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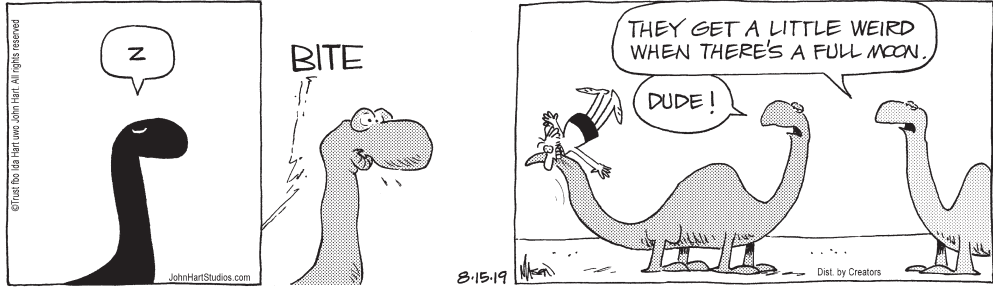
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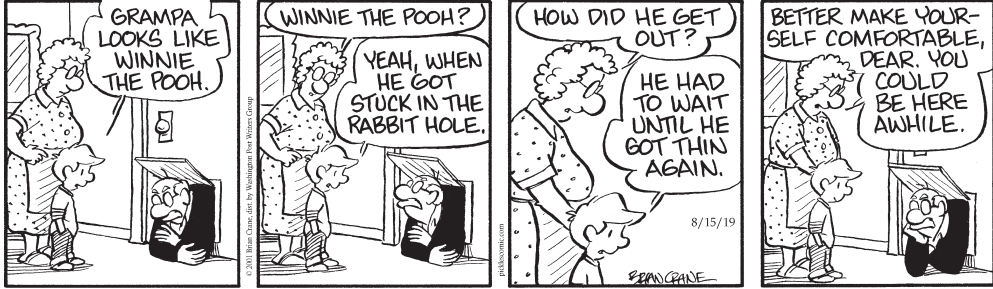
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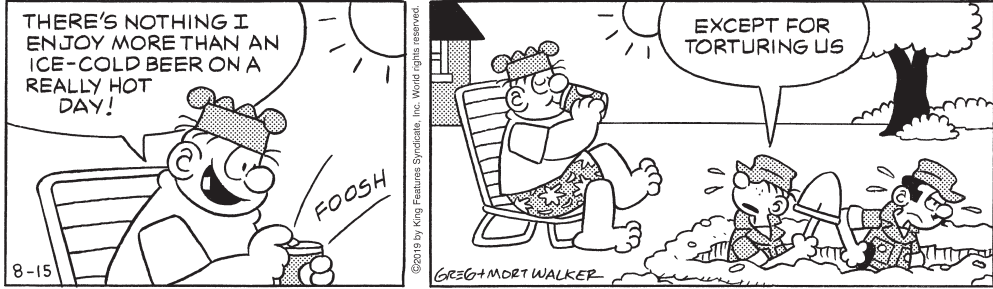
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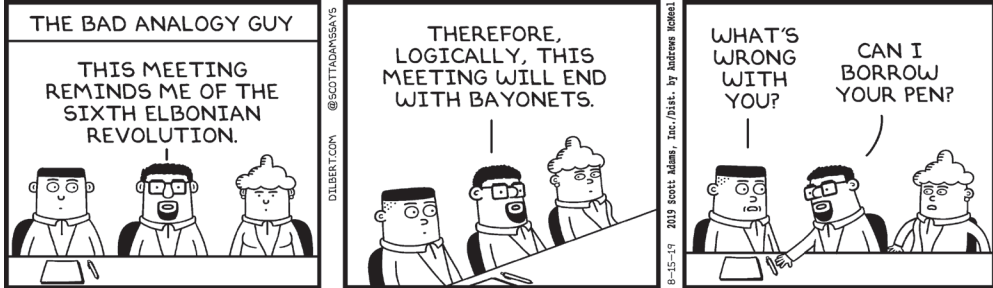
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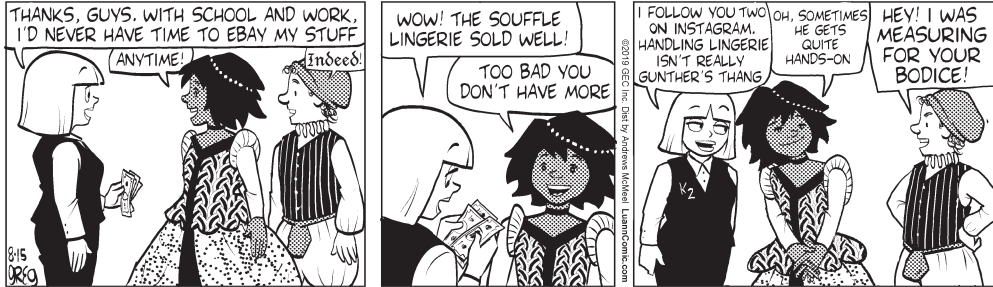
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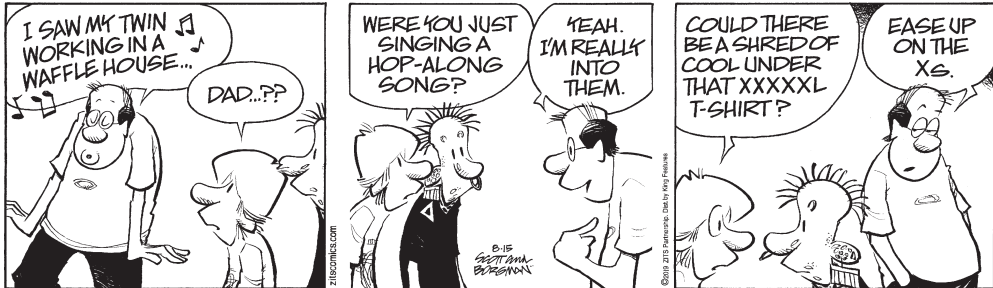
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DEAR ABBY

