

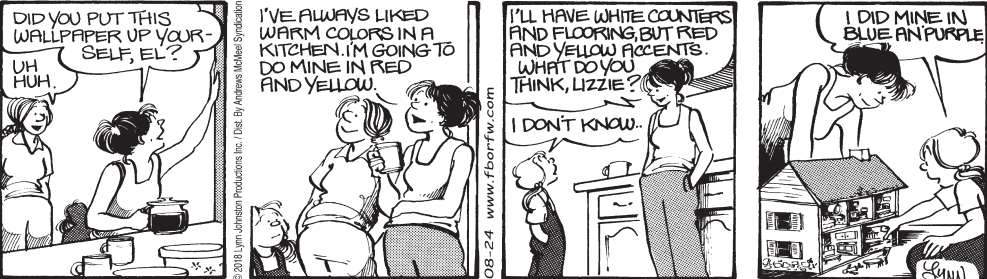
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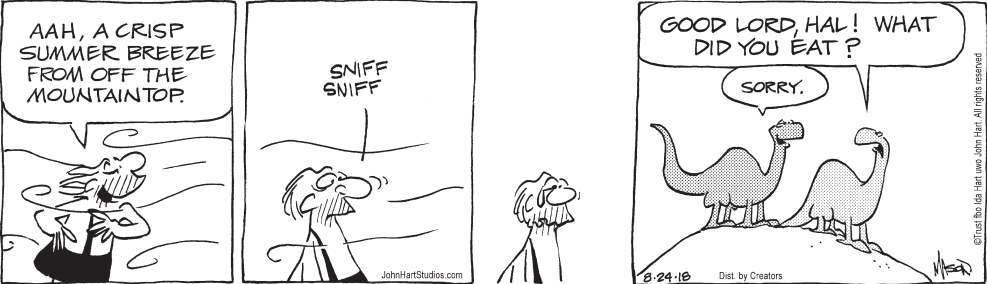
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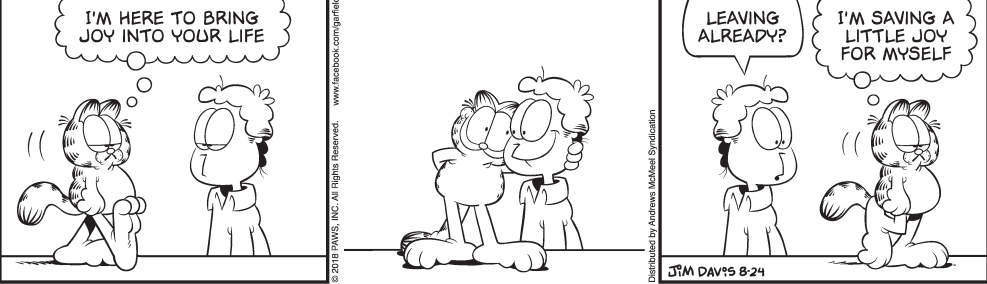
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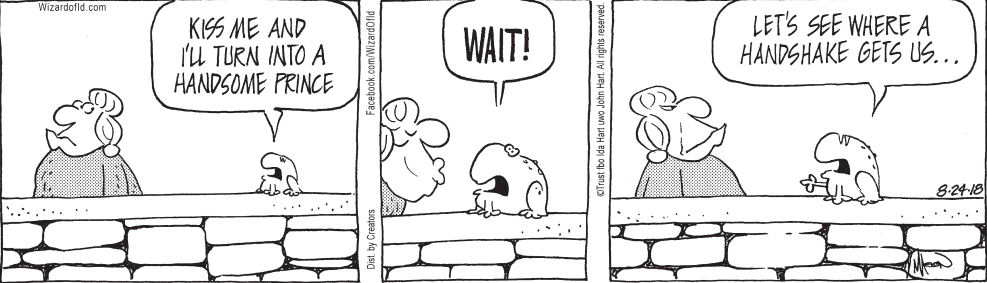
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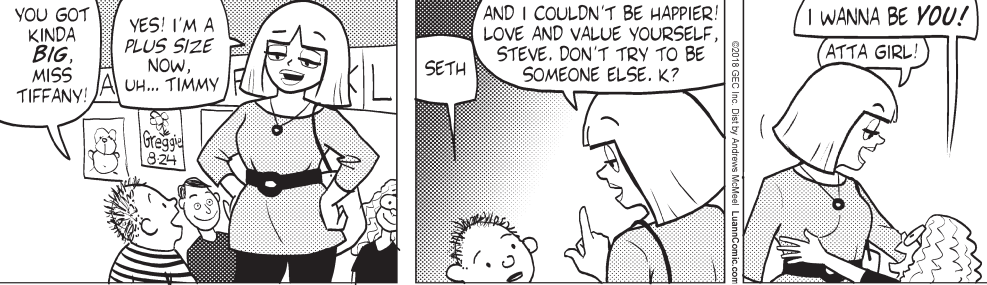
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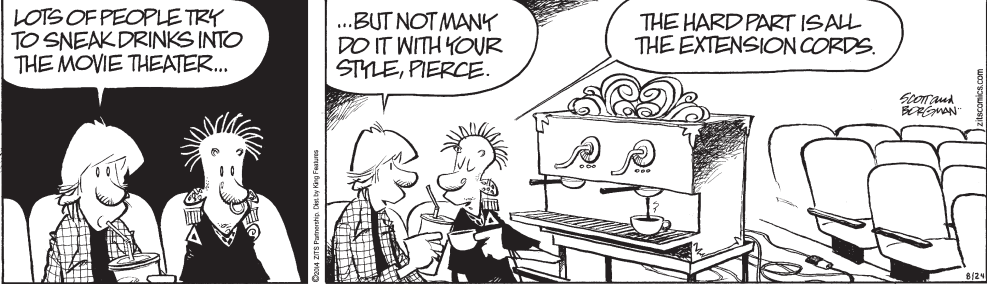
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DEAR ABBY

