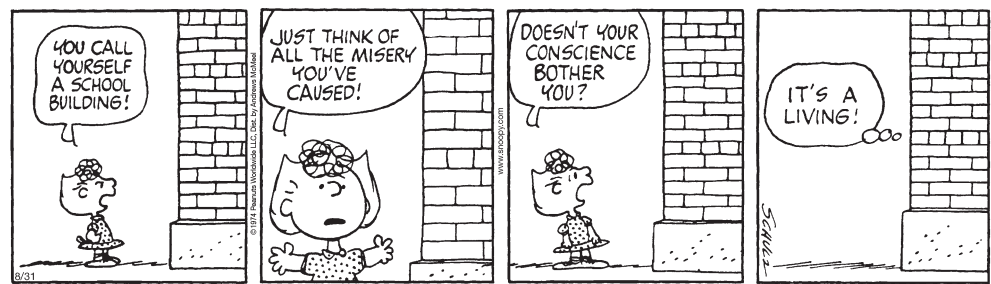


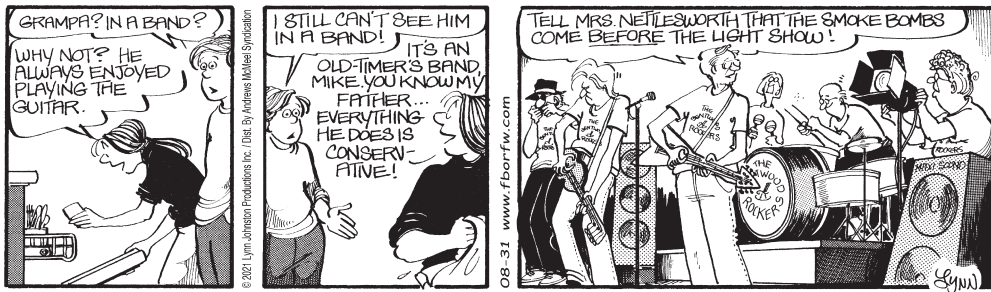
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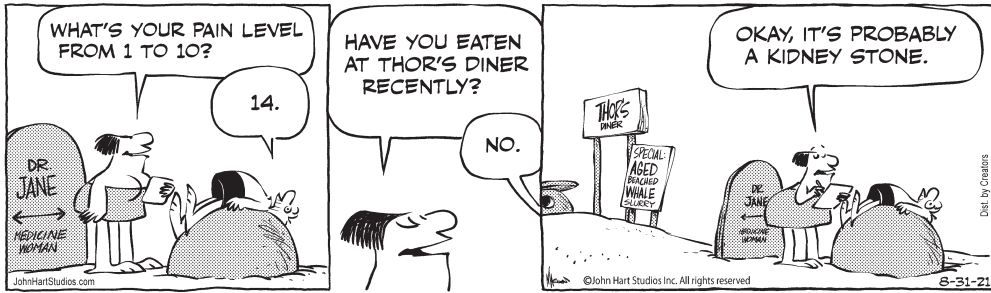
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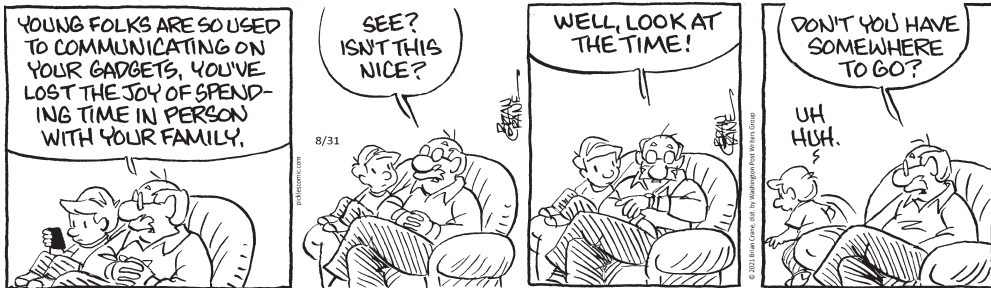
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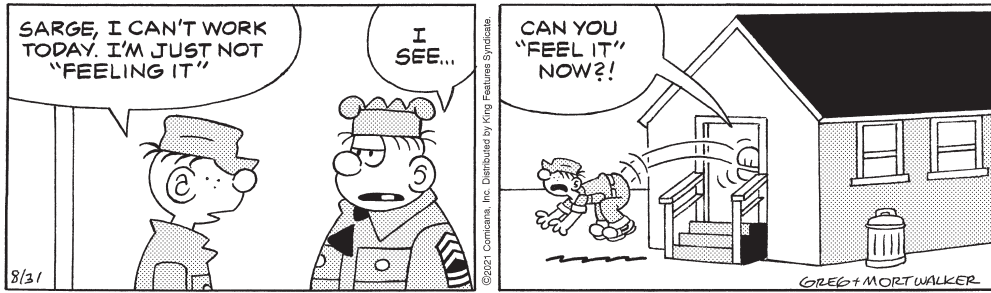
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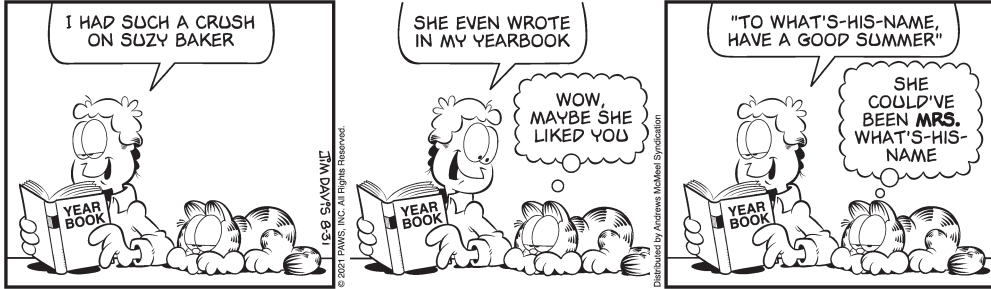
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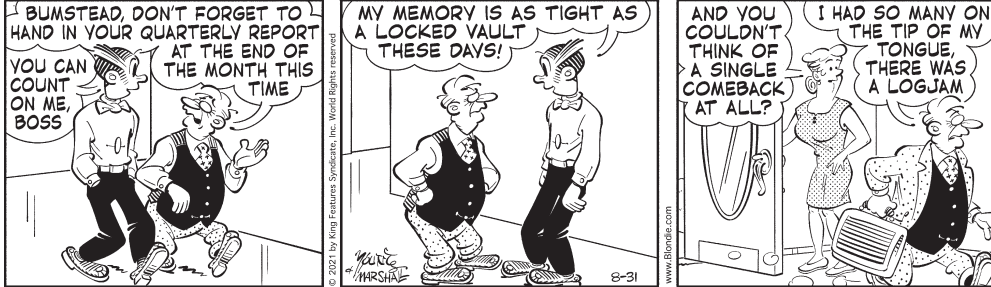
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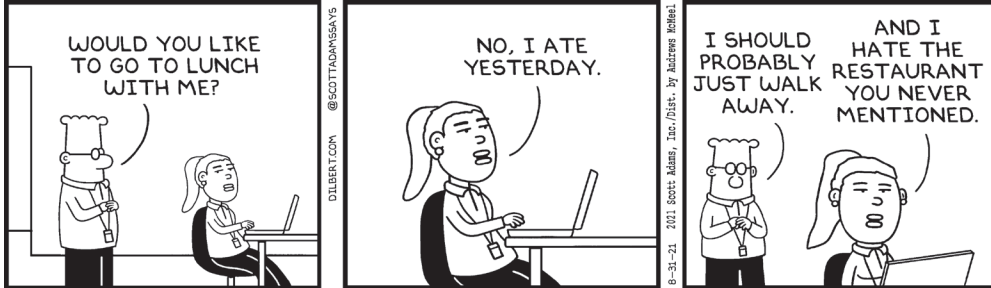
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DEAR ABBY

