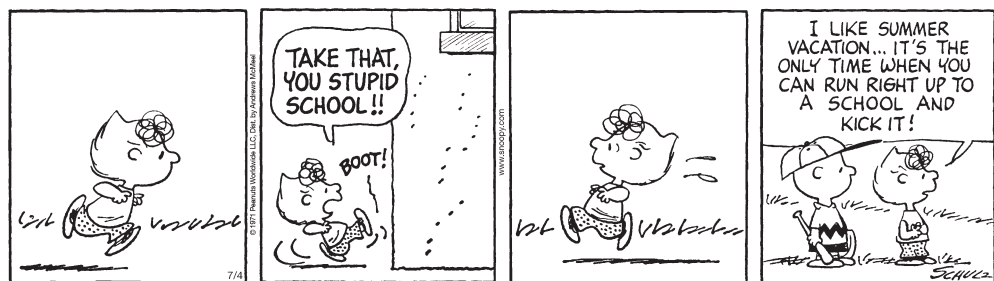


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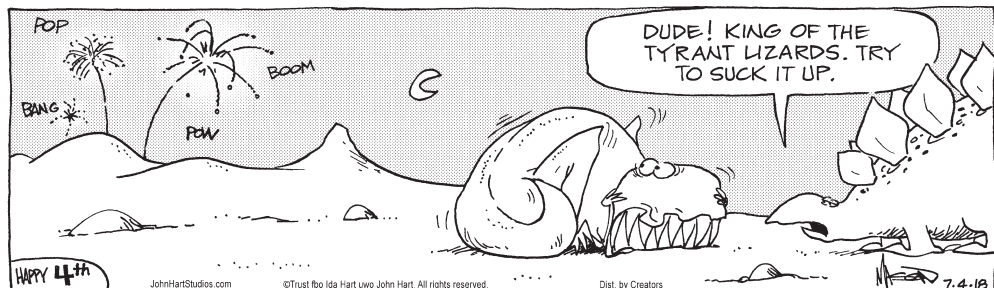
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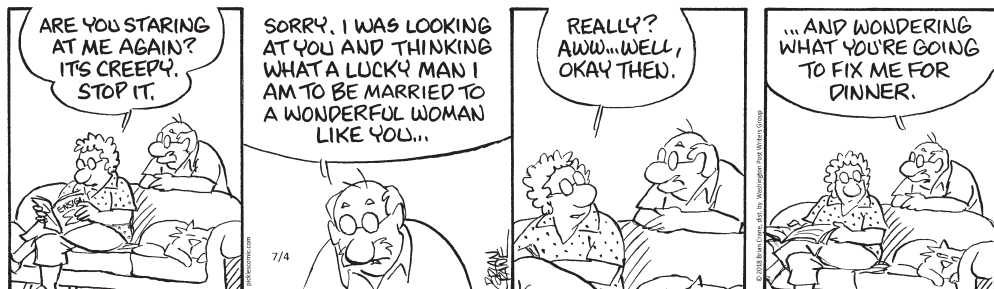
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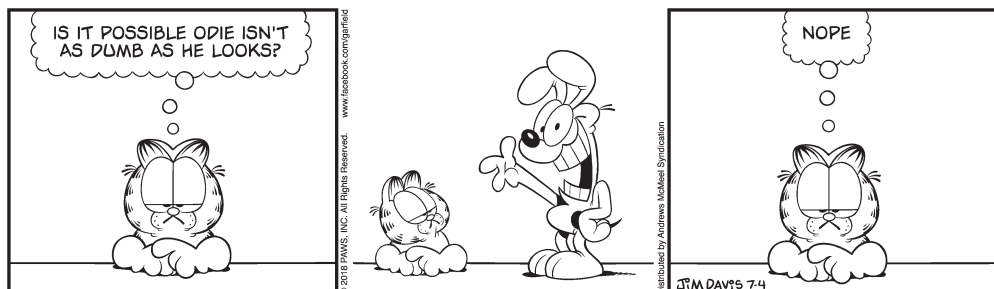