Subject of uncle being gay never came up with nephew

Dear Abby: My brother, "Kevin," came out at the age of 30. Now, 20 years later, I have a son who would like to stay with my brother for a few months while working a job nearby. We have never discussed that Kevin is gay. I had no idea when he came out to me. No one ever asked me about it other than my mother, who goes on and on when we are alone about "how could this have happened?"



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problem, they go to her. Not long after I started working here, there was a terrible tragedy in Lydia's family (it didn't involve her husband or children, but another relative). She is very depressed and doesn't seem to be able to pull herself out of it. I know everyone is busy with their own lives, but how can I get her friends — or anyone — to help her through this?

Abby, she is such a beautiful and kind person, I feel terrible for her. I have only been at this job six months, and I don't really know anyone. She never talks about it at work. But I can see the difference in her. — **Lending A Hand in New York**

Dear Lending: You are kind to want to help Lydia. Because you are concerned about her, speak to her privately. Tell her how terrific you think she is, and you know she has been going through a difficult time. Then tell her that if she wants to talk or there is anything you can do to help, all she has to do is let you know.

Dear Abby: Please help settle a debate, and let me know if I am right or wrong. Is it rude to drop my girlfriend off at the door of a restaurant and go and park the car? When I walk in, she is already seated, and I have to go and look for her. — **Rude in Michigan**

Dear Rude: If the weather is bad, leaving your girlfriend at the door of the restaurant while you park the car is considerate. If having to look for her bothers you, she should tell the host or hostess that her friend will be in a minute and to please let him know where she is seated. Her being seated is actually a help. She should also keep her eye on the front door and, when you come through, flag you to where she is sitting.

