

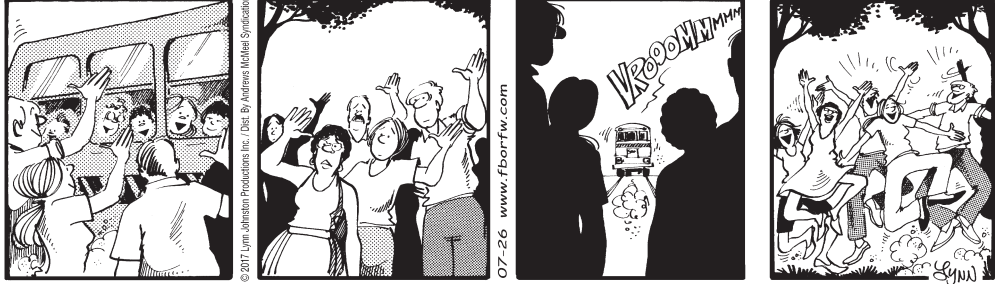
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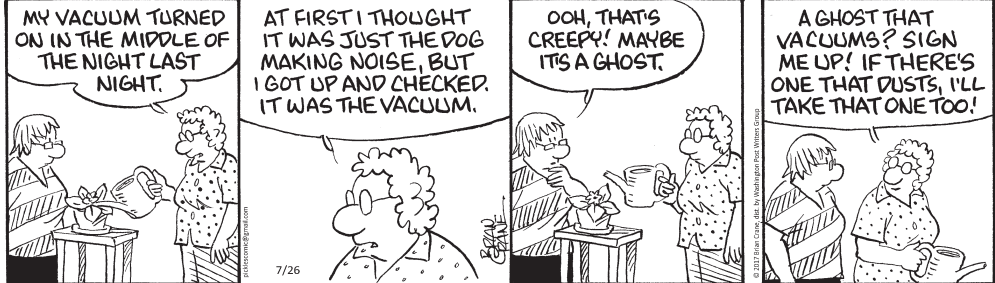
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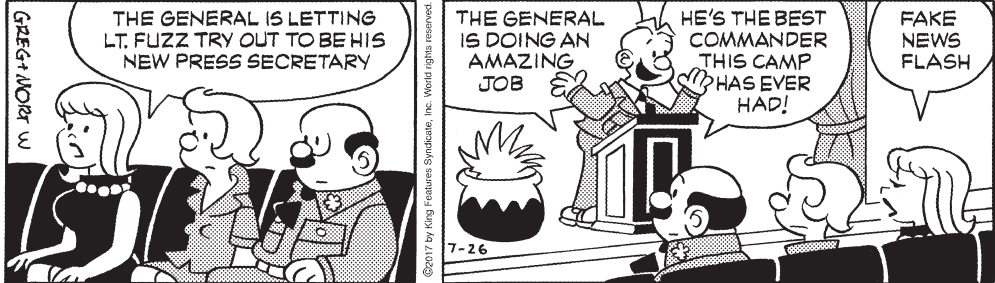
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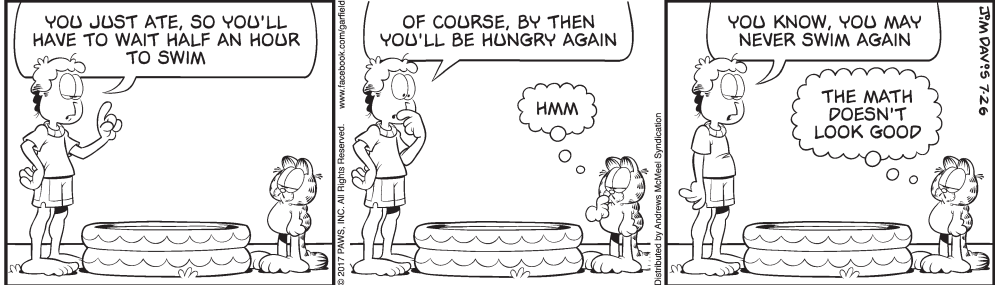
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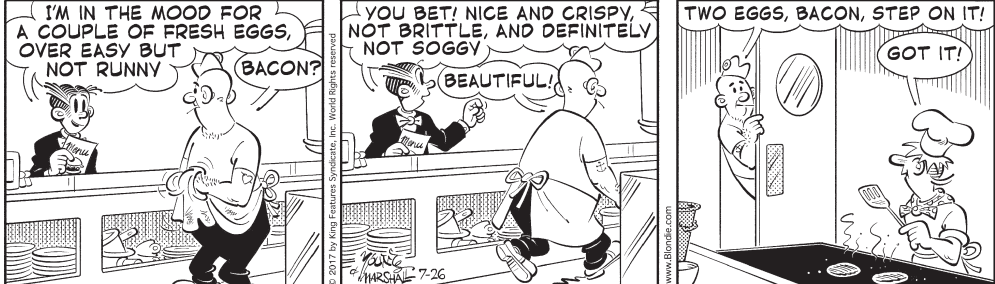
