

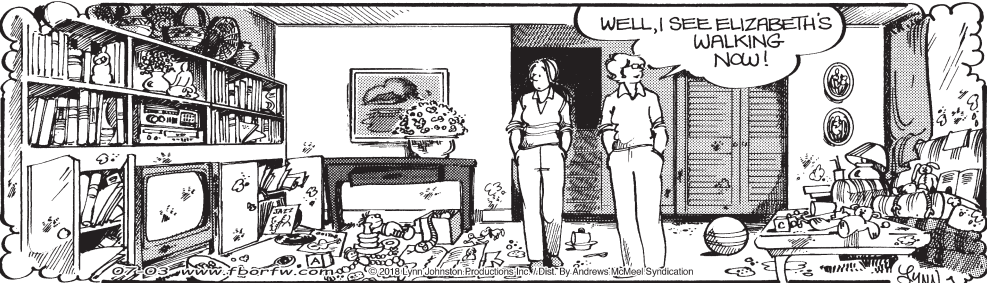
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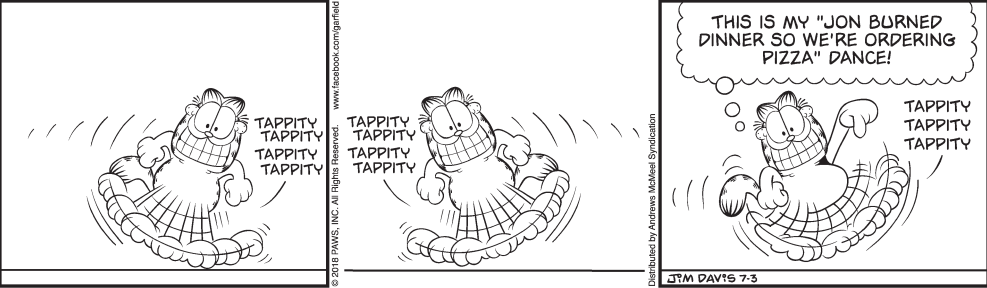
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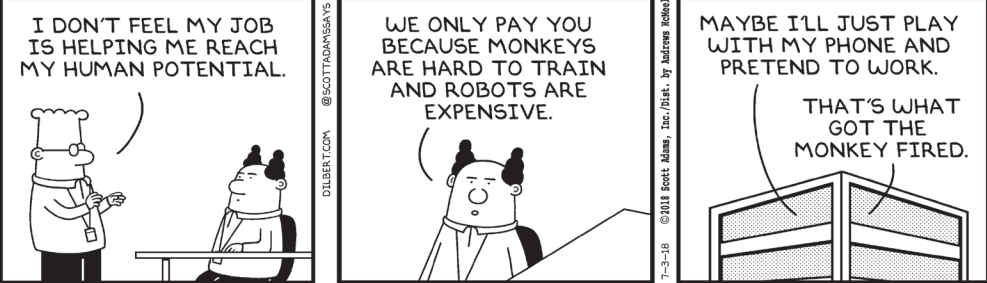
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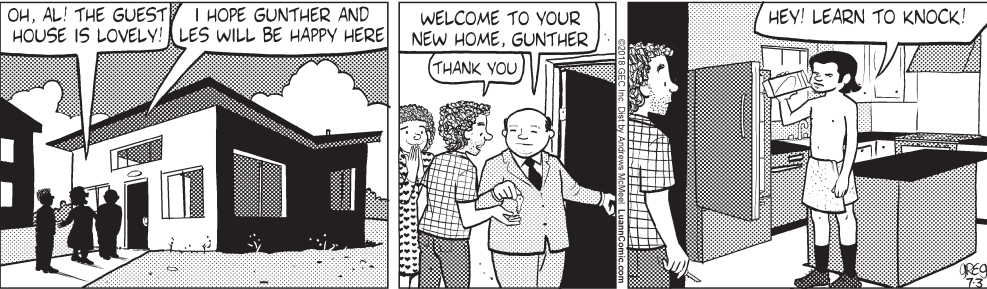
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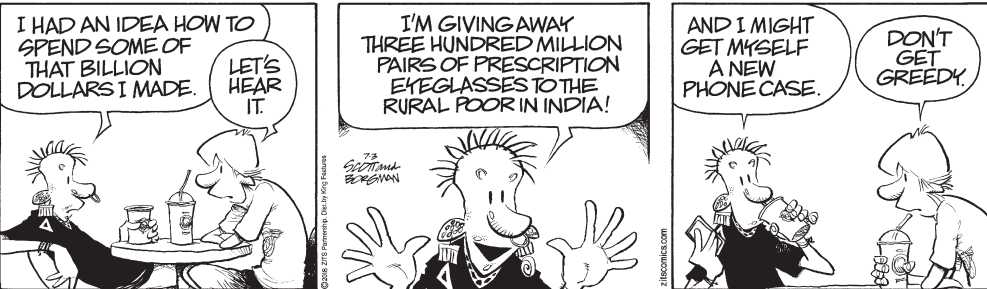
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DEAR ABBY

Long-distance love may be drifting even further apart

Dear Abby: I am a retired male. My girlfriend is still working. We have been exclusive for three years. We live 300 miles apart, but see each other every two or three weeks for at least three days and, until now, have had a very good relationship.

The problem is, she's saying she wants to socialize with her ex-husband, who lives in her town. They have been divorced for eight years, but she wants to see him occasionally in a "social setting," not just when it pertains to their two adult children, who live out of state.

