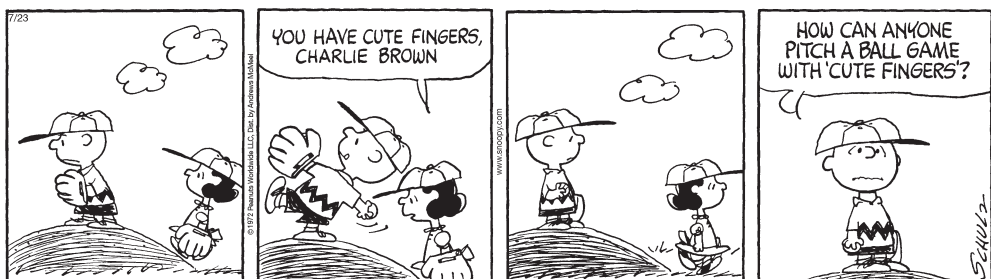


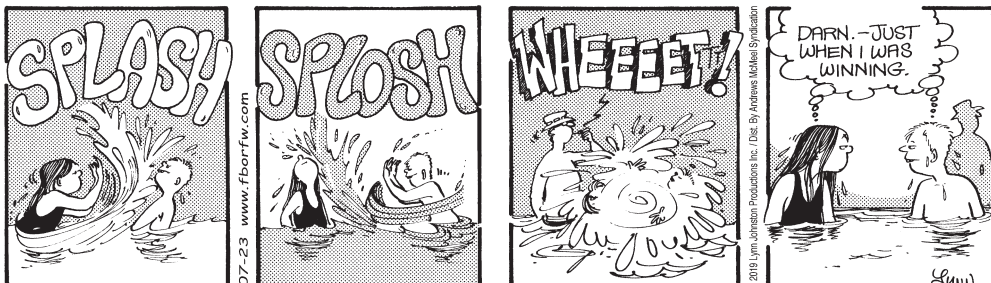
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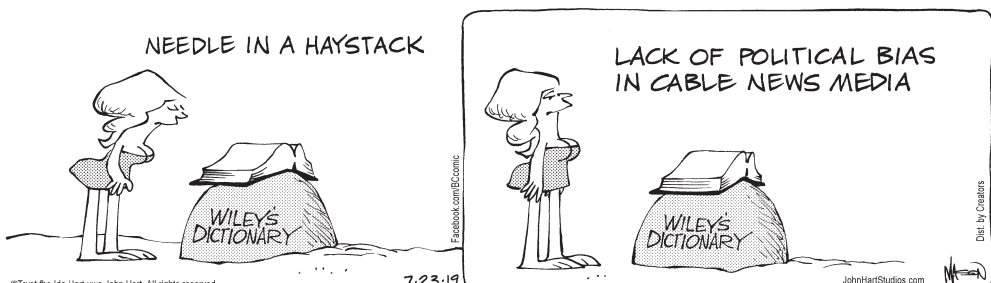
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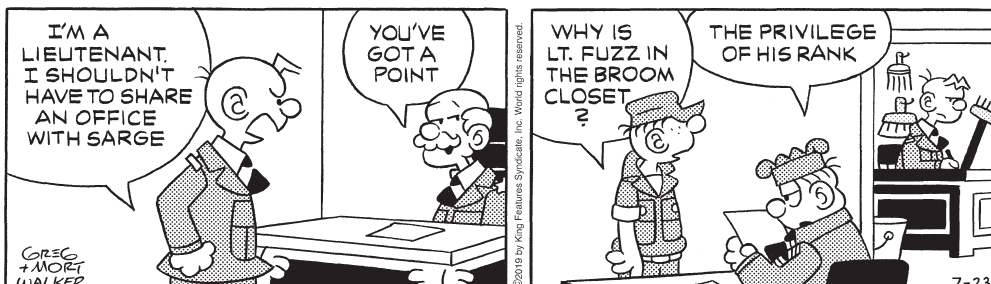
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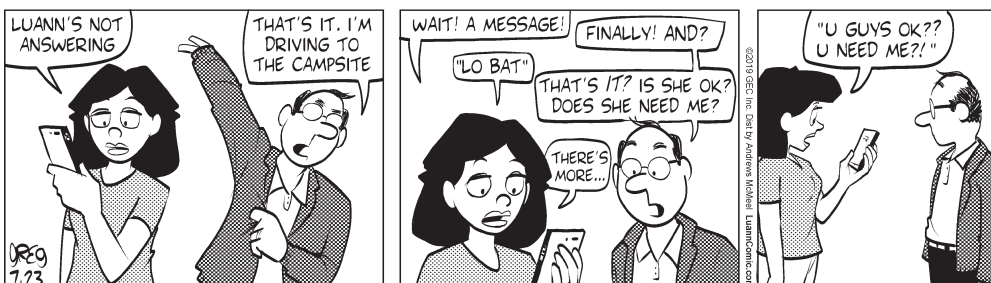
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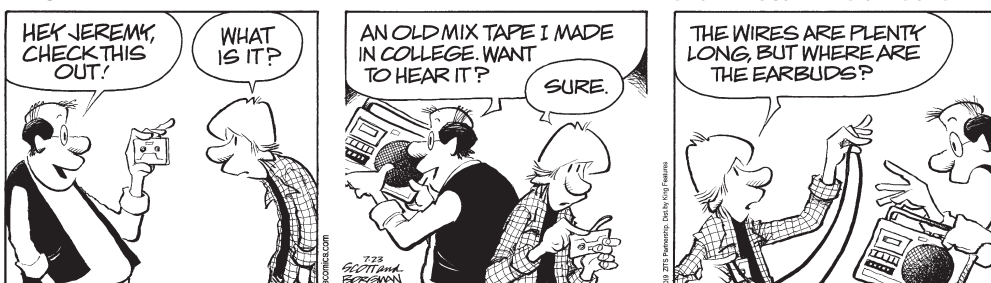
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DEAR ABBY