Long-married couple clashes over wife's right to privacy

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married 25 years. I was 19 and he was 28. Among a number of things we disagree about, there's the notion that he feels I should have zero privacy. If he finds out I locked the bathroom door or the bedroom door for five minutes to get something private done, like shave or use the potty, he freaks out and yells at me. He insists that he's the husband and I shouldn't feel the need to lock him out.

This morning I locked the bedroom door for less than 10 minutes to pack my bag for a flight. I was running late and wanted to eliminate the distraction of him going in and out of the room so I could finish quickly. He flipped out, calling me rude for making him feel like he is a pervert by locking the door. In the nicest way possible I had asked him when he came to the door if he would please let me have the room until I was done packing.

Don't I have the right to lock the door if I feel I need privacy, or is he right that there's no need for privacy from a husband? I hardly get five or 10 minutes a month of it. We have a large home with four other bathrooms. It isn't a lack-of-space thing. Please help me resolve this. — **It's Personal, In New York**

Dear It's Personal: Everyone needs privacy at one time or another. Because someone is married does not mean she (or he) shouldn't have the right to some — especially when using the bathroom. Your husband is either extremely controlling or



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

doesn't trust you to be alone, and that's not healthy. What's causing his behavior I can't guess, but a licensed mental health professional may be able to help you figure it out. If he won't agree to go, go without him.

Dear Abby: I am a 28-year-old man with a serious drinking problem. I function normally at work, but I have no real life outside of work or drinking.

I tried AA, but didn't feel comfortable in an organization that emphasizes God as part of the path to sobriety. I am desperate to find a way to recover, but I feel helpless. Please point me in the right direction. — **Addicted In Kansas City, Mo.**

Dear Addicted: Because, for the reason you stated, Alcoholics Anonymous isn't for you, I'm glad to offer secular alternatives. The first is SMART Recovery, a four-point program that encourages motivation to abstain and provides help in coping with cravings, managing negative emotions and finding a healthy life balance.

