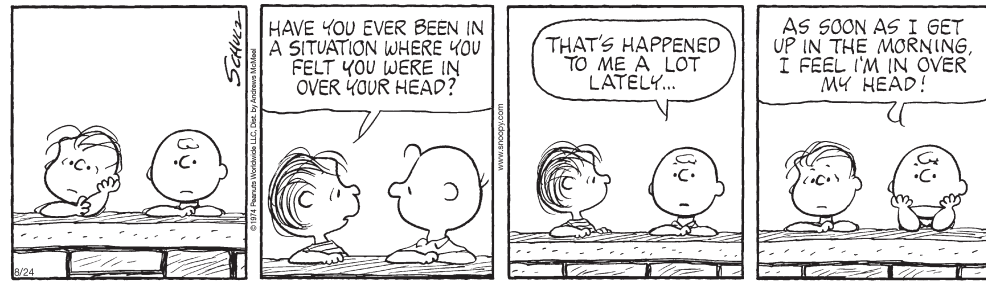


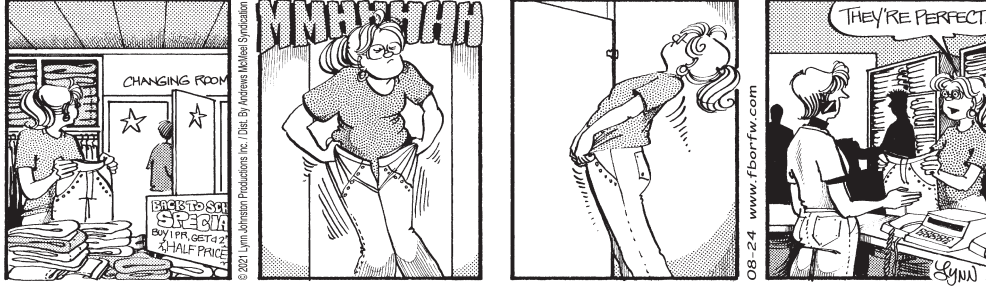
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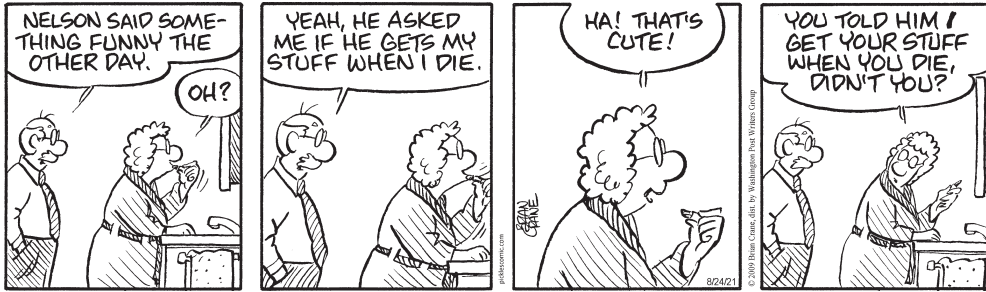
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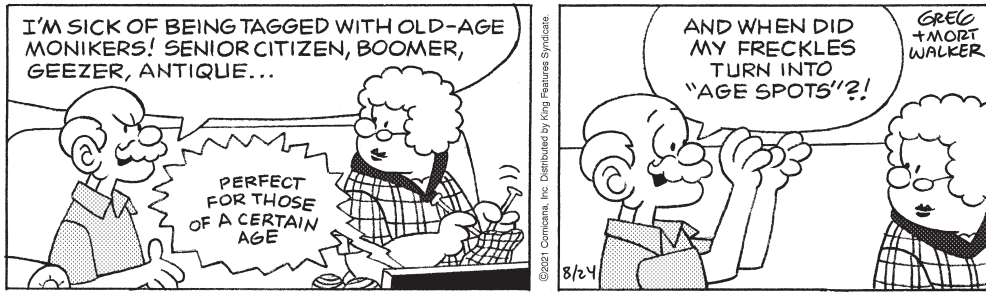
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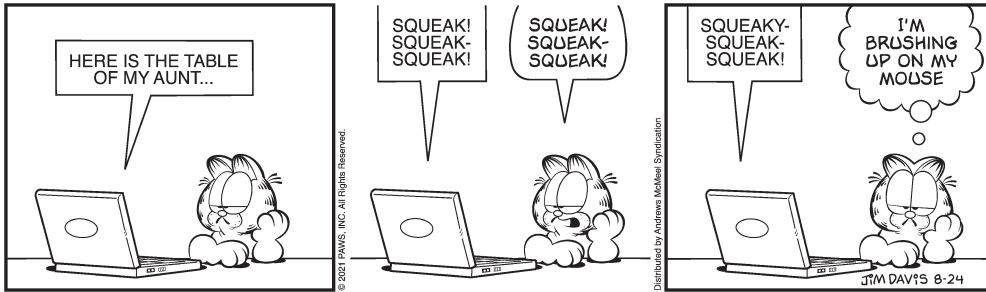
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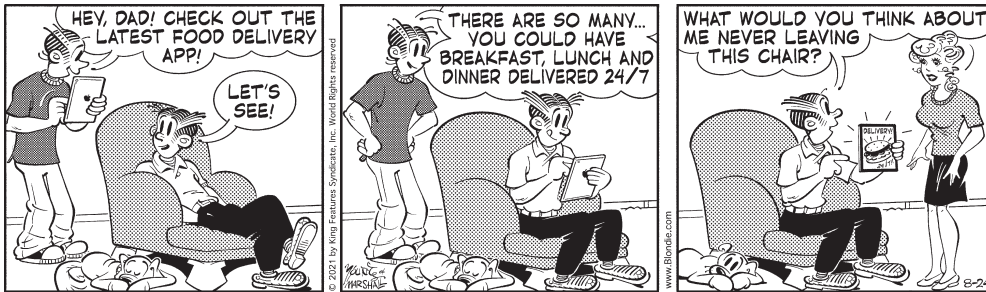
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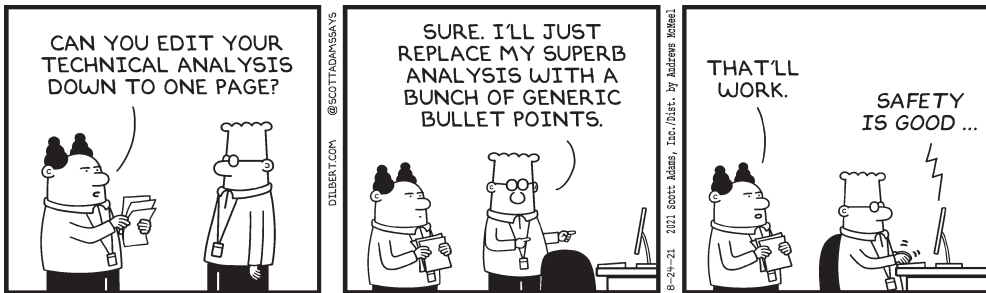
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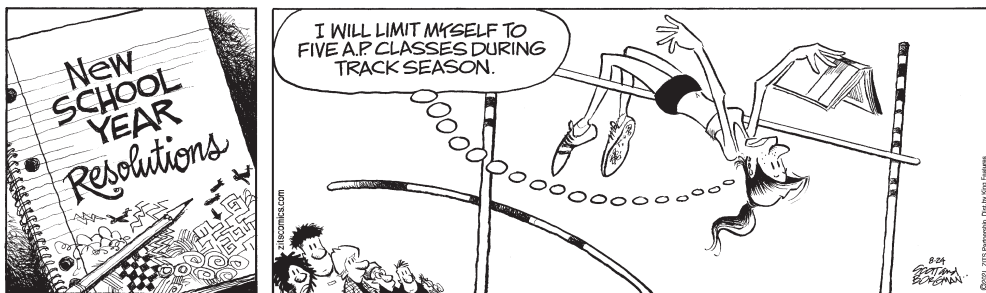
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DEAR ABBY