Old boyfriend who stole item years ago turns up on Facebook

Dear Abby: I recently located a person I knew a long time ago who stole an expensive gold bracelet from me. I'd dated this guy for a while. He wore my bracelet, and I wore his. My bracelet was a gift from a relative I cared for deeply. His bracelet was a piece of junk, but I was a teenager with no brains and allowed him to wear mine. Well, we split up and he just disappeared. I tried getting my bracelet back but couldn't find him. As I mentioned, I found him on Facebook, married with children, and I felt this anger come over me. Should I contact him and ask what happened to my jewelry? — Golden Girl in Mississippi



The perpetrator is most likely jealous because of the relationship you have with your boyfriend and other guy friends. Not everyone makes friends easily. It's nothing to be ashamed of; it's just a fact of life. That's why you should treasure the ones you do have — because old friends are some of the best friends, and high school and its cliques won't last forever.

Dear Abby: Two years ago my family had a run of bad luck, which landed us in a homeless shelter. I got an apartment fairly quickly, and it's mine and my daughter's.

Dear Golden Girl: No, you should contact him and tell him you would like the item returned or be compensated for it. What "happened" to the bracelet was that he stole it. Because many years have passed since you two dated, the odds that he still has the bracelet are slim. But it's worth a try.

Dear Abby: I am 16 and have a hard time making friends. I have more guy friends than girl friends, which causes me problems. I got called a slut again the other day because of it. I'm a virgin and only have a crush on one of the guys I hang out with (my boyfriend). I have tried finding more female friends, but the drama is really hard to put up with. I have tried ignoring the comments, but after a while it gets hard to ignore. I'm not sure what else to do. Please help me out. I would be really grateful. — Misunderstood in Oklahoma

Dear Misunderstood: I wish I could make the name-calling go away, but I can't.

My mother was supposed to move in rent-free, but she brought her boyfriend, who I didn't want here. He's still here and barely contributes to the expenses. I recently lost my job and he promised to help out more financially, but he hasn't. He continues to mooch. This has caused so much stress between my mother and me. "Hate" is a strong word, but I hate him and want him out. He knows it, but makes no effort to leave. What can I do? — Wanting My Own Space

Dear Wanting: You are not helpless, and you shouldn't be held hostage because of your mother's feelings for her deadbeat boyfriend. Contact your state bar association to see what your legal rights are. Then tell your mother you want him out, give her a deadline to see that it happens, and suggest that she go with him if she can't bear to be separated from him. If he doesn't meet the deadline, put his belongings in a box, place them outside and change your locks.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 23, 1919