Friend's constant advice on all things is irritating

Dear Abby: I have a friend from college I'm really close to, but they have begun an annoying habit I need help addressing. We live more than 1,000 miles apart, and over the past six months, I've noticed that my friend has been giving me unsolicited advice on daily tasks that don't concern them. At first it didn't bother me. Now it's happening three or four times a week.

I think they mean well, but the "friendly" reminders are beginning to come across as condescending. Some examples: If I mention what I'm making for dinner, I'll be reminded to make sure the chicken is cooked to the correct temperature. I have a vacation planned, and I was just reminded that in order to go I need to have flights booked.

I'm afraid I may be overreacting, which is why I haven't said anything. However, these constant reminders are frustrating and leave me with the impression that my friend thinks I'm stupid or incapable of taking care of myself. What's your advice on how to handle this? — Not A Kid And Not Stupid

Dear Not: A way to handle it would be to ask your friend why the advice was being offered. If you say you're making chicken for dinner and you are advised to be sure it's cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, calmly ask why the person felt it was necessary to say it. The same goes for your travel plans and any other unsolicited

advice you receive. If you ask the question, you may find that your old friend isn't questioning your intelligence, but simply trying to be helpful.

Dear Abby: My niece is getting married.

This has been a very stressful time for her family. My sister calls me in tears every night because of the hurtful things her daughter has said to her. Until now, they had a good relationship. I know weddings can be a nightmare for families, even those who are close, because the bride can turn into a "bridezilla." It is her wedding, although my sister is paying for everything.