Birth mother reconnects with biological son



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: When I was an unmarried 18-year-old, I had a child out of wedlock. Unsure that I could provide for him, I chose to place him for adoption so he would have a chance for a better life. This year, we connected through DNA. The reunion has been great, even though I choose to remain in the background because his mother is still living.

stay with me every night. Am I doomed with this man? By the way, he's been married four times. — **Wants More in Michigan**

Dear Abby: My daughter is getting married. Her father and I never married, but legally he's listed as her father. For the past 40 years she has used my last name. Well, her wedding invitation arrived today and her father's name is on it. Mine isn't even mentioned!

Would it be appropriate this fall and winter to include him in my holiday festivities as long as it doesn't interfere with the time he should be spending with his family? And, after his mother passes away, what role should I play in his life? His father is deceased, and he and his adopted brother are estranged. — **Bio Mom in Texas**

to have to seek it elsewhere.

Dear Bio Mom: Your son should have told his adoptive mother about the reunion, regardless of who initiated it. I think it would be better for everyone if she was included. A way to do that would be to thank her for taking such good care of your son and helping him to become the man he is today. I do not think secrecy is healthy. If it backfires, there will be deeply hurt feelings because of the subterfuge. At this point in your son's life it's too late for you to be his mommy. However, you can be a good friend, since his only family now is the woman who loved and raised him.

