office, cafe, hog house, and a new horse barn and pump

shed. Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. has offered use of its facilities for Northwestern's regular Tuesday sales. The Hermiston Commission Company sales are held Friday of each week. The Northwestern company is one of the three largest livestock auctions in the state, selling approximately 30,000 head of cattle and horses annually. The sales arena seats 750 people.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 21-22, 1992

Hermiston Mayor Frank Harkenrider looked a little nervous Thursday morning as his pickup began to strain under the load — one ton of watermelons and cantaloupe. Harkenrider and other city representatives will appear in downtown Portland today to give away Hermiston-area produce in the second annual "Portland Tailgate Party." Last year, Harkenrider drove a pickup heaped with fruits and vegetables into downtown Portland to promote the area's bounty of nature. In the mid-1980s, he and others had done the same thing to help counteract a California watermelon pesticide scare that killed sales for everyone that year, including Hermiston melon growers.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 234th day of 2017. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 22, 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

On this date: In 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses.

In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.

In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese control until the end of World War II.

In 1922, Irish revolutionary Michael Collins was shot to death, apparently by Irish Republican Army members opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty that Collins had co-signed.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast, using a 30-line mechanical system.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to South America.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach. John Wojtowicz and Salvatore Naturile took seven employees hostage at a Chase Manhattan Bank branch in Brooklyn, New York, during a botched robbery; the siege, which ended with Wojtowicz's arrest and Naturile's killing by the FBI, inspired the 1975 movie "Dog Day Afternoon."

In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airtours charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.

Today's Birthdays:

Broadcast journalist Morton Dean is 82. Author Annie Proulx is 82. Baseball Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski is 78. Actress Valerie Harper is 78. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Bill Parcells is 76. Writer-producer David Chase is 72. CBS newsmen Steve Kroft is 72. Actress Cindy Williams is 70. Pop musician David Marks is 69. International Swimming Hall of Famer Diana Nyad is 68. Baseball Hall of Famer Paul Molitor is 61. Rock musician Vernon Reid is 59. Country singer Collin Raye is 57. Actress Regina Taylor is 57. Rock singer Roland Orzabal (Tears For Fears) is 56. Rock musician Debbi Peterson (The Bangles) is 56. Singer Tori Amos is 54. Rapper GZA/The Genius is 51. Actor Ty Burrell is 50. Singer Howie Dorough (Backstreet Boys) is 44. Comedian-acctress Kristen Wiig is 44. Talk show host James Corden is 39. Rock musician Jeff Stinco (Simple Plan) is 39.

Thought for Today: "Works of art make rules; rules do not make works of art." — Claude Debussy, French composer (born this date in 1862, died 1918).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

