

PEANUTS

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ



DEAR ABBY

Parent misses teenager's ex-boyfriend, his parents



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: A couple of weeks ago, my 17-year-old daughter broke up with "Matt," her boyfriend of a year and seven months. My husband and I are sad because Matt had become a part of our family. We included him in vacations and holidays with us. We also became friends with his parents and shared a couple of holidays with them.

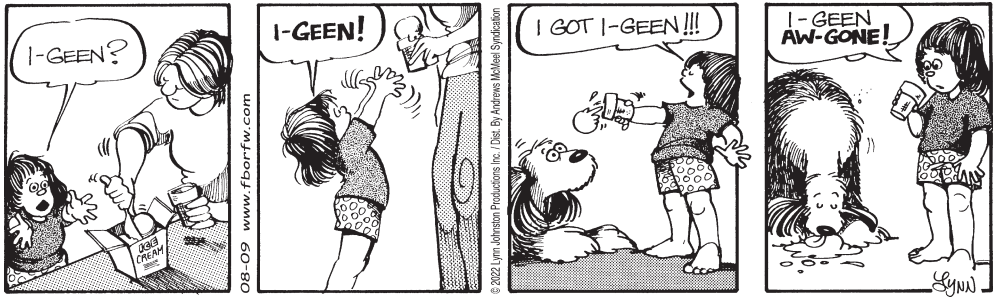
life a living hell. I have grown to despise him.

I need to be respectful of his children and friends. Only a few close women friends know the situation. I want to have a proper remembrance for them that won't involve too much of my presence. He will be cremated per his request. Can you suggest how I should handle this?