My parents and I raised her. Her dad was around but never an active father. I raised her, but he gets the glory and the privilege of walking her down the aisle? She says I'm being "a wacko." Must I accept this and let it go? I feel so hurt that I really don't want to go to the wedding. — **Loving, Left-Out Mom**

Dear Mom: I understand your feelings. If you haven't asked your daughter why she chose to do this, you should. At the least, you deserve an explanation. Please understand that if you refuse to go to her wedding, it could create a permanent rift. There may be grandchildren and milestones you also could miss. Of course, the decision is yours to make, but since you asked me to weigh in, I'm suggesting you take the high road, attend and support your daughter on "her" day.

Dear Abby: I have been dating a man for almost three years. He's retired; I'm still working. He refuses to stay with me during the week because I need to go to bed early. I see him only on the weekends. Am I wrong for wanting him to stay with me during the week? I feel like we really don't have a relationship. My previous boyfriends would

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Aug. 24, 1921

That Louis Ragains was shot at some spot outside of the Wright cabin and was taken to the cabin after his death and the body placed in position on the floor is a theory of the tragedy that has been current following a trip to the cabin yesterday by three carloads of people who made a careful examination of the premises. That there were blood stains on Ragains' own saddle and that a stain on the shoulder of his horse is thought to be blood are two startling indicators that are taken as establishing the plausibility of the theory.

the Umatilla County Fair has received awards at the Columbia County Fair in St. Helens and the Tri-Cities Water Follies. "There's not enough hours in the day to do what I want to do," says Mrs. Hoyt, who raises a garden, does some writing and manages the Umatilla School cafeteria, in addition to her artistic pursuits.

25 Years Ago Aug. 24, 1996

If you can type, perform other standard clerical tasks and speak Spanish and English, you should have no trouble finding a job in the Hermiston area. Area employers and employment agencies say the need for bilingual workers with office skills is growing right along with the growing Hispanic population. Umatilla County is one of 10 in the state in which at least 30 percent of new residents are Hispanic, according to figures released early this summer by the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University. In neighboring Morrow County, Hispanics make up 63 percent of new residents.

50 Years Ago Aug. 24, 1971

Nellie Hoyt, who may be in her mid-60s, but carries on a multitude of activities that might go with an active 30-year-old, racked up another bunch of award ribbons this year at the Umatilla County Fair. The Umatilla artist, wife of Clyde Hoyt, has no idea how many ribbons she has won at fairs with her paintings. She started years ago and in addition to

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Aug. 24, 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol (which still was under construction) and the White House, as well as other public buildings.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for murdering John Lennon. (Chapman remains imprisoned.)

118-107 and win the men's basketball gold medal for the first time since 2000.

In 2019, police in Aurora, Colorado, responding to a report of a suspicious person, used a chokehold to subdue Elijah McClain, a 23-year-old Black man; he suffered cardiac arrest on the way to the hospital and was later declared brain dead and taken off life support. (Three officers were placed on leave but returned to the force after prosecutors found insufficient evidence to support charging them.)

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Pete Rose from the game for betting on his own team, the Cincinnati Reds.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-musician Mason Williams is 83. R&B singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 79. Actor Arne Archer is 74. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is 66. Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 61.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, making her the first woman to fly solo, non-stop, from coast to coast.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

In 2003, the Justice Department reported the U.S. crime rate in 2002 was the lowest since studies began in 1973.

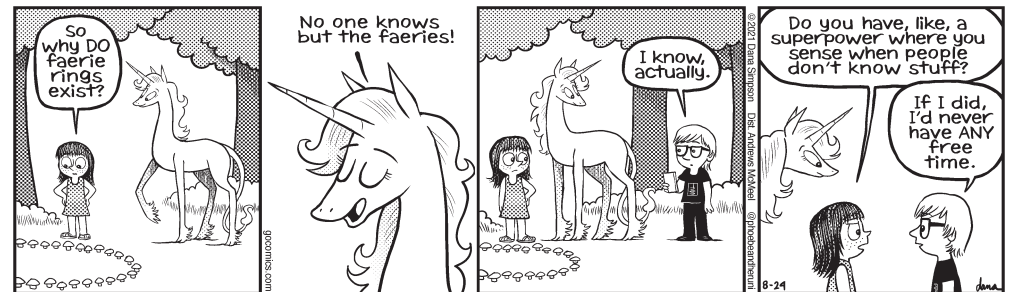
In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In 2008, on the final day of the Beijing Games, Kobe Bryant hit two 3-pointers in a big fourth quarter to help the United States defeat Spain

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

