

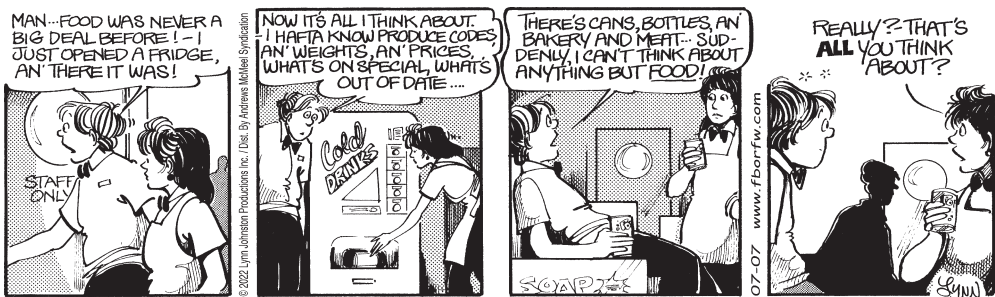
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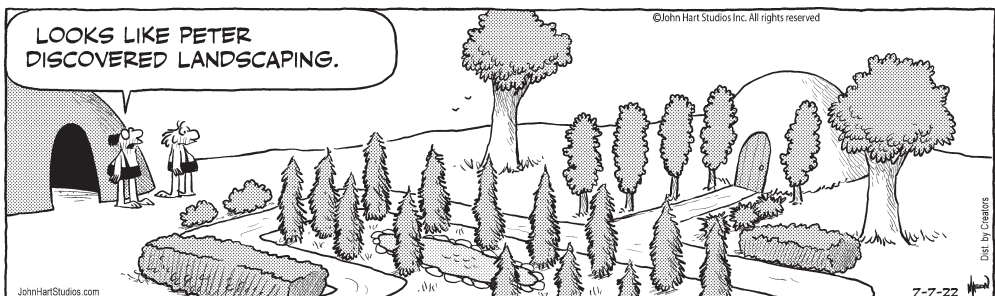
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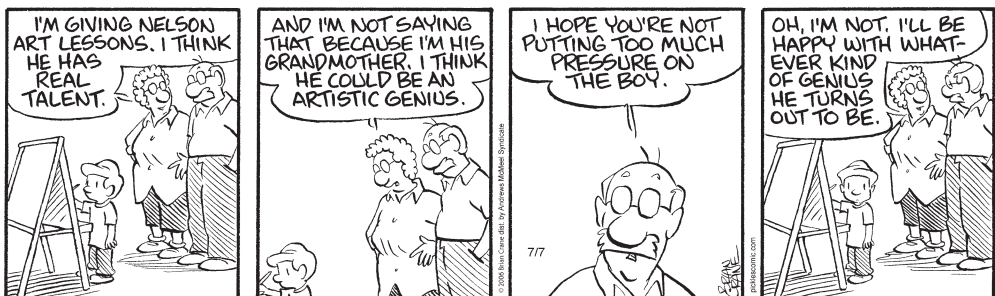
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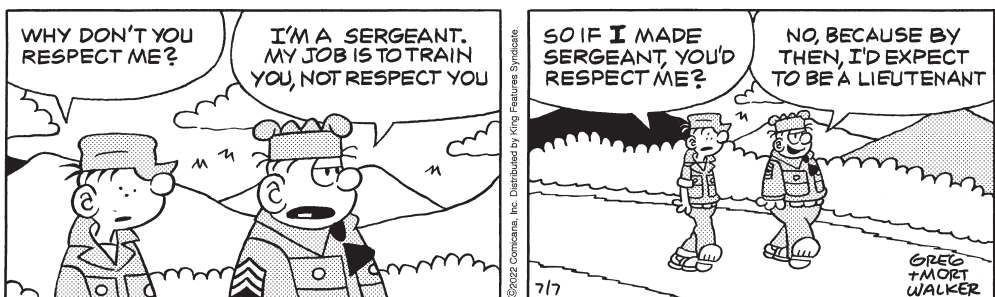
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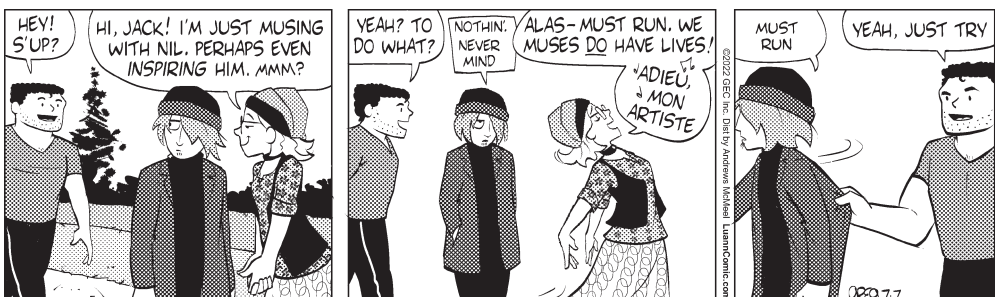
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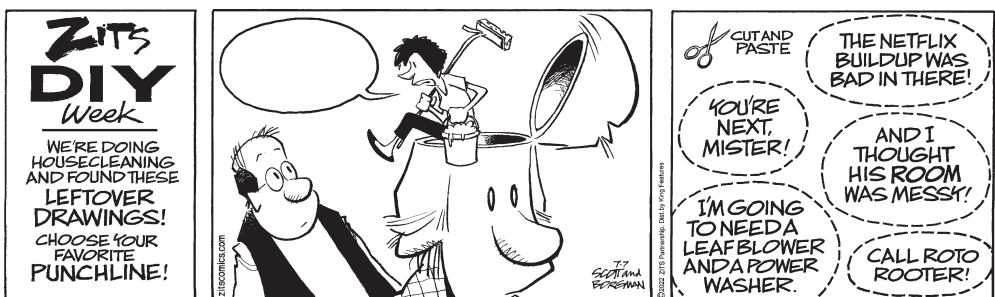
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DEAR ABBY

