

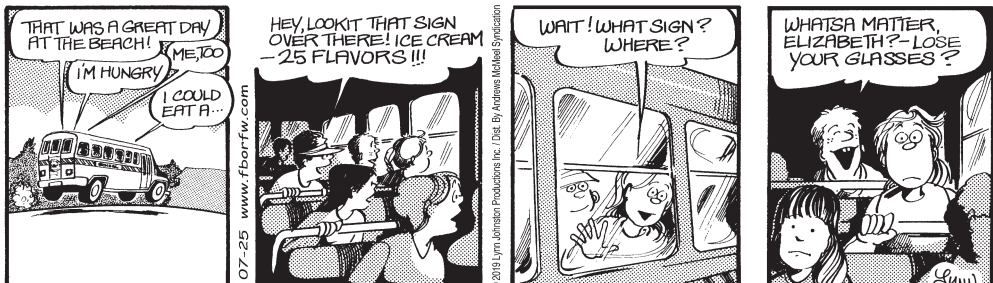
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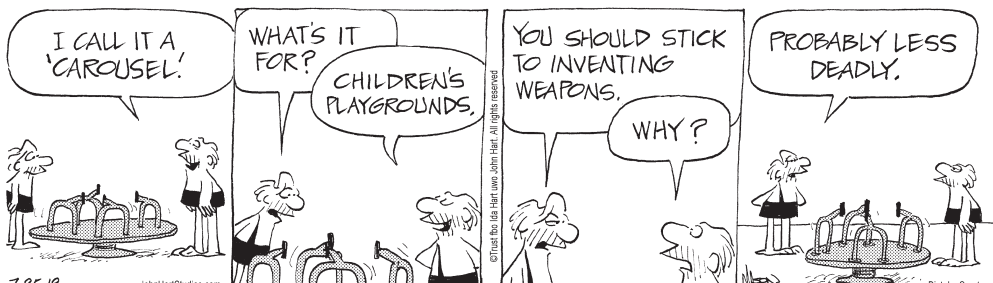
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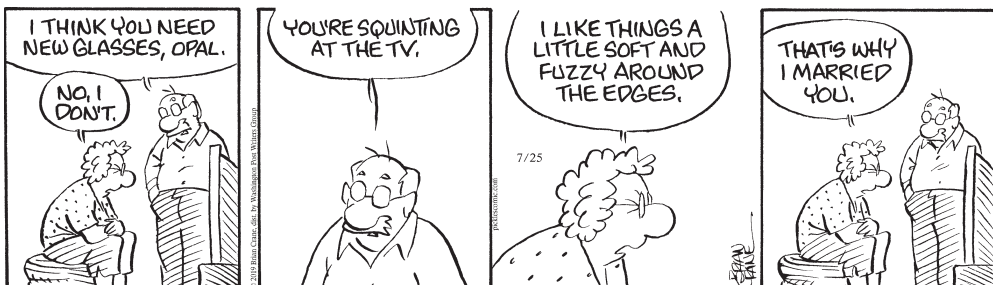
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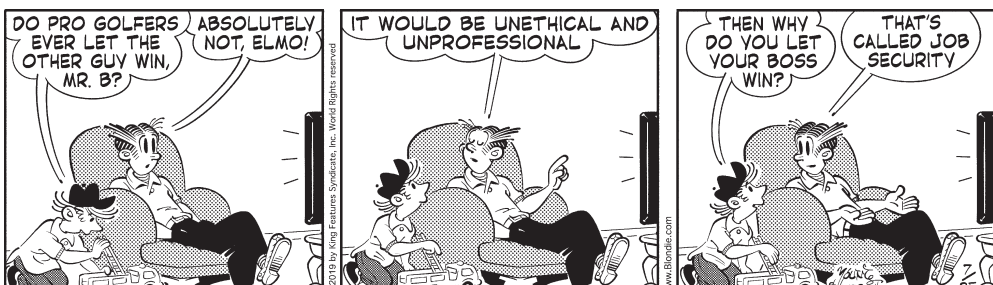
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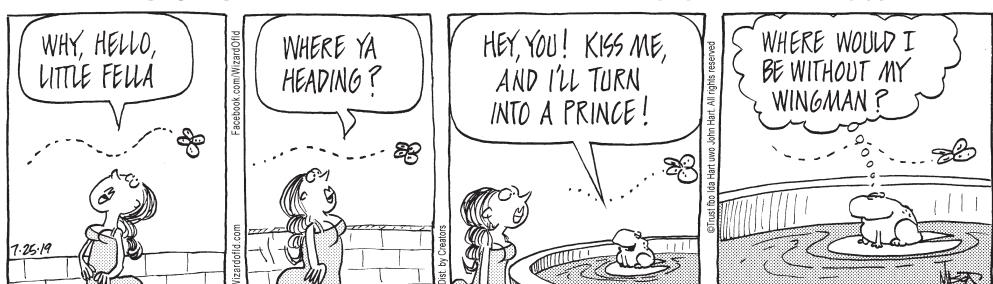
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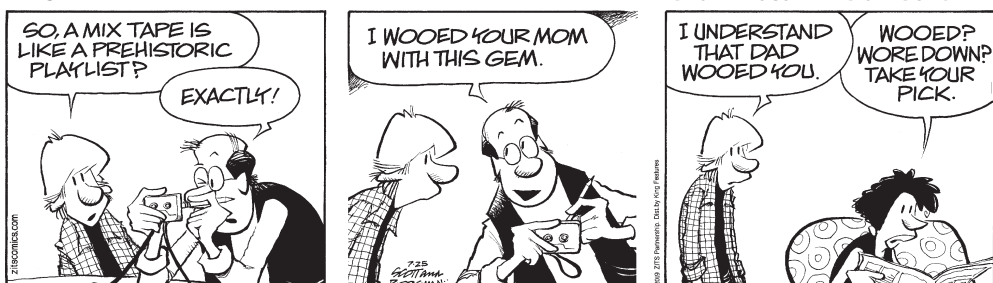
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DEAR ABBY

