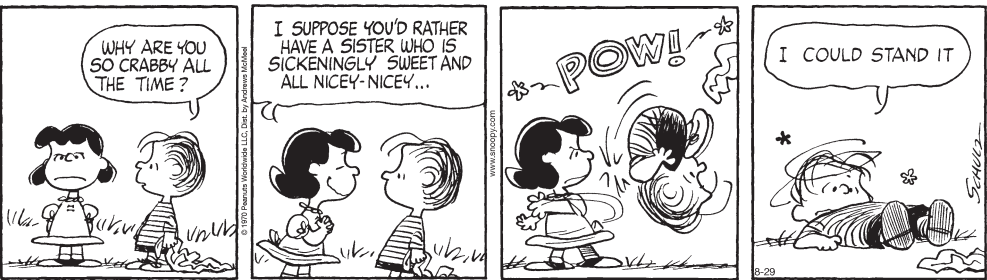


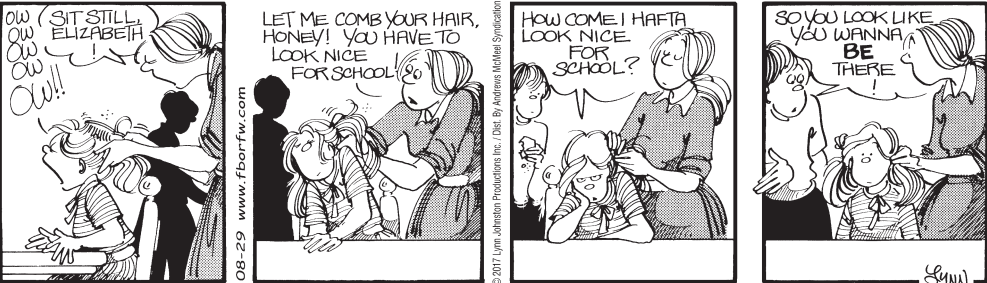
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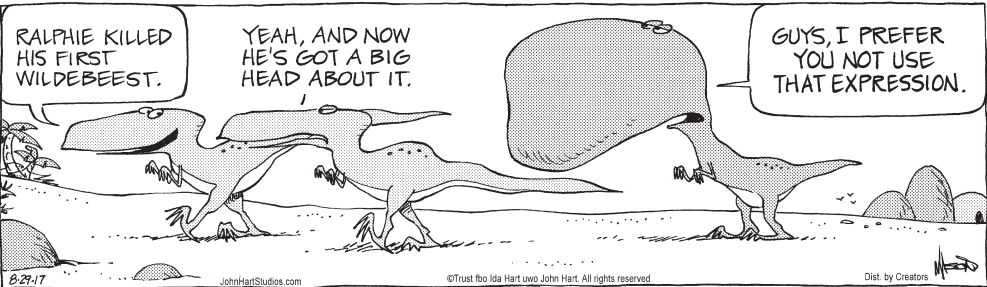
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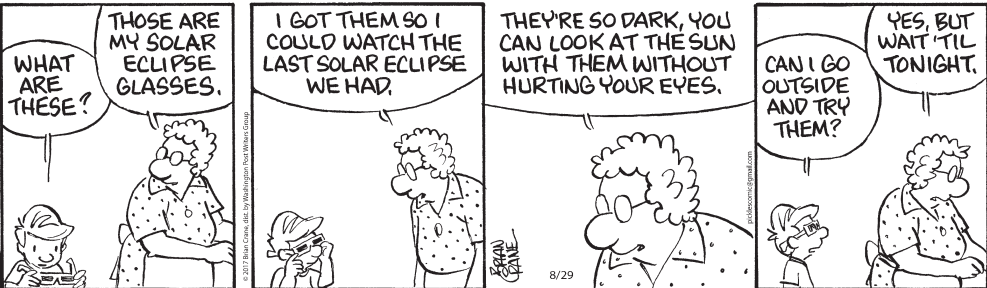
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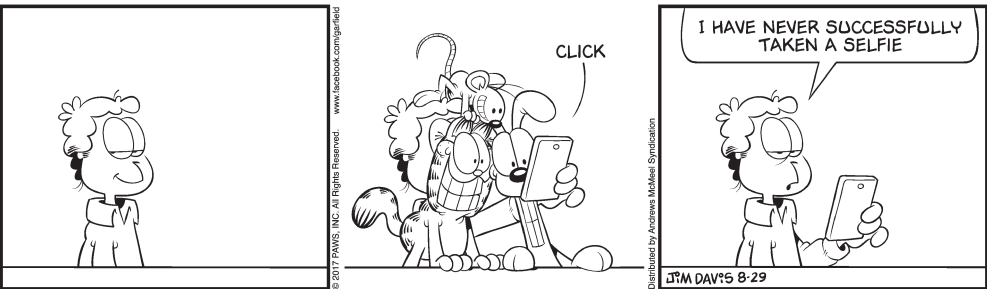
