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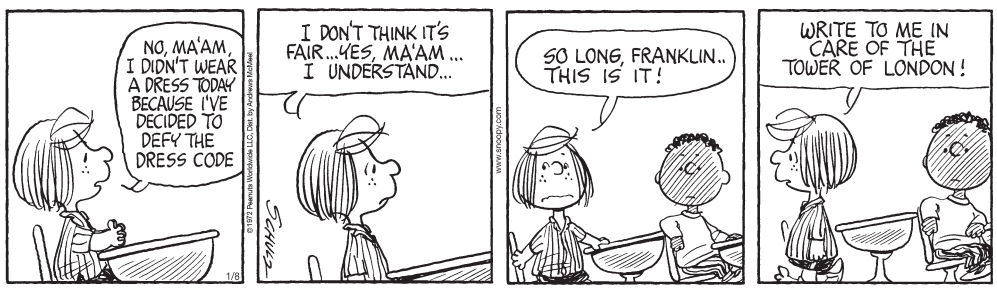

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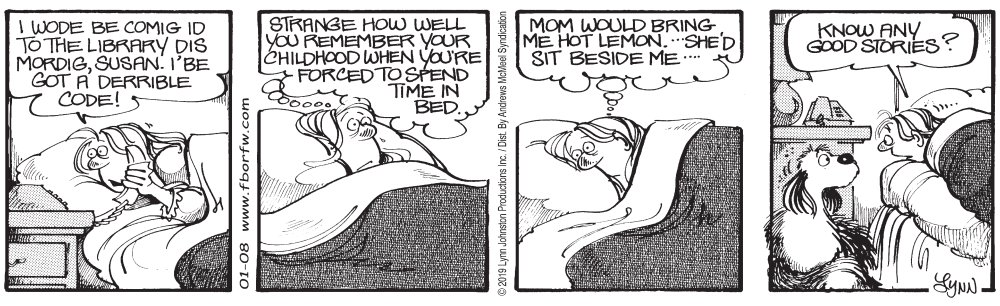

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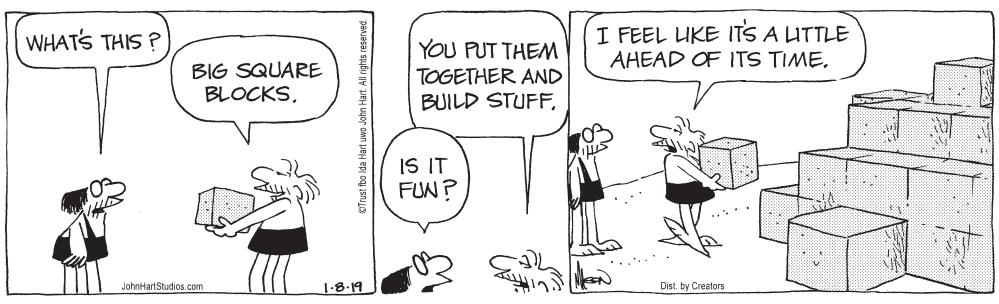

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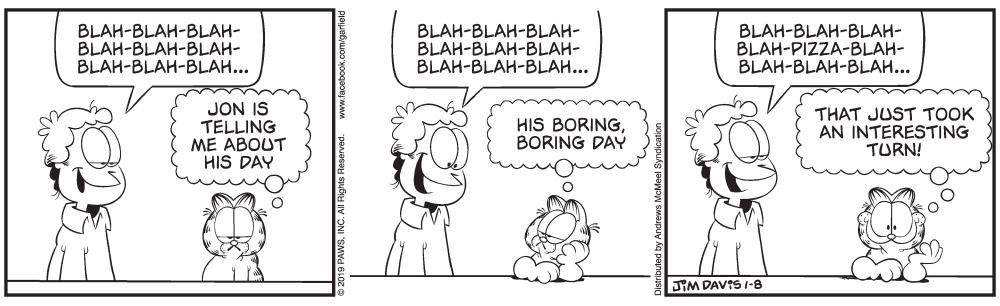

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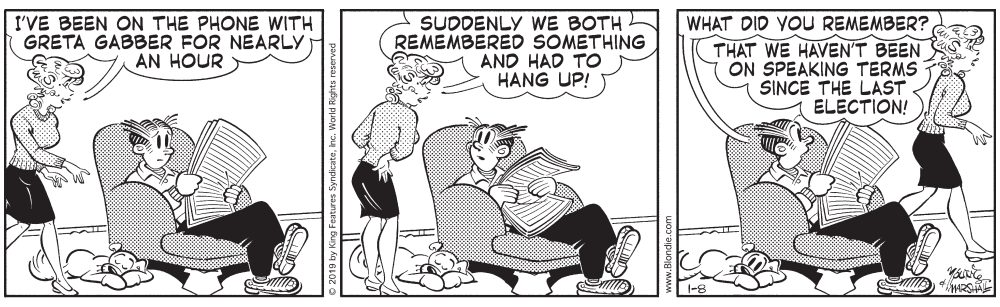