Overheard conversation sticks in reader's mind



JEANNE PHILLIPS
ADVICE

Dear Abby: More than a year ago, I heard my co-worker, whom I consider a friend, talking to another co-worker (who is a gossip) about my belly. I am 30 pounds overweight, and although I work out regularly, I still have this paunch from having had three kids. I am hurt that she would have said anything, but she doesn't know I heard her.

Occasionally, I see her glance at my stomach and I'm reminded of what happened. It is bizarre. Why is she looking at my stomach or discussing it with someone else? I always admired her and felt she was a friend to me. Should I bring it up next time she looks at my stomach? I'm having a hard time overcoming the hurt and wonder if I've made a mistake by considering her a friend. What do you think? — **Soft In The Middle**

Dear Soft: You caught your co-worker in mid-gossip. Shame on her! If you wish to tell her you heard what she said and are very hurt by it, you are within your rights. Go for it, because she owes you an apology.

Dear Abby: I am a senior in high school. A lot of my friends are going to four-year colleges, while I'm starting at a community college. Many of them are going far away. They know their majors, and they're all very confident in their future plans. I can't help but feel left out, even though my community college plan will save money and allow me to experi-

ment before choosing my major.

I'm confident in my plan; I just feel so out of the loop with my friends' college discussions. Is it OK to feel awkward during this transitional period? And is it OK to be unsure of what I want to do? — **Wondering About The Future**

Dear Wondering: Please stop being so hard on yourself. You are far from the only young adult who is unsure of what steps they should take as they approach adulthood. Community college seems like a practical solution for you.

Dear Abby: My spouse "cancels" me, and I am no longer willing to accept feeling devalued. There has been a serious communication breakdown. Mid-sentence of almost any topic of conversation I begin, he interrupts me with, "I know already," "You take too long" or, "I'm busy." Another response is typically, "I've got work to do," when, in fact, he is reading the newspaper or just getting a cup of coffee. How do I convince my spouse this is detrimental to our relationship, or is getting through to him even possible? — **Woman Who Does Not Matter**

Dear Woman: What one does in a situation like this is tell the spouse the current situation is not tolerable, and suggest counseling to save your marriage. If your spouse then refuses, you must decide whether to move on.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago in the East Oregonian

Ralph Spearow was the best all-around athlete at the University of Oregon in 1922, with records of 23 feet for the board jump, 13 feet in the pole vault, and 5 feet 11 inches at high jumping. But his distinction didn't stop there. Spearow won high honors carrying a heavy course in the psychology department. Neither did he devote all his time to his studies and athletics, for he had the support of his family to think of also. He attended to that by being the regular pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Cottage Grove, a nearby city.