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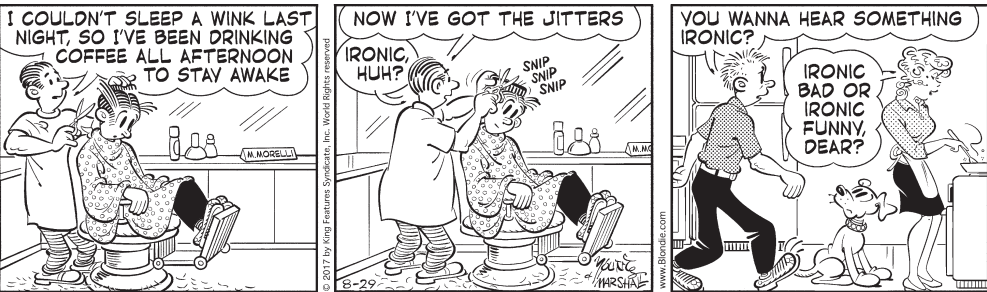
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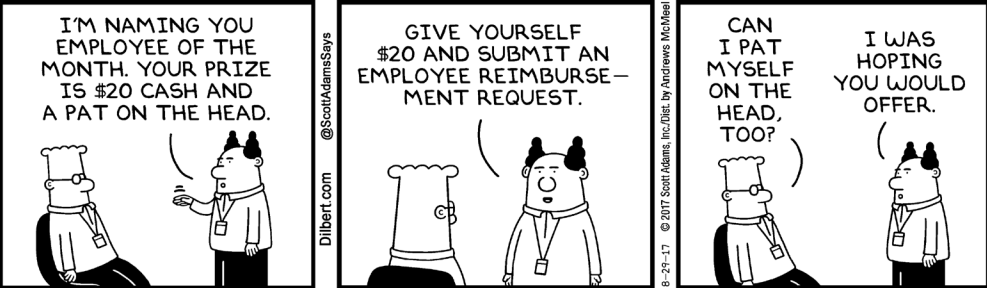
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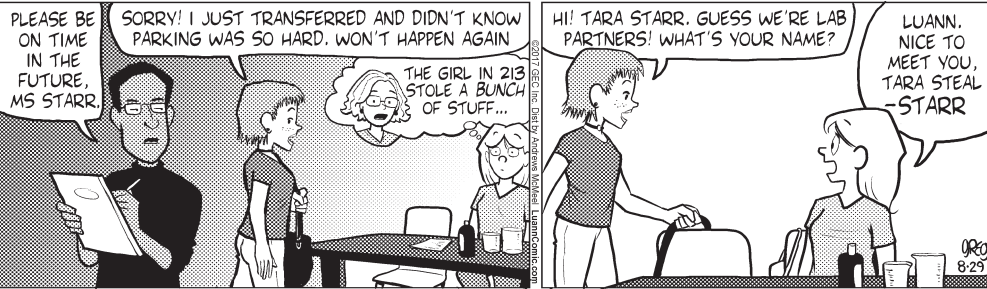
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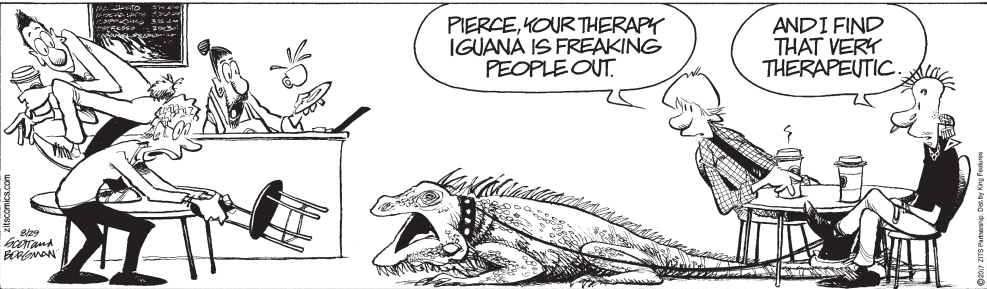
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DEAR ABBY

