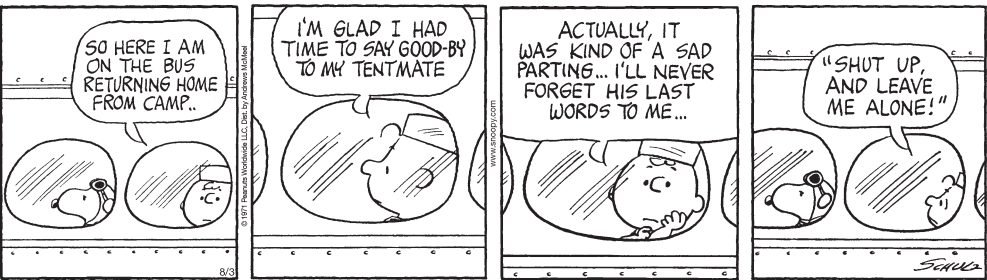


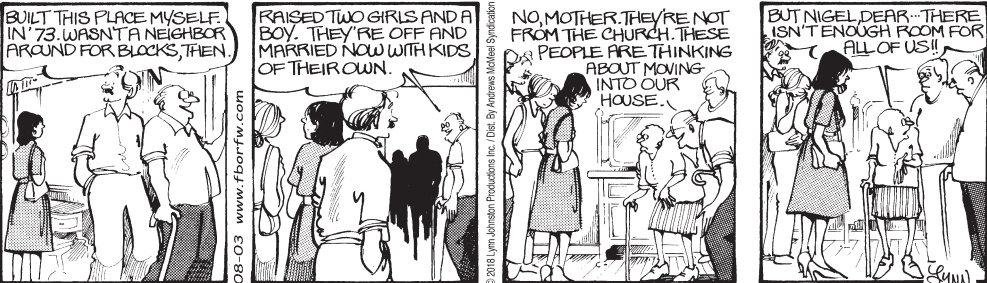
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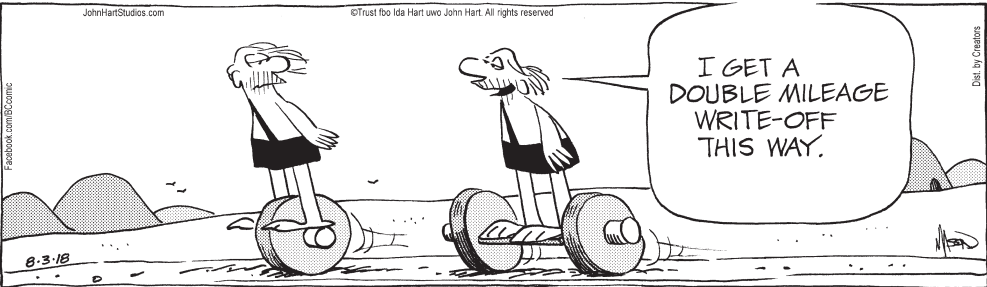
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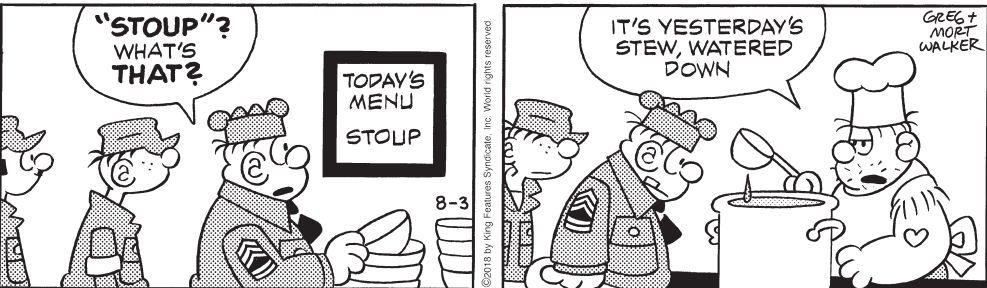
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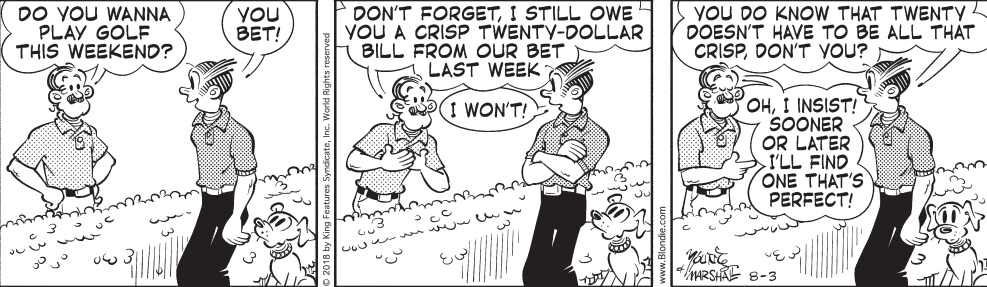
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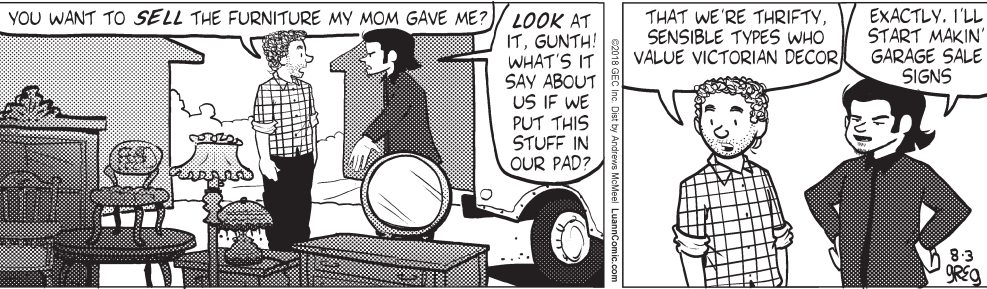
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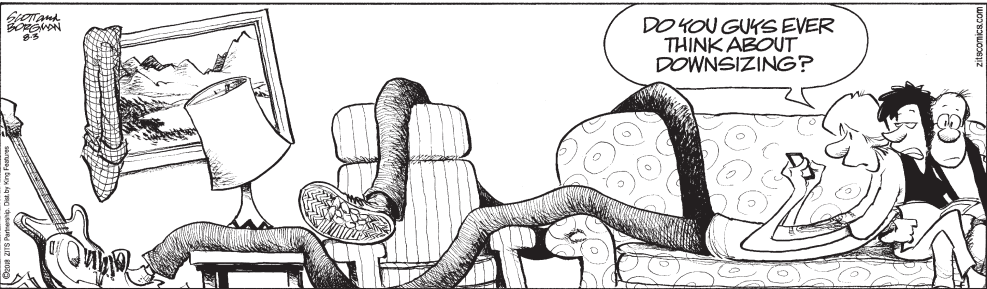
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DEAR ABBY