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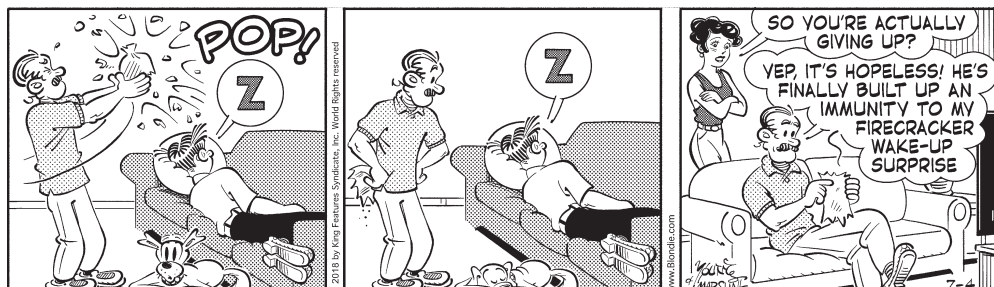
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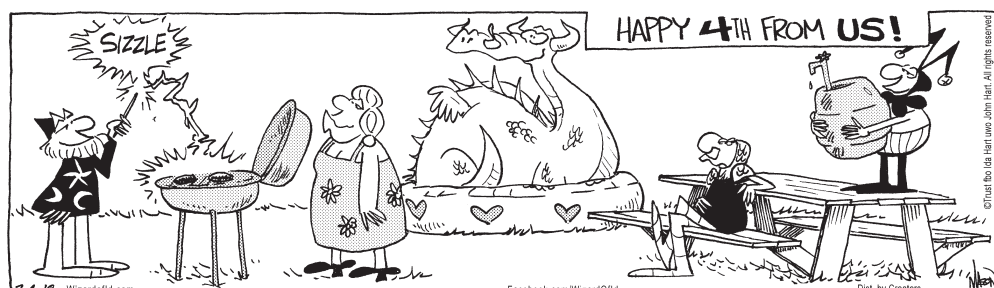
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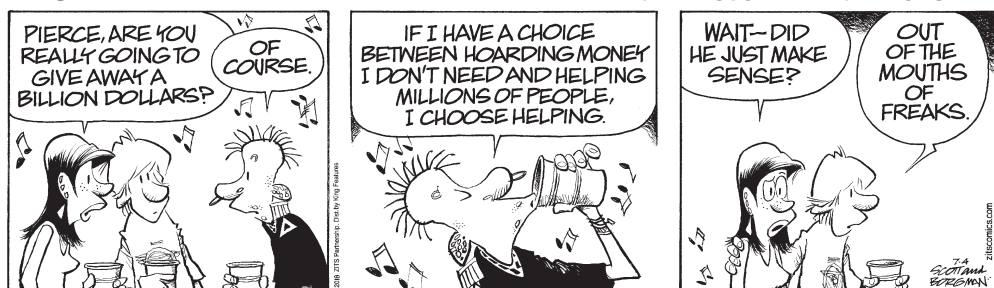
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DEAR ABBY