A career in law enforcement is likely to upset former cop



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: How should I tell my father that I have chosen a career he never wanted me to consider? I plan to become a police officer. Abby, all my life I have felt the call to help people. I know a career in law enforcement brings with it the possibility of danger, especially in today's climate. But I have always known I would be the person running toward danger while everyone else is running away from it. I am passionate about this, and my wife fully supports it.

But I see no reason why you should upset him before finding out if you qualify for a job in law enforcement. If you do pass the exams, give him the news then.

Dear Abby: My sister-in-law recently asked me for parenting advice. Our kids are about the same age, and she has been having issues with her preschooler's behavior that I don't have with my son.

Abby, the reason her kid is out of control is she and her husband don't give him any limits. They don't believe in saying "no" and try instead to "guide him to positive choices." They never discipline him, even when he hits or screams at them, and as a result, he's mean and disrespectful. Little kids are uncomfortable with that much freedom.

Even though she asked, I don't think my sister-in-law really wants my advice, at least not the advice I would like to give her. So what do I say when she asks? It's clear they need help, but I'm judgmental and probably not a good messenger. I tried loaning her a parenting book I've used, but it didn't take. — Parenting Advice in Canada

Dear P.A.: Your sister-in-law may simply be venting her frustration when she dumps on you. When she asks for advice again, tell her that because you haven't faced the problems she's encountering, you don't feel "qualified" to advise her. Then suggest she ask her pediatrician for guidance.

The issue is, my father was a police officer. He hated every minute of it. He has always said he never wanted me to take that path. I understand all he wants is keep me safe. At the same time, I don't want to miss out on this career. I don't want to spend the rest of my life regretting that I didn't follow my heart and do something I know I would have success with. Should I go through with the testing and, if I am selected, tell him then? Please help, because this is keeping me up at night. — Following My Heart

Dear Following: Your father loves you, but he cannot — and should not — dictate how you live your life. A career in law enforcement is not for everyone for the reason you mentioned. It would have been helpful if you had explained exactly what it was about policing that made him hate it, assuming that he told you.