50 years ago in the East Oregonian

A year ago Glen E. Ranta, Echo, was under fire by some of the townspeople because of his 50 crowing roosters. The rooster problem was eliminated and he later admitted to the city council that it did him a favor in eliminating the roosters. Now Ranta is going after some farmers in the area and the Westland Irrigation District.

In the interim between the crowing roosters and Wednesday night, he ripped into the Echo Police Department last August. Ranta blamed farmers between Echo and the Stanfield junction for littering the country road with fence posts and barbed wire. Mayor Irvine Howard said the city would write the county road department to call attention to the issue.

25 years ago in the East Oregonian

Rescue teams from Mission and Pendleton joined forces mid-day to rescue a 71-year-old woman who was thrown from her horse at the bottom of a deep ravine. The rescue, which took more than two hours, involved rescuers hiking about 200 yards into the brush-clogged ravine in the foothills of the Blue Mountains. Tribal police and the Tribal Quick Response team were already at the scene when the Pendleton Ambulance arrived. Seven rescue members worked to remove the victim, Marilyn Lieuallen, from the ravine with the aid of the rope attached to the truck.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C. for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln: Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne), David Herold, George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt, the first woman to be executed by the federal government.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam).

In 1946, Jimmy Carter, 21, married Rosalynn Smith, 18, in Plains, Georgia.

In 1976, the United States Military Academy at West Point included female cadets for the first time as 119 women joined the Class of 1980.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1990, the first "Three Tenors" concert took place as opera stars Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras performed amid the brick ruins of Rome's Baths of Caracalla on the eve of the World Cup championship.

In 2010, Los Angeles police charged Lonnie Franklin Jr. in the city's "Grim Sleeper" serial killings. (Franklin, who was sentenced to death for the killings of nine women and a teenage girl, died in prison in March 2020 at the age of 67.)

In 2013, Andy Murray became the first British man in 77 years to win the Wimbledon title, beating

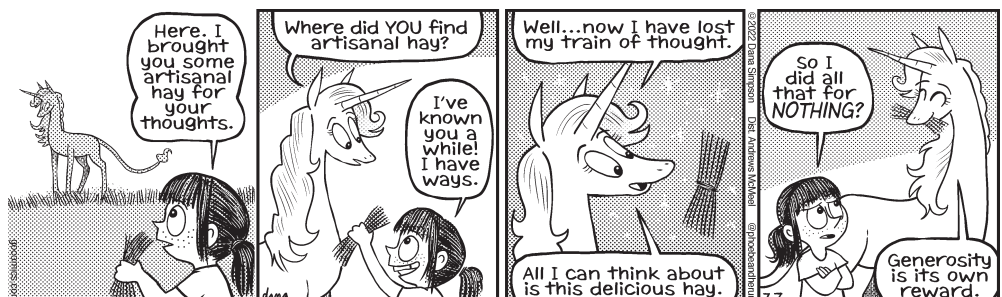
Novak Djokovic 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 in the final.

In 2016, Micah Johnson, a Black Army veteran who served in Afghanistan, opened fire on Dallas police, killing five officers in an act of vengeance for the fatal police shootings of Black men; the attack ended with Johnson being killed by a bomb delivered by a police robot.

Today's birthdays: Rock star Ringo Starr is 82. Pop singer David Hodo (The Village People) is 75. Country singer Linda Williams is 75. Actor Shelley Duvall is 73. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 59. Actor Amy Carlson is 54. Actor Jorja Fox is 54. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Michelle Kwan is 42. Rapper Cassidy is 40. Country singer Maddie Font (Maddie and Tae) is 27.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

