

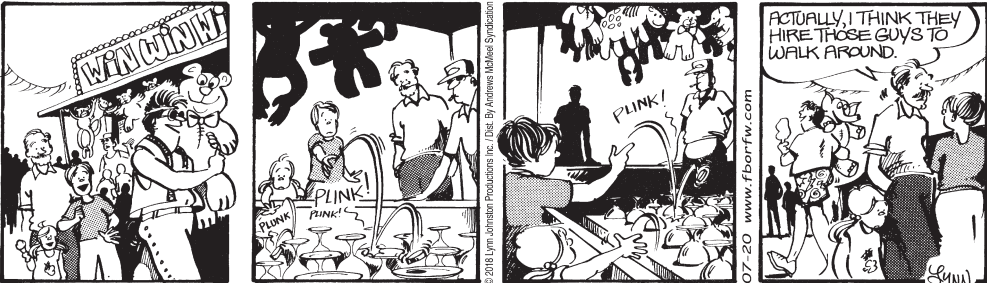
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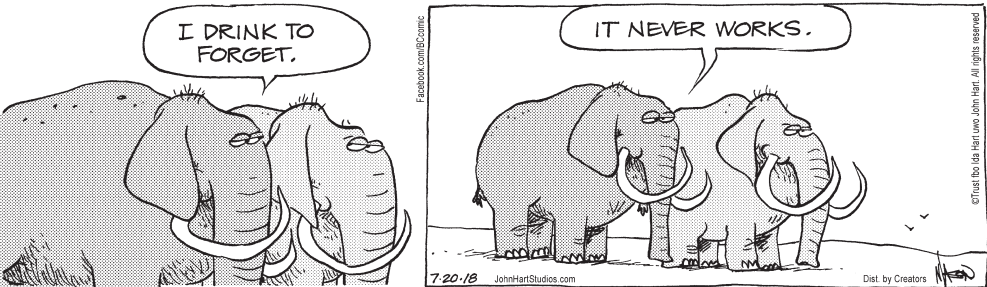
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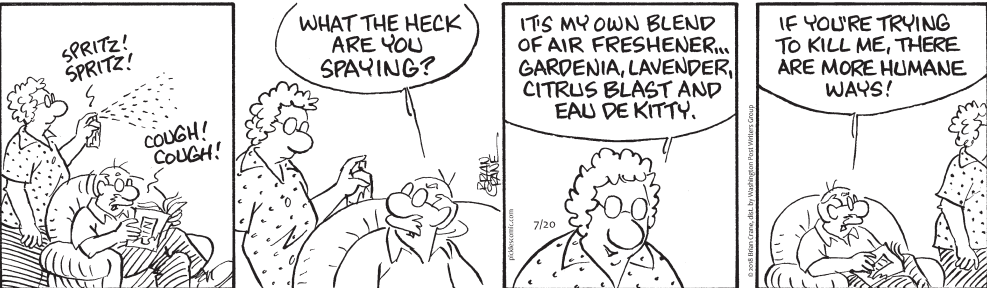
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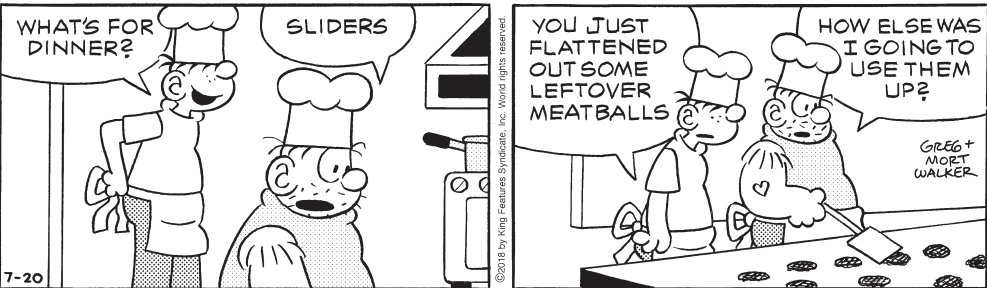
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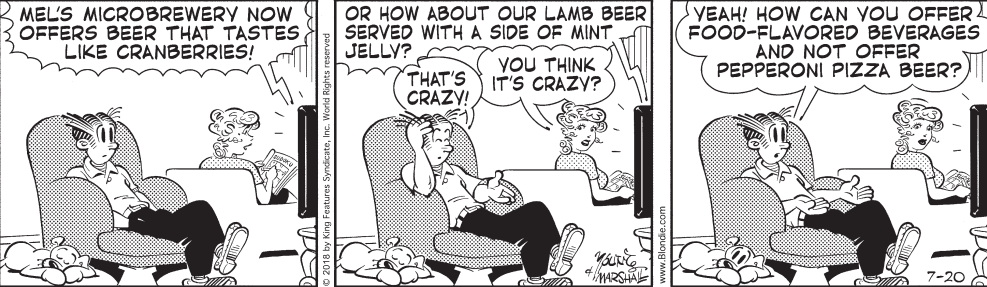
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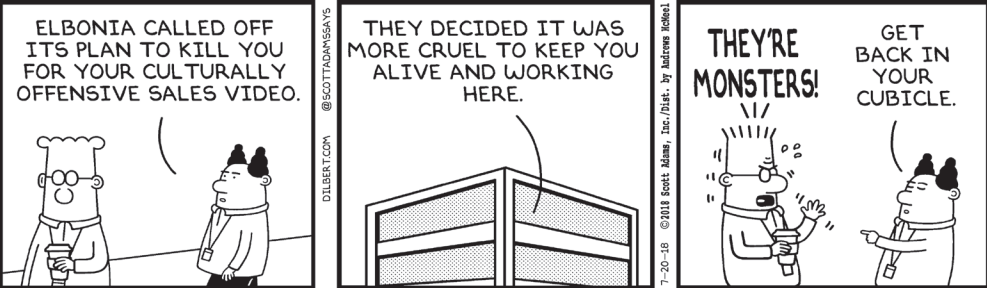
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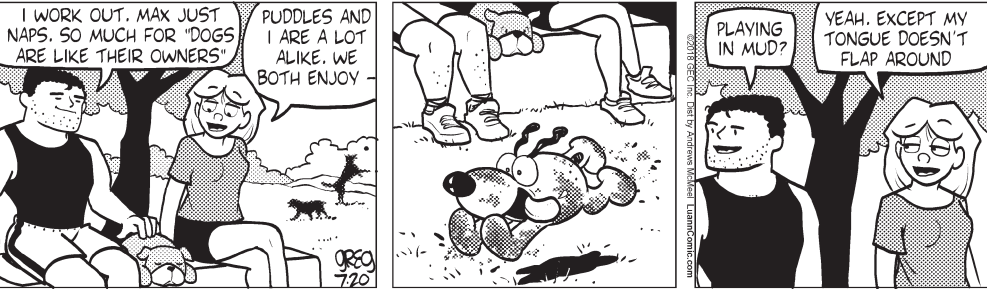
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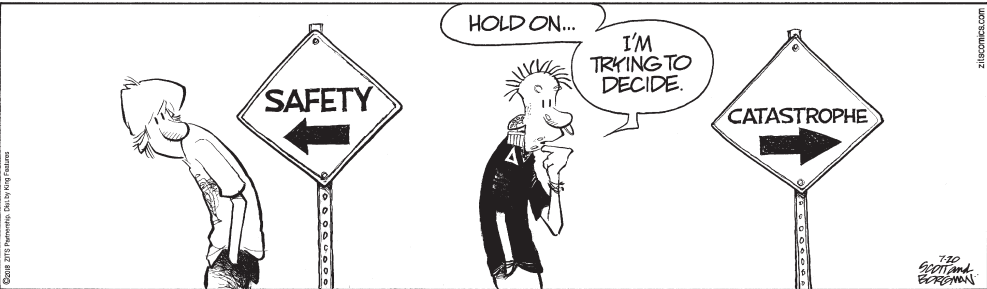
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DEAR ABBY

