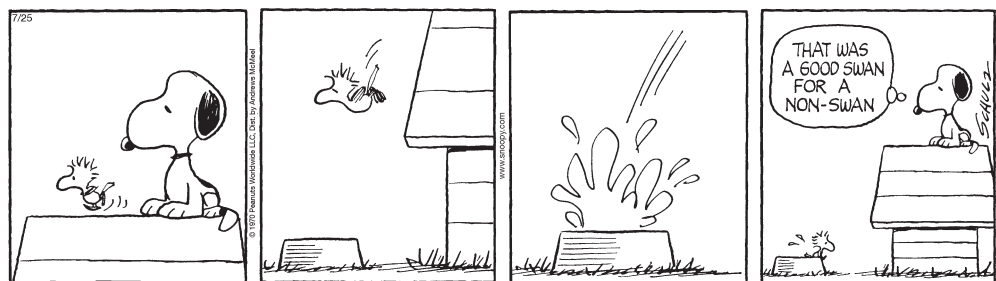


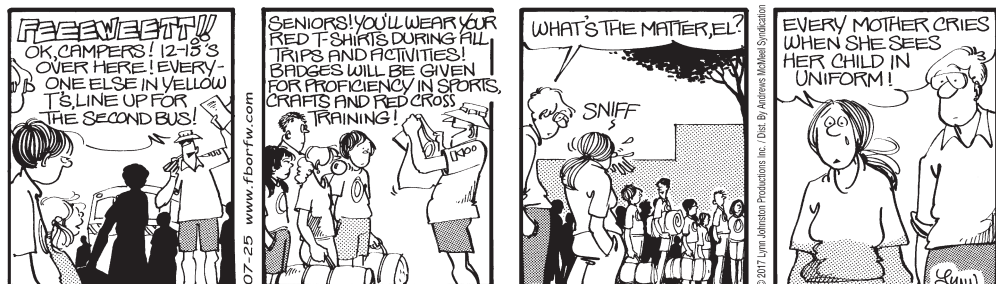
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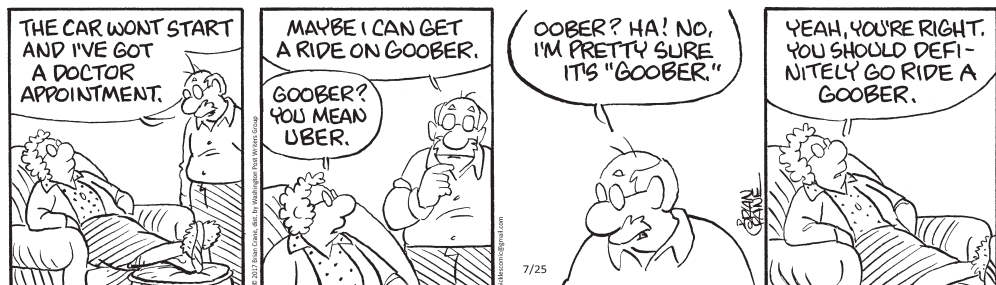
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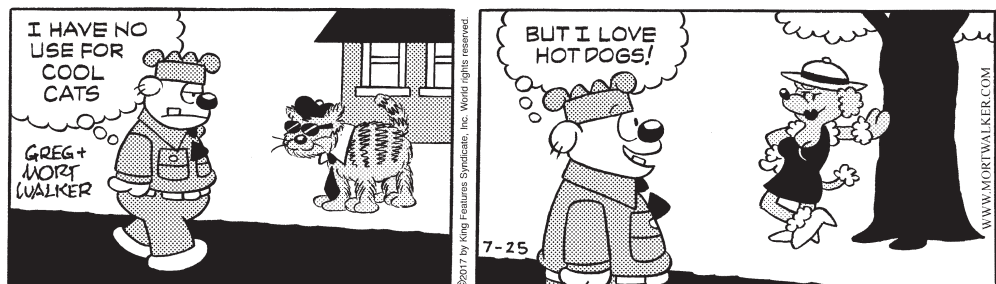
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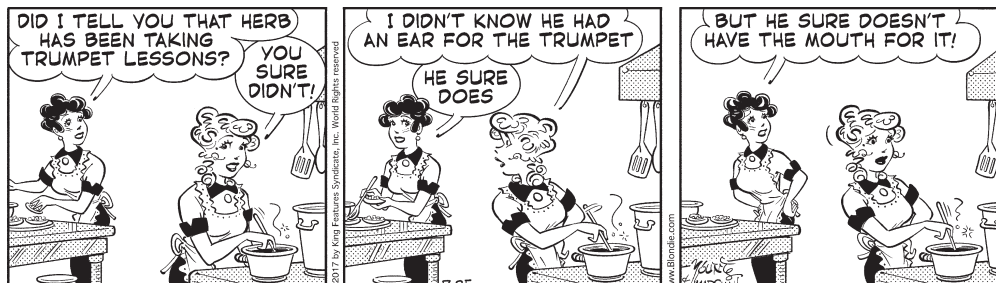
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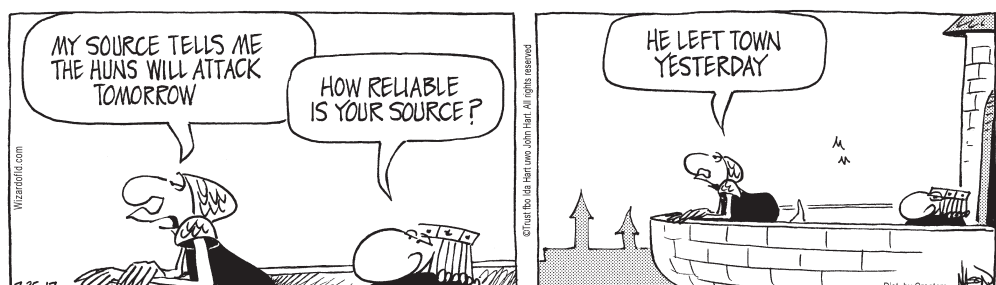
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DEAR ABBY

