

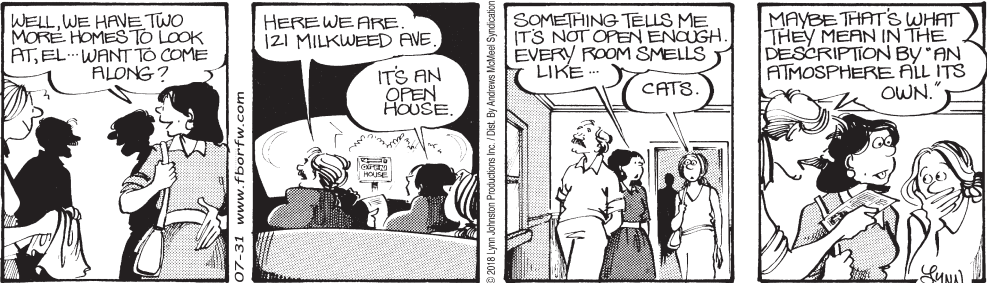
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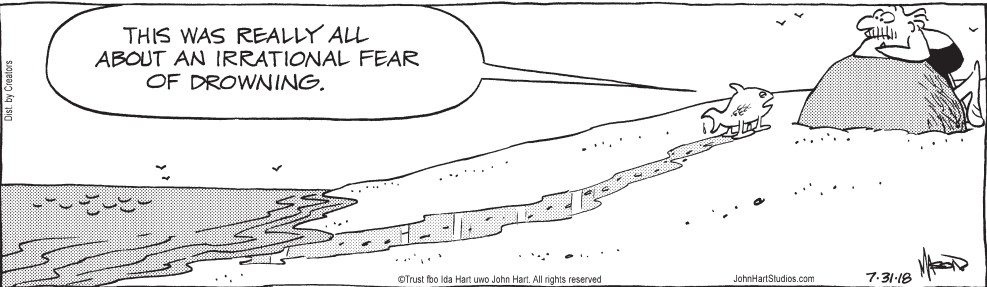
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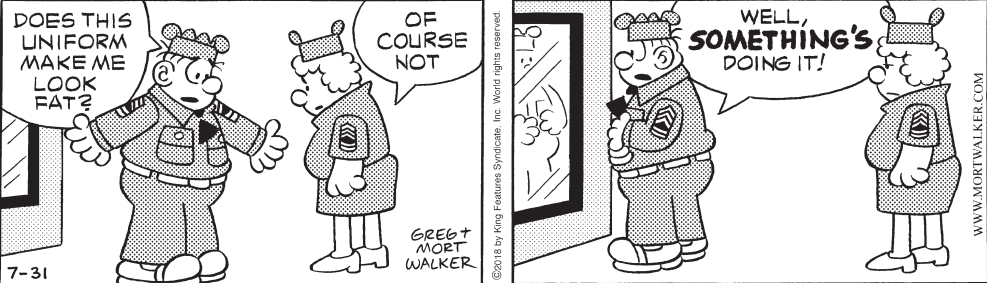
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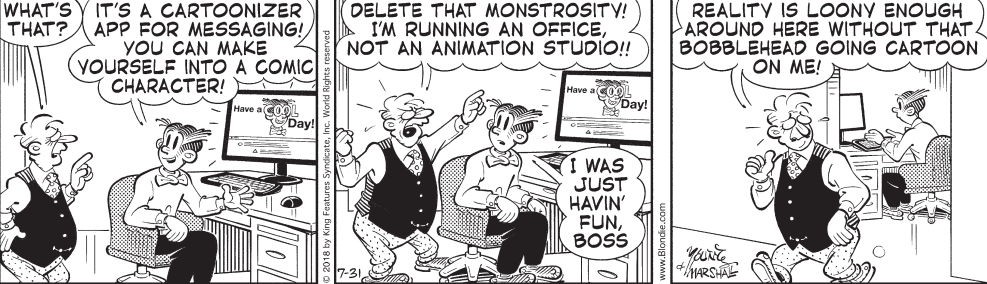
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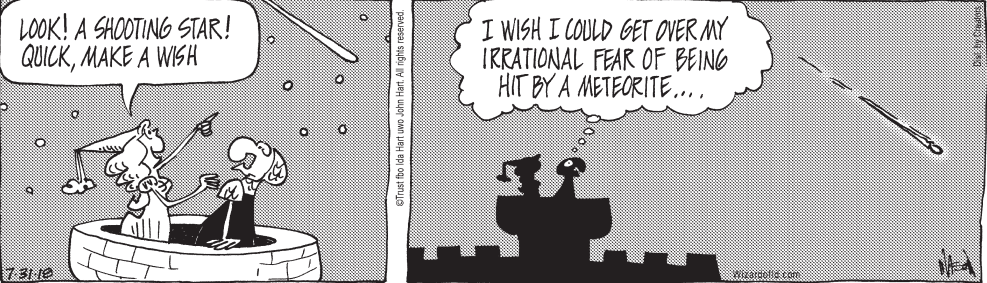
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DEAR ABBY

Baby in day care plays favorites among the staff

Dear Abby: I am a child care provider working with infants. Two of us work in the nursery and share responsibilities.

One baby has become extremely attached to me, to the point that I can't take a break or go to lunch without him screaming until I return. I feel guilty taking lunch breaks or even a vacation because I know that whoever substitutes for me will have to deal with the crying.

