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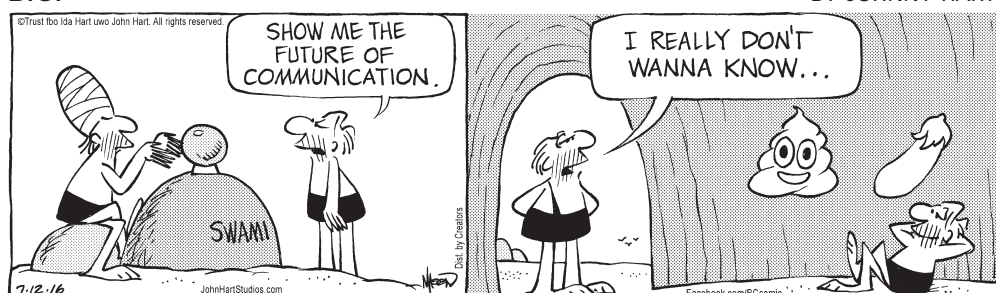
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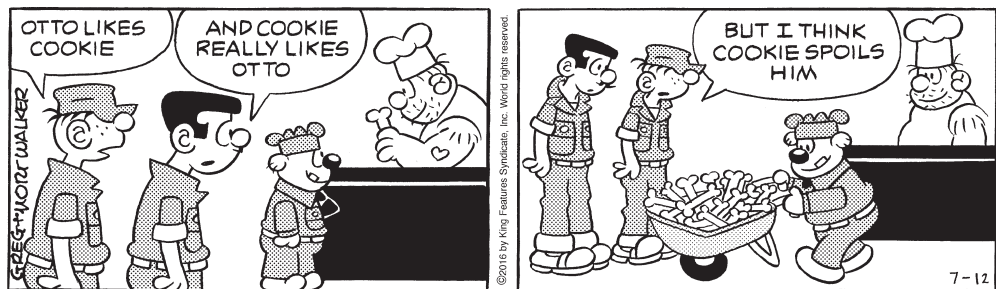
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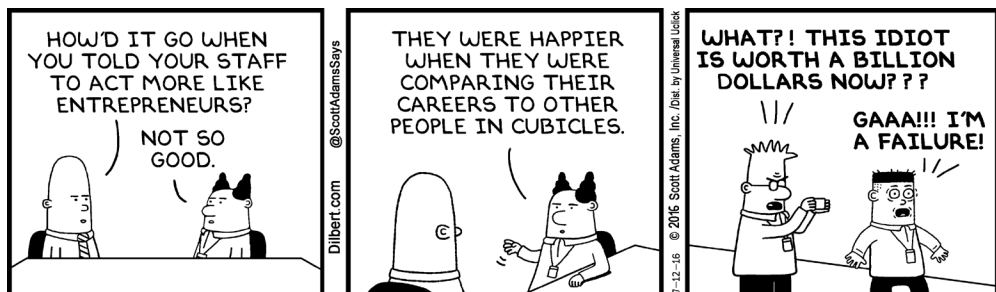
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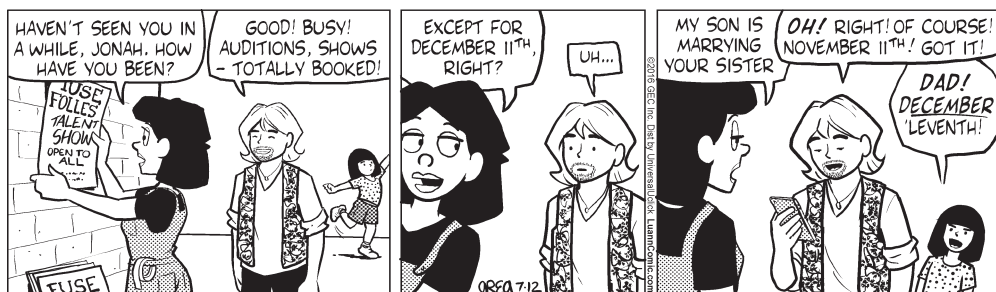
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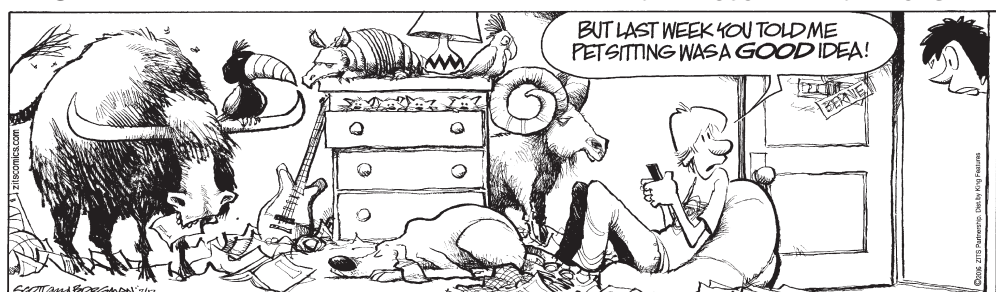
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DEAR ABBY

Man's stop-and-go romances may indicate lack of empathy



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I'm a man in my mid-30s who has recently recognized a pattern in my romantic relationships. A few of them lasted for several years, before they ended for various reasons. In between, I've gone a couple of years before seeking out and starting a new relationship. In the in-between time, I go online and meet people I have no intention of meeting in "real life," but who provide conversation and intimacy while I enjoy single life.

my case all the time because I don't clean the bathroom every day. She grew up in the '50s and '60s and was a stay-at-home mom to two boys. However, I am a graduate student with a part-time job. I spend hours studying, and when I get some free time, I use it to do things I actually want to do.

