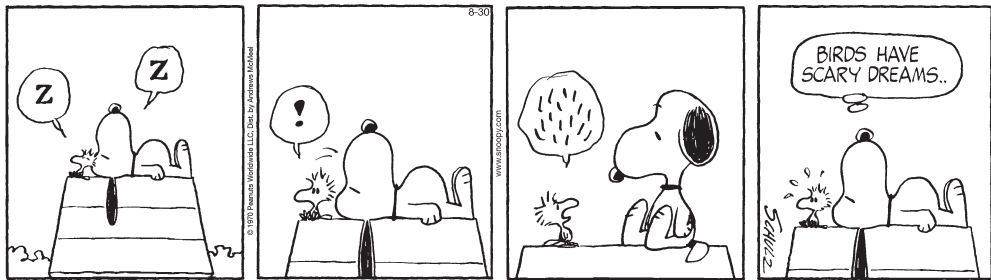


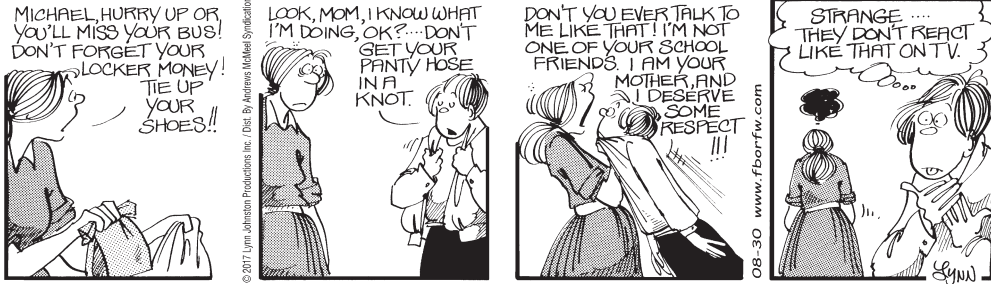
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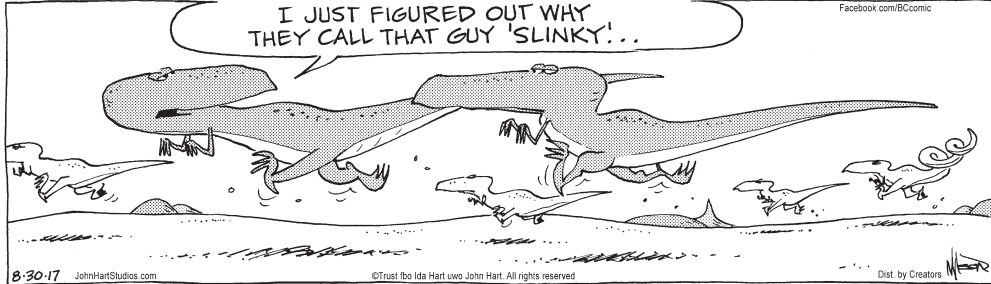
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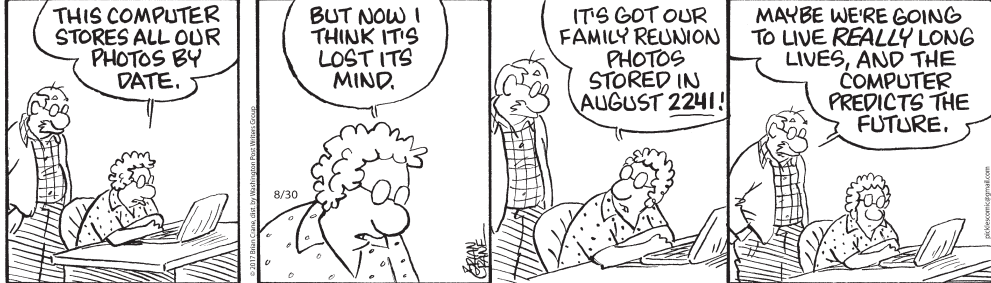
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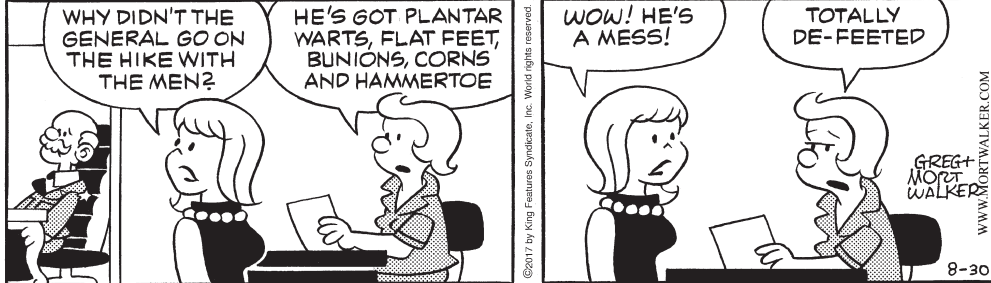
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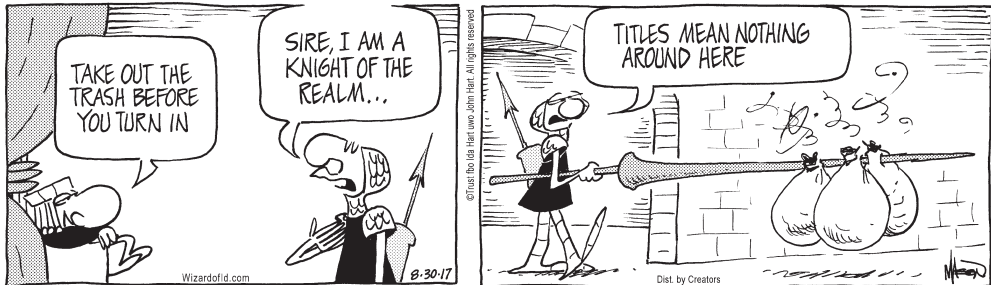
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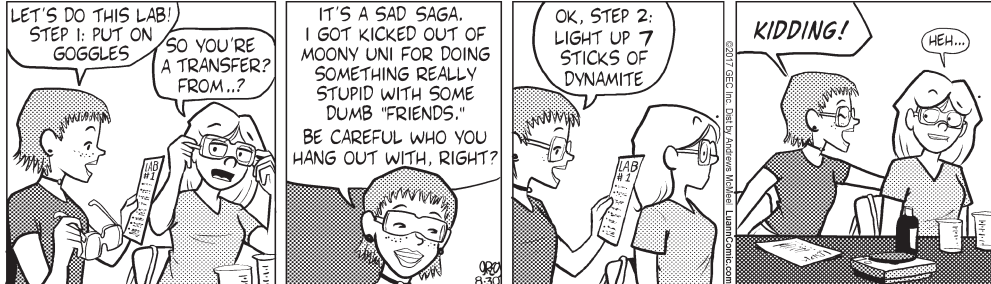
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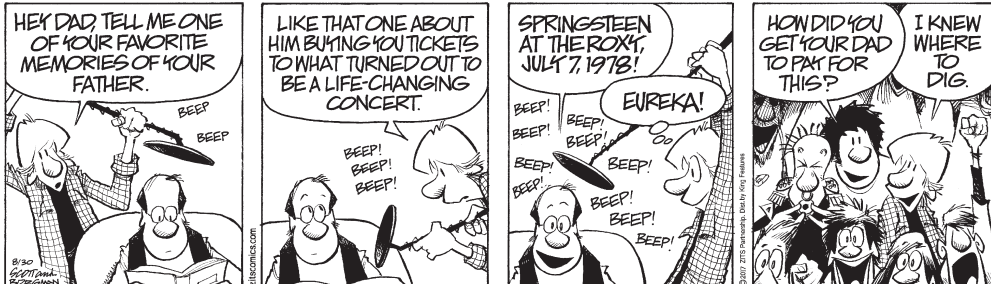
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DEAR ABBY

