

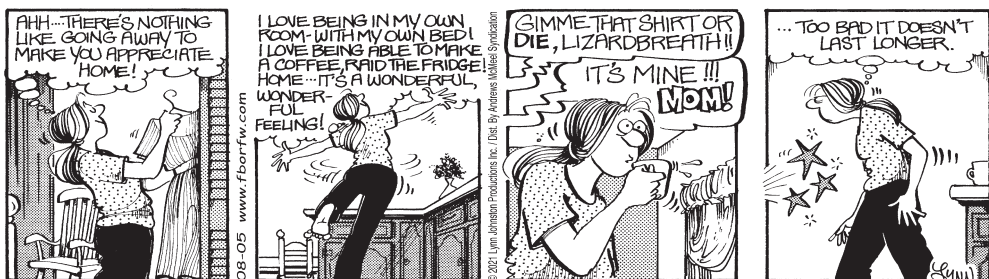
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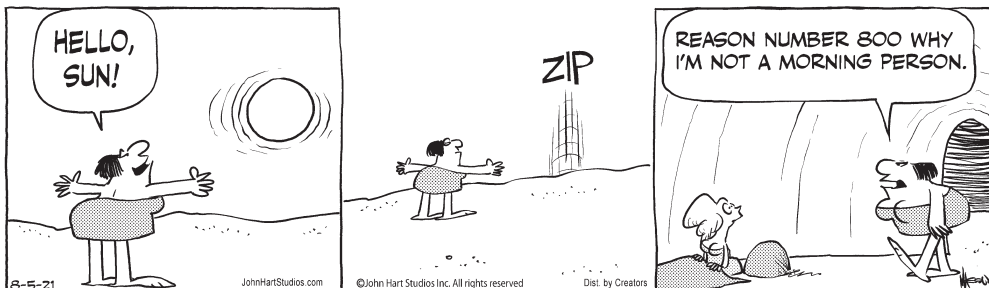
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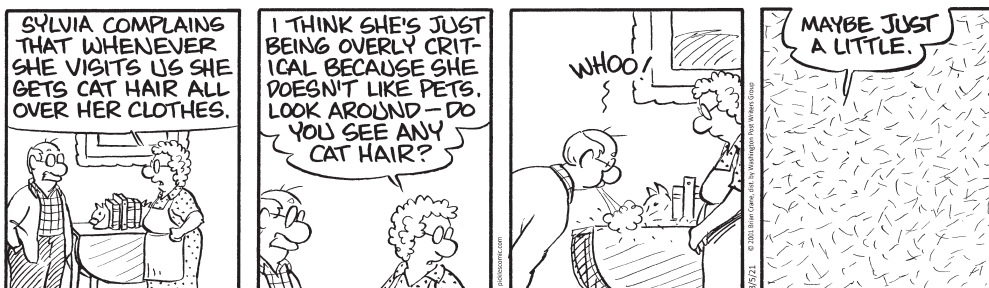
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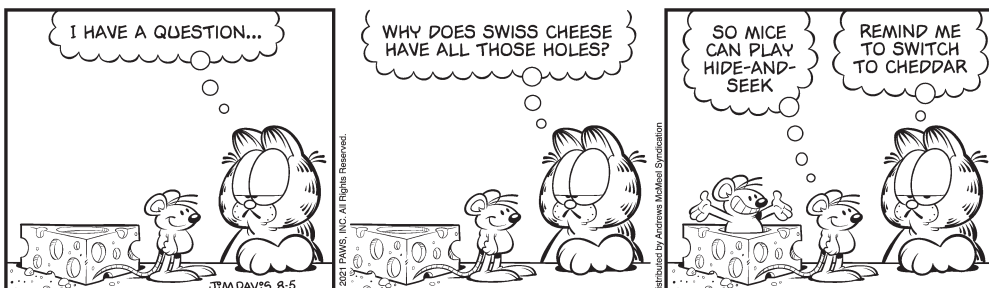
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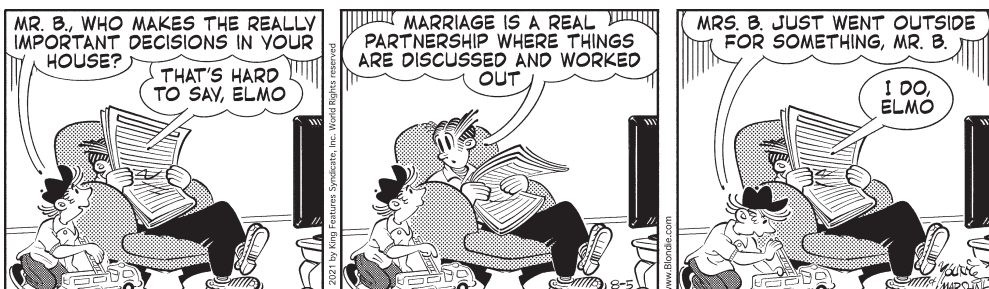
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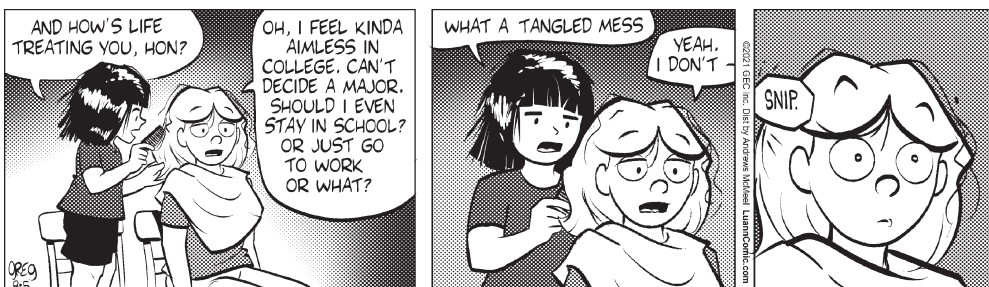
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DEAR ABBY

