

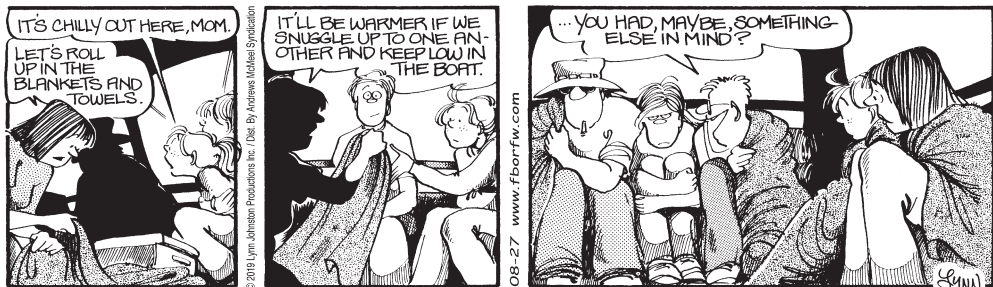
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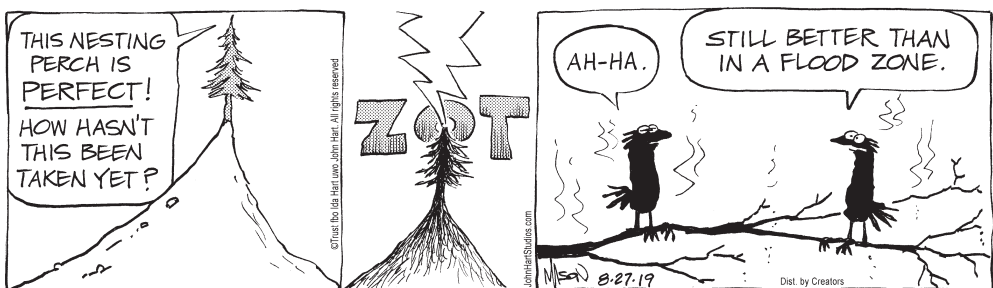
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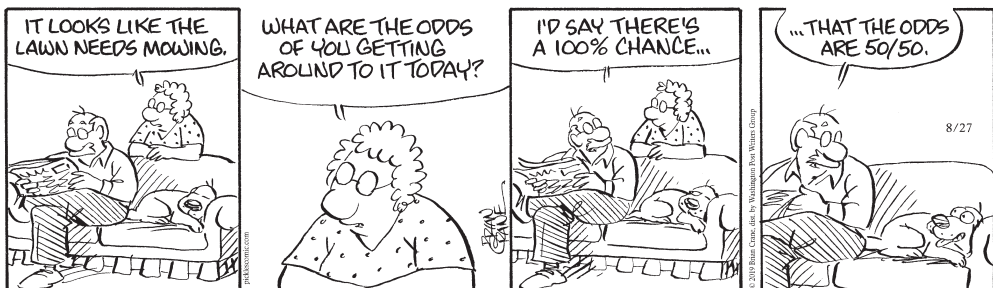
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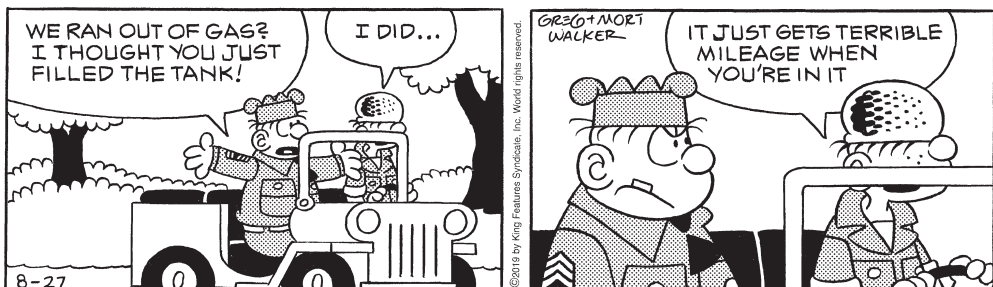