Son braces for reaction to transgender fiancée

Dear Abby: I moved to the Philippines five years ago. While I was there I met "Emma." After a few months, I realized I was in love with her, and last year we became engaged. I took her to meet my family. They loved her and supported our engagement.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

"Mia," married a little over a year ago and moved a few hours away. They have been having trouble in their marriage, but have been trying hard to make it work. Mia is now pregnant, and her baby is due next month.

I'm now living in the States and she's still in the Philippines waiting for her visa. Emma is transgender and I don't know how to tell my family. I love her and know I want to spend the rest of my life with her, but my dad is homophobic, and I know he won't support my decision to marry a transgender woman. My mother will also be disappointed because we won't be able to have children together. I need your advice. What should I do? — Forbidden Love In Minnesota

Dear Forbidden Love: You say that when you introduced Emma to your family they liked and accepted her. Because you did not tell them that your fiancée was transgender, expect them to be surprised. That news will bring your father face to face with his homophobia. As to your mother, even if Emma were not transgender, there's no guarantee that Emma would be able to bear children. In cases of infertility, couples sometimes decide to adopt or employ the help of a surrogate and an egg donor.

As a mature adult, the decision about whom you marry should be yours. Your parents' disapproval should have nothing to do with it. If and when you do give them the news, be prepared for a negative reaction. However, I see no reason why you feel you must tell them since they didn't question her gender before.