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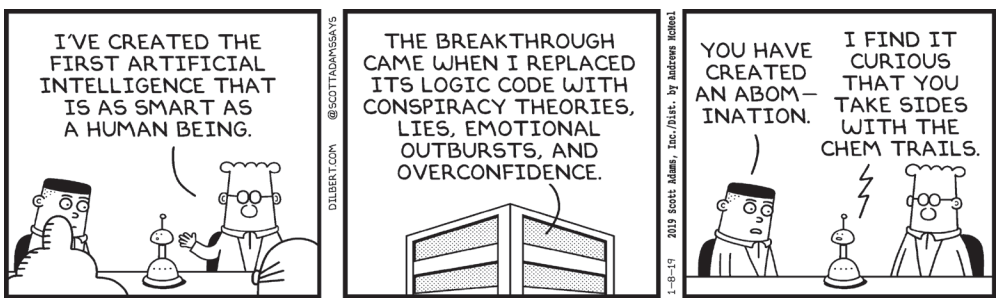

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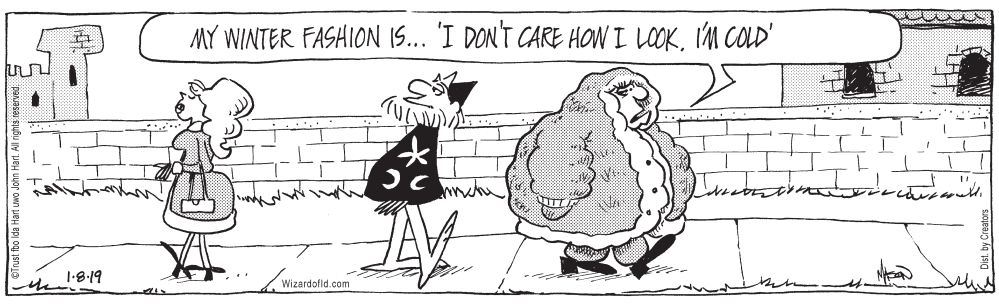

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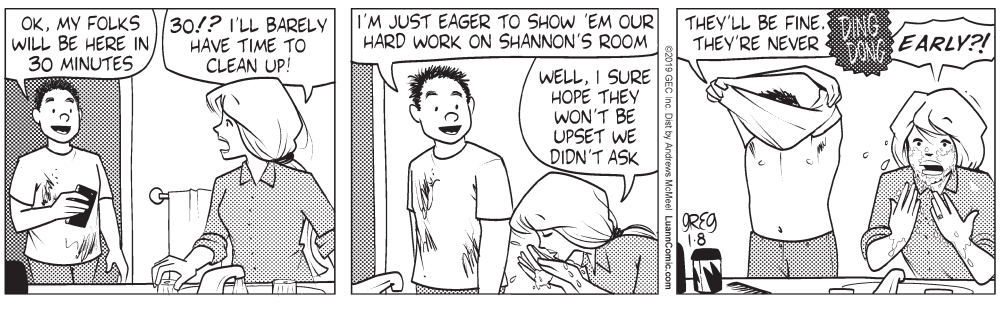

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DEAR ABBY

Teen surprised to discover she is attracted to women

JEANNE PHILLIPS
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a 19-year-old college student (female) who needs advice regarding something I'm trying to figure out. An ex-boyfriend I'm good friends with recently introduced me to his new girlfriend, and I took a more-than-friendly liking to her at first meeting.

My feelings about her confused me at first. Then I began thinking about my past and realized I'm attracted to both men and women. I always thought I was simply curious, but now I'm sure it's more than that.

My family and friends are liberal and open-minded. I know they'll love me no matter what, but I'm confused about how I feel. While I have dated only men so far, I'd be more than willing to call a woman a partner as well. How do I come to terms with this personal revelation while I'm still exploring it? — **Bi-Confused in New Jersey**

Dear Bi-Confused: The logical way to come to terms with the revelation would be to follow it and see where it leads. I would only caution you to make sure the person is available and the interest is mutual when you do.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Aiden," and I have been together for eight months. We're both in our 20s. We go to his parents' house every other week for dinner. I get along with them quite well.

The problem is, Aiden's family eats very quickly, and I'm always the last one done. My family, on the other hand, tends to spend about an hour around the dinner table when we gather. Even when I try to eat quickly, I'm still way behind Aiden's family.