Other teachers have tried to bond with him to make it easier on everyone, but it doesn't work. It has reached the point that I'm exhausted at the end of the day from the stress of having to be near him all day. Any suggestions? — **Mothering In Missouri**

Dear Mothering: Yes. You are a caring person who is doing more than your share of trying to make the baby feel secure, so stop feeling guilty. I consulted Faisal Chawla, M.D., a pediatrician in Los Angeles, who explained that separation anxiety normally occurs at around 6 to 9 months, so age may be a factor. The baby may be experiencing separation anxiety from you as others might get it when a parent drops them off at day care. It should not cause you distress since this is expected behavior.

Dr. Chawla kindly offered suggestions for coping with separation anxiety:

Establish a goodbye ritual/routine that's consistent and quick. Comfort the infant and let him/her know you will be back after your break (just as parents would tell their little one they will be back after work). Some par-



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

ents do a peek-a-boo ritual, which can reduce crying goodbyes to ones with much less drama.

Leave after you say your goodbye and DON'T come back repeatedly. Coming back is positive reinforcement for the crying ("If I cry harder, they will come back!").

Dear Abby: My husband had an annoying habit of staring at me. After dinner, if I went into the kitchen while he was still at the din-

ner table, he would turn his chair around to stare at me. When he walked into a room I was in, he would stop and stare at me.

When I finally got sick of it and told him to cut it out, his response was, "Can't you stand scrutiny?" I said it has nothing to do with scrutiny. It's a form of trying to control me, or even mental abuse.

He has stopped it for the most part. But he reverts back every once in a while. I still have to mention it at times. What do you think of this? What do you think it means? — **Annoyed In The East**

Dear Annoyed: Unless you have left something out of your letter, I don't consider what he was doing to be emotional abuse. Until you spoke up, he may not have realized he was making you uncomfortable.

What I think it means is that your husband thinks you are the most beautiful woman in the world, and he's the luckiest man on the planet. Now he knows it makes you uncomfortable, he's making an effort to stop, but old habits are hard to break and he occasionally backslides.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 30-31, 1918

The boarding camp of the men employed at Thorn Hollow in extending the supply lines for the city water system is one place where the men are limited to the sugar allowance of the food administration. Frank H. Hayes, superintendent in charge of the work, has secured a supply of small envelopes and instructed the cook to see that the individual allowance of sugar for each meal is placed in one of these at each plate and that no more will be given to any one at a meal. The ration is one and a half teaspoons full for each individual. There are 70 men at the camp and very little complaint has been made about the sugar or other boarding house supplies. When the sugar limit was first established a man threatened to "rough house" if he was not given more, but as he was discharged at once by Mr. Hayes, this seems to have put a stop to any complaints there may have been.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 30-31, 1968

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation were awarded a \$50,000 judgment in circuit court this week against

Robert Schultz et al, McNary, for failure to live up to terms of a March 10, 1964, employment agreement with the tribes. Under the terms of the five-year agreement, Schultz was to provide employment for a certain percentage of tribal members in industrial work performed on the 344.15-acre McNary Dam Townsite, sold by the tribe to Schultz in 1964. He had been constructing trailer houses and pre-fabricated homes on the site.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 30-31, 1993

Jill Peterson, 19, of Hermiston has captured her dream. She will perform on the Portland Trail Blazers dance team for 1993-94. Peterson will appear with 16 other dancers at the professional basketball team's home games, along with benefits and promotional events. She jokes that she has been dancing "since conception." Her mother, Jackie, operates the Dance Unlimited studio. Perhaps the inspiration started in junior high, when Peterson performed during a Blazer halftime with fellow dance students. So Peterson contacted the Blazer office and learned tryouts would be staged July 17-18. She survived four cuts to win a spot on the team.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On July 31, 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.

In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman helped dedicate New York International Airport (later John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild Field.

In 1957, the Distant Early Warning Line, a system of radar stations designed to detect Soviet bombers approaching North America, went into operation.

In 1970, "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" came to an end after nearly 14 years as co-anchor Chet

Huntley signed off for the last time; the broadcast was renamed "NBC Nightly News."

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures that Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

In 1992, the former Soviet republic of Georgia was admitted to the United Nations as its 179th member. Thai Airways Flight 311, an Airbus A310, crashed while approaching Tribhuvan International Airport in Nepal; all 113 people aboard died.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Don Murray is 89. Singer Lobo is 75. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 74. Former movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 74.

Actor Barry Van Dyke is 67. Actor Alan Autry is 66. Jazz composer-musician Michael Wolff is 66. Entrepreneur Mark Cuban is 60. Rock musician Bill Berry is 60. Actor Wally Kurth is 60. Actor Wesley Snipes is 56. Country singer Chad Brock is 55. Musician Fatboy Slim is 55. Rock musician Jim Corr is 54. Author J.K. Rowling is 53. Actor Dean Cain is 52. Actor Jim True-Frost is 52. Actor Ben Chaplin is 49. Actor Loren Dean is 49. Actress Eve Best is 47. Country singer-musician Zac Brown is 40. Actor-producer-writer B.J. Novak is 39. Actor Eric Lively is 37. Actor Reese Hartwig is 20. **Thought for Today:** "The trouble with the public is that there is too much of it." — *Don Marquis, American journalist, poet and dramatist (1878-1937).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