Dear Abby: A longtime friend of mine,

I feel what he's doing is inappropriate, but I'm unsure how to proceed. He's extremely sensitive and reactive to rejection. I'm afraid if I confront him, I will no longer be welcome in their home. I'm also worried that if I tell Mia, she'll be devastated and our friendship will be ruined. Any advice would be appreciated. — Anonymous Reader

Dear Anonymous: If you deal with this directly, your friend's husband will likely deny it and become defensive and punitive. Unless his flirtation becomes overtly sexual, continue to ignore it. Do not respond immediately to his messages. If he asks you why, say you are busy. If you feel you must comment, keep it casual, remote and brief. And always ask him to relay regards to his wife. It may remind him that he's married.

Dear Abby: Under what circumstances do you ask your adult offspring (still living at home, working, doing their own laundry, somewhat feeding themselves) to contribute money toward household expenses? — Just Wondering In Pennsylvania

Dear Just Wondering: At what point? I recommend you do it tonight!

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 30, 1917

A magical transformation of setting, as instantaneous as the dropping of a curtain at a theater, will transport the Happy Canyon audiences this year all in a moment from a mountain forest to a frontier town. The transformation will be one of the biggest features of the 1917 show and alone will be worth the price of admission. This will only be a part of the overture that is being prepared and which will probably last 20 minutes. At its conclusion the lights will be turned off for 30 seconds and when turned on again they will show, instead of the rocky mountain wall, the fronts of the business houses of a frontier town. So ingeniously have the mechanical devices been worked out for making this transformation that the change can be made with magical suddenness. It is accomplished by two-sided scenery, which can be reversed by the pulling of a dozen or more cords simultaneously.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 30, 1967

The Milton-Freewater City Council

Monday spent almost two hours in a review of the battle over who will build High Mountain Sheep Dam on the Snake River. Owen W. Hurd, Kennewick, managing director of Washington Public Power Supply System, made the presentation. Hurd indicated Milton-Freewater, which owns its electric power system, will be asked along with other local utilities in the Northwest to help finance efforts to get a public agency to build the dam.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 30, 1992

Some plans for Columbia River Bicentennial celebrations have been sunk by the cancellation of the highly anticipated flotilla of replica boats to commemorate the claiming of the Columbia River by Europeans 200 years ago. The flotilla tour was canceled by the Oregon Historical Society on the advice of its insurance representatives, who felt there was too much liability in letting the ships travel up the river, said Don Eppenbach, mayor of Irrigon and president of the Columbia River Heritage Association. Eppenbach called the cancellation an ultra-conservative move on the historical society's part.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 242nd day of 2017. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 30, 1997, Americans received word of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and their driver, Henri Paul. (Because of the time difference, it was August 31 where the crash occurred.)

On this date: In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln.)

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In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a

player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1945, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which was intended to promote private development of nuclear energy.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space as he blasted off aboard the Challenger.

In 1984, the space shuttle Discovery was launched on its inaugural flight.

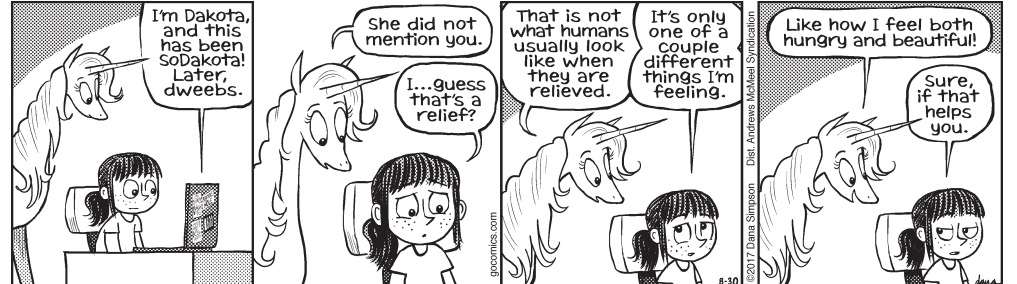
Today's Birthdays:

- Actor Bill Daily is 90. Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 78. Actor Ben Jones is 76. Cartoonist R. Crumb is 74. Olympic gold medal skier Jean-Claude Killy is 74. Actress Peggy Lipton is 71. Comedian Lewis Black is 69. Actor Timothy Bottoms is 66. Actor David Paymer is 63. Jazz musician Gerald Albright is 60. Actor Michael Chiklis is 54. Music producer Robert Clivilles is 53. Actress Michael Michele is 51. Country musician Geoff Firebaugh is 49. Country singer Sherrie Austin is 46. Rock singer-musician Lars Frederiksen (Rancid) is 46. Actress Cameron Diaz is 45. Rock musician Leon Caffrey (Space) is 44. Rock singer-musician Aaron Barrett (Reel Big Fish) is 43. Rock musician Matt Taul (Tantric; Days of the New) is 39.

Thought for Today: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." — Proverbs 1:10.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