Her daughter and the fiance are in their 30s and have well-paying jobs but are very happy to have my sister foot the bill. Sometimes I want to shake my niece and tell her to grow up and show some respect. Is there anything I can do to help my sister other than listen and be there for her? I'm getting worried about her health because of the stress, and she refuses to take care of herself. — Feeling Helpless in the East

Dear Feeling Helpless: I am sure you are aware that most couples in their 30s who have well-paying jobs foot the bill for their own weddings. Your sister has created this monster with her checkbook. At this point, the most helpful thing you can do for her is what you have been doing — letting her vent so she doesn't blow a gasket from the pressure.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Aug. 31, 1921

Notwithstanding he has a bullet in his brain, thought to have been inflicted by his own hand, Adolph Anderson, about 21 years old, was still alive this afternoon shortly before press time. Anderson, who has been working for Lee Savely, a prominent rancher of Butter Creek, 6 miles west of Stanfield, was discovered this morning shortly after 5 o'clock in one corner of the bunkhouse by his employer. His forehead had been pierced by a .22 calibre rifle bullet. He was fully dressed, and the belief is expressed that he shot himself after getting up this morning. The young man is said to have been slightly ill during the past few days, but he was able to keep up his work. No reason is known why he should have attempted his own life.

50 Years Ago Aug. 31, 1971

The Boeing Co. was expecting its first truckload of waste today. The waste will be used to begin working test plots for recycling

wastes from the Portland area, Elton Weeks, Boeing official at Boardman, said Monday. Boeing and Columbia Processors Cooperative of Portland want to dispose of most of the metropolitan Portland area's waste on the 100,000-acre Boardman tract where Boeing is planning a huge irrigation development. The test plots, covering six acres, are located near the Boeing test stands, ten miles south of the company's administration building.

25 Years Ago Aug. 31, 1996

Sprinkler splash full-tilt at shrubbery, sod and the occasional parked car. Hallways bear the dust of construction and the before-school litter of books and boxes. It's the 11th hour for Pendleton High School, which opens its doors Tuesday to four grades of students after a summer of hurry-up construction. Friday morning workers pounded away on finishing touches that will help welcome staff and students into a newly remodeled and expanded high school that gleams from its north hill perch.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Aug. 31, 1880, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk that ended a 17-day-old strike.

In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

In 1939, the first issue of Marvel Comics, featuring the Human Torch, was published by Timely Publications in New York.

In 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, California. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral

Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died.

In 1992, white separatist Randy Weaver surrendered to authorities in Naples, Idaho, ending an 11-day siege by federal agents that had claimed the lives of Weaver's wife, son and a deputy U.S. marshal. (Weaver was acquitted of murder and all other charges in connection with the confrontation; he was convicted of failing to appear for trial on firearms charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison but given credit for 14 months he'd already served.)

In 1994, the Irish Republican Army declared a ceasefire. Russia officially ended its military presence in the former East Germany and the Baltics after half a century.

In 1996, three adults and four children drowned when their vehicle rolled into John D. Long Lake in Union, South Carolina; they had gone to

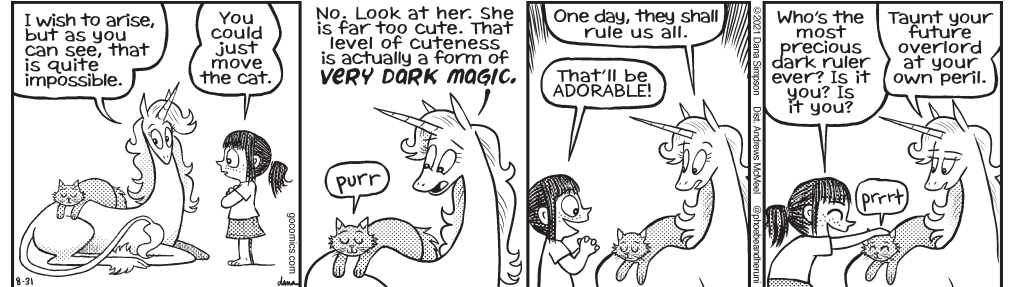
see a monument to the sons of Susan Smith, who had drowned the two boys in Oct. 1994.

In 1997, Prince Charles brought Princess Diana home for the last time, escorting the body of his former wife to a Britain that was shocked, grief-stricken and angered by her death in a Paris traffic accident earlier that day.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 82. Actor Jack Thompson is 81. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 76. Singer Van Morrison is 76. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 73. Actor Richard Gere is 72. Actor Stephen Henderson is 72. Olympic gold medal track and field athlete Edwin Moses is 66. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 64. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 64. Actor Zack Ward is 51. Golfer Padraig Harrington is 50. Actor Chris Tucker is 49.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

