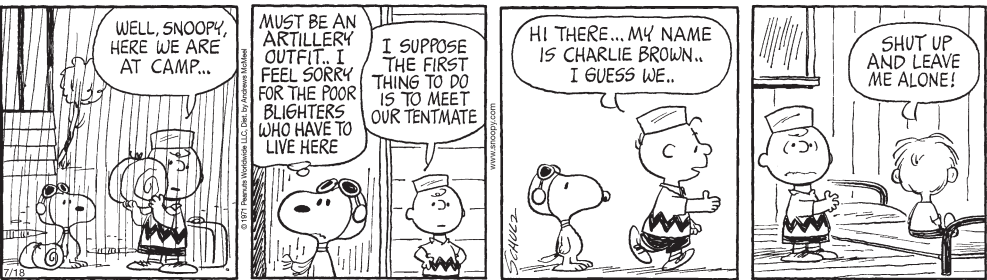


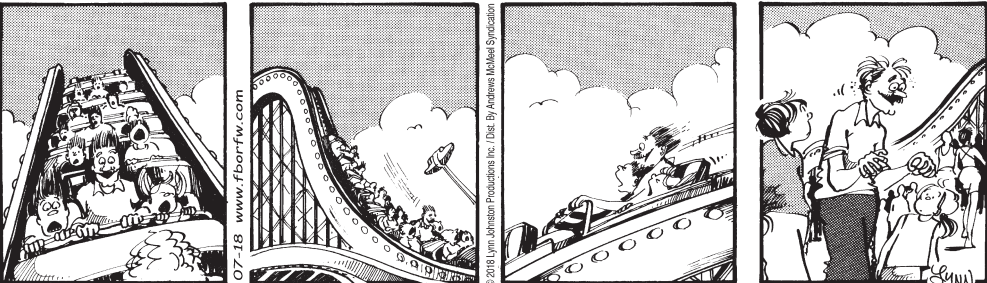
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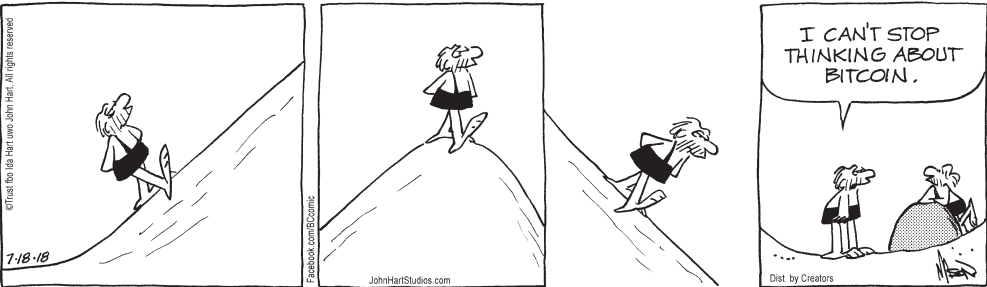
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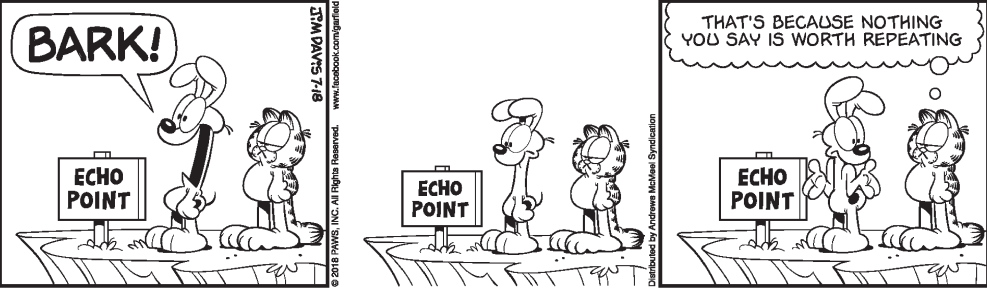
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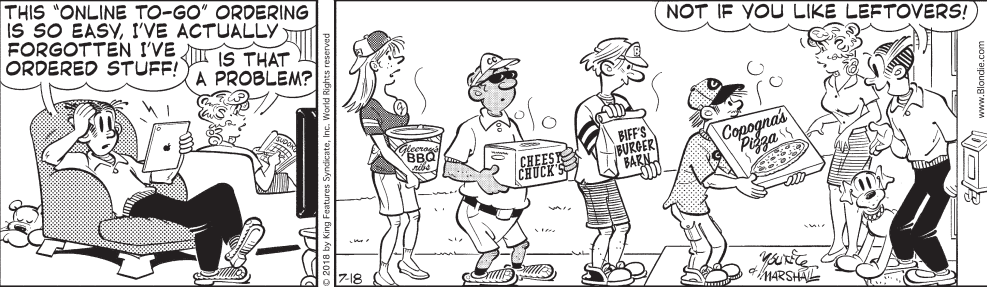
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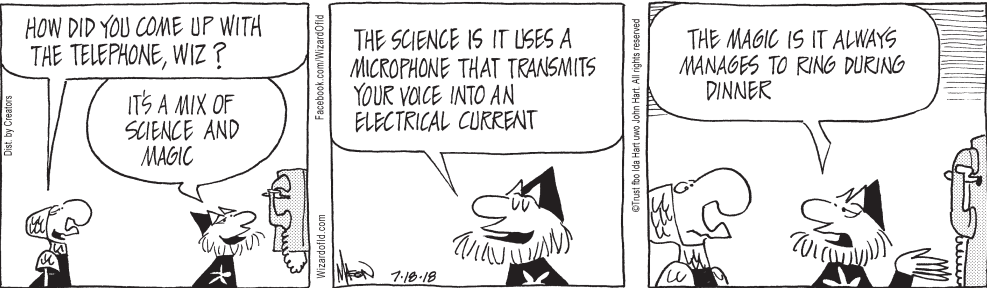
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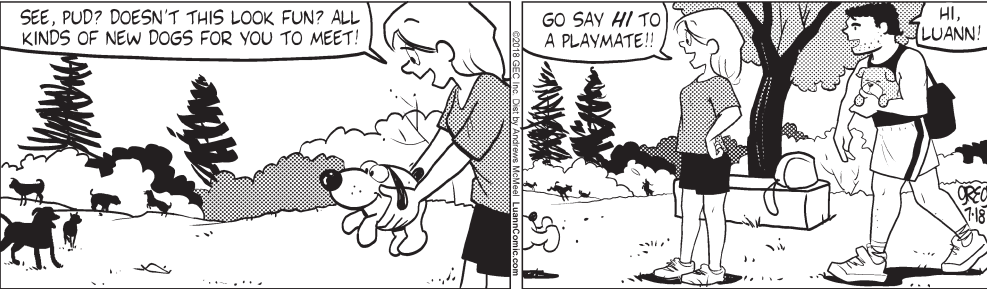
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DEAR ABBY

