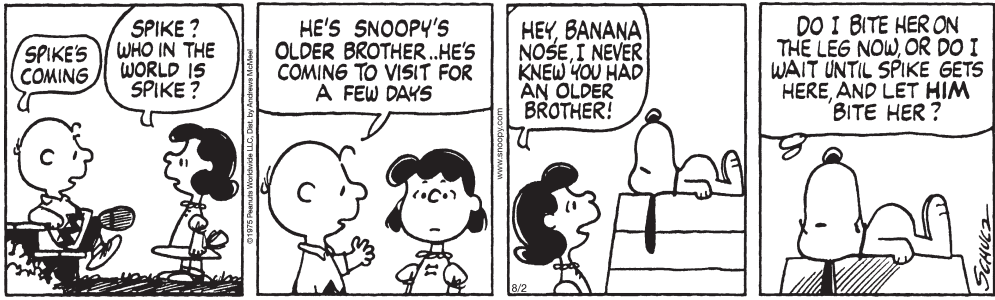


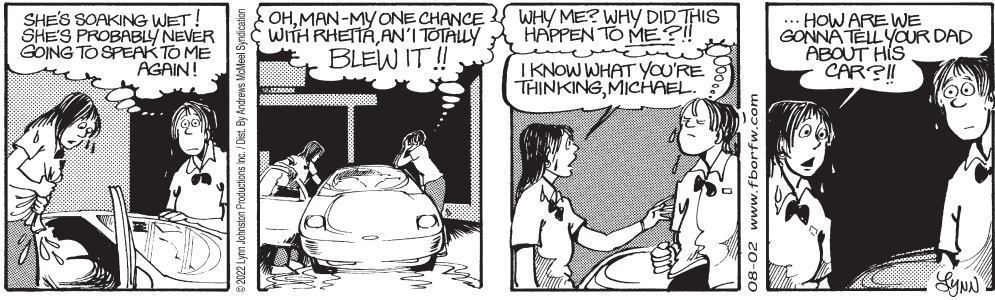
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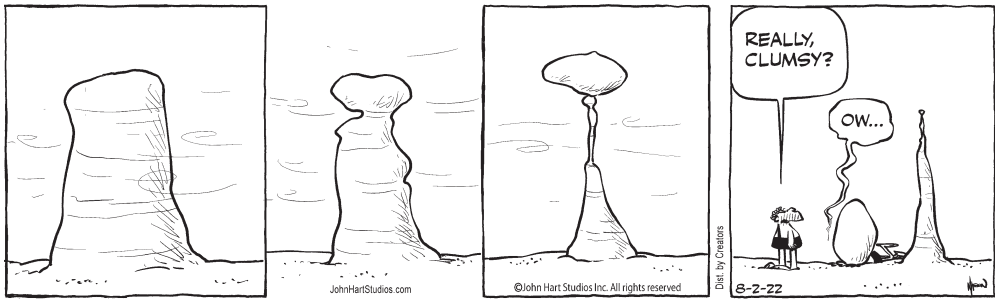
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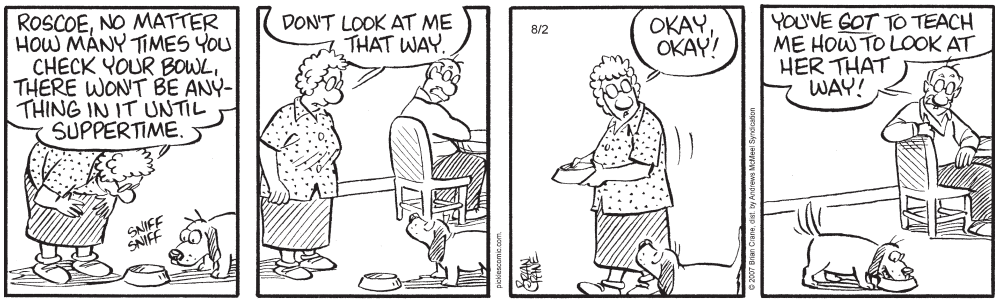
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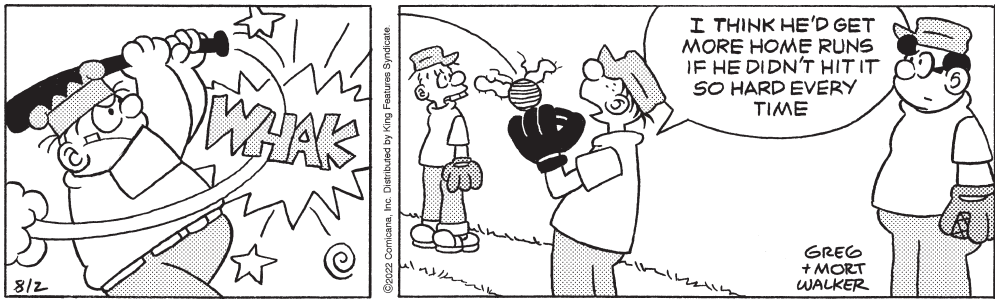
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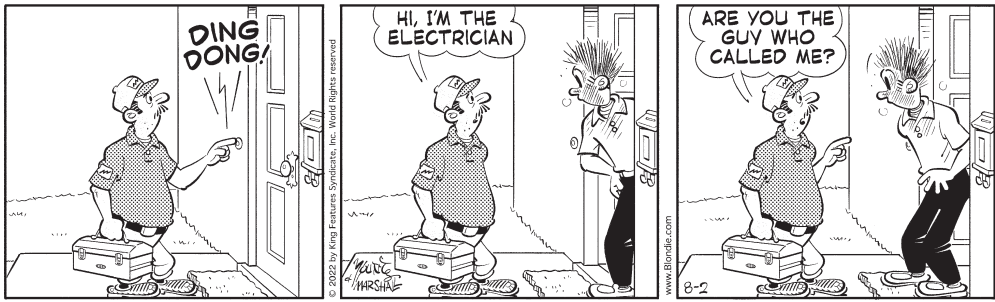
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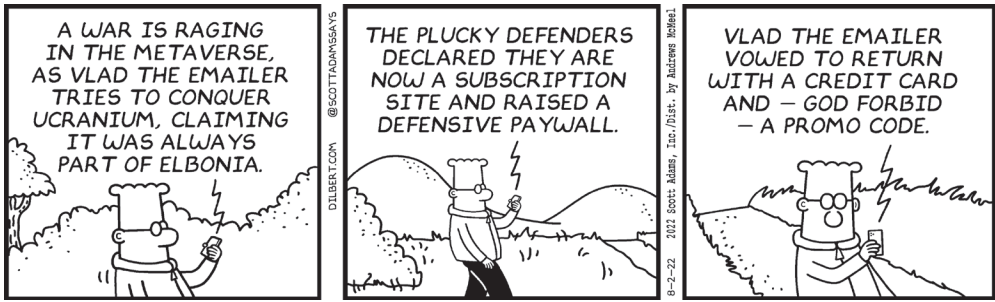
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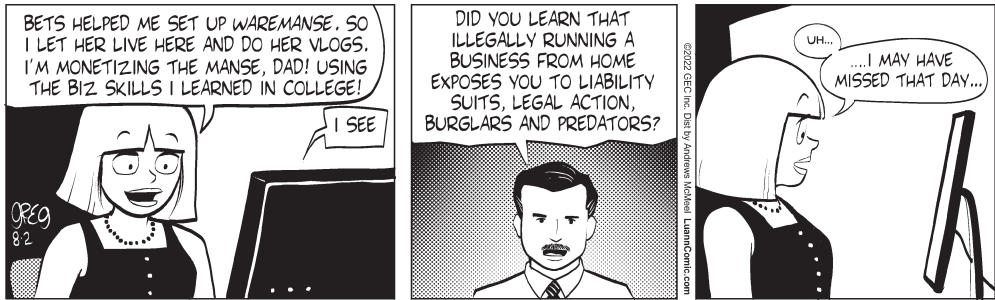
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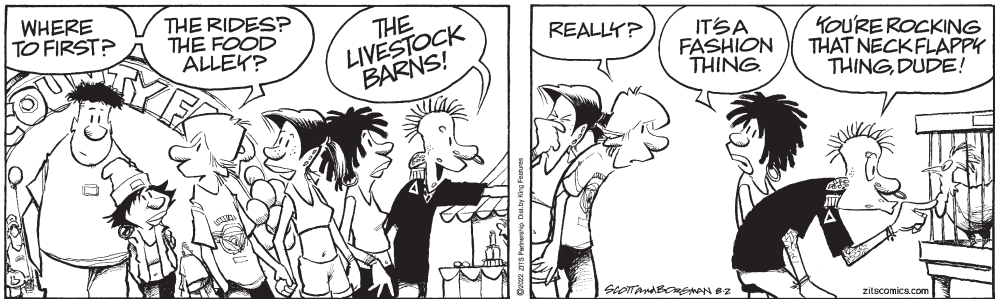
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DEAR ABBY

Love triangle will surely lead to some hurt feelings



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm a woman who got a girlfriend, "Darlene." I thought that was what love felt like. But my old (bisexual) friend "Michelle" has me feeling differently. Recently I feel my heart racing and butterflies in my stomach just thinking about her. When Michelle does my nails and holds my hand to steady them, my knees feel weak. I do not feel this way with Darlene, although I still care deeply about her. I don't want to hurt her feelings by breaking up with her, but I think that if I were single, Michelle might consider going out with me. Darlene's feelings are extremely sensitive, and I want to keep her as a friend. But just being around Michelle has me feeling happier than ever. Do I risk hurting someone's feelings, or should I stay with Darlene and miss out on being with someone I am in love with? Am I a bad girlfriend? — Lovestruck In Alaska

love her the way she deserves to be loved.

Dear Abby: My younger sister, "Tish," is adamant about getting our parents' affairs in order. They are in their 80s and in excellent physical and mental health except for osteo-related issues. Tish's constant reminders are making them feel she is rushing them to the grave. My siblings and I appreciate her intentions and support her efforts to get our parents to finalize their trust arrangements, but it's reached a point where she wants to start selling their belongings and is secretly throwing things away. Tish spends a lot of time looking at memorabilia and telling them who certain items should be given to. She gets belligerent if we disagree with her vision of how things should be handled. Should I be thankful for what she's doing and try to convince my parents it's a lot less for them to worry about? — Looking On In Texas

Dear Looking On: Your parents are fortunate that they are in great health, but they should also realize what inevitably lies ahead. You would be doing the whole family a favor if you pointed out to them that because Tish becomes angry and belligerent if someone disagrees with her, they need to talk to an attorney who specializes in estate planning, which will prevent conflict after their eventual passing. After that, the ball is in their court.

Dear Lovestruck: You are not a "bad" girlfriend; you are a girlfriend who is ready to break up with Darlene. Before making any announcements, verify with Michelle that your feelings are reciprocated. If they are, then you must tell Darlene you want to see other people. Count on her being hurt and probably angry, so be as gentle as you can when you give her the news. It will be doing all three of you a favor. Breakups, while painful, are a fact of life. People do recover, and Darlene will be free to find someone who will

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago in the East Oregonian

Max, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Rusaw of South Milton-Freewater was accidentally shot Saturday evening in the mountains above Dixie, Washington, where he was engaged in working on the road. The bullet was from a 38 caliber rifle, in the hands of a companion who was fooling with it, supposing it to be empty. The bullet entered the breast directly over the heart, and by some obstruction was deflected from its course from piercing that organ and passed through the chest, coming out on the other side. The bullet was picked up from the ground where it had fallen, by some one standing by. The boy was brought to the hospital in Walla Walla where he is not thought to be in a necessarily hopeless condition, the doctor saying that if the weather is favorable, that he will probably recover.

Nearly 100 4-H horse club members are expected to take part in the show which starts at 10 a.m. They will compete in showmanship, horsemanship and horse judging contests by age grouping. Two judges will be working the show with horse club leaders in charge.

25 years ago in the East Oregonian

Construction of the \$32.8 million Walmart Distribution Center at Hermiston boosted Umatilla County building valuations for the first half of 1997 to just shy of \$60 million. That's more than \$37 million above the 1996 total for the time period and \$16 million more than the full-year total last year. Figures for the first six months of 1997 include construction of 88 single family homes, a duplex, four triplexes and a 12-unit apartment building. Pendleton recorded more than \$6 million in building permits, with 18 new home starts accounting for more than half of that. Hermiston recorded 14 new home starts valued at \$2.25 million, plus four triplex units valued at some \$600,000. A 12-unit Hermiston apartment building is valued at \$706,297. Five more home starts were recorded in the unincorporated area around Hermiston, valued at \$881,000.

50 years ago in the East Oregonian

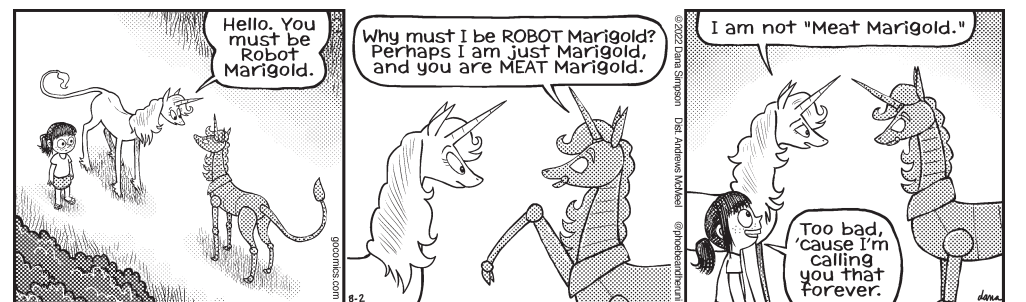
Though the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo does not officially begin until Aug. 22, the first event will be held Sunday when the 4-H Horse Show is held at the county fairgrounds.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- On Aug. 2, 1923**, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.
- In 1776**, members of the 1776 Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.
- In 1873**, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.
- In 1876**, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.
- In 1921**, a jury in Chicago acquitted several former members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team and two others of conspiring to defraud the public.
- In 1922**, Alexander Graham Bell, generally regarded as the inventor of the telephone, died in Nova Scotia, Canada, at age 75.
- In 1939**, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.
- In 1945**, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and Britain's new prime minister, Clement Attlee, concluded the Potsdam conference.
- In 1974**, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up.
- In 1980**, 85 people were killed when a bomb exploded at the train station in Bologna, Italy.
- In 1985**, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.
- In 1990**, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