How can I politely address this? I hate to keep people waiting, but I believe it's wrong to leave food on my plate when I'm still hungry. — **Chewing As Fast As I Can**

Dear Chewing: I agree you shouldn't leave food on your plate if you are still hungry. Eating slowly, thoroughly chewing one's food and enjoying a meal in a relaxed manner is healthy. Wolfing down one's food really isn't. You are not going to change Aiden's family's lifestyle. If you bring this up, they may become defensive. Just enjoy your food as you have been, and let them enjoy theirs in the way they are used to.

Dear Abby: What is an appropriate age to stop sending money or gifts to nieces, nephews and grandchildren? I have two nephews, and one of them turns 22 next month. I have been sending gifts or money for birthdays and Christmas ever since they were born, and I worry that they expect me to keep doing this until I pass away.

It is not that I can't afford to send these gifts, but as adults they shouldn't expect me to continue sending them money. I dread when my nephews start having children. Does that constitute another long-term obligation? — **Buying Their Love in Atlanta**

Dear Buying: The appropriate age to turn off the automated gift spigot would be when the "child" stops showing appreciation for the gifts or reaches adulthood. You are not obligated to give your nephews gifts for their children unless you are attending their baby showers or birthday celebrations.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 7-8, 1919

While the Pendleton schools are closed every effort is being made to continue the work. A system virtually making the high school a correspondence school has been developed by Superintendent Austin. Saturday outlines for home study for the week were mailed all students. The students will study at home and hand in their work. Even should the school remain closed until the first of February Mr. Austin hopes in this way to get ahead and be able to make up much of the lost time.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 7-8, 1969

Over 6,000 acres of West Extension Irrigation District land may get supplemental irrigation water, and an additional 2,000 acres of land may be irrigated as the result of a bid opening scheduled Jan. 9 that would pump water out of the Umatilla River into the West Extension canal on the south border of the city of Umatilla. The district will have two bid openings. The first calls for bids on an irrigation pumping station, discharge pipeline and appurtenant facilities for the West Extension Pumping Plant No. 1. The second bid will call for quotations on the electrical equipment for the pumping plant.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 7-8, 1994

The new Campus Life youth center in Hermiston has been in operation since October but still needs some help with the finishing touches. The 2,500-square-foot building has attracted from 50-80 high school students after football and basketball games on Fridays and about as many junior high kids on Saturdays. The center is on South First Street across from Hermiston High School. The facility has also played host to a large group of fifth and sixth graders. On the west end of the building there are rest room facilities and a kitchen that is not quite up and running yet. The city recently installed a sewer line down First Street to the center, making the rest rooms operational. "Before we were using an outhouse; this is much nicer," said Rod Bragato, Campus Life director.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the eighth day of 2019. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 8, 2011, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six people were killed, 12 others also injured. (Gunman Jared Lee Loughner was sentenced in November 2012 to seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years.)

On this date:

In 1815, the last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having gotten word of the signing of a peace treaty.

In 1912, the African National Congress was founded in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

In 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1968, the Otis Redding single "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" was released on the Volt label almost a month after the singer's death in a plane crash.

In 1975, Judge John J. Sirica ordered the early release from prison of Watergate figures John W. Dean III, Herbert W. Kalmbach and Jeb Stuart Magruder. Democrat Ella Grasso was sworn in as Connecticut's first female governor.

In 1976, Chinese premier Zhou Enlai, 77, died in Beijing.

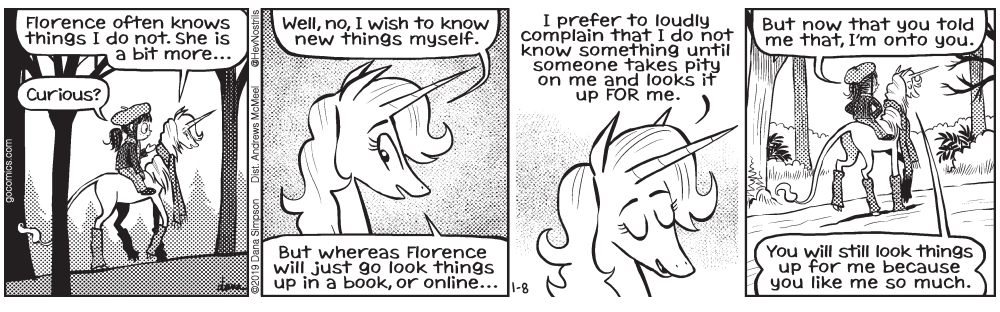
In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

In 1998, Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In 2004, A U.S. Black Hawk medivac helicopter crashed near Fallujah, Iraq, killing all nine soldiers aboard.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON



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