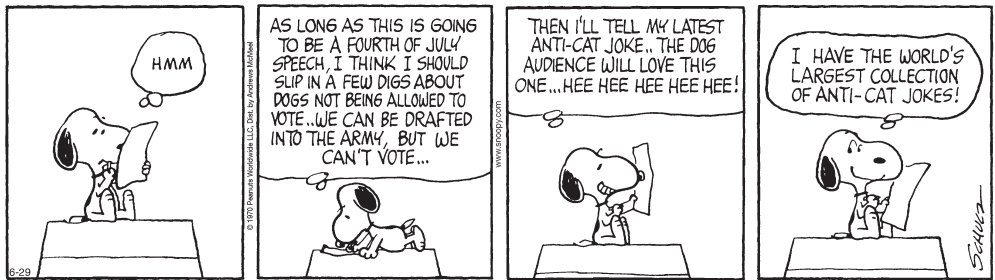


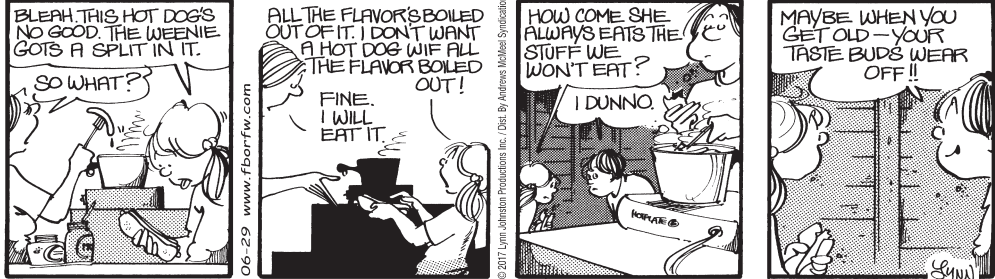
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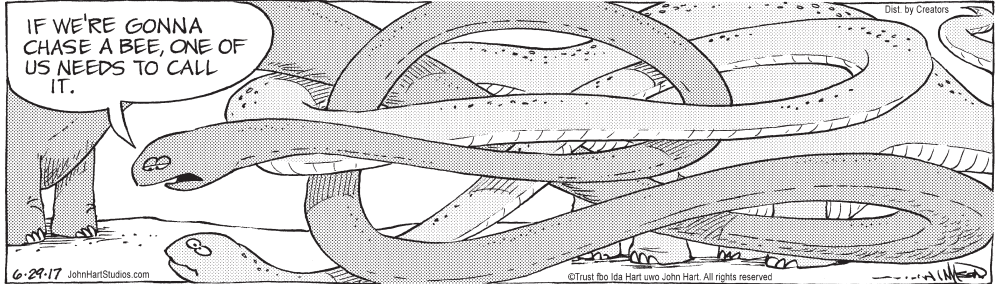
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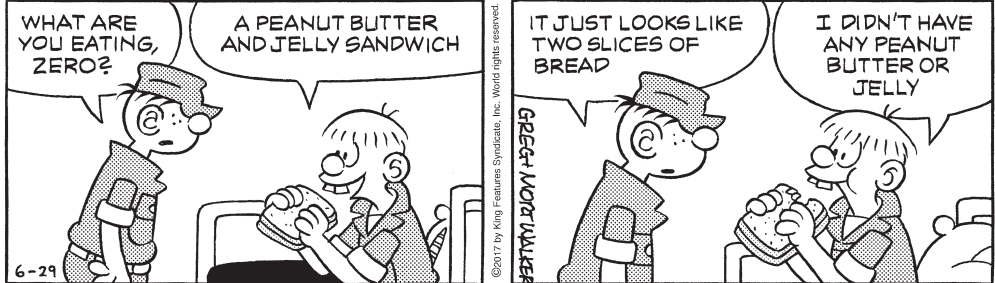
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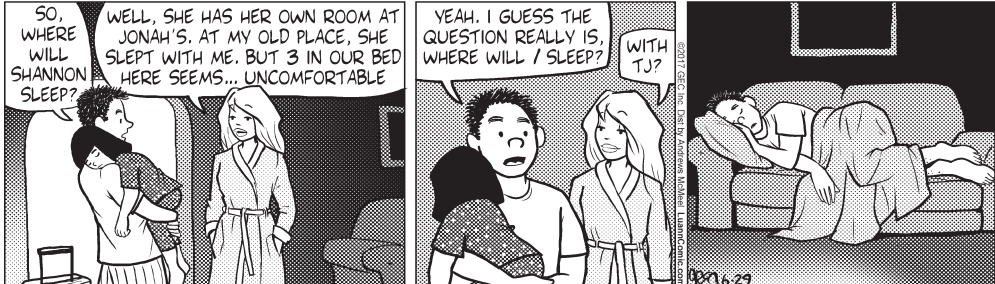
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DEAR ABBY

Teen immersed in electronics is losing touch with people

Dear Abby: I've been dating a wonderful woman for two years. She has a son in high school I'll call "Jon." Like many teens I see, he is constantly on his smartphone, his school-required tablet or playing video games on the TV in his bedroom.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

On a recent vacation, I decided enough was enough. Jon had headphones on and was watching videos online while we were at a restaurant. His mother was on her cellphone as I sat there wondering how long I'd wait. Jon's grades have dropped and he doesn't sleep well. I can see he is so connected to his electronics that he's disconnected from people.