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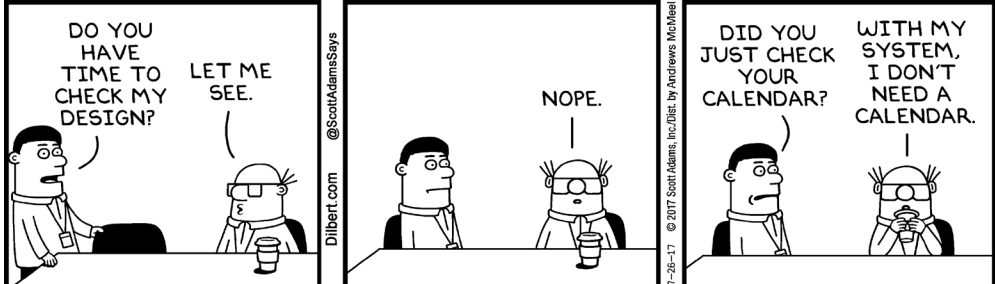
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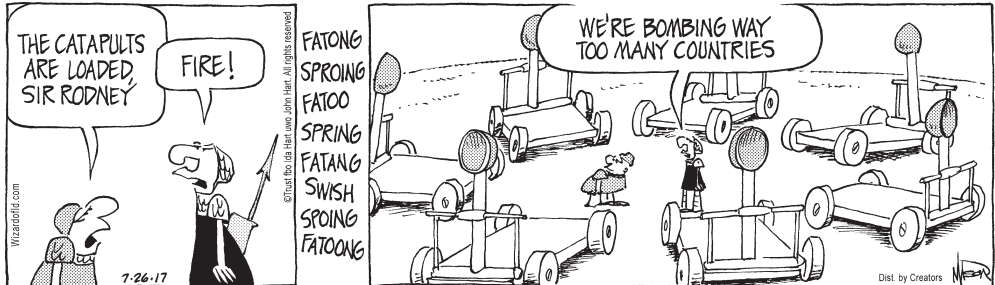
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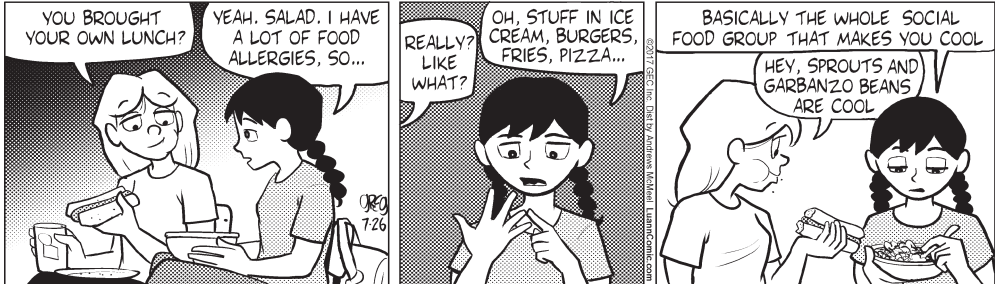
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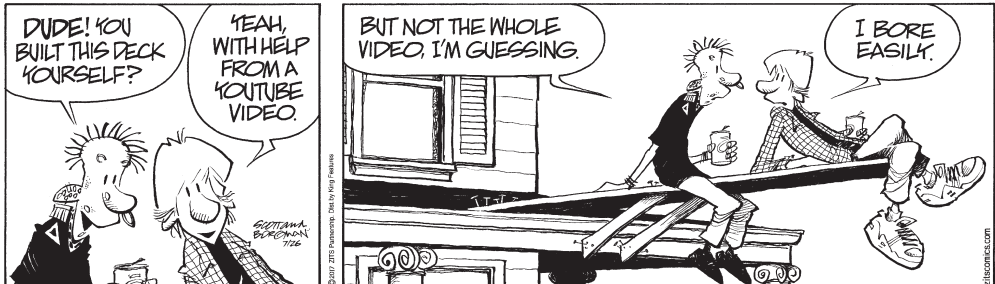
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BY GREG EVANS