SMART Recovery offers face-to-face support groups worldwide as well as online meetings. Its goal, like AA, is lifetime abstinence, and its meetings and help are also free. Unlike AA, lifetime attendance at meetings is not required. To find more information, visit smartrecovery.org.

Another resource is Secular Organizations for Sobriety (also known as Save Our Selves). You will find a list of meetings at sossobriety.org. Whichever you choose, I wish you a successful recovery.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 24, 1918

The highest honors that can come to any soldier in the British army are held by Private Michael J. O'Rourke, who will speak at Happy Canyon next Friday night. Mr. O'Rourke possesses the Victoria Cross, the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Military Medal. He won the Victoria Cross in 1915 at the second battle of Ypres for exemplary conduct under fire, the Military Medal for defeating single-handed a German detachment, September 5, 1916, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery during the engagement from the 7th to the 11th of November, 1917. So distinguished for bravery was Mr. O'Rourke that not only was he recommended for the cross by the officers of his own regiment, the famous 7th Infantry, but by the officers of several other regiments as well.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 24, 1968

Now Cheryl Rinehart of Milton-Freewater really needs a new car. While she was test driving a new model Thursday, someone took two wheels, four tires and a spare, four

hub caps, bumper jack and her registration from her old car she'd parked at the dealer's lot.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 24, 1993

They watched computer "hackers" at work in the movies. They learned about "hacking" in college computer science courses. But until programs within the Umatilla County computer system began mysteriously disappearing about three weeks ago, they never thought they would be in the middle of a real hacking case. But that's exactly where Dan Lonai, Alan Acevedo and Eric Jensen found themselves. The trio of country data processing employees helped police gather evidence that led to the arrest on Monday of their former coworker, Thomas E. Marquez. Police believe Marquez, 34, broke into the county's computer system, tampered with programs in the assessor's files and installed a computer virus as a means of seeking revenge against the county after he was fired from his job in the county's data processing office. He was placed in the Umatilla County Jail to await a grand jury trial on nine counts of computer crimes, a class C felony.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 24, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, a major event in the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol (which was still under construction) and the White House, as well as other public buildings.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for murdering John Lennon. (Chapman remains imprisoned.)

In 1989, the Voyager 2 space probe flew by Neptune, sending back striking photographs.

In 2006, the International Astronomical Union declared that Pluto was no longer a full-fledged planet, demoting it to the status of a "dwarf planet."

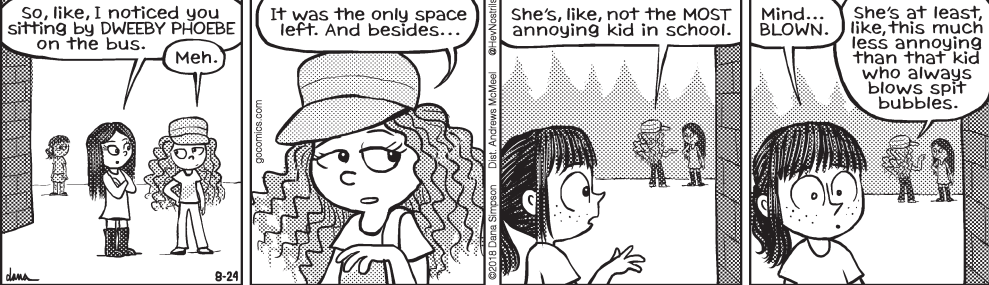
Today's Birthdays: Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is 63. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 60. Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 58. Talk show host Craig

Kilborn is 56. Basketball Hall of Famer Reggie Miller is 53. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 48. Movie director Ava DuVernay is 46. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 45. Actor James D'Arcy is 45. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo is 45. Actor Alex O'Loughlin is 42. Actress Beth Riesgraf is 40. Christian rock musician Jeffrey Gilbert (Kutless) is 35. Actor Rupert Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 30.

Thought for Today: "Of the twenty or so civilizations known to modern Western historians, all except our own appear to be dead or moribund, and, when we diagnose each case... we invariably find that the cause of death has been either War or Class or some combination of the two." — *Arnold J. Toynbee, English historian (1889-1975).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