Disapproving son tries to put an end to mother's romance



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I am a 64-year-old widow who lost my husband 5 1/2 years ago. I became reacquainted with a former classmate at a high school reunion, and we started dating. He makes me laugh, takes me to dinner and movies, and we have a great time together.

all of you if your self-righteous son would agree. But if he won't, my advice to you is to live your own life.

Dear Abby: I am getting married soon to the best guy ever, and I couldn't be more excited. My older sister is my maid of honor, and she has been doing an amazing job with the planning of my bachelorette party, showers, etc.

One night, I let him stay over because he was going to go to church with me the next morning. He lives 45 minutes away. My son drove by (intentionally), saw his car and confronted us at church in front of people. He walked up to my friend and said, "Well, how did you enjoy your sleepover at my mother's house last night?" This was the first time they had ever met!

Two years ago, my sister was engaged to a man named "Sean." Six months before their wedding, Sean broke the engagement without warning, and along with it, my sister's and my family's hearts. About a month ago, they decided to get back together and are trying to make things work.

Their bitterness toward each other has escalated, and now my son has given me an ultimatum: Choose between his family or my friend. He has my only grandchildren.

My fiancé and I have decided not to invite Sean to our wedding. We believe it's too soon for him to be around the family, but more importantly, we don't think our wedding day is an appropriate time for him to be "re-introduced." Is it selfish to exclude him from our nuptials? How should we tell my sister? — Selfish In The West

I am so depressed, I don't know what to do. I don't want my son dictating my life, but I want to see my grandchildren. They truly are the most important people in my life. I could break up with my friend, but then my son would think he won. Any thoughts? — So, So Sad

Dear Selfish: I'm glad you asked. While it's your right as the bride to exclude whomever you choose, it would be selfish and I strongly advise you — for the sake of future family harmony — not to do this. Your sister has been doing everything she can to make this milestone event in your life wonderful. To exclude Sean would be a poor way to thank her for her efforts.

Dear Sad: You are all adults. Your son was a mile out of line to do what he did. Why would he be patrolling your home? Personally, I think what he did was a little sick.

Dear Readers: Have a very happy and healthy Fourth of July, everyone. And please be safe! — Love, Abby

This is not a question of winning or losing. For your own sake, you must not allow him to tell you how to conduct your personal life. I would recommend family therapy for

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 4, 1918

An urgent call for more men to work on the water line extension at Thorn Hollow is made today owing to the fact a number of men previously at work there have quit. Only 20 men were at work this morning and 40 more are needed. A wage of \$3.50 per day and board is now being paid for eight hours' work and it is announced there will be two months of work for those desiring it. The men quitting the crew have not quit through any dissatisfaction with board or working conditions but on the grounds they wish to celebrate the Fourth.

by Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge personnel. A rubber raft was dropped down into the pool and rescuer Lee Hotchkiss, assistant manager of the refuge, descended to the pool on a rope ladder near the powerhouse. The frightened geese were individually caught and hoisted to safety by a rope.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 4, 1993

A Dayton, Wash., man plans to develop the former Bon Marche and Fred Meyer building in downtown Pendleton into a mini-mall including several retail stores. Ken Brown paid \$160,000 for the long-vacant building on the corner of Main Street and Court Avenue, accord to Jim Whitney of Whitney and Associates, the Pendleton realtor handling the building. The building was home to The Bon Marche for many years, and the small park area at the corner of Main and Court is usually still referred to as the Bon Park. The Bon pulled out in the mid-1980s, and Fred Meyer operated a store there for a couple of years.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 4, 1968

Three domestic geese are enjoying a comfortable, free life today on the Omar Bonney horse ranch near Hermiston after a close brush with death. The three geese were rescued in the fish ladder holding pool at McNary Dam on the Oregon side recently

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 185th day of 2018. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted by delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

On this date: In 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, New York.

In 1817, ground was broken for the Erie Canal in Rome, New York. The middle section of the waterway took three years to complete; the entire canal was finished in 1825.

In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

In 1831, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, died in New York City at age 73.

In 1917, during a ceremony in Paris honoring the French hero of the American Revolution, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles E. Stanton, an aide to Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, declared: "Lafayette, we are here!"

In 1939, Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees delivered his famous farewell speech in which he called himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

In 1942, Irving Berlin's musical revue "This Is the Army" opened at the Broadway Theater in New York.

In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into effect the following year.

In 1997, NASA's Pathfinder spacecraft landed on Mars, inaugurating a new era in the search for life on the red planet. CBS newsman Charles Kuralt died in New York at age 62.

Today's Birthdays: Playwright Neil Simon is 91. Country singer Ray Pil-

low is 81. Rhythm and blues singer Annette Beard (Martha and the Vandellas) is 75. Broadcast journalist Gerald Rivera is 75. Vietnam War veteran and peace activist Ron Kovic is 72. Country musician Teddy Carr is 58. International Tennis Hall of Famer Pam Shriver is 56. Rock musician Matt Malley is 55. Christian rock singer Michael Sweet is 55. Actor-playwright-screenwriter Tracy Letts is 53. Actor-singer John Lloyd Young is 43. Singer Stephen "Ste" McNally (BBMak) is 40. Actress Becki Newton is 40. Actor Mo'Nique is 36. TV personality Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino is 36. Rhythm and blues singer Melanie Fiona is 35. Malia Obama is 20.

Thought for Today: "Intellectually, I know that America is no better than any other country; emotionally I know she is better than every other country." — Sinclair Lewis, American author (1885-1951).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

