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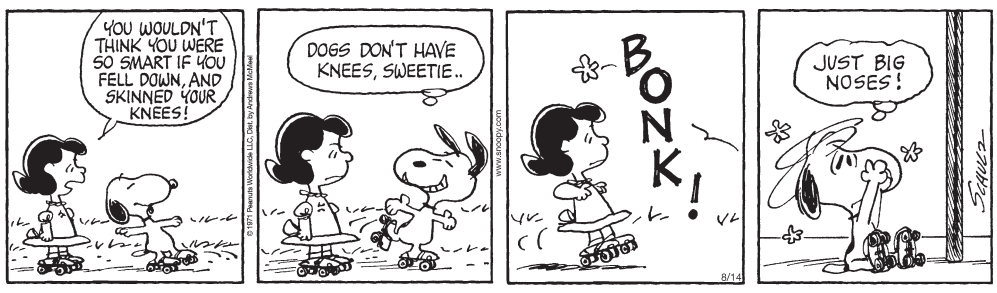

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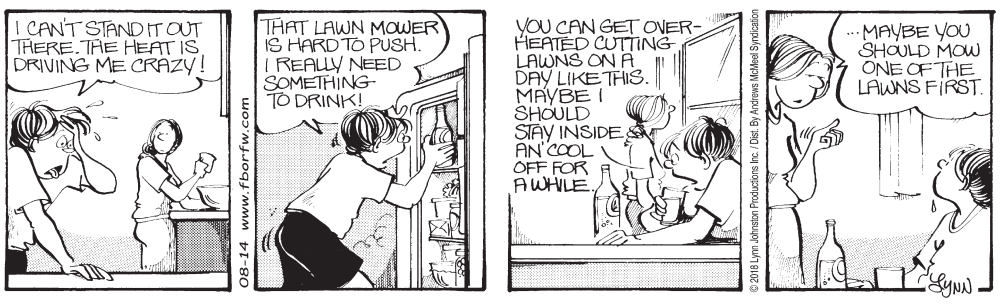

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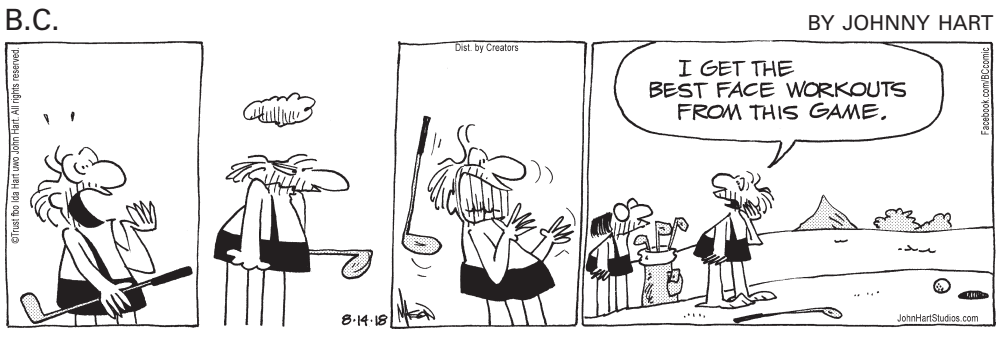

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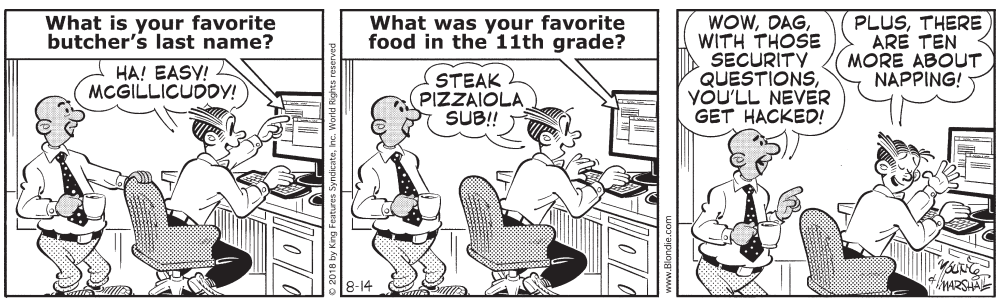

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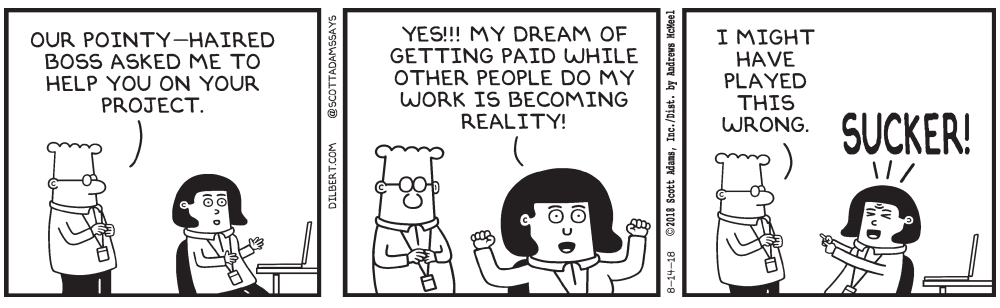