Grandma is at a loss for words of advice for smitten grandson

Dear Abby: I have guardianship of my 12-year-old grandson. He has recently fallen head over heels for a girl in his class and wants to date her. I am out of touch with the younger generation, and I'm not sure how to answer his questions, like, "Does the boy or girl initiate the kiss?" I would appreciate knowing about any pamphlets or brochures you have for sale on this subject. Thank you. — **Margaret O. In Massachusetts**



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL, 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. The Teen booklet has been distributed in doctors' offices and used to promote discussions by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents who find it hard to discuss these topics with their children.

Dear Margaret: Kids are maturing at younger ages than when we were growing up. Part of the reason may be that television, movies and the internet have exposed them to subjects we were not when we were their age. That said, not all of the information they receive from the media and their friends is accurate.

I'm glad you asked because I have a booklet that may be helpful. It's titled "What Every Teen Should Know," and it's filled with information on subjects such as, "How to know when you're ready to date," "Are you ready for sex?" "How old must a boy be before he can father a child?" and "Can a girl get pregnant the first time she has sex?"

A section on sexually transmitted diseases is also included. Because STDs need to be treated right away and ignoring or not recognizing the symptoms can have life-long consequences, there is a list of the various STDs and what to do if you have one. You can order a booklet by sending your

Review it BEFORE giving it to your grandson, so you can prepare beforehand to answer his questions or guide the conversation. The more information you can give him, the better prepared he will be to make intelligent decisions in the important years that lie ahead.