When he finds out, expect him to be very upset and possibly angry about your choice.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 25, 1919

Ray Spangle, Pendleton man who will represent the Pendleton Rod and Gun Club at the Grand American Handicap in Chicago in August, will show the world how a real Round-Up cowboy looks, for the local sportsman is to be dressed in all the trappings of a broncho buster. From head to heel, Spangle will be a walking advertisement for the big show, according to plans made by the local club. Hat, boots, spurs, etc., all will be typical of the western city Spangle represents. Even the rifle with which Spangle hopes to win a place among the highest 10, and thus be chosen for a trip to Europe, will show upon the gun stock a replica of a bucking horse that might be "Long Tom" himself.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 25, 1969

If you see that light atop a police car blinking at you, you'd better stop even if the light is blue. Police say there has been some confusion about the blue lights. Pendleton police cars, sheriff's department vehi-

cles and some state police cars switched this month to the blue lights. The action followed enabling legislation by the legislature this year that permits police cars to use blue lights. Studies revealed the blue lights can be seen better and are not so easily confused with other blinking red lights.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 25, 1994

Hot weather and high winds frustrated area firefighters Sunday who spent the entire day battling a blaze that burned thousands of acres of wheat and range land west of Pilot Rock. Several other fires throughout the county kept volunteer and professional firefighters busy as well. Crews from the state Forestry Department battled a blaze about 10 miles south of McKay Reservoir while firefighters from Echo responded to at least two fires. Near Hermiston, fires were reported along Highway 395 by Race City U.S.A. and along the Columbia River between Sand Station and the McNary Yacht Club. The high winds that fanned the flames also blew down tree limbs in Pendleton and Hermiston and ripped the roof off the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hermiston.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 25, 1960, a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, North Carolina, that had been the scene of a sit-in protest against its whites-only lunch counter dropped its segregation policy.

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1972, the notorious Tuskegee syphilis experiment came to light as The Associated Press reported that for the previous four decades, the U.S. Public Health Service, in conjunction with the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, had been

allowing poor, rural black male patients with syphilis to go without treatment, even allowing them to die, as a way of studying the disease.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first "test tube baby," was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

In 1985, a spokeswoman for Rock Hudson confirmed that the actor, hospitalized in Paris, was suffering from AIDS. (Hudson died in October 1985.)

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old for-

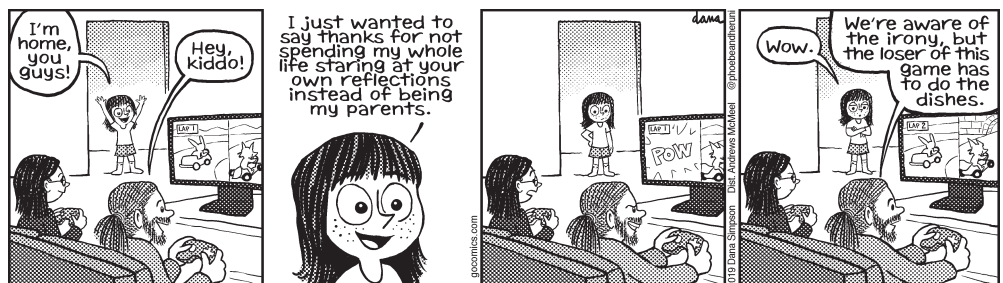
mal state of war. In 2002, Zacarias Mousaoui declared he was guilty of conspiracy in the September 11 attacks, then dramatically withdrew his plea at his arraignment in Alexandria, Va.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 76. Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 64. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 61. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang is 58. Actress Illeana Douglas is 54. Country singer Marty Brown is 54. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 52. Actress Miriam Shor is 48. Actor David Denman is 46. Actor Michael Welch is 32. Actress Linsey (cq) Godfrey is 31. Classical singer Faryl Smith is 24. Actor Pierce Gagnon is 14.

Thought for Today: "Life is not a matter of milestones, but of moments." — Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy (1890-1995).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