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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Irresponsible boyfriend earns nothing but woman's anger



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My boyfriend cheated on me the whole time I was pregnant last year. He lived in Florida, and I lived in Missouri. He didn't make it back for our son's birth like he promised.

Now that he's back, he stays out all night. He won't get a job to help support our family. He lies in bed all day, gets so drunk he can't drive and doesn't help out around the house, either. It's obvious that I should let him go. I'm 11 years older than he is, and he obviously isn't ready to grow up, even though he's 30.

I love him, but I'm tired of being treated this way. How can I get over this? — Can't Let Go In Kansas City

Dear Can't Let Go: You say you are tired of being treated that way? Congratulations on your burst of clarity. It has finally dawned on you that you have been enabling a lazy, ungrateful, irresponsible freeloader who has no respect for you or his child.

This isn't "love." You should have realized you would be raising two children when he didn't care enough to show up for the birth of the baby. Do what you know you must: Kick him out and move on.

Dear Abby: Last year was my son's first year in kindergarten. A child who was allergic to peanuts and soy, among other things, was in his class. Therefore, as a working mom, quick-fix peanut butter sandwiches were out of the question. The school is very cautious. They actually had a separate table in the

cafeteria for children with allergies.

What started to bother me was the fact that because one child had allergies, treats for the other 20 kids were prohibited — birthday cakes, candies, cookies, anything with eggs, etc. This has continued into Boy Scouts. Again, all the children have to go without because of this one child.

What is appropriate? Must all 20 kids accommodate one so he doesn't feel left out, or does his mom start teaching her child that he has allergies and there are foods he can't have? They aren't going to make a college dorm free of peanut butter. Shouldn't he start to understand that now, or must everyone adapt to his strict diet to make him comfortable?

I want to be able to make gingerbread houses during the holiday season and have eggnog with the kids. I understand I should be grateful my child doesn't suffer from these allergies, but what are the boundaries? — Just Need To Know In Connecticut

Dear Just: This precaution is not meant to be an inconvenience for you. It is meant to save lives. If you wish to create gingerbread houses and make special treats for your children and their playmates, nothing is stopping you. But they should not be taken to school if there is any chance the classmate with allergies could somehow get ahold of one of them. It's common for children to trade lunches or share the components with a friend, and one mistake could result in a trip to the hospital or worse.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 26, 1917

Pendleton's cavalry troop of rough riding cowboys began today the process of evolution which is destined to develop them from raw recruits into seasoned soldiers. The rhythmic tread of their marching feet has been sounding upon the pavements of West Webb and West Alta streets all day today as the drillmasters put them through the various movements of dismounted drill. Though they have not yet received any equipment and still wear their civilian clothes, the members of the troop are now under army regulations and will have a daily routine to perform. Guard mount will be started this evening and all night long sentries will walk their beats about the four sides of Happy Canyon pavilion.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 26, 1967

In 1917, Sister Mary Ixida was one of four young Catholic girls who took her vows

in the order of the Sisters of Saint Francis. Three of the girls celebrated their silver jubilee (25 years) in 1942, but only Sister Ixida is still living to celebrate 50 years as a sister — her golden jubilee. Sister Ixida flew to Glenriddle, Penn., where the motherhouse is located, to attend a High Mass for all the jubilation sisters. "There were three diamond jubilees for 60 years in the order," said Sister Ixida, "but only one was able to attend."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 26, 1992

Jim Harvey experienced a new feeling while golfing recently. He watched his golf ball sail through his windshield. Jim, a salesman for Pendleton Ford, was accompanied by golfing partner Pete Perkins at Pendleton Country Club. Teeing off on the 10th hole, Jim unexpectedly sent the ball crashing through the pickup's window. The ball traveled 175 yards long and 80 yards to the right to accomplish the feat. Jim didn't golf well after that. "It was the most expensive game I've ever played," he said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 207th day of 2017. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 26, 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1847, the western African country of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence.

In 1887, the artificial language Esperanto, intended as a universal form of communication, was published by its creator, Dr. L.L. Zamenhof.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1945, the Potsdam Declaration warned Imperial

Japan to unconditionally surrender, or face "prompt and utter destruction."

Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party; Clement Attlee succeeded him.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which reorganized America's armed forces as the National Military Establishment and created the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33. King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated in the wake of a coup led by Gamal Abdel Nasser.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth successful manned mission to the moon.

In 1986, Islamic radicals in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months. American statesman W. Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, New York, at age 94.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Today's Birthdays:

Jackson Five patriarch Joe Jackson is 89. Actor Robert Colbert is 86. Songwriter-music producer-label executive Fred Foster (co-writer of "Me and Bobby McGee") is 86. Actress-singer Darlene Love is 76. Singer Brenton Wood is 76. Rock star Mick Jagger is 74. Movie director Peter Hyams is 74. Actress Helen Mirren is 72. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 68. Actress Susan George is 67. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 61. Actor Kevin Spacey is 58. Rock singer Gary Cherone is 56. Actress Sandra Bullock is 53. Actor-comedian Danny Woodburn is 53. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 52. Actor Jeremy Piven is 52. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 51. Actor Jason Statham is 50. Actor Cress Williams is 47. TV host Chris Harrison is 46. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 44. Actor Gary Owen is 44. Rock musician Dan Konopka (OK Go) is 43.

Thought for Today:

"Government is too big and important to be left to the politicians." — Chester Bowles, American diplomat, businessman, author — and politician (1901-1986).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

