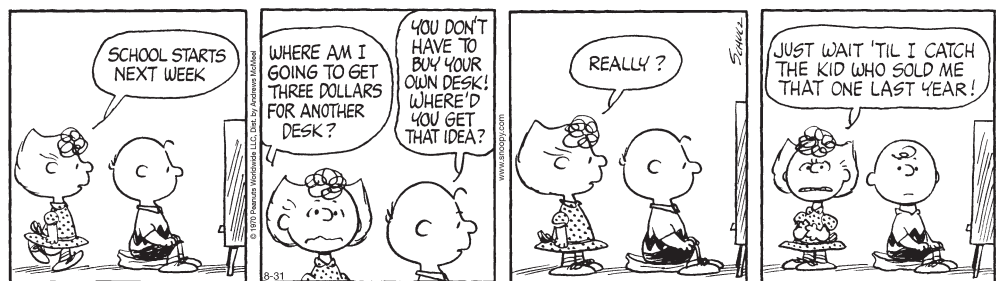


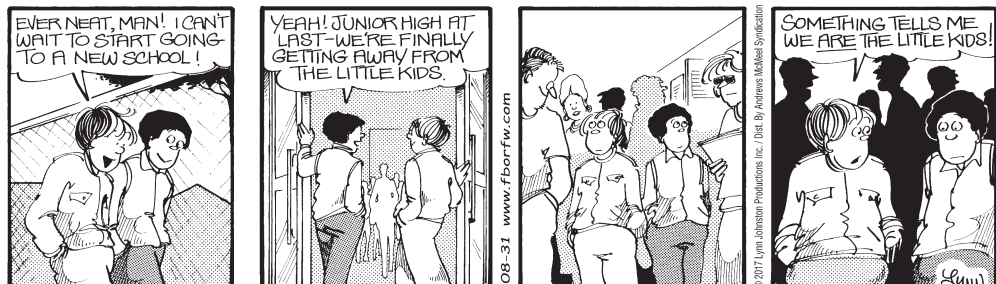
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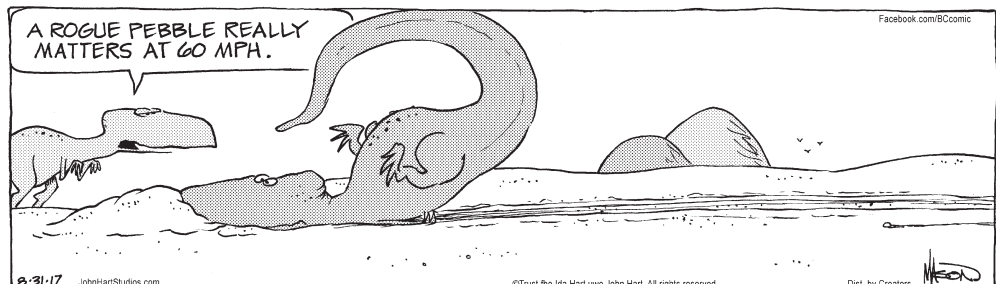
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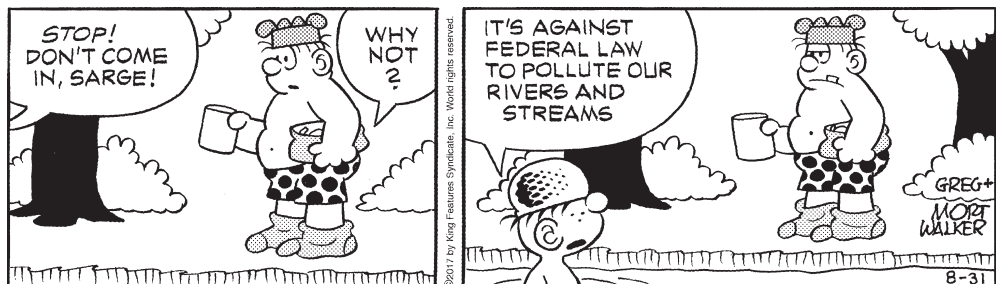
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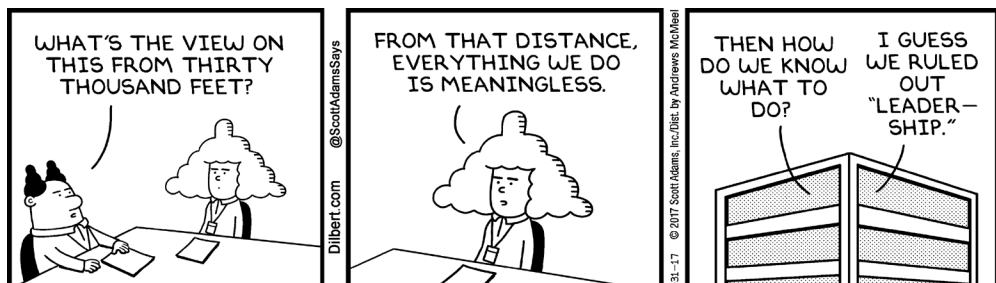
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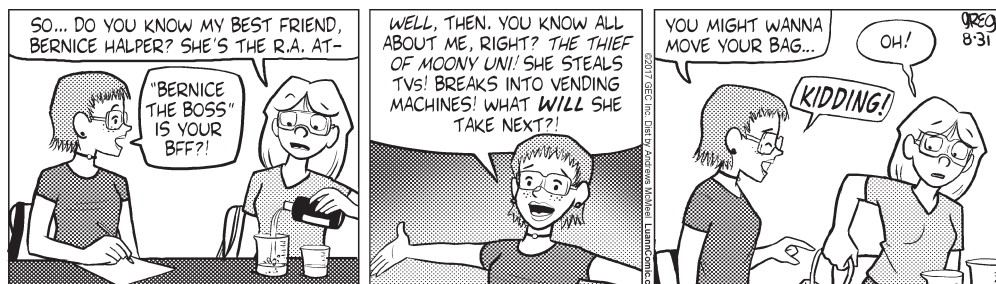
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DEAR ABBY

Mom feels guilt for resisting her ex's pleas to reconcile

Dear Abby: My ex is a recovering drug addict. We have a 2-year-old son together. I realized he was using drugs when I was seven months pregnant and all our money was gone.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Happier: No, you do not. You are in charge of your life now, and if that gives you peace of mind and makes you happy, then you are under no moral or ethical obligation to change it.

