

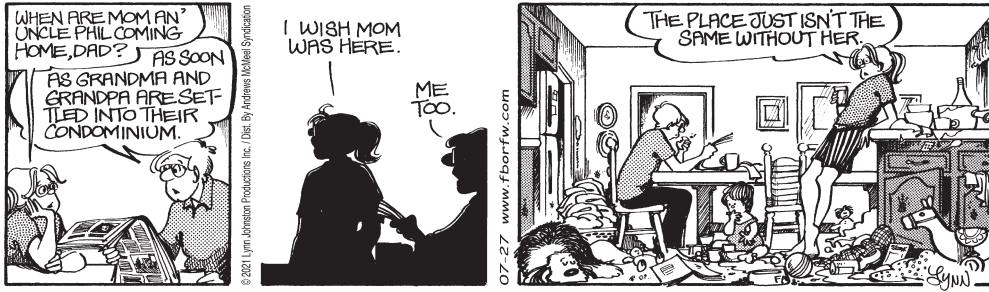
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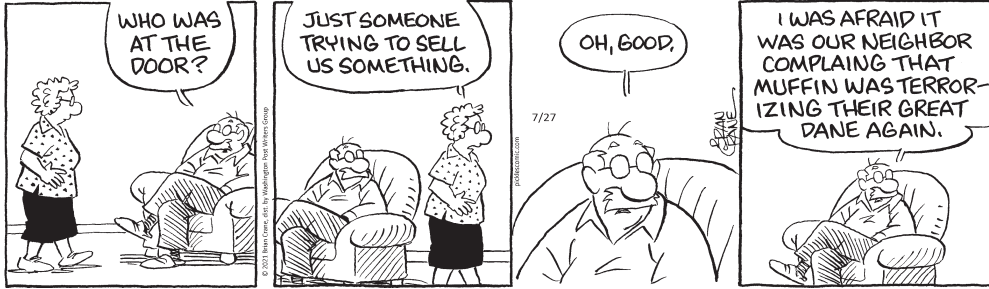
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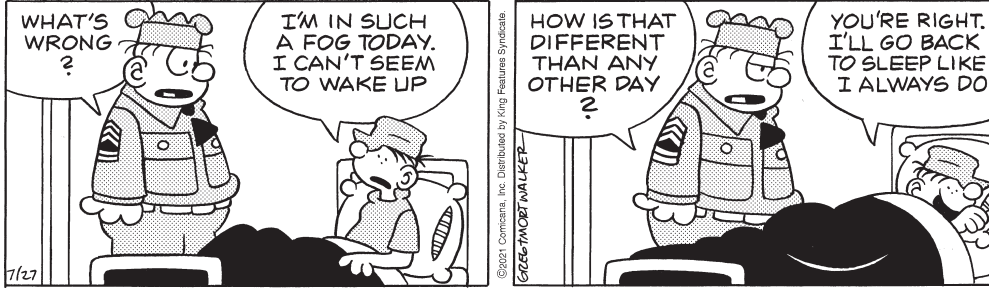
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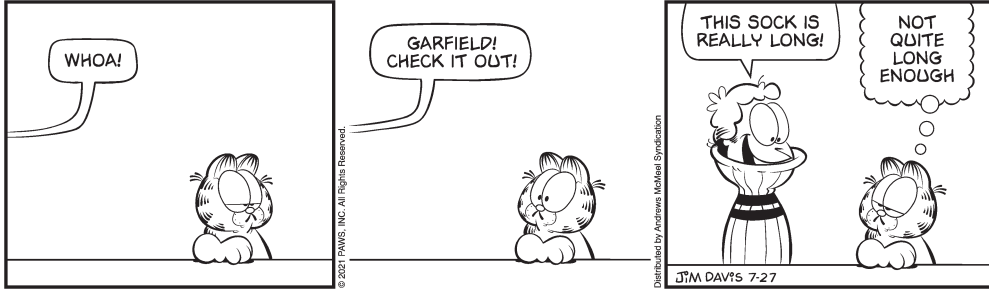
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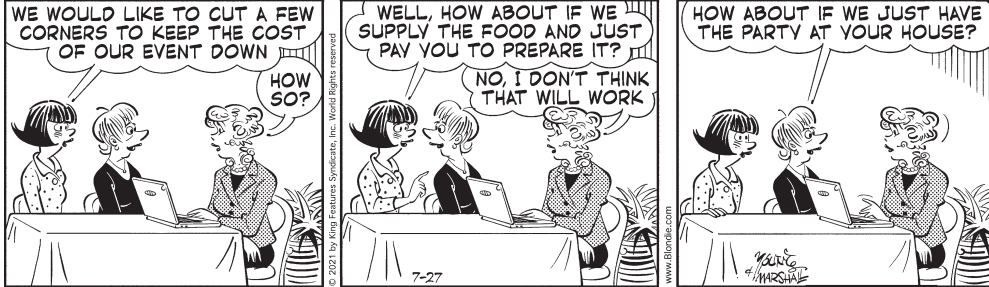