I'm about to repeat the pattern again. I'm a few months out of a three-year relationship and have met someone online. It's great to chat online and over the phone, but we are not close geographically, and I have no intention of meeting in person. What's your insight on this, and do you think this is healthy for me? Any ideas you can offer regarding this pattern? — New Relationships

My grandmother insists that everyone she knows/knew cleans their house every day, and when she talks about cleaning the bathroom, she doesn't mean just picking things up; she means spraying down all surfaces and getting out the bleach or foam spray to clean down the bathtub. I don't think she understands that no one I know — at least my age — cleans their house that way every single day, and that because I'm busy most days and often tired, I don't want to come home and clean the whole house.

Dear New: I wish you had told me more about the circumstances of your breakups. Were they your idea or the other person's? If they weren't your idea, you may be using the in-between relationships as a safe form of entertainment while you are healing.

Am I lazy, or am I right in telling her that I will not deep-clean my bathroom/apartment every day? (I think deep-cleaning every two weeks is fine.) The free time I have is precious. How often is appropriate? — Southern Marie

If you are upfront with the people you're meeting online, and they realize you have no intention of letting these friendships go anywhere, then I suppose they are healthy for all concerned. If not, then what you are doing shows not only a lack of character, but also a lack of sensitivity for the feelings of others, and it may be one of the reasons your long-term relationships aren't lasting.

Dear Southern Marie: If you haven't been able to convince your grandmother by now that your circumstances are different, the chances of it happening are slim to none. Under normal circumstances, deep-cleaning your bathroom once a week is fine and should keep it sparkling. If you're smart, you'll avoid arguing with her about this, because it's a waste of breath.

Dear Abby: My grandmother gets on

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 11-12, 1916

In the July number of the Outer's Book, a sportsmen's magazine, is a story entitled "Why is a Sportman," written by Mrs. Nancy Dickson, wife of Westbrooke Dickson of this city. The story deals with her husband's fondness for outdoor life, her lack of appreciation of the lure that took him away from home on Sundays and of her discovery, through a trip to the duck ponds of "Herneston," of the irresistible call of the outdoors. The story is very cleverly written and is illustrated with photographs taken by the author. One of them is a picture of her husband and James R. Bowler equipped for a trip to the duck ponds.

right hip. Last week Mary Ann, 7, rode him about two miles to where cattle were being rounded up. Greg, 12, and Sue were along on other mounts. Something frightened the new horse and he suddenly started bucking. Mary Ann rode him for several minutes, but was then thrown. She was unhurt. Sue got on him "to teach him a lesson" and was also able to stay only a short time before she was thrown. Greg then tried to ride the horse, but was eventually also thrown, though not injured.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 11-12, 1966

A sudden notion to buck by a recently purchased horse provided an impromptu rodeo at the Don Greenup ranch recently. Sue, 16, one of three Greenup children to be thrown, ended up in Pioneer Memorial Hospital with a badly bruised and sprained

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 11-12, 1991 More than \$10 million will be spent at McNary Dam in the next few years to help young fish migrate to the Pacific Ocean. The Army Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla is planning to modify or replace holding and loading facilities for downstream passage of juvenile fish at McNary, with construction beginning next year. The project will include changes to the fish collection channel, new raceways for holding fish, laboratory and office space, a barge loading facility and other improvements in a fish handling system first developed in 1980.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 194th day of 2016. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.

On this date:

In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

In 1948, the Democratic National Convention, which nominated President Harry

S. Truman for a second term of office, opened in Philadelphia.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was flown by helicopter from the White House to a secret mountaintop location as part of a drill involving a mock nuclear attack on Washington.

In 1965, the Beach Boys single "California Girls" was released by Capitol Records.

In 1967, six days of race-related rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey; the violence claimed 26 lives.

In 1975, the African island nation of San Tome and Principe became independent of Portugal.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running-mate.

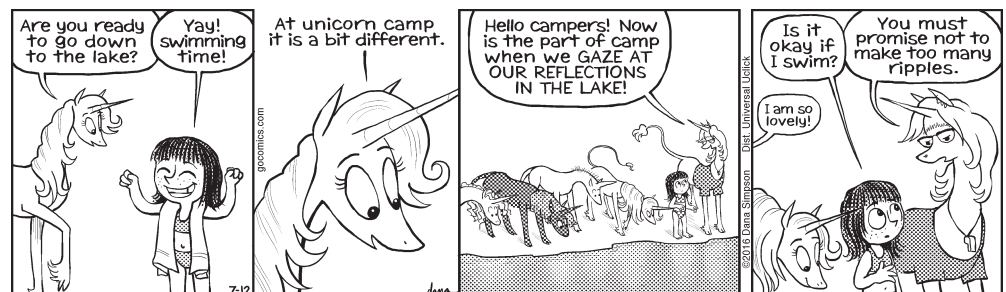
Today's Birthdays:

Movie director Monte Hellman is 87. Comedian Bill Cosby is 79. Singer-musician Christine McVie is 73. Actress Denise Nicholas is 72. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 71. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 68. Actor Jay Thomas is 68. Singer Walter Egan is 68. Writer-producer Brian Grazer is 65. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 65. Country singer Julie Miller is 60. Gospel singer Sandi Patty is 60. Actress Mel Harris is 60. Actor Buddy Foster is 59. Rock guitarist Dan Murphy (Soul Asylum) is 54. Actress Judi Evans is 52. Rock singer Robin Wilson (Gin Blossoms) is 51. Actress Natalie Desselle Reid is 49. Actress Lisa Nicole Carson is 47. Olympic gold medal figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi is 45. Actor Topher Grace is 38. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 38.

Thought for Today: "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." — Milton Berle, American comedian (born this date in 1908, died 2002).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