Woman directs anger at parents after diagnosis



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm the mother of an 8-year-old with autism. A few months ago, I was also diagnosed with autism. While I viewed this news for the most part in a rather positive light, I also have some mixed feelings.

The good: This diagnosis finally explains everything about the way I've behaved my entire life. The not-so-good: I feel betrayed to an extent by my parents for allowing so many doctors to tell me I had disorders and illnesses I never had (per the person who diagnosed me with autism) and for letting me be pumped full of so many medications from childhood all the way through college. I feel my parents caused me emotional and physical harm (especially physical because of all those meds).

While I'm glad to know the truth about why I'm the way I am, I can't help but be furious with them for allowing something that may have caused me irreparable damage. How can I deal with this now? — **On The Spectrum in Texas**

Dear On The Spectrum: Your parents believed the (many) "experts" they consulted. The doctors misdiagnosed you. That is regrettable, but now you know what you are dealing with, it's time to concentrate on your future instead of the past. If your current physician can't help you with this, ask to be referred to someone who can help you to dissipate your anger. It would be far more therapeutic for you than blaming your parents at this late date.

Dear Abby: I have a friend who enjoys

getting her family together with mine. We used to take turns doing dinners at each other's houses. However, she, her kids and her husband are extremely picky eaters. They don't all like the same things, so I'm usually cooking three meals when they come over.

The more I've gotten to know them, the more I realize our values and opinions on certain major issues are very, very different. I no longer enjoy their company at all and don't

feel comfortable with my young children hearing some of the conversations around these issues. I feel miserable leading up to every get-together, and so does my husband. However, she's clingy! I have canceled the last three times we were supposed to get together, and she doesn't get the message. How can I unfriend her without crushing her? I honestly don't want to hurt her, but I am fried! — **So Over It in the South**

Dear So Over It: Because this woman is unable to intuit that the atmosphere has changed, you will have to explain it to her. Start by telling her that preparing three separate meals to cater to her family's tastes has become too much for you. If necessary, follow it up with the fact that you no longer want your children exposed to the dinner conversation, which prohibits you from having them over. Those are valid reasons, and as long as you don't mention that the thought of seeing her and her husband makes you and your husband miserable, she shouldn't be "crushed." Do not, however, expect her to take the news easily.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago
Aug. 5, 1921

The biggest moonshine outfit yet taken in Umatilla county was captured by Deputy Sheriff Ridgway about 10 o'clock this morning, when he arrested Roy Sams presiding over two mammoth stills. The double outfit was housed in a dugout under the southwest corner of the barn on the Sams ranch on Dry Creek. Sams evidently thought he had so carefully concealed his plant that the officers would never find him. The dugout was entered by means of a trap door in the manger. This had been camouflaged but not enough to deceive the practiced eyes of the deputy sheriff. When the lid was raised Sams was discovered carefully watching the two big stills in full operation. Sixteen barrels containing 800 gallons of mash were taken in addition to the two stills.

