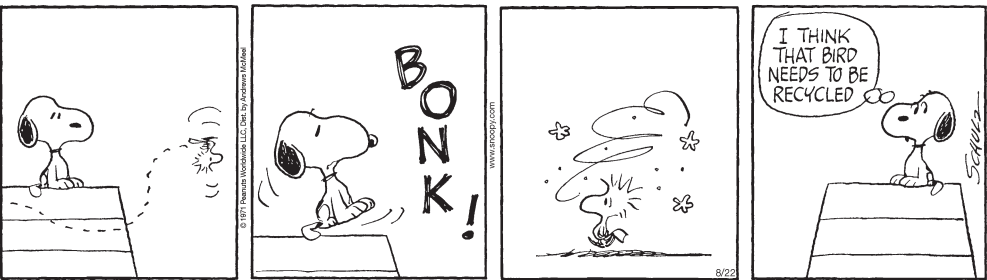


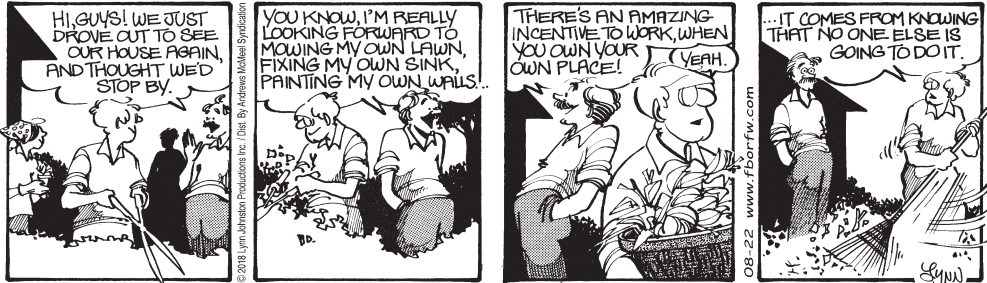
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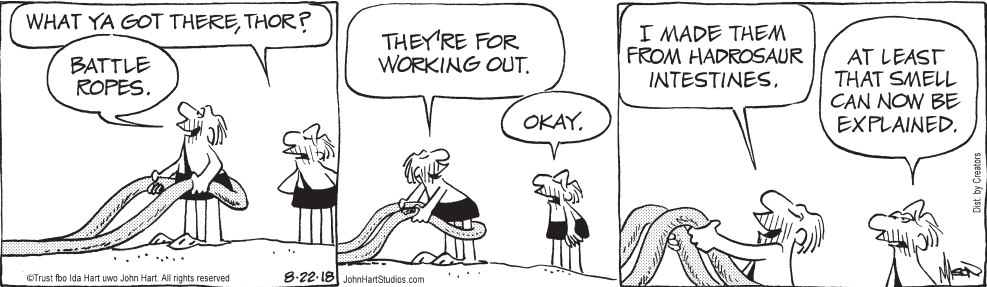
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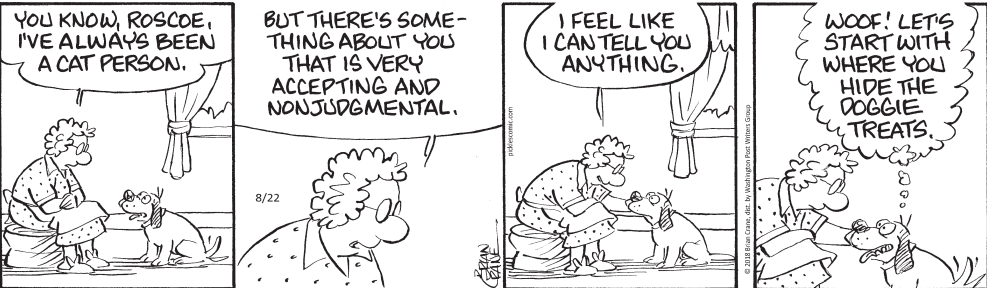
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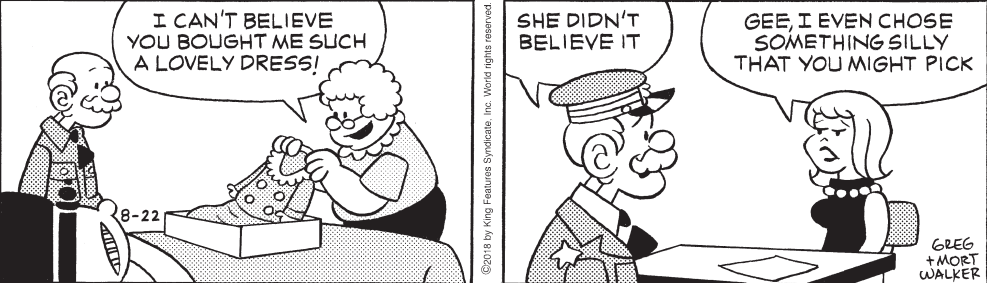