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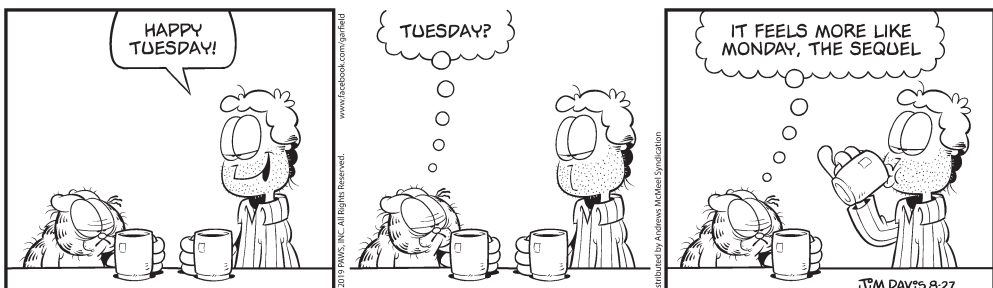
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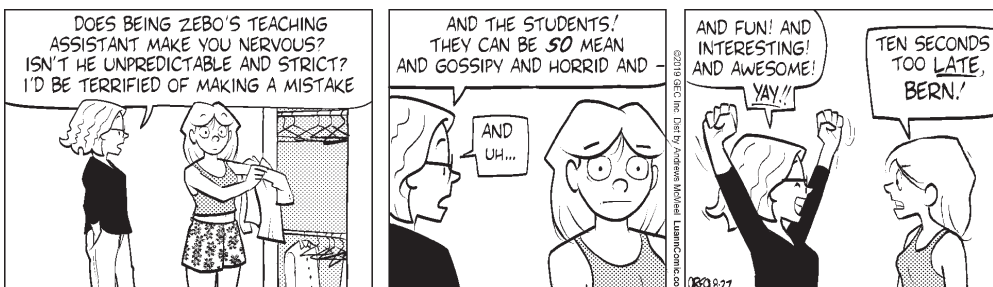
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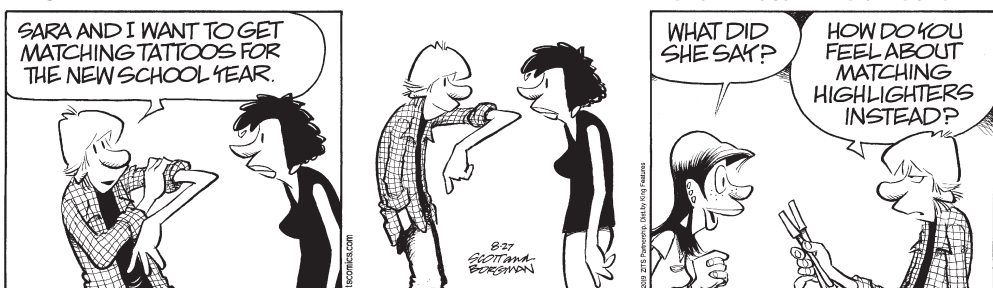
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DEAR ABBY