Mixed messages from mom have teen looking for clarity

Dear Abby: I'm 17. My mom and I often disagree on things. Don't get me wrong — I don't care what she does in her free time, but lately I have learned she's talking to people about bisexuality. I don't know how to handle this or how to talk to her about it.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I feel betrayed. When I told her I was gay, she rejected my sexuality, and now she's possibly wanting relationships with other females? Even now, when we watch the news and something about the LGBT community comes on, she still mutters about marriage being between one man and one woman.

I don't want things to escalate into a big blowup over this because our relationship is just being repaired. Please help me. Am I wrong to be concerned, or do I have the right to be? — Teen In Dayton, Ohio

Dear Teen: I don't think it would escalate into an argument if you were to tell your mother you are confused by the mixed messages you're getting from her. It should be the opening of an interesting discussion, as long as you don't let it deteriorate into a fight. It seems odd to me, too, that she would reject your sexual orientation if she's leaning in both directions herself.

As to her feelings about marriage equality, you might be interested to know that not everyone thinks the idea of marriage (LGBT or otherwise) is appealing. If your mother is interested in open relationships, she may be part of that group.

Dear Abby: I went on a road trip with a friend who is normally kind and generous. She insisted on driving the entire way. She often exceeded the speed limit and kept

less than 20 feet between us and the 18-wheel truck ahead.

She read texts, answered her cell-phone and made phone calls while she was driving. She's very demonstrative when she talks, so while she drove, holding her cell with her left hand, she'd take her other hand off the wheel to gesture. More than once she nearly hit a guardrail.

I was so frightened I broke into sobs. She responded by laughing at me! Can you give me a tactful way to tell her how dangerous her driving really is? — Terrified In Memphis

Dear Terrified: No, because it's obvious that your friend is in deep denial not only about how dangerous her driving is, but also about how it affects her passengers and other drivers around her. But I can suggest that from now on, YOU provide the transportation if you're going anywhere together. You were lucky this time. The next time it could cost you your life.

Dear Abby: One day, I found two bottles of wine under my husband's bed. I told him I had found them and he didn't have to hide wine from me. Yesterday, I found two bottles of beer in his underwear drawer.