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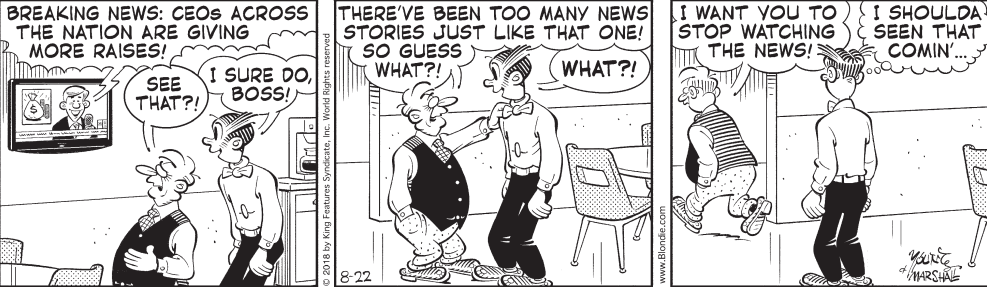
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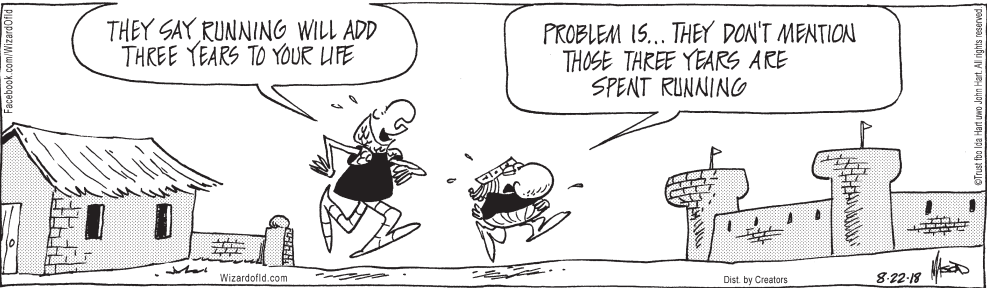
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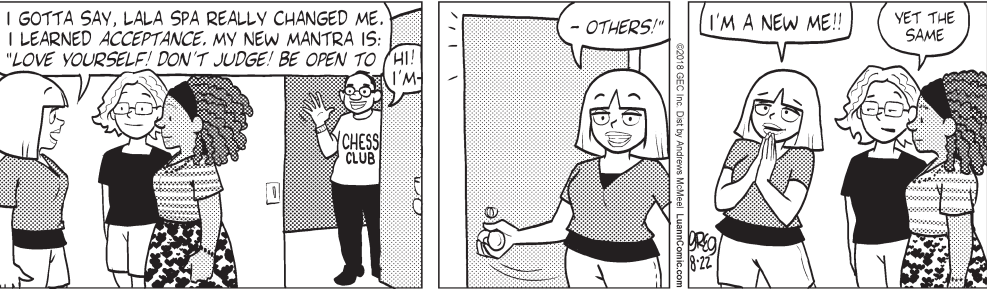
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DEAR ABBY