Mom sees danger everywhere as daughter leaves for school

Dear Abby: I'm the proud mom of a wonderful 21-year-old daughter whom I find myself worrying about more and more lately. She just graduated from our local college and is heading to medical school in another state six hours away.

Rationally, I know she'll be fine and can take care of herself, but I am terrified that something will happen to her and I won't be there. My husband and daughter keep telling me nothing will happen and I need to calm down.

My question is, how do I go about staying calm when there is danger everywhere? She's our only child. Aren't my fears justified? Or am I overreacting like they keep telling me? — **Worried Mom In Alabama**

Dear Worried Mom: You are overreacting. Many parents experience the fears you are having to some degree when their child leaves home. For many of them, it happens when the child boards the school bus at the age of 6. For others it happens when their young adult leaves for college.

While tragedies do sometimes occur, they can happen when a parent is present as well as when their child is absent. These incidents are magnified when they dominate the news cycle. If you are unable to control your anxiety, a licensed therapist may be able to help you regain your balance.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Russell," and I have had a good relationship for five years. He's black; I'm white. The problem is, on every holiday — Mother's Day, Easter, Father's Day, etc. — Russell and his family go out to dinner and I am not invited. I have a feeling it's because I'm white. His



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Advice

ex-girlfriend was black and she was always invited to family functions.

I love Russell but don't think our relationship will go anywhere because his family doesn't approve of me. My family totally accepts him, by the way.