The news did not change anything for me. I love my brother for the kind, loving, hardworking person he is. He is always welcome in my home, but my parents refuse to accept any of his friends, so he never brings anyone along. People still sometimes ask me if they can set up a girl for Kevin to date, so I don't think most people know he is gay. He told me that if anyone questioned me about his sexual orientation to tell them to ask him in person, so it's a topic I never bring up.

Should I talk to my son about his uncle being gay before he moves in with him? My brother lives alone with his dog in a nice house with extra rooms. — **Cautious in Pennsylvania**

Dear Cautious: Talking to your son may not be necessary. If he and his uncle have agreed on the living arrangement, the chances are good that the subject has already been mentioned or is not an issue.

Dear Abby: I know a girl through work I'll call Lydia. She is a hard worker and a great mom and wife. She has a loving husband and three great children under 19. Her youngest just started driving. Lydia hosts all the parties and holidays. Everyone thinks she has a perfect life, and she's the Rock of Gibraltar. If anyone has a

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 15, 1919

Far from complete satisfaction with the disposition of liquor cases recently brought to trial here is expressed by the local district attorney's office. Convictions have been returned in every case but the fines in most instances are considered by the district attorney to be much too lenient. Charles Biggerstaff, whose place beyond Rieth yielded a complete moonshine outfit, was held in \$500 bail for trial and when he pleaded guilty he was fined but \$250. It is related that he told the court he would gladly pay the whole sum as a fine, fearing that he might be dealt a jail sentence. Biggerstaff is alleged to have declared that he expected to have to pay \$500 as he had netted \$1500 in one month.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 15, 1969

A program has been held this month at the Til Taylor wading pool for Pend-Air kids. Labeled a "kiddie water adjustment program," it was undertaken after Pend-Air residents complained their youngsters were too far from wading facilities and they were unable to transport them. It was greeted so enthusiastically that the age limit was enlarged to accommodate whole families. Inter-agency cooperation

was brought into play. The Red Cross provided two Pendleton swim team members as teachers; the Neighborhood Center, representing the Community Action Program, helped with the program and transportation; the City Recreation Department lent its backing; and Pend-Air residents Mrs. James Davis and Mrs. Harold Heathman arranged transportation. The program proved so successful, attempts may be made next year to enlarge it.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 15, 1994

A pair of 12-year-old boys are suspected of starting a fire Saturday in Milton-Freewater estimated at causing over \$40,000 in damages. The two boys, both from Walla Walla, were walking past Tony's Trucks and RVs in Milton-Freewater, throwing lighted matches along the side of the road. One of the matches started a fire that spread through bushes and caused heat damage to the side of Tony's Trucks. The business received about \$500 damage. The fire consumed a fifth-wheel trailer owned by Shirley Warner of Walla Walla. Damage was estimated at \$38,000. Another mini motor home, owned by Bob and Vicki Correa of Milton-Freewater, sustained about \$2,500 in damage. The boys were release to their parents and will be contacted by the Umatilla County Juvenile Department.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On August 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents. In 1483, the Sistine Chapel was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV. In 1888, T.E. Lawrence, the British soldier who gained fame as "Lawrence of Arabia," was born in Tremadoc, Wales. In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon. In 1945, in a pre-recorded radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending

World War II. In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule. In 1965, the Beatles played to a crowd of more than 55,000 at New York's Shea Stadium. In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York. In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility. Today's Birthdays: Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 84. Actor Jim Dale is 84. Actress Pat Priest is

83. Actress Phyllis Smith is 70. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 58. Actress Debra Messing is 51. Actor Anthony Anderson is 49. Actor Ben Affleck is 47. Singer Mikey Graham (Boyzone) is 47. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 45. Actress Emily Kinney is 35. Figure skater Jennifer Kirk is 35. Latin pop singer Belinda is 30. Actress Jennifer Lawrence is 29. Rap DJ Smoove da General (Cali Swag District) is 29. Thought for Today: "Life has taught me to think, but thinking has not taught me how to live." — Alexander Herzen, Russian author (1812-1870).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