Man has misgivings about rough talk in the bedroom

Dear Abby: My wife and I have been married 25 years and have three adult children who no longer live with us. We are religious and belong to a conservative church.

We have a satisfying sex life. About 15 years ago we started using graphic language during our love-making. We find it exhilarates and enhances our experience. We do not call each other names; we use graphic words to express how good we feel during the act. The excitement I feel from this is cheaper than Viagra.

Is what we are doing wrong? We are empty nesters. I worry about what would happen if our closest religious friends knew. Would they feel the same way toward us? I believe words become wrong when they are used for the wrong motive. When I use them with my wife for better sex, my motive is pure. Do you think other religious couples enjoy this activity? — **Bedroom Secret In West Virginia**

Dear Secret: Unless your religious friends have a hidden listening device in your bedroom, your worries are groundless. What happens in the bedroom between two adults — as long as it is consensual and hurts neither one — is OK and nobody else's business. As to whether other religious married couples do something similar to what you and your wife are doing, I think the odds are pretty good they are doing that and more.

Dear Abby: My younger brother has been with his girlfriend for three years off and on. He's 22; she's 19. He joined the Army



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Advice

during one of their breakups. (Being in the military was something he had wanted to do since he could talk.)

When he was away, she mentally abused him because she "doesn't trust other people." My brother has told me he's only with her because she has nobody else. (She comes from a dysfunctional family.) She doesn't allow him to have any kind of social life when she's not around.

She's now pregnant with what we believe is not my brother's child, given they had broken up and the day they got back together, BAM! she's pregnant. I know it takes only one time, but the dates really don't add up.

This is affecting his relationship with our family and his lifelong buddies. He's my only brother, and I don't want to just flush our relationship as siblings, but I'm exhausted. What do I do? — **Tired In The East**

Dear Tired: Your family should talk to your brother as a group and discuss your concerns. His girlfriend is immature, insecure and controlling. He will be under her thumb for a lifetime if they marry. Ask him to clarify how honest he was when he said he was with her only because she had no one else.

He may be so physically attracted to her he can't think straight, which is why he seems to be willing to accept her manipulation and control. He should not support the baby without first talking to an attorney and insisting on a paternity test.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 22, 1918

William Russell and Emmett Rothrock, two young boys of Athena, aged 18 and 16, respectively, were arrested at 2 a.m. this morning by Jim Randolph, night watchman at the Farmers' Union elevator. They are being held today for a hearing in the juvenile court before Judge C.H. Marsh. The boys were in a car and are said to have been having quite a joyous time creating considerable disturbance. Two other young men from Pilot Rock, whose names were not learned, were with them. A couple of bottles of whisky found with the boys also figure in the case.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 22, 1968

An explosion, dense smoke in the cattle show barn, and arrival of three fire trucks brought unexpected excitement to the opening day of Morrow County Fair at the fairgrounds in Heppner Tuesday about 4:30 p.m. A 14-year-old boy was taken by his parents to Pioneer Memorial Hospital following the explosion. He was reportedly suffering first and second degree burns to his right hand and arm and lower back. Officers

said three boys had slipped into a feed storage part of the new all steel barn. In a room approximately 15 by 30 feet they were making "bombs" at a wooden table. They reportedly used sugar and sodium chlorate which they had in a five-gallon pail. The resulting explosion bent out the steel wall of the room, even though the nails holding it were set in cement. The fire burned fiercely almost through 3/4 inch boards on the table, but only in the part where the sodium chlorate was.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 22, 1993

A search is under way for a Pendleton man suspected in the non-fatal shooting of his wife the early morning hours Saturday in Pendleton. Tammyra Woods, 24, of Pendleton was treated and released at St. Anthony Hospital for a single gunshot wound. One pellet from a 4-10 sawed-off shotgun pierced her left shoulder. Police are searching for Ron Woods, 34. Woods allegedly told his wife he was going to kill her, then shot at her through a trailer wall and then fled the scene, according to a report on the Oregon State Police Public Safety Log. The weapon used during the incident has been recovered, but police are unsure if Woods took an additional weapon from the home.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln responded to Horace Greeley's call for more drastic steps to abolish slavery; Lincoln replied that his priority was saving the Union, but he also repeated his personal wish "that all men everywhere could be free."

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast, using a 30-line mechanical system.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1972, John Wojtowicz and Salvatore Naturile took seven employees hostage at a Chase Manhattan Bank branch in Brooklyn, New York, during a botched robbery; the siege, which ended with Wojtowicz's arrest and Naturile's killing by the FBI, inspired the 1975 movie "Dog Day Afternoon."

In 1989, Black Panthers co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, California. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

In 1992, on the second day of the Ruby Ridge siege in Idaho, an FBI sharpshooter killed Vicki Weaver, the wife of white separatist Randy Weaver (the sharpshooter later said he was targeting the couple's friend Kevin Harris, and didn't see Vicki Weaver).

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Morton Dean is 83. Baseball Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski is 79. Actress Valerie Harper is 79. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Bill Parcells is 77. International Swimming Hall of Famer Diana Nyad is 69. Baseball Hall of Famer Paul Molitor is 62. Singer Tori Amos is 55. Country singer Mila Mason is 55. Actress Brooke Dillman is 52. Rapper GZA/The Genius is 52. Actor Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje is 51. Actor Ty Burrell is 51. Talk show host James Corden is 40.

Thought for Today: "Life does not give itself to one who tries to keep all its advantages at once. I have often thought morality may perhaps consist solely in the courage of making a choice." — *Leon Blum, French statesman (1872-1950).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