What should I do? Should I stay in a relationship where I am shunned? He doesn't think it's that big a deal and says I shouldn't let it bother me, but how can it not? His brother's girlfriend is invited. She's

black, of course. Help, please. — **Excluded In Delaware**

Dear Excluded: You have been seeing Russell for five YEARS? It is a big deal, and you would have to have a hide of Kevlar not to be bothered by it. Have you asked him why you are consistently excluded? Have you asked where he thinks your relationship is going? If not, it's time you did.

Not knowing Russell's family, I don't know whether they may have some other objection to you than the fact that you are white. Regretfully, racism exists in every community to some degree. Without more information, I am reluctant to label them.

Dear Abby: Recently I've noticed more people saying "Excuse you" instead of "Excuse me" if someone is in their way. I consider it very rude, since the person being addressed often has no idea he or she is in the way before something is said. What's an appropriate response when someone says "Excuse you"? — **Excuse Me In The Midwest**

Dear Excuse Me: This is what I would say: "Excuse me? Excuse YOU! If you need to get by, all you have to do is ask politely."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 3, 1918

Pilot Rock sent in word to the Umatilla County Library today that six persons in that locality have adopted Fatherless French Children and agree to pay the money in advance. The children have been chosen by name, and Mrs. L.C. Scharps, in charge of the work in Pilot Rock, says the people in her locality will adopt more. Seven more were recently adopted in Athena. Miss Sabra Nason, who is in charge of the lists, says that there are still some children who have not been adopted and she will be glad to answer any questions regarding them. It costs but \$36.50 to support one these children for a year.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 3, 1968

After being missing from home for about 24 hours, Richard Wagner, 16, was found in Pendleton Thursday afternoon by a friend. Wagner was located about 2:02 p.m. after Agnus Carr reported to Pendleton city police seeing the boy walking east on SW Emigrant near the Health Food Store. An intensive search began Wednesday evening and ran through Thursday morning in an area northwest of the DeMoss Turkey Ranch on

Diagonal Road about six miles northeast of Hermiston. Deputy Sheriff Sam Sellers, who directed the search of the desert area, said Wagner had been riding his horse and decided to hitchhike to Pendleton to visit some friends. Sellers said the youth slept on a Pendleton lawn unaware of the search by about 40 men on horseback, plus a helicopter and airplane.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 3, 1993

It's easy to forget amid the heat of August, but since meteorologists have been keeping weather records in Pendleton, no July has been colder than the one just past. That's not all. Only two Julys have been wetter since the turn of he century. The cool temperatures and record rains were bad news for campers and swimmers, but most farmers in the region — particularly those growing wheat and peas — are enjoying bountiful harvests. Wheat yields of up to 110 bushels per acre — not unheard of but certainly rare in this dryland country — have been reported in the region west of Adams and Athena. Harvests nearly double last year's disappointing crop have been reported all over the area, said Mike Stoltz, Oregon State University extension agent in Pendleton.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 215th day of 2018. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 3, 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he took the 100-meter sprint.

On this date:

In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

In 1921, baseball commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis refused to reinstate the former Chicago White Sox players implicated in the "Black Sox" scandal, despite their acquittals in a jury trial.

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Ronald Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

In 1994, Arkansas carried out the nation's first triple execution in 32 years. Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's Vermont summer home.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Tony Bennett is 92. Actor Martin Sheen is 78. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 77. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 77. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Marcel Dionne is 67. Actor Philip Casnoff is 64. Actor John C. McGinley is 59.

Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker (The Stray Cats) is 57. Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is 52. Rock musician Stephen Carpenter (Deftones) is 48. Hip-hop artist Spinderella (Salt-N-Pepa) is 47. NFL quarterback Tom Brady is 41. Actress Evangeline Lilly is 39. Actress Mamie Gummer is 35. Olympic gold medal swimmer Ryan Lochte is 34. Country singer Whitney Duncan is 34. Actress Georgina Haig is 33. Singer Holly Arnstein (Dream) is 33.

Thought for Today: "Many of us spend half of our time wishing for things we could have if we didn't spend half our time wishing." — *Alexander Woollcott, American critic (1887-1943).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