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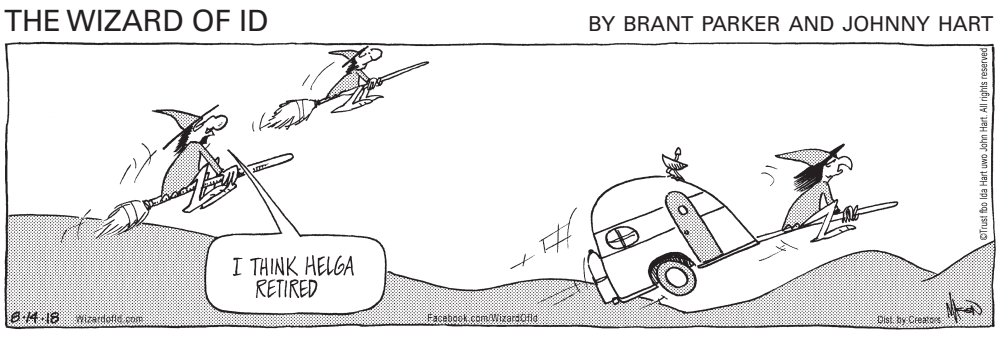

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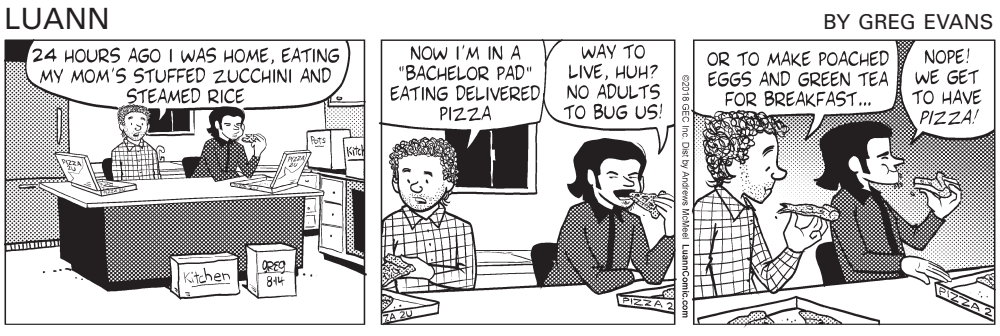

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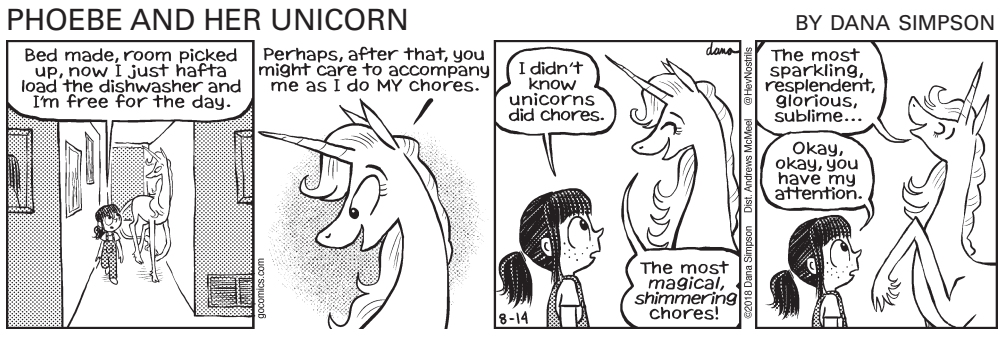

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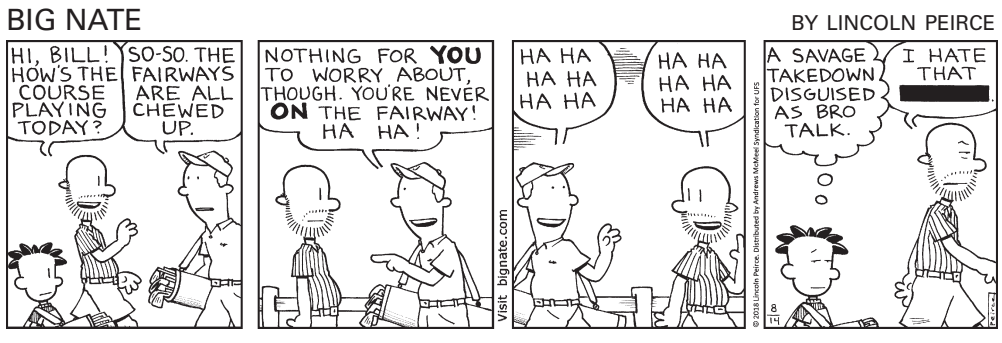

DEAR ABBY

Friendship with woman makes waves in men's relationship

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I'm a 35-year-old gay man who has been in a serious relationship for five years. During the last year, my significant other, "Grady," has grown very close with a female co-worker of mine he met at my office party. (I'll call her Tina.) They have become inseparable, and when they aren't hanging out, he's constantly texting and calling her.