The body of Claud Wallace, aged 37 years, was discovered by campers several hundred yards above the dam in the Walla Walla river southeast of Milton Sunday afternoon. It is thought that the young man slipped from the footlog across the river in attempting to cross Friday afternoon and that the body lay in the river from then until found Sunday. The deceased was well known throughout the community of Milton having lived here practically all his life. He was of a peculiar disposition and frequently took trips away from home which consumed several days at a time. The last seen of Mr. Wallace was Friday morning at the Stark place on the mountain above the Omar Olinger place. He left there intending to come down the mountain to his home on the Walla Walla river.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 23, 1969

Horse flesh has been a big part of Floyd "Jake" Jacobs' life for 55 years. Now at the 70-year mark, he is pondering retirement from the horse training business and getting some strong arguments for the move from his wife and valuable assistant, Leona. The only sure sign that the Hermiston horse

trainer is retiring will come in the winter when the campaign starts in training horses for the track. If he is sitting by his fireside in his comfortable Diagonal Road home, or is hanging over the rail watching the horses train on the local track, then Jake will have retired. But don't bank on it... horses and training them are a part of his life.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 23, 1994

Carolyn Servi used to mind her own business. A stay-at-home mom, she busied herself with two young children, barely venturing beyond her quiet street in the tiny town of Pilot Rock. Loosened lug nuts changed all that. "We all have our own domain. Unless somebody encroaches on it you don't notice it," says Servi. "It made me mad." Servi still seems peeved that a couple of teens wrenched the nuts from her silver Chevy's wheels out of boredom. She's taken it upon herself to fight the rising tide of teen-age vandalism and crime by editing the town's first newsletter on the subject. Begun in late March, the one-page newsletter reports on everything from tipped tombstones to burglarized businesses. Crime statistics are also tucked into the bi-weekly — an eye-shocking sheet of neon pink or green that comes complete with cute computer graphics.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 23, 1999, space shuttle Columbia blasted off with the world's most powerful X-ray telescope and Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a U.S. space flight.

In 1829, William Austin Burt received a patent for his "typographer," a forerunner of the typewriter.

In 1962, the first public TV transmissions over Telstar 1 took place during a special program featuring live shots beamed from the United States to Europe, and vice versa.

In 1967, five days of deadly rioting erupted in Detroit as an early morning police raid on an unlicensed bar resulted in a confrontation with local residents that escalated into violence that spread into other parts of the city; 43 people, mostly

blacks, were killed.

In 1996, at the Atlanta Olympics, Kerri Strug made a heroic final vault despite torn ligaments in her left ankle as the U.S. women gymnasts clinched their first-ever Olympic team gold medal.

In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan, the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, an apparent suicide.

In 2003, a new audiotape purported to be from toppled dictator Saddam Hussein called on Iraqis to resist the U.S. occupation. Massachusetts' attorney general issued a report saying clergy members and others in the Boston Archdiocese probably had sexually abused

more than 1,000 people over a period of six decades.

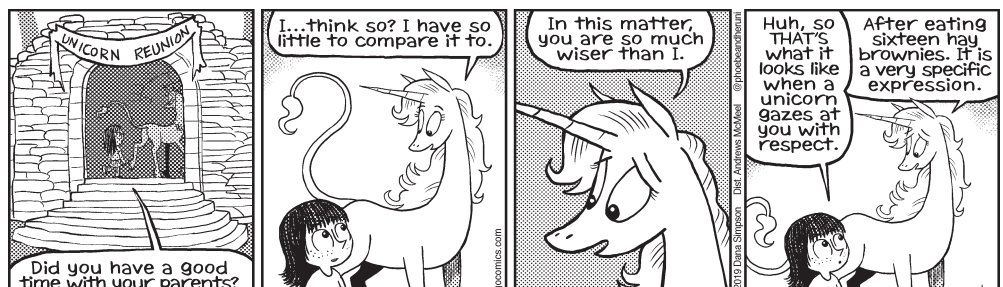
In 2011, singer Amy Winehouse, 27, was found dead in her London home from accidental alcohol poisoning.

Today's Birthdays: Concert pianist Leon Fleisher is 91. Actor Larry Manetti is 76. Actress-writer Lydia Cornell is 66. Actor Woody Harrelson is 58. Model-actress Stephanie Seymour is 51. Actor-comedian Marlon Wayans is 47. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Michelle Williams is 39. Actor Daniel Radcliffe is 30. Actress Lili Simmons is 26.

Thought for Today: "To be proud and inaccessible is to be timid and weak." — Jean Baptiste Massillon, French clergyman (1663-1742).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