Dear Abby: I am in my 80s. From time to time, when I have tried to contact a dear old friend or distant relative, I find they have recently passed away. Don't you think it would be a good idea for older people to make a short list of people we want contacted in case of serious illness or death? So many times our survivors have no idea who some of our friends are or how to contact them. — **Gary G. In Georgia**

Dear Gary: I think your idea is a sensible one. The list should include not only names, but also contact information. Thank you for sharing this with me and my readers because — let's face it — nobody lives forever.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 18, 1918

Arthur Copeland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Copeland, while returning on foot to the John Todd ranch east of town last night, was struck by a yellow Ford which threw him off his feet and left him unconscious. The driver of the machine, who evidently attempted to put on dimmers and in this way put out all lights entirely, overtook Copeland and in this way was unseen by him. The car passed on immediately and made no stop. Sheriff T.D. Taylor is at present attempting to find the driver of the car. Copeland was accompanied by Joe Clarke, also employed on the Todd ranch, and the two were returning after attending a moving picture show in town.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 18, 1968

A 19-year-old in Milton-Freewater probably wouldn't have been charged with breaking and entering if it hadn't been for the loot. Officer Bill Leibbrand answered a call about 4:31 a.m. Sunday from a woman who said a young man was drunk on her porch. Harold

Charles Harwood told the policeman he got his beer at the Tic Toc Grocery — but the Tic Toc wasn't open. Checking with the owner, Floyd Collins, Leibbrand learned some beer and 54 pennies were missing from the grocery someone had broken into during the night.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 18, 1993

"Wagon Wheels to Oregon," a new board game produced by a Banks, Ore., man, depicts "historic adventures" for players on a six-state journey from Independence, Mo., to Oregon City. The object of the game, of course, is to get from Missouri to Oregon the fastest. Along the way, players can be delayed by snake bites, accidental shootings or buffalo stampedes, but never by Indians. The pioneers playing "Wagon Wheels" set forth on a journey of unknowns and hardships, and find that nature proves a more formidable foe than Native Americans. In fact, it is the Indians who often come to the pioneers' rescue in this game, developed and produced by Carl Ness, the entrepreneur who is marketing his product all over the country.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 199th day of 2018. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 18, 1940, the Democratic National Convention at Chicago Stadium nominated President Franklin D. Roosevelt (who was monitoring the proceedings at the White House) for an unprecedented third term in office; earlier in the day, Eleanor Roosevelt spoke to the convention, becoming the first presidential spouse to address such a gathering.

On this date:
In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began, consuming most of the city for about a week. (Some blamed the fire on Emperor Nero, who in turn blamed Christians.)
In 1536, the English Parliament passed an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England.
In 1817, English novelist Jane Austen died in Winchester at age 41.

In 1863, during the Civil War, Union troops spearheaded by the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, made up of black soldiers, charged Confederate-held Fort Wagner on Morris Island, S.C. The Confederates were able to repel the Northerners, who suffered heavy losses; the 54th's commander, Col. Robert Gould Shaw, was among those who were killed.
In 1918, South African anti-apartheid leader and president Nelson Mandela was born in the village of Mvezo.
In 1969, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., left a party on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard with Mary Jo Kopechne, 28; some time later, Kennedy's car went off a bridge into the water. Kennedy was able to escape, but Kopechne drowned.

In 1984, gunman James Huberty opened fire at a McDonald's fast food

restaurant in San Ysidro, California, killing 21 people before being shot dead by police. Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

Today's Birthdays:
Actor James Brolin is 78. Baseball Hall of Famer Joe Torre is 78. Singer Martha Reeves is 77. Business mogul Richard Branson is 68. Actress Margo Martindale is 67. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 64. Actress Audrey Landers is 62. World Golf Hall of Famer Nick Faldo is 61. Talk show host-actress Actor Vin Diesel is 51. Retired NBA All-Star Penny Hardaway is 47. Alt-country singer Elizabeth Cook is 46. MLB All-Star Torii Hunter is 43. Actress Priyanka Chopra is 36. Actor James Norton is 33.

Thought for Today: "While we read history we make history." — *George William Curtis, American author-editor (1824-1892).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