I stayed with him for a year after I learned about his addiction. That year was the hardest year of my life. Choosing to leave was extremely painful, and I still cry about it every day.

My ex was never the type of addict who nodded off, cheated or had other issues; if it hadn't been for the money disappearing, we would have had a perfect relationship. He finally went to rehab and seems to be doing well. He still goes to work at a great job, pays child support now and is involved with our son, who adores him. He wants us to get back together.

It has been more than a year since we separated — and I hate to admit this, but I'm the happiest I have ever been. Abby, I feel guilty about it. Even though I love him, he broke me as a person with his lies, and I don't think I can ever trust him. I love my life with my son, and the thought of us living as a family in one house again makes me sick. I feel ashamed for not wanting to try, and these feelings are crippling.

I told him I want him to move on, but he says he will always love me and will never give up. Do I owe it to him — and our child — to try and work it out? — Happier Without Him

Please remember that you are not responsible for your ex's happiness. You may always love each other, but that doesn't obligate you. If he wants to "never give up," that is his choice. If you want to move on with your life, that is your choice and your privilege.

Dear Abby: Can you settle a dispute between my husband and me? Sometimes, I take it upon myself to hand-wash my car because I enjoy seeing my hard work reflected in my shiny car. When I do, it sparks an argument.

His view is that since he's the man, he should be responsible for washing the car. He says there are certain things "women just don't do." I think I'm perfectly capable of washing my car. Should I give up and let him take care of washing my car, or should I stand my ground? — Just As Capable

Dear Capable: If you want to wash your car occasionally, it should not be grounds for an argument. Many women do, and it's not an issue. However, because your husband seems to find it emasculating, let me suggest that rather than argue about it you allow him to spoil you by doing it for you from time to time. And when he does, if you feel compelled to polish something, let it be your nails while he's out there sweating in the driveway.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1917

The steamer carrying a unit of the American Medical Corps which included Dr. Earl V. Morrow, formerly of this city, narrowly escaped destruction by a German submarine. Only the expert marksmanship of the chief gunner saved the vessel and perhaps the lives of many of those on board. This is Dr. Morrow's second trip to the battlefields, he having been in the service of the Red Cross in Belgium two years ago. At that time he was decorated with the Order of Leopold by King Albert, of Belgium.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1967

The fireplace in Riverside High School, which has been the subject of so much controversy, was dropped from the building plans Monday night at a special meeting of the board of directors at the Lexington district office. Howard Glazier, Portland architect who drew the plans, showed board members

a drawing of the proposed fireplace which was to be located in a standing wall in the student commons area. During a lengthy discussion the directors agreed that inclusion of the fireplace added greatly to the beauty of the rooms, but were also in agreement that the additional cost was more than the district should pay.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 31, 1992

What will Oregon look like in 2100? If global climate changes now under way continue, the whole state could look a lot like the rugged terrain of old western movies — scrubby bushes on sun-baked ground, say ecologists at Oregon State University. Based on the potential impact of global climate change, some Cascade Range forests might survive — at much higher elevations — but forests in the Blue Mountains in Eastern Oregon will disappear or be relegated to the mountaintops. The sagebrush drylands of Eastern Oregon would undergo serious desertification.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 243rd day of 2017. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 31, 1997, Prince Charles brought Princess Diana home for the last time, escorting the body of his former wife to a Britain that was shocked, grief-stricken and angered by her death in a Paris traffic accident earlier that day.

On this date: In 1867, French poet Charles Baudelaire, 46, died in Paris. In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1916, the musical revue "The Big Show," featuring the song "Poor Butterfly" by Raymond Hubbell and John Golden, opened at New York's Hippodrome.

In 1939, the first issue of Marvel Comics, featuring the Human Torch, was published by Timely Publications in New York.

In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve," a spinoff from "Fibber McGee and Molly" starring Harold Peary, debuted on NBC.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in some 70 deaths.

In 1965, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to establish the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, California. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

In 1987, the Michael Jackson album "Bad" was released by Epic Records.

Today's Birthdays: Japanese monster movie actor Katsumi Tezuka ("Godzilla") is 105. Baseball Hall of Famer Frank Robinson is 82. Actor Warren Berlinger is 80. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 78. Actor Jack Thompson is 77. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 72. Singer Van Morrison is 72. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 69. Actor Richard Gere is 68. Actor Stephen Henderson is 68. Olympic gold medal track and field athlete Edwin Moses is 62. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 60. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 60. Singer Tony DeFranco (The DeFranco Family) is 58. Rhythm-and-blues musician Larry Waddell (Mint Condition) is 54. Baseball pitcher Hideo Nomo is 49. Rock musician Jeff Russo (Tonic) is 48. Singer-composer Deborah Gibson is 47. Rock musician Greg Richling (Wallflowers) is 47. Actor Chris Tucker is 45.

Thought for Today: "Fashion can be bought. Style one must possess." — Edna Woolman Chase, American fashion editor (1877-1957).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