— Careful In California

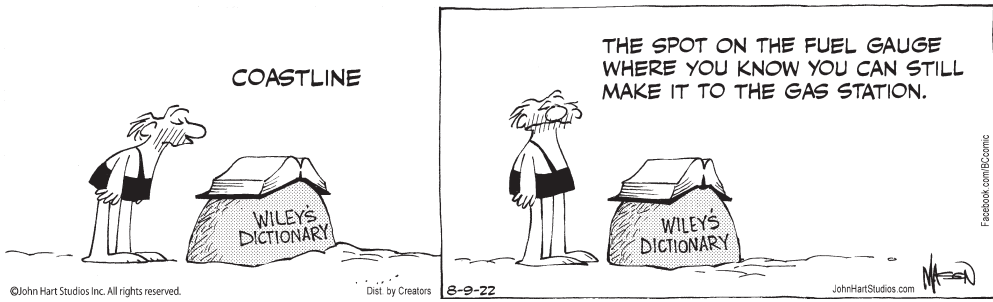
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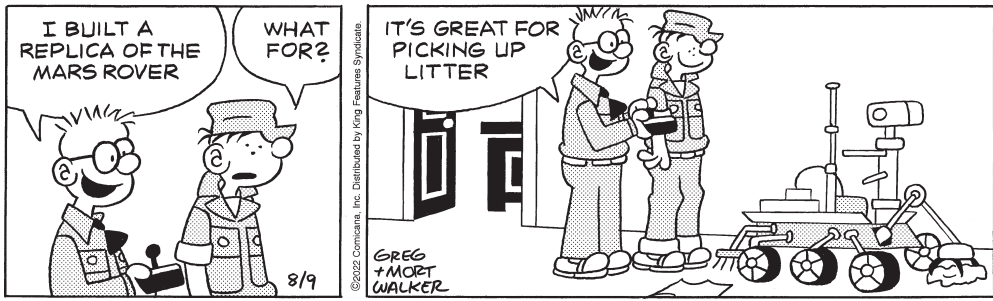
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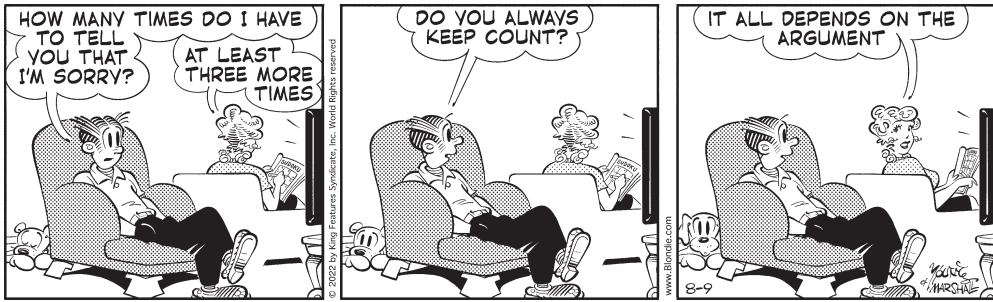
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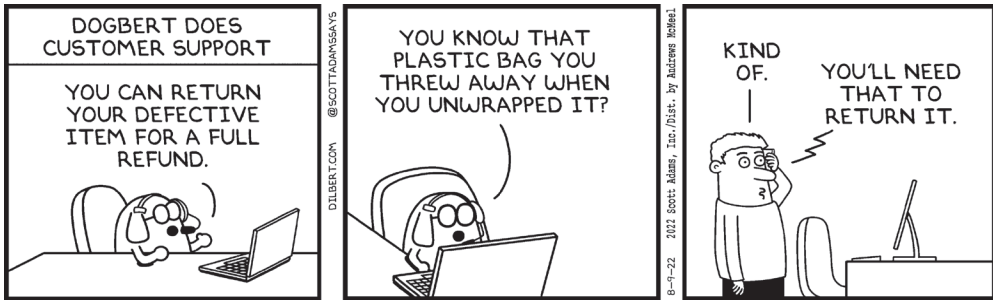
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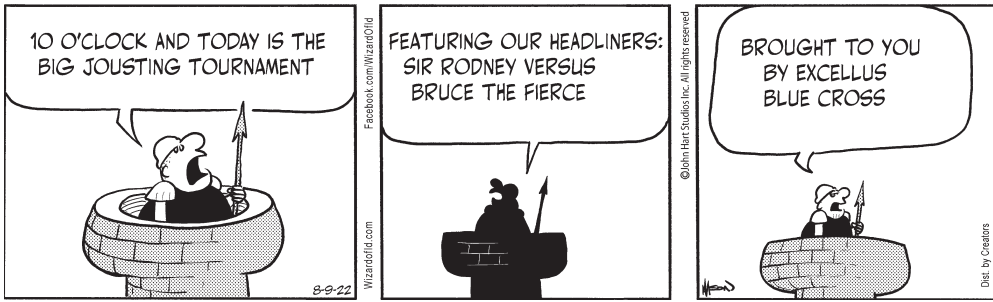
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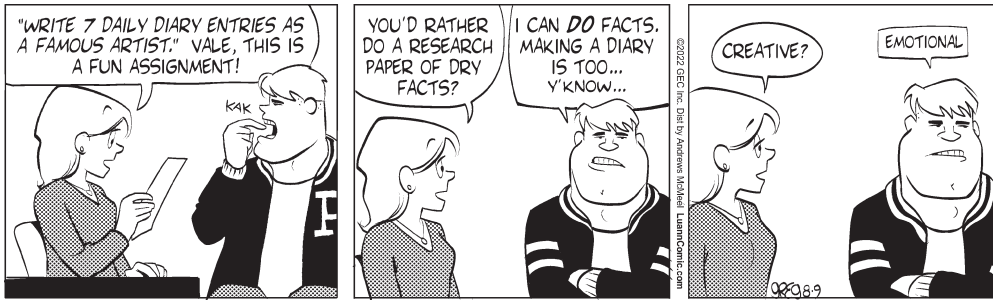
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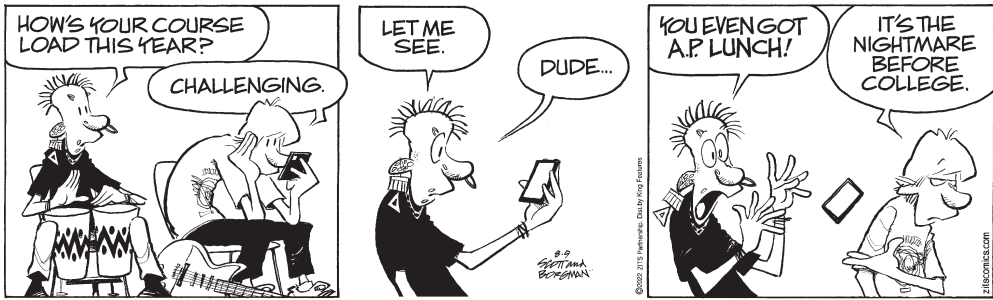
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I have not communicated with them since the breakup, and I feel horrible. I'm not sure what's proper etiquette in this situation. Should I reach out to Matt's mom or just leave it alone? I don't have hard feelings toward them, but then again, my daughter broke up with Matt and not vice versa. Let me know what you think. — Broken Up Over Breakup

Dear Broken Up: Young love doesn't always last forever, which can be a good thing. I see no harm in waiting a few more weeks until things cool down and then reaching out to Matt's mother. Tell her you are sorry about the breakup and hope it doesn't spell the end of your relationship with her, which you have very much enjoyed. Her response will tell you if she feels the same.