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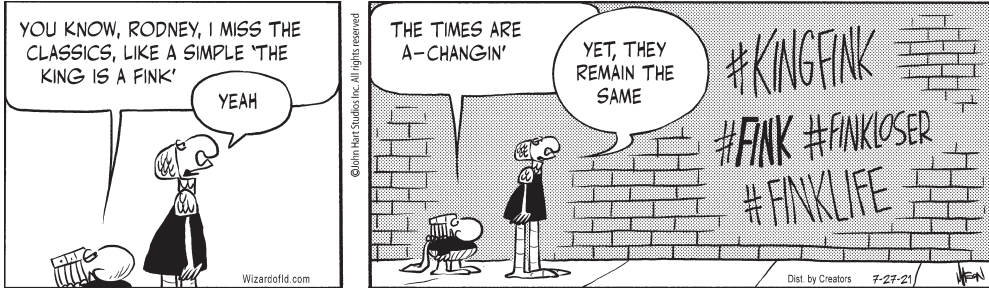
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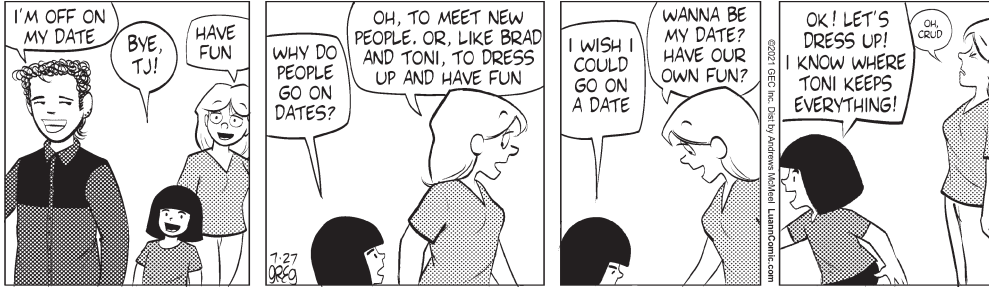
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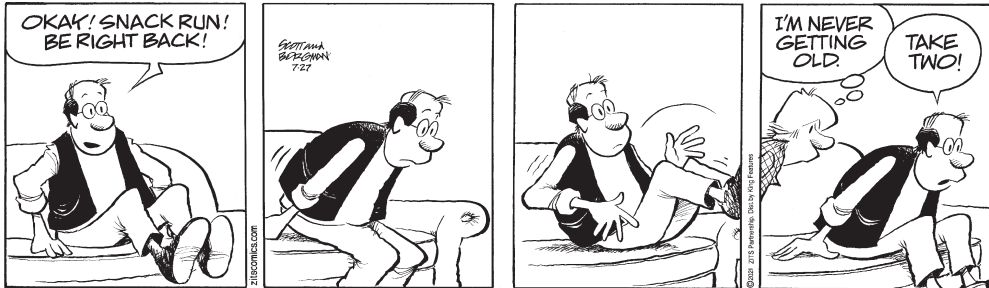
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DEAR ABBY