Elderly usher's 'proposals' draw reaction from readers

Dear Abby: Regarding the letter from “Dumbstruck in the East” (April 22), whose 9-year-old daughter has been getting “proposals of marriage” from a church usher in his 70s. An old man at church said things like that to me when I was about her age. He also was always trying to hug me. It made me uncomfortable and I disliked it. My mother never thought twice about him hugging me. Years later, when I was an adult, I learned he was a pedophile.

Her parents should go directly to the minister and let him know what is going on. If the parents decide to tell the usher his comment is not appreciated, they should say it's uncalled for and please stop making that type of remark.

While his comment may be harmless, you never know for sure. — **On The Side Of Caution In The Midwest**

Dear Caution: Readers had various reactions to that letter. Some echoed your sentiments, while others felt differently. Read on:

Dear Abby: I am from the same generation as the church usher. I was the little sister who was not as attractive as my older sibling. (Boys either teased or ignored me.) I remember several elderly men complimenting me in a similar fashion, and although I realized I could never date or marry someone so much older, it lifted my self-esteem.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

I believe the usher was just being kind. It would be horrible if he were reported to the pastor or embarrassed by a flip remark. If the parents want to stop his comments, they should gently suggest that “in today's world his kindness might be misinterpreted.” I don't think we should teach children to be mean-spirited when this man spoke freely in front of the parents. — **Joan In Kentucky**

Dear Abby: I had a different reply in mind for “Dumbstruck,” whose young daughter is told by an elderly church usher that he is going to “marry” her when she grows up. Her mom could look at him and say, “I didn't realize you were ORDAINED, but how kind of you to offer to officiate!” — **Anonymous In Michigan**

Dear Abby: That man needs to be reported immediately. When I was 8, a friend of my dad used to tell me all the time he wanted to marry me. One day, when my parents weren't home, he molested me. That little girl should be kept away from the usher, even if it means not going to that church. — **Lynne In California**

Dear Abby: Next time the greeter tries the betrothal approach on the 9-year-old, her dad should chime in, “You'll have to get past ME first!” It's blunt, but it gets the message across and doesn't insult the old guy. It's just Daddy protecting his baby girl. Done! — **Practical In Maryland**

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 28-29, 1917

Pendleton's cavalry troop has made a great hit at Campy Withycombe, according to Corporal B.H. Inman (Rattlesnake Pete) who arrived in Pendleton this morning on a short furlough granted him when he informed the officers of the illness of his wife. No less a person than the governor of Oregon pronounced Troop D the best troop of cavalry on the Pacific coast, he states. “We've got 'em all cheated for officers and we've got the best drilled troop there,” declares the “Rattler.” Troop D is filled to the limit, he says, and every day there are applications to get into the Pendleton bunch. The other troops are below war strength and want to recruit up from eastern Oregon men, he says.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 28-29, 1967

