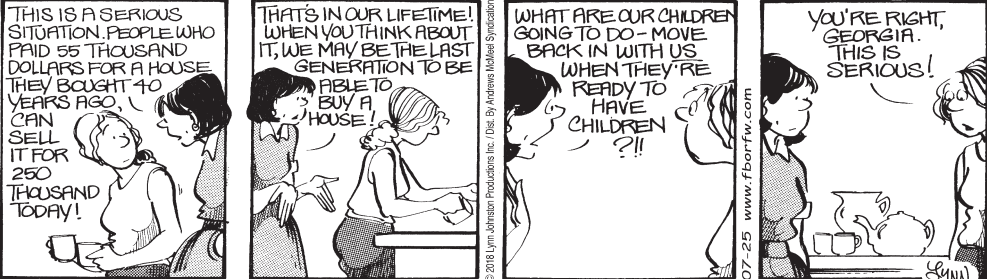


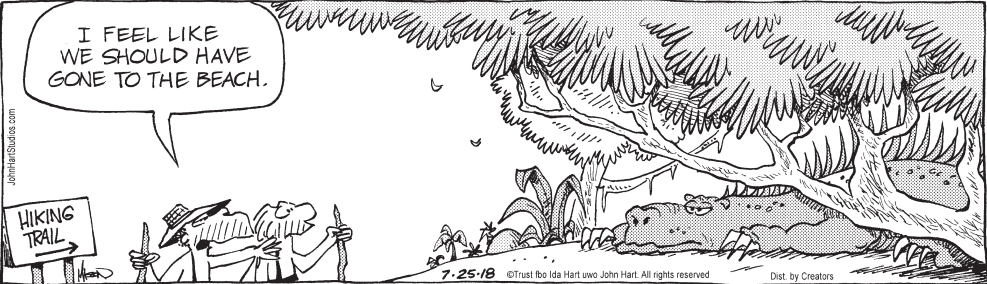
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