As to removing the television/gaming from his bedroom, his mother should warn him in advance that it will happen if his grades don't improve.

Interacting with others doesn't come naturally to everyone. Developing these skills takes practice. Learning to make eye contact, carry on a conversation and pick up on social cues are skills people learn in person, not by texting. This is a conversation I have had with more than one mental health expert, and it's something parents need to remember when interacting with their children.

Dear Abby: My husband wants to help in the kitchen with the dishes. Call me stupid to complain, but he is causing me more work, and I don't know what to do.

This is the second marriage for both of us, and I am trying hard to be a kinder, gentler wife. When my husband washes the dishes, pots and pans, he misses spots, sometimes lots of them. Also, he is impatient and doesn't want to wait the three minutes it takes for the hot water to get to the kitchen, so he washes in cold water.

I tell him I will take care of the dishes, but then he gets upset with me. How do I handle this without hurting his feelings or his pride? — Kinder, Gentler Wife

Dear K.G.W.: Sometimes it's not what we say but how we say it that can hurt someone's feelings or pride. Tell your husband that you love him and know he wants to do this for you, but, respectfully, his "talents" lie elsewhere. Because he is willing to help, entrust him to the important task of doing the rinsing and/or drying.

While I don't want to seem controlling, I now feel I have a vested interest in the boy. I care about him and see that the constant stimulation is affecting much of his life. I'm not sure he even knows how to make friends.

Should I push for his TV to be taken out of his room? His mother is excellent at setting her own boundaries, but because of her divorce, I think she's reluctant to set boundaries for him. — Needs Help In Chicago

Dear Needs Help: If you haven't discussed your concerns with Jon's mother, you should, because they are valid. If his grades are suffering and he isn't getting enough rest, it's time for her to step up to the plate and start acting like a parent.

When the three of you are having a meal together, the electronics should be put away, and you and your girlfriend should make a point of including her son in the conversation. At his age, he should be informed about and have an opinion regarding current events.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 29, 1917

A young man who wanted to serve his country and who was rejected as a naval recruit because he had flat feet yesterday demonstrated that he is something of an athlete, anyway, when he captured most of the events at the annual Freewater Cherry Day festival. He is H.R. Jones, who is working on the construction gang of the O.-W. R. & N. at the big trestles near Weston. He attended Freewater's festival and entered the races as a darkhorse. He ran away from the Freewater and Milton sprinters in the free for all 100 yard dash and took first in the standing broad jump and in the running half hammin jump.

Alton Alvin Sharp, 44, of Meacham that was towing another car using a length of logging chain. Billie Jean's mother, Mildred J. Randol, 27, was steering the towed vehicle. The towed vehicle started to whip, causing Sharp to lose control and both autos went off an embankment on the south side of Highway 30 near the truck weighing station. Billie Jean was thrown from the Sharp auto and run over by the vehicle her mother was steering. Sharp was cited for driving with suspended operator's license.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 29, 1967

A seven-year-old Meacham girl was thrown from one car and run over by another on Highway 30 Tuesday afternoon east of Pendleton. Billie Jean Randol was hospitalized at St. Anthony Hospital with lacerations, abrasions and bruises, but no broken bones. The girl was a passenger in a car driven by

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 29, 1992

A lightning-quick storm Sunday evening produced winds of nearly 60 mph, creating a dust cloud and heavy rains that caused three major freeway accidents and sent seven people to Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The intense 20-minute storm was the punctuation mark on a weekend of weird weather that produced some 50 fires in the Umatilla National Forest, dozens of grass fires throughout the region and a flash flood near Lexington in Morrow County.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 180th day of 2017. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament to repeal the duties — except for tea.)

On this date:

In 1613, London's original Globe Theatre, where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed, was destroyed by a fire sparked by a cannon shot during a performance of "Henry VIII."

In 1880, France annexed Tahiti, which became a French colony on December 30, 1880.

In 1927, the first trans-Pacific airplane flight was completed as Lt. Lester J. Maitland and Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger arrived at Wheeler Field in Hawaii

aboard the Bird of Paradise, an Atlantic-Fokker C-2, after flying 2,400 miles from Oakland, California, in 25 hours, 50 minutes.

In 1936, entertainer and songwriter George M. Cohan was presented with the Congressional Gold Medal by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his contributions to building American morale during World War I.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski died in New York at age 80.

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a trio of death sentences, saying the way they had been imposed constituted cruel and unusual punishment. (The ruling prompted states to effectively impose a moratorium on executions until their capital punishment laws could be revised.)

In 1995, the space shuttle Atlantis and the Russian Mir space station linked in orbit, beginning a historic five-day voyage as a single ship.

Today's Birthdays:

Movie producer Robert Evans is 87. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 77. Singer-songwriter Garland Jeffreys is 74. Actor Gary Busey is 73. Comedian Richard Lewis is 70. Actor-turned-politician-turned-radio personality Fred Grandy is 69. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 69. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 64. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 64. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 62. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 56. Actress Amanda Donohoe is 55. Actress Judith Hoag is 54. Violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter is 54. Actress Kathleen Wilhoite is 53. Producer-writer Matthew Weiner is 52. Rap DJ Shadow is 45.

Thought for Today: "I have many regrets, and I'm sure everyone does. The stupid things you do, you regret if you have any sense, and if you don't regret them, maybe you're stupid." — Katharine Hepburn (1907-2003).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