Hurt turns to anger as video games consume boyfriend

Dear Abby: I am tired of taking a backseat to my boyfriend's video game addiction. He comes home from work, sits on the couch and gets lost in his video games. It has gotten to the point where he barely speaks to me or even looks up from his game.

I know he chats with a lot of people, both male and female, on these games. I suspect he has inappropriate conversations that he feels are harmless because he won't meet these people in person.

Constantly being ignored is hurting my feelings. He never responds to my texts anymore because he's so busy on his game. I'm starting to feel resentful, lonely and very angry. Please advise me on what to do. — **Angry In Oklahoma**

Dear Angry: Your boyfriend may or may not be a video game addict. If his conversations online are "inappropriate," he may be playing more than one kind of "game." If he feels that those conversations are harmless, he is mistaken because what he is doing isn't healthy for you or the relationship.

My advice? Give him an ultimatum: Modify his behavior or else, and if he refuses, end the romance before he damages your self-esteem. Being ignored has been known to do that. Trust me.

Dear Abby: We are having a struggle in our family, and I'm unsure how to handle it. Three years ago, our adult nephew, "Connor," underwent hormone therapy, counseling and transgender surgery. She is now our niece "Cathy." The transformation was successful, and Cathy is happier than we've ever seen her. We loved Connor, and nothing has changed in our relationship with Cathy. She has visited us numerous times, and we have reciprocated.

The problem is Cathy's sister, "Amy."



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Amy has disowned Cathy. She says Connor "died to her" when he underwent the gender reassignment.