50 Years Ago
Aug. 5, 1971

For about two hours Wednesday night Echo's police chief for a year, Dennis Rockwell, was assailed by a trio of townspeople for police department actions which affected the three. One of the three who criticized the 24-year-old chief at the regular monthly meeting of the city council said: "You guys are just getting too lawful. We don't want to change Echo into a 21st century metropolis." "He can't do this to me," exclaimed a young

working mother about a speeding ticket she received. The father of an 18-year-old youth who was lodged in jail overnight on a charge of minor in possession of liquor suggested to the council that Chief Rockwell be asked to change his ways or resign. Councilman Bill Penney declared, after listening to the complaints: "Two years ago everybody was bitching because they said our police officer was not doing his duty and the people are bitching."

25 Years Ago
Aug. 5, 1996

A fire that started Thursday in a wheat field north of Pendleton ended up scorching more than 20,000 acres of farmland and sagebrush along the Oregon-Washington border. The blaze started Thursday afternoon in Juniper Canyon, about 20 miles north of Pendleton and just a few miles south of the Washington border. It quickly spread toward the Touchet, Wash., area, consuming grass, sagebrush, wheat and wheat stubble. Ten homes were evacuated Thursday night but no injuries or burned structures were reported. The fire rekindled late Friday in the Vansycle Canyon area north of Pendleton and was extinguished by farmers and members of the Helix Rural Fire Department Friday night. It restarted briefly again Saturday but caused few problems.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Aug. 5, 1962, South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was arrested on charges of leaving the country without a passport and inciting workers to strike; it was the beginning of 27 years of imprisonment.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the 200-meter dash at the Berlin Olympics, collecting the third of his four gold medals.

In 1953, Operation Big Switch began as remaining prisoners taken during the Korean War were exchanged at Panmunjom.

In 1954, 24 boxers became the first inductees into the Boxing Hall of Fame, including Henry Armstrong,

Gentleman Jim Corbett, Jack Dempsey, Jack Johnson, Joe Louis and John L. Sullivan.

In 1974, the White House released transcripts of subpoenaed tape recordings showing that President Richard Nixon and his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, had discussed a plan in June 1972 to use the CIA to thwart the FBI's Watergate investigation; revelation of the tape sparked Nixon's resignation.

In 1981, the federal government began firing air traffic controllers who had gone out on strike.

In 2002, the coral-encrusted gun turret of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor was raised from the floor of

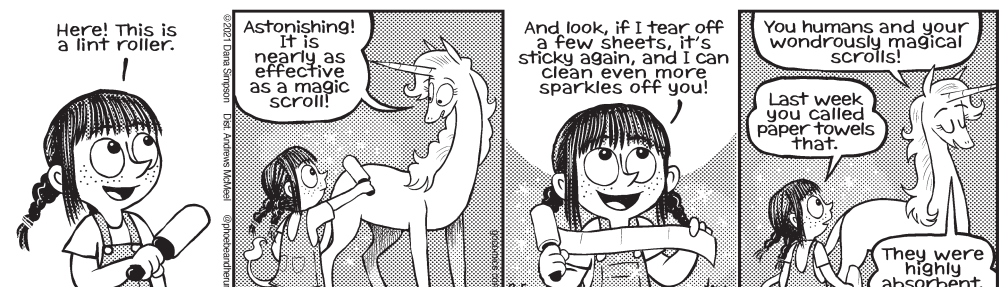
the Atlantic, nearly 140 years after the historic warship sank during a storm.

In 2019, Toni Morrison, the first Black woman to receive the Nobel literature prize, died at 88 in New York; her novels included "Beloved" and "The Bluest Eye."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Erika Slezak is 75. Rock musician Eddie Ojeda (Twisted Sister) is 66. Actor-singer Maureen McCormick is 65. Rock musician Pat Smear is 62. Actor Mark Strong is 58. Actor Stephanie Szostak is 50. Rock musician Eicca Toppinen (Apocalyptica) is 46. Actor Jesse Williams is 41.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