This is unusual behavior for a 65-year-old man. He is retired. I am still working. What should I do? — Perplexed In The South

Dear Perplexed: It's important that you find out what's causing your husband to act this way. Notify your doctor there has been a sudden change in his behavior and schedule physical and neurological exams for him. When seniors begin hiding items for no reason, it could indicate the onset of dementia.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 24-25, 1917

Fresh from winning the bulldogging championship of Montana, Frank Cable, well known Round-Up star, arrived back in Pendleton this morning to report for duty with Troop D, of which he was one of the first recruits. Scoop Martin, another well known cowboy who has been making the circuit with Dell Blancett, has also returned to go with the Pendleton cavalry. Dell Blancett, who staged the show, is expected back in Pendleton within a few days. He enlisted in the cavalry troop but is trying to secure his discharge. He was a candidate for captain of the troop and it is understood that he is not at all eager to serve under Captain Caldwell.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 24-25, 1967

A near-drowning of a Portland girl at Heppner municipal swimming pool recently has resulted in a telephone being installed in the bath house. Lifeguard Stuart Dick, who had just completed Red Cross lifeguard instruction less than three weeks before, had to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation the victim,

Judy Devore, 17. When Dick pulled her from the pool there was no pulse, she was not breathing, and her face was a dark blue. Dick immediately started emergency treatment and she responded about five minutes later. It was some time before anyone reacted enough to give Dick assistance by calling the bath house attendant to go to a neighboring house to phone for an ambulance. It was the first near-drowning at the pool in more than 20 years.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 24-25, 1992

Umatilla County's plan for the dust-control oil of its dreams could be all washed up. After a lengthy search for an environmentally safe dust oil, workers began the first application of the syrupy stuff earlier this week. But the county's test run with tankers full of Lignosite — a new-fangled, natural wood product supposed to be on the cutting edge of environmental safeness — is proving to be water-soluble. Heavy rains that blanketed the area the last couple of days came just after the first applications of the oil. Hal Phillips, county roadmaster, said crews had about half of the subscribed roads covered before rain set in — and before all of the oil set up.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 206th day of 2017. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1967, a full-page ad in *The Times* (of London) called for the legalization of marijuana, saying the law against the drug was "immoral in principle and unworkable in practice"; among the signatories were all four of the Beatles, one of whom, Paul McCartney, paid for the ad.

On this date: In 1593, France's King Henry IV converted from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism.

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1917, Nikon Corp. had its beginnings with the merger of three optical manufacturers in Japan.

In 1934, Austrian Chan-

cellor Engelbert Dollfuss was assassinated by pro-Nazi Austrians in a failed coup attempt.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, the Italian liner SS Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; 51 people — 46 from the Andrea Doria, five from the Stockholm — were killed. (The Andrea Doria capsized and sank the following morning.)

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

Today's Birthdays:

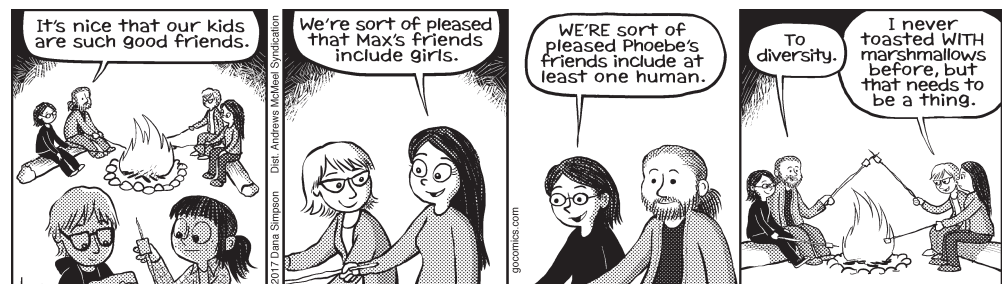
Actress Barbara Harris is 82. Folk-pop singer-musician Bruce Woodley (The Seekers) is 75. Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 74. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 66. Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 62. Model-actress Iman is 62. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 60. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 59. Celebrity chef/TV personality Geoffrey Zakarian is 58. Actress-singer Bobbie Eakes is 56. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang is 56. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 50. Rock musician Paavo Lotjonen (Apocalyptic) is 49. Actor D.B. Woodside is 48.

Thought for Today:

"No matter what side of an argument you're on, you always find some people on your side that you wish were on the other side." — Jascha Heifetz, Russian-born American violinist (1901-1987).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