Young adult struggling as a full-time caregiver

Dear Abby: I'm 23 years old and caring for my two grandparents. My dad, their only son, lives with them, but avoids them at all costs, no matter how much I beg him to help. He causes more problems than he solves. I graduated from college last year, but because of all the doctor appointments, nurse visits and the attention they need, there's no way I can work. My life is completely absorbed in caring for them.



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with my 5- and 8-year-old daughters. When the older one was 6, my wife taught her not to let me see her naked when using the bathroom and bathing. That broke my heart. I'm OK with it now, but my wife is now discouraging them from sitting on my lap. I'm a loving and responsible dad, and I would never do any harm to my kids, or do the things my wife thinks I will do. What should I do? — **Not Trused in California**

I'm going crazy! They don't want to leave their home and won't pay me or anyone else to care for them, but they need round-the-clock care. I'm not asking for help with them, I'm asking for help with balance. How can I be a young adult and full-time caregiver? — **In Difficult Circumstances**

Dear I.D.C.: You can't. The longer you allow this to continue, the more trapped you will become. Contact senior services and inform them about what's going on with your dad and your grandparents. Then find a job. I am sure there are many available openings right now. You may have to continue living with your grandparents for a while, but as soon as you can manage it, you should live independently.

As to your father, tell him that if he doesn't accept at least some of the responsibility for his parents' care, you will report him to adult protective services for neglect. It may not make you popular, but if you don't assume control of your future, you will become increasingly isolated.

Dear Abby: I have a strong, healthy bond

Dear Not Trused: What you should do is discuss with her the reasons for her fears about the safety of your daughters. The answer may be that when she was small, she was molested by a male relative she trusted. There is nothing wrong with 5-year-old and 8-year-old girls sitting on their father's lap. What is troubling is your wife's reaction to it.

Dear Abby: My husband of six months (whom I do not live with) refuses to agree not to contact his ex-girlfriends. He refuses to send me copies of emails or texts from them, and won't agree to allow me to send a polite, but firm, email requesting they stop contacting him, even though his therapist said it was OK to send. What should I do? — **Distrustful in New York**

Dear Distrustful: The person you married clearly isn't ready for the responsibilities of being a husband. Ask him if he's willing to meet with a licensed marriage and family therapist. If he is unwilling, talk to a lawyer about an annulment. If you do, you may save yourself years of frustration and heartache.

DAYS GONE BY From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago July 27, 1921

Steaks, roasts and chops of juicy buffalo meat will be available for the Christmas dinner of Pendleton people, for the Pendleton Trading Co. today ordered for holiday delivery a half-ton buffalo from the famous "Scotty" Philip buffalo herd of genuine North American bison at Fort Pierre, South Dakota. The animal will be shipped here with the head and hide on it, both of which are very valuable and which will be mounted by the Pendleton Trading Co. The meat will be sold at cost and a large demand is anticipated.

50 Years Ago July 27, 1971

Fire destroyed part of the Western Farmers Association complex at Adams Monday. Several other fires broke out in nearby areas and sheriff's deputies said arson was suspected in some of the blazes. Loss at Adams was estimated at \$150,000-\$200,000 by Bob Ver Burg, WFA manager at Adams. The fire leveled a grain storage bin and a warehouse. He said the loss was insured. The fire cut five telephone lines and disrupted service to Adams, Athena, Weston

and Milton-Freewater. Cause of the fire probably was an overheated bearing, Ver Burg said. Adams firemen, all volunteers, said the fire started so high in the grain storage bin that it was out of reach of their small fire truck's little pump.

25 Years Ago July 27, 1996

A high-speed chase was almost stalled before it started Friday when a bank robber tried to flee the crime scene but locked the keys inside his getaway car. The robber had to bust the driver's-side window of his car with the gun he used in the apparent robbery before he could flee the U.S. Bank in La Grande, police said. The gaffe was the lucky break police needed. A suspect, Tom Omar Doty, 23, of Spokane, was arrested near the Wildhorse casino near Pendleton after a 35-mile chase that reached speeds of 115 mph. He was being held in the Union County Jail in La Grande, said Oregon State Police Sgt. John Collins. In addition to a charge of first-degree robbery, Doty may also face additional federal bank robbery charges and a charge of attempted murder in connection with trying to run over an OSP trooper.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 27, 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.)

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few weeks' use).

In 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Virginia, for one hour and 12 minutes.

In 1919, race-related rioting erupted in Chicago; the violence, which claimed the lives of 23 Blacks and 15 whites, lasted until Aug. 3.

In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day Black militant H. Rap Brown told a press conference in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a department store in Hollywood, Fla., and was later murdered. (His father, John Walsh, became a well-known crime victims' advocate.)

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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