Single mother by choice wants positive support from friends



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm a single woman who has always wanted children. As much as I would've liked, marriage isn't in the cards for me yet and maybe not ever, which I've accepted.

I have decided to not allow my single status to prevent me from becoming a mother. I have spent years hearing my friends and family tell me how great being a parent is and how I'm missing out. In fact, there was a time or two when I felt certain people were trying to make me feel inadequate. After careful consideration, I chose to utilize donor sperm.

I am now 40 and expecting my first child, and I couldn't be happier. The only thing I find upsetting is that those same friends who spent years telling me how great motherhood is and asking when I would have children, now speak of nothing but the tribulations of motherhood — the pain of delivery, the fatigue, the expense, and how they couldn't do it alone, etc.

I'm an educated woman in a profession that pays well, and I consider myself to be fortunate. I didn't decide to become a single mother on a whim. I don't know what to expect but want to think positive and enjoy my pregnancy. I'm confused and hurt by my friends' reactions now that I am pregnant. Is it the pregnancy hormones, or do I need to distance myself from these friends? — Confounded in North Carolina

Dear Confounded: Parenting involves many emotions — some of them conflicting. It's a joy, an adventure, a challenge and a commitment. The experience is also an individual one.

You are a mature person and financially

secure. If you need help with your child, you can get it. Please do not allow yourself to be intimidated by what these "friends" are sharing, and do not seek their validation. I'm not implying you should distance yourself and end the relationships, because you may welcome some of their advice in the future. Remember, this journey is one you have thoughtfully chosen.

Dear Abby: My husband is an only child. When his parents retired, his mother, who was always social, stayed home with his dad because he wanted her home with him. Because of this, she spent a great deal of time texting my husband.

My father-in-law passed away recently, and the texting has increased. It goes on all day, every day, even after we go to bed. I want to be sensitive to the fact that everyone is getting used to the new normal without my father-in-law, but the constant phone buzzing and interruptions are getting old.

My husband is defensive about the texting. We have a happy marriage, and I want to keep it that way. How should I handle this? — Overloaded in Oklahoma

Dear Overloaded: Your husband, rather than you, should handle his mother. Because your father-in-law's death is recent, she may need time to adjust to being alone. If her constant, intrusive texting persists beyond a reasonable amount of time, he should suggest that she cut back. He should also encourage her to re-establish the friendships and activities she gave up for her husband and, if necessary, consider joining a grief support group. Her doctor or religious adviser can suggest one that would be appropriate for her.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 27, 1919

While sundry local patrons of the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus were being entertained at a "quiet" nut shell game in a dressing room of one of the side shows yesterday a little event not in the advertising was pulled off. A man with a wicked looking gun entered the tent, covered the dealer, took his money and then proceeded to rob the others present. Some say he bagged \$500 or \$600 all told. He then exited, leaving the bunch with their hands still in the air. Reports state that only a select few were invited to attend the game and that they were first charmed by the announcement about a hootch dance. Following the dance a sure thing game was introduced. According to Chief of Police Roberts he has had various complaints as to short changing and he is plain spoken in condemnation of the circus attaches.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 27, 1969

The Gwyn Watkinses have four unusual plants growing among their colorful zinnias.

Early this spring, Mrs. Watkins sent east for some cotton seed, and the four healthy plants came from those seeds. The blossoms, when fully opened, are an ivory white. They're hoping to produce some cotton balls.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Aug. 27, 1994

There's no end in sight to the battle over siting of a solid waste transfer station on Airport Hill. Negotiations have failed to muster a solution to the nagging dilemma involving Pendleton Sanitary Service, Pendair Citizens Committee and the city of Pendleton. The discord derives from the proposed refuse station — Pendleton Sanitary wants to place it amid a residential area, the area's residents adamantly oppose it. The Pendair Committee had offered to back away on condition that it be reimbursed for attorney fees and the costs associated with the fight to keep the transfer station out of their neighborhood. The Sanitary Service is willing to relocate to a site along Rieth Road, so the reimbursement issue appears to be the hurdle blocking a solution.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On August 27, 2008, Barack Obama was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

In 1859, Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States, at Titusville, Pa.

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1949, a violent white mob prevented an outdoor concert headlined by Paul Robeson from taking place near Peekskill, New York. (The concert was held eight days later.)

In 1963, author, journalist and civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois died in Accra, Ghana, at age 95.

In 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson accepted his party's nomination for a term in his

own right, telling the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, "Let us join together in giving every American the fullest life which he can hope for."

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83 almost a year after being overthrown.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people, including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army.

In 1989, the first U.S. commercial satellite rocket was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida — a Delta booster carrying a British communications satellite, the Marcopolo 1.

In 2005, Coastal resi-

dents jammed freeways and gas stations as they rushed to get out of the way of Hurricane Katrina, which was headed toward New Orleans.

Today's Birthdays:

Author Lady Antonia Fraser is 87. Actress Tuesday Weld is 76. Actor Paul Reubens is 67. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams is 58. Movie director Tom Ford (Film: "Nocturnal Animals") is 58. Rap musician Bobo (Cypress Hill) is 52. Rapper Mase is 42. Actress-singer Demetria McKinney is 41. Actor Patrick J. Adams is 38. Actress Karla Mosley is 38. Actress Amanda Fuller is 35. Singer Mario is 33. Actress Alexa PenaVega is 31. Actor Ellar Coltrane is 25.

Thought for Today:

"Reality can destroy the dream; why shouldn't the dream destroy reality?" — G.E. Moore, British philosopher (1873-1958).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