I understand that they need to have a relationship because of their family, but I have trouble accepting their getting together to socialize. She has removed pictures of me from her Facebook so as not to offend the ex and banned me from her son's wedding. She has told me she doesn't want me to attend any future family events where the ex is present. Am I being unreasonable or immature in not accepting this situation? — **Ready To Jump Ship**

Dear Ready: You are neither immature nor unreasonable. It would be interesting to know your girlfriend's definition of "getting together" because it may involve more than being in a social setting. That she has removed images of you from her Facebook and no longer wants you to attend family celebrations tells me, as it should you, that more may be going on with her ex than she has told you (yet). I'm sorry, but I suggest you prepare yourself for some worse news, because it appears to me your romance is heading south.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: Please repeat a warning to your readers. Here in Tennessee, at least two young children have died recently as the result of being left inside a parent's car on a hot day. Although many, if not most, states have passed laws against leaving children alone in a parked car (as well as people with disabilities and pets), too often those laws are ignored, knowingly or unknowingly. People still don't understand how dangerously hot the interior of a car or truck can get, and how quickly it can happen.

The temperature inside a car with the windows rolled up can rise as much as 20 degrees in 10 minutes. Within an hour, the interior of a car can easily become hot enough to cause heatstroke, which can prove fatal to children, an elderly or disabled person, or a pet. Even on cloudy days, inside temperatures can reach dangerous levels.

Because of this risk, the National Weather Service uses a slogan: "Look Before You Lock!" TV and radio stations across the country have joined this effort, and a number of websites and videos are available that focus on this important message. Abby, would you please print this commonsense reminder? — **Tom In Fairview, Tenn.**

Dear Tom: I'm pleased to join this campaign to save lives. Readers, if you are transporting loved ones — including your pets — resolve to stay focused on their safety rather than the next task on your to-do list. These tragedies seem to happen when drivers are so distracted by what has to be done next that they forget about what's going on in the present.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 2-3, 1918

Chief Al Roberts is rounding up people who come under the head of the idlers' ordinance and quietly telling them it is time they hunted a job. Last night he found two that could properly be classed under the pre-war tile of "hobo." They were sleeping in the Burroughs barn and were given lodgings in the city jail for the night. Work will be found for them and they have expressed a desire to work on a farm. Both had their registration cards.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 2-3, 1968

Boosters of Morrow County have long said it has a great potential for recreation. Two visionary men have been quietly working on this proposition for almost a year.

Concrete results are now coming to light in the Heppner area on the groundwork they have laid. Brothers K.L. and Earl Blake have filed a plat for 40 homesites on a 2,000-acre wooded site 18 miles southeast of Heppner. With 64 lots already sold, Earl Blake said another plat is now being drawn. Blake said he had no idea how large the development might become.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 2-3, 1993

An Echo boy took home honors at the Northwest Junior Hereford Heifer Show in Burns last month. Josh Sullivan owned the champion female of the show, ORE 260 Miss 2118, which was also the champion yearling. Sullivan was also named Oregon intermediate champion showman. Kyle Pond of Hermiston was named junior showmanship champion and junior speaking champion.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 184th day of 2018. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops failed to breach Union positions during an assault known as Pickett's Charge.

On this date:
In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.
In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1913, during a 50th anniversary reunion at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Civil War veterans re-enacted Pickett's Charge, which ended with embraces and handshakes between the former enemies.
In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg by dedicating the Eternal Light Peace Memorial.

In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk from the Germans.
In 1950, the first carrier strikes of the Korean War took place as the USS Valley Forge and the HMS Triumph sent fighter planes against North Korean targets.
In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.
In 1976, Israel launched its daring mission to rescue 106 passengers and Air France crew members being held at Entebbe Airport in Uganda by pro-Palestinian hijackers; the commandos succeeded in rescuing all but four of the hostages.
In 1987, British millionaire Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand became the first hot-air balloon travelers to cross the Atlantic, parachuting into the sea as their craft went down off the Scottish coast.
In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.

In 1992, the first U.S. Air Force C-130 transport planes from Operation Provide Promise arrived in the besieged Bosnian capital of Sarajevo.

Today's Birthdays:

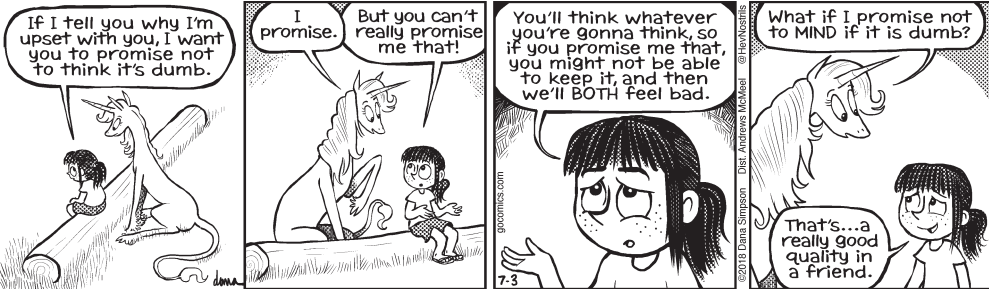
Actor Michael Cole (TV: "The Mod Squad") is 78. Attorney Gloria Allred is 77. Humorist Dave Barry is 71. Talk show host Montel Williams is 62. Country singer Aaron Tippin is 60. Rock musician Vince Clarke (Erasure) is 58. Actor Tom Cruise is 56. Actor Thomas Gibson is 56. TV chef Sandra Lee is 52. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is 47. Actor Ian Anthony Dale is 40. Actress Elizabeth Hendrickson is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tonia Tash (Divine) is 39. Country singer-songwriter Sarah Buxton is 38. Actress Olivia Munn is 38. Actress Shoshannah Stern is 38.

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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