If no rain occurs before midnight — and none is predicted — today will be the 68th

consecutive day without measurable rain, which makes it the second longest drought in Pendleton history. Furthermore, if rain holds off through Thursday, it would set an all-time record, since the present record is a 70-day drought.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 28-29, 1992

The funeral was so long mourners sent out for coffee in the middle of entombment. The East Central Oregon Association of Counties — ECOAC — was laid to rest in Heppner Thursday.

But rather than weep over its loss, members planted a seed at the burial site. The remaining directors of ECOAC held their final meeting in what will become headquarters for the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation. By the time the three-hour session was over, loose ends were tied, hands were shaken and the organization's last \$90,000 was doled out as severance pay and seed money for GEODC.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 241st day of 2017. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 29, 1967, the series finale of “The Fugitive,” starring David Janssen as a doctor on the run after being wrongly convicted of murdering his wife, aired on ABC-TV, drawing an estimated 78 million viewers.

On this date:
In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa, was executed on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, at age 76.

In 1910, Korean Emperor Sunjong abdicated as the Japan-Korea Annexation Treaty went into effect.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops of the 28th Infantry Division marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1952, the composition 4'33” (“Four Minutes, Thirty-three Seconds”) by avant-garde composer John Cage premiered in Woodstock,

New York, as David Tudor sat down at a piano, and, for four minutes and 33 seconds, played... nothing.

In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

In 1958, pop superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana.

In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles “Pete” Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after 8 days in space.

In 1972, swimmer Mark Spitz of the United States won the third of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter freestyle.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Arizona, at age 63.

In 1996, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated Al Gore for a second term as vice president. Earlier in the day, President Bill Clinton's chief political strategist, Dick Morris, resigned amid a scandal over his relationship with a prostitute.

In 2005, Hurricane

Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, Louisiana, bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

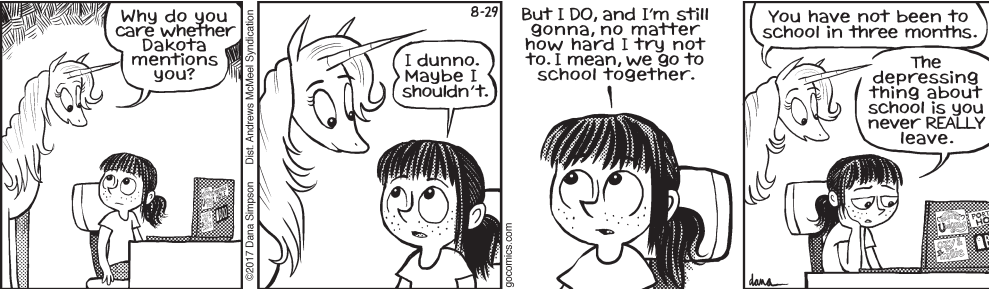
One year ago: Huma Abedin, a top aide to Hillary Clinton, announced she was separating from her husband, Anthony Weiner, after the former congressman was accused in yet another sexting scandal.

Today's Birthdays:
Actress Betty Lynn (TV: “The Andy Griffith Show”) is 91. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is 81. Actor Elliott Gould is 79. Movie director Joel Schumacher is 78. TV personality Robin Leach is 76. Country musician Dan Truman (Diamond Rio) is 61. Actress Rebecca DeMornay is 58. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch is 50. Actor John Hensley is 40. Actress Jennifer Landon is 34. Actress-singer Lea Michele is 31. Actress Charlotte Ritchie is 28. Actress Nicole Gale Anderson is 27. Rock singer Liam Payne (One Direction) is 24.

Thought for Today: “Don't be ‘consistent,’ but be simply true.” — *Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., American author (1809-1894).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

