

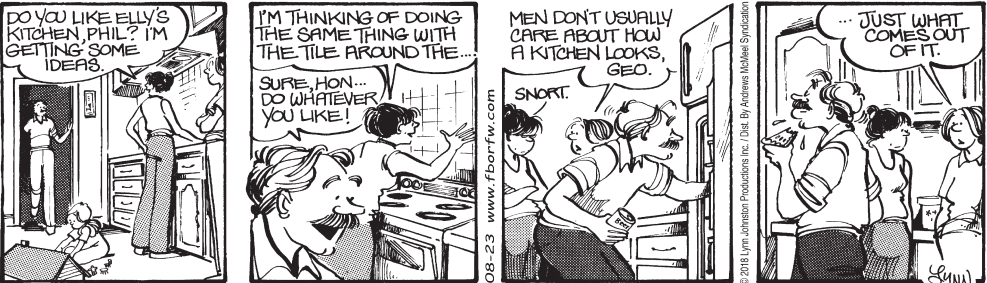
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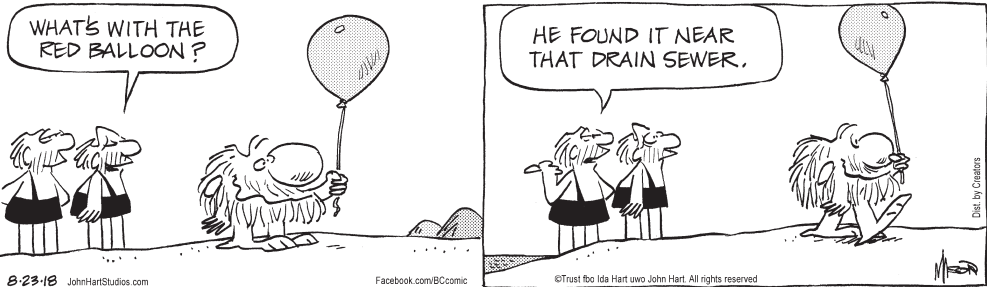
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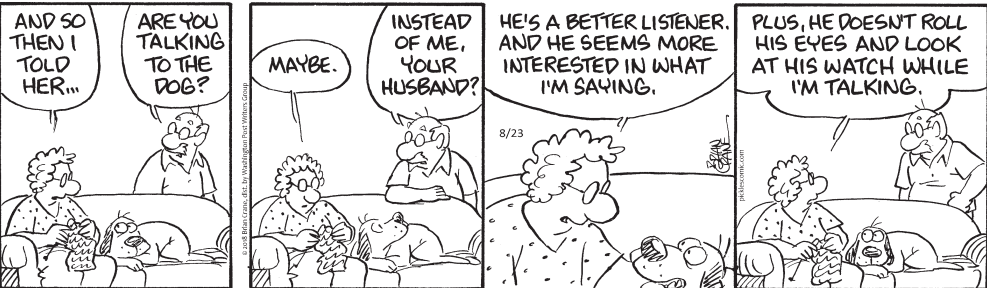
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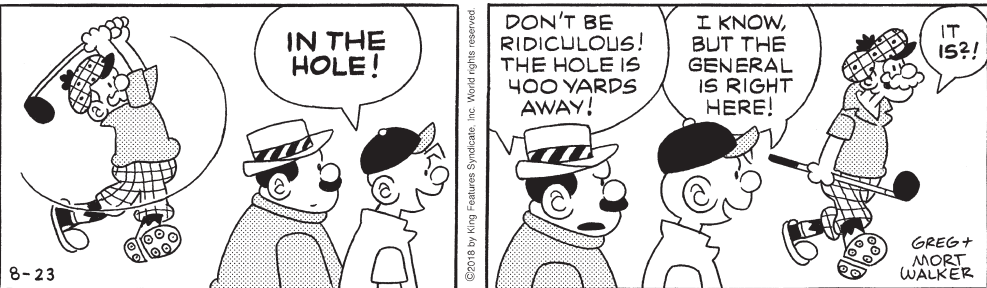
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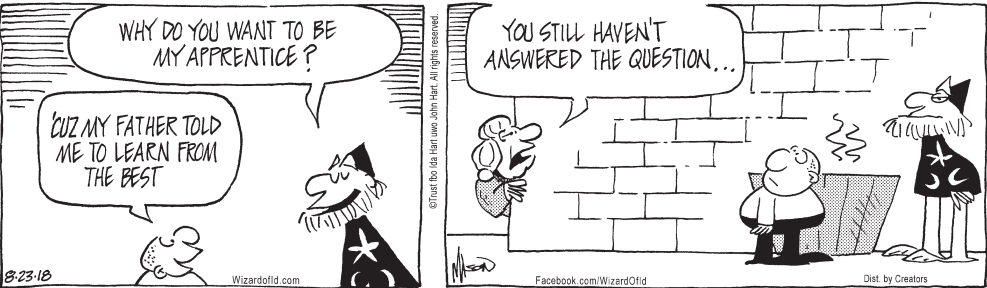
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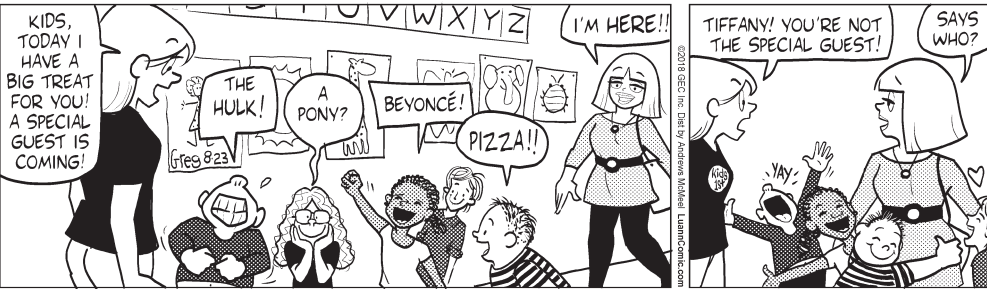
THE WIZARD OF ID

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LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

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DEAR ABBY

Guests at mountain getaway come up short on gratitude

Dear Abby: Years ago, I bought a beautiful little cottage in the North Carolina mountains as a second home. I feel very lucky to be able to afford such a luxury and have always been generous, sharing it with family and friends. However, it has reached the point where people constantly ask to use it.