Not only is it heartbreaking for the whole family, but I'm finding it increasingly difficult to maintain a relationship with Amy because of her rigid attitude. She boycotts family reunions and celebrations if Cathy will be present, even though family members have traveled from across the country to attend.

Amy is now expecting a baby, and I'm not feeling very celebratory toward her. Please advise. — **Very Sad Aunt In Wisconsin**

Dear Aunt: From what you have written, it appears that by distancing herself from Cathy, Amy is isolating herself from the family. I understand that you may not wish to attend her baby shower, but if you don't, it would be nice to send something for the child. Amy may come around one day, so keep the door open.

Dear Abby: I am a female and my male friend, "Sam," is recently engaged to be married. I talk to him daily and invite him out to dinner sometimes.

Sam's fiancée, "Felicia," has expressed to both of us that she's uncomfortable with our relationship. She asked us to set "boundaries," but I feel Sam is my friend and friends shouldn't have boundaries. When I asked him out to dinner against her wishes, she became irate. Do you think I'm disrespecting their relationship? What should I do? — **Forever Friend In Chicago**

Dear Friend: It is a mistake not to recognize that Sam's status has changed. If you value your friendship with him, you must start respecting the fact that he's now engaged and do as his fiancée has requested — set some boundaries. If you cannot do that, you can kiss your friendship with Sam goodbye.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 20, 1918

A central association of all users of the Wenaha forest reserve for grazing of cattle will be formed in the immediate future by the consolidation of the Livestock Breeders' Associations recently formed by stockmen at Dayton, Pomeroy, Cleveland, Troy, Summerville and Gibbon, under the supervision of L.E. McDaniels, supervisor of Wenaha Forest. Mr. McDaniels, accompanied by County Agent M.S. Shrock, C.L. Jamison, agriculturist at the Walla Walla Savings Bank, and R.A. Bottcher, forest ranger, left today for Weston to form the local organization there and it will join with the large association.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 20, 1968

Wind gusts of 60 miles an hour swept dirt from highway construction projects over Pendleton and vicinity Friday afternoon. East of Pendleton on Highway 30, 14

cars piled up when visibility was obscured. Only two people were hospitalized, and neither was seriously injured. At about the same time, four cars piled up a few miles north of Pendleton on Highway 11. Again, no serious injuries were reported. The Weather Bureau said the 60 mph gusts were recorded at 3:44 p.m. The storm began shortly after 3 and gusts didn't subside until after 7:30 p.m.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 20, 1993

The Pendleton City Council voted unanimously at its Tuesday night meeting to hire the former city manager of Seaside as its chief administrator, filling the vacancy created when Jon Nelson resigned in April to become city manager in Corvallis. Larry Lehman, 46, was selected from among five finalists who interviewed Friday in Pendleton for the position. He'll begin work Aug. 1 with an annual salary of \$60,600. "I'm very excited about it," Lehman said Tuesday night. "I'm coming to a community that seems to have its act together."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 201st day of 2018. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On July 20, 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

On this date:
In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States convened in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1923, Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa was assassinated by gunmen in Parral.

In 1954, the Geneva

Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1968, the first International Special Olympics Summer Games, organized by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, were held at Soldier Field in Chicago.

In 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 2012, gunman James Holmes opened fire inside a crowded movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight showing of "The

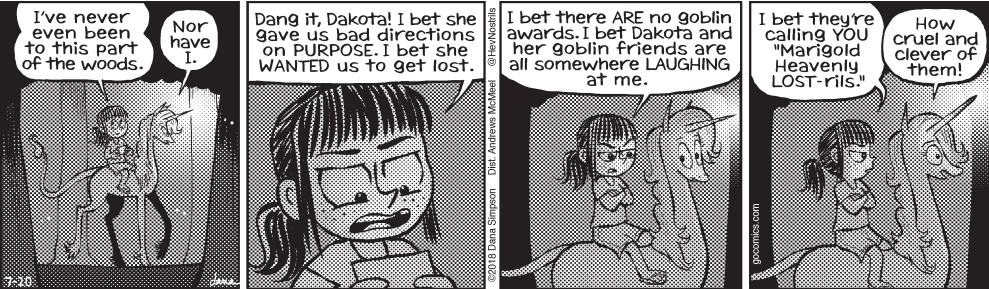
Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people and wounding 70 others.

Today's Birthdays:
Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 83. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 75. Singer Kim Carnes is 73. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 71. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 52. Singer Vitamin C is 49. Actor Simon Rex is 44. Actress Judy Greer is 43. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 40. Supermodel Gisele Bundchen is 38.

Thought for Today:
"The regret on our side is, they used to say years ago, we are reading about you in science class. Now they say, we are reading about you in history class." — *Neil Armstrong, American astronaut (1930-2012).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