At first I didn't have a problem with it, but lately I'm getting some strange vibes. Grady always said he was never attracted to women, but I have caught him ogling Tina when she's at our pool in her bikini. He acts like a jealous boyfriend when men approach her and even ran off a couple she briefly dated.

Yesterday there was a fire in the building where I work, and everyone was forced to evacuate. Last night I discovered that when Grady heard it on the radio, he left his job to come and get Tina and drive her home. Not once did he attempt to contact me to see how I was doing.

When I confronted him, he argued that Tina doesn't have a car (which is true), and said he was worried because she's "just a kid." But, Abby, she's NOT a kid. Tina is 25 years old and capable of calling a taxi or asking for a ride. I told him that rather than leave work, he could have called me and asked me to drive her home. Later he admitted that she hadn't tried to contact him — that his worry drove him to come and get her, which indicates to me that something more is going on.

Am I overreacting like he says, or should I be worried I'm about to lose my man? — **Jealous In Texas**

Dear Jealous: Grady does seem fixated on Tina. I have heard of straight men repressing their homosexual feelings until they are middle-aged, so I suppose it's possible for a gay man to discover that he's bisexual. That said, I'm not sure you are overreacting. Whether Tina is a threat to your relationship only he can answer.

If Grady is willing to go with you, relationship counseling should be available at your nearest gay and lesbian community center. I suggest this because the two of you may need an unbiased referee to prevent an honest conversation about your feelings from degenerating into an argument.

Dear Abby: My in-laws (whom I love) stay with us twice a year and we entertain them while they're here. Whenever they are in town, my husband's ex-wife insists on meeting them for lunch.

It has been 10 years since my husband and his ex were divorced. They have adult children. Her inclusion hurts my feelings, and I suspect my in-laws are just afraid of hurting the ex's feelings. She is remarried, too. How would you feel? — **Tired Of It In Tennessee**

Dear Tired: I would feel less threatened than you apparently do, and this is how I would handle it: I'd keep the visit positive, and realize the ex is ancient history. I would not let her presence ruin the visit. Your in-laws are adults. If they didn't want to see her, they would find a way to tell her that they couldn't fit her in. If necessary, I would also remind myself that their having lunch with her has nothing to do with the relationship they have with me, which is what I recommend you do.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 13-14, 1918

Benjamin Ray Carlson is the first member of Troop D that left Pendleton last year to be reported in the casualty lists. A letter received today by the First National bank from the Grundy Center National bank, Grundy Center, Iowa, tells the news of his being killed in action in France July 16. His mother who lives at that place desires to learn something of his effects that may have been left in Pendleton, also any friends he may have had here. It has been learned that Carlson when he left here left a trunk and suit case with Penland Brothers, and beyond this very little can be learned about him. He is said to have been quite friendly with H.F. Stoner, one of Troop D, and it is thought he is a young man that worked as a barber for a time at the Eagle Baths on Main street.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 13-14, 1968

"The place of happiness" on the Umatilla Indian Reservation — its Indian name, Nicht-yow-way — is a cheerful setting for a major development: a self-help housing project. Ground was broken officially Monday. Tribal members will be able to use their labor as a down payment on attractive new three-bedroom homes. The project, in the works for many months, is guided by the Umatilla Reservation Housing Authority, a group of area residents appointed by the tribal council. Jack Stangier, Pendleton, chairman of the housing authority, said building of 14 homes has been approved for the first phase of the project.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 13-14, 1993

With the same gracious grandeur as their forebears did 150 years ago, the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Indians opened their arms to the weary emigrants on the Oregon Trail Wagon Train Thursday night. Some 850 people — including the 300 wagon train participants — feasted on a splendid salmon dinner before they were entertained and educated by tribal dancers, drummers and singers in the longhouse. The dinner also included corn on the cob, a salad featuring Smith frozen peas, fry bread and blackberry cheesecake. Indian leaders, Oregon Trail organizers and tourism dignitaries all were impressed with the turnout.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

In 1848, the Oregon Territory was created.

In 1917, China declared war on Germany and Austria during World War I.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that Imperial Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1969, British troops went to Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale were nominated for second terms at the Democratic national convention in New York.

In 1992, the White House announced that the Pentagon would begin emergency airlifts of food to Somalia to alleviate mass deaths by starvation.

In 1997, an unrepentant Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing.

Today's Birthdays: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 93. College Football Hall of Famer John Brodie is 83. Singer Dash Crofts is 80. Rock singer David Crosby is 77. Country singer Connie Smith is 77. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 73. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 68. Basketball Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 59. Singer Sarah Brightman is 58. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 54. Actress Halle Berry is 52. Actor Ben Bass is 50. Actress Catherine Bell is 50. Country musician Cody McCarver (Confederate Railroad) is 50. Rock musician Kevin Cadogan is 48. Actor Scott Michael Campbell is 47. Actress Lalanya Masters is 46. Actor Christopher Gorham is 44. NFL quarterback-turned-baseball player Tim Tebow is 31.

Thought for Today: "Freedom of speech and freedom of action are meaningless without freedom to think. And there is no freedom of thought without doubt." — *Bergen Baldwin Evans, American author (1904-1978).*