Dear Abby: We are a couple, married for 46 years. Of course, one of us will be passing on in the future. If my husband goes first, I'm unsure about how to handle any services for him. He has narcissistic personality disorder and, over the course of our marriage, he has made my

with the person who will officiate at the memorial service when the time comes. Be as active a participant as you would like. Leaving the eulogizing to the people who loved him — his friends and children — is your privilege.

Dear Mom: You didn't mention what personality changes you experienced when your daughter was young. Whether you were abusive or emotionally absent, the truth is she "lost" her mother during that period. You may need your baby girl back, but that baby is long gone. If you are not in AA, you should definitely attend some meetings to see how other parents cope with their loss.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago in the East Oregonian

John F. Hill, who came to the west in April, 1886 from Kentucky, died this morning at 6 o'clock at St. Anthony's hospital. Mr. Hill, while not being bed fast, has been in the hospital for years.

At the age of 16 John Hill enlisted in the Union army and for four years fought for his country. He was the father of ten children, nine of whom survived him. His wife was taken from him in 1909 and since that time he has gradually declined in strength. Death came as the result of old age.

50 years ago in the East Oregonian

Lightning storms moved from south central Oregon into the northeast portion during the night, touching off more than 120 fires on federally protected land.

Forestry agencies braced for another series of lightning storms today as cooler air moved into the state, ending a hot spell that left the forests extremely dry. Clarence Edgington, U.S. Forest Service fire control officer said fire danger in the forests ranged from high to very high throughout the state.

Eighty of the fires were on national forest land and firefighting crews moved quickly to control them. The largest was 50 acres northeast of Burns. A lightning storm was blamed for a fire which destroyed a \$50,000 boat-house and marina on Wizard Island at Crater Lake National Park Tuesday night.

25 years ago in the East Oregonian

"Never!" said Jim Stearns, when he was asked to share his winning technique.

Hermiston Fire Chief Stearns, with a winning spit of 24 feet, 6 inches, won in the Emergency Services category of the Hermiston Watermelon Seed Spitting contest.

Earlier, in a practice session, he shot out a 33-foot shot.

"I want that first shot," he was heard to say, "but I don't think they'll buy it. They didn't."

It was close there, for a minute, between Stearns and Umatilla Police Chief Travis Eynon. But Eynon said he didn't mind.

"I don't feel too bad (about losing) as long as I didn't lose to Roberts," he said, referring to Lt. Jerry Roberts of the Hermiston Police Department.

"I overslept," Roberts said about his no-show.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1854, Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," which described Thoreau's experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts, was first published.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order nationalizing silver.

In 1944, 258 African-American sailors based at Port Chicago, California, refused to load a munitions ship following a cargo vessel explosion that killed 320 men, many of them Black. (Fifty of the sailors were convicted of mutiny, fined and imprisoned.)

In 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, a U.S. B-29 Superfortress code-named Bockscar dropped a nuclear device ("Fat Man") over

Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

In 1969, actor Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally slain at Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan nominated Lauro Cavazos to be secretary of education; Cavazos became the first Hispanic to serve in the Cabinet.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, died in Forest Knolls, California, of a heart attack at age 53.

In 2004, Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols, addressing a court for the first time, asked victims of the blast

for forgiveness as a judge sentenced him to 161 consecutive life sentences.

In 2014, Michael Brown Jr., a Black 18-year-old, was shot to death by a police officer following an altercation in Ferguson, Missouri; Brown's death led to sometimes-violent protests in Ferguson and other U.S. cities, spawning a national "Black Lives Matter" movement.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-director David Steinberg is 80. Singer Barbara Mason is 75. Actor Melanie Griffith is 65. Actor Amanda Bearnse is 64. Hockey Hall of Famer Brett Hull is 58. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders is 55. Actor Gillian Anderson is 54. Actor Eric Bana is 54. Actor Liz Vassey is 50. Actor Anna Kendrick is 37.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