Abby, my guests have left holes in cushions, bubble gum on couches and someone's child even peed in the bed. Only once in 10 years was I left with a thank-you note and a gift card to a local store. Most of the time I find a bottle of cheap wine. (I don't drink.)

How can I stop this? I'm being taken advantage of. I know I'm partly at fault for being so generous. This cottage was bought for me, my children and grandchildren to enjoy. — Too Generous

Dear Too Generous: People can be taken advantage of only if they allow it. You need to learn to say no. And when (not if) you are asked why you no longer allow friends and family to use the cottage in your absence, tell the individuals exactly what you have told me about your reasons.

Dear Abby: How do you deal with having a mental disorder? I have quite a few, and I wish I didn't. At work, I feel inadequate because I'm a few steps behind everyone mentally, emotionally and socially. At home I feel the same way. The meds I take help, but I still feel inadequate.

Abby, how do I deal with these feelings?



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

I rarely talk to my dad about it. I find more comfort in putting my feelings down on paper than talking about them with my dad. What should I do? — Frustrated Girl In California

Dear Frustrated: One way to deal with your feelings would be to remember that everyone — not just you — has challenges. Some people find it helpful to talk about their feelings with others who are fighting similar battles. You might feel better

if you find a support group to join so you won't feel so isolated. To locate one, you and your dad should contact NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Its website is nami.org, and the toll-free helpline to call is (800) 950-6264.

Dear Abby: My question has to do with a present I bought for a friend's birthday. It was a gift certificate for a spa. Unfortunately, when she went to use it, the doors were locked and the place had shut down. I was very upset and embarrassed. Should I have replaced it even though I didn't have the money? — Upset And Embarrassed

Dear Upset: You bought the gift certificate in good faith. It wasn't your fault that the spa went out of business, and you shouldn't feel guilty.

I do not think people should spend money they don't have, and you shouldn't feel obligated to do so. Explore any possible recourse for getting reimbursement for the gift certificate. If you paid for it with a credit card, your provider may credit you back the money.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 23, 1918

Because of the increased cost of everything connected with the making of the show, because the directors wish to make as much money as possible for the Red Cross, and because it will be necessary to pay a war tax of from 10c to 20c on every admission to the grounds this year, the price of seats for the 1918 Round-Up has been raised from 25c to 50c. This decision was reached by the directors at a meeting held last evening and followed consideration of the matter lasting several weeks. The prices which will prevail this year are \$1.00 for bleachers' seats, \$1.50 for grandstand seats and \$2.00 for box seats. The seat sale will open on the streets on the morning of September the 1st, under the director of Vice President Baer.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 23, 1968

A black stocking cap pulled over his face, a young man wielding a long-barreled rifle entered the Dari-Mart in Milton-Freewater, slugged Artimecia Edwards on the head with the gun and made off with \$160. Mrs. Edwards, on duty at the time of the robbery between 9:30 and 9:50 Wednesday night, described the thief as a young man, about

20, Caucasian, about 6-0 and stockily built. Roy Tomlinson of Walla Walla, owner of the Dari-Mart, said there were two sacks containing \$50 each pushed out of sight which were overlooked, along with the money and checks in the safe.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 23, 1993

Eighteen-year-old Patrick Kligel never suspected that a CPR class he took at Pendleton Junior High School would save his best friend's life. And the teacher of that class, Dale Freeman, never knew his son Chester would be the one saved by such first aid. Best friends since the fourth grade, Kligel pulled his pal from the McKay Creek Reservoir after Freeman, 18, capsized on his kneeboard Sunday afternoon. Kligel then administered CPR by giving Freeman mouth to mouth resuscitation, a technique he learned from his friend's father as a ninth grader. Kligel shouldered his friend on his back before hosting him into the 17-foot motor boat that had been towing Freeman on his kneeboard. After hauling him back to the boat, Kligel sucked up much of the water lodged in Freeman's lungs, spitting it out at regular intervals. At last, Freeman began to cough on his own, vomiting both food and water. "It felt good saving a life because I want to be a doctor," Kligel said."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 23, 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1913, Copenhagen's Little Mermaid statue, inspired by the Hans Christian Andersen story, was unveiled in the harbor of the Danish capital.

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1927, amid worldwide protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. (On the 50th anniversary of their executions, then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation that Sacco and Vanzetti had been unfairly tried and convicted.)

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black youth, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by a group of white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. (Gunman Joey Fama was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison; he will be eligible for parole in 2022.)

In 2000, an estimated 51 million viewers tuned in for the finale of the first season of the CBS reality show "Survivor," in which contes-

tant Richard Hatch won the \$1 million prize.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Eden is 87. Sonny Jurgensen is 84. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 74. Actress Shelley Long is 69. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 69. Country musician Ira Dean (Trick Pony) is 49. Actor Scott Caan is 42. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 41. Retired NBA player Kobe Bryant is 40. Actress Kimberly Matula is 30.

Thought for Today: "I know the world is filled with troubles and many injustices. But reality is as beautiful as it is ugly. I think it is just as important to sing about beautiful mornings as it is to talk about slums. I just couldn't write anything without hope in it." — Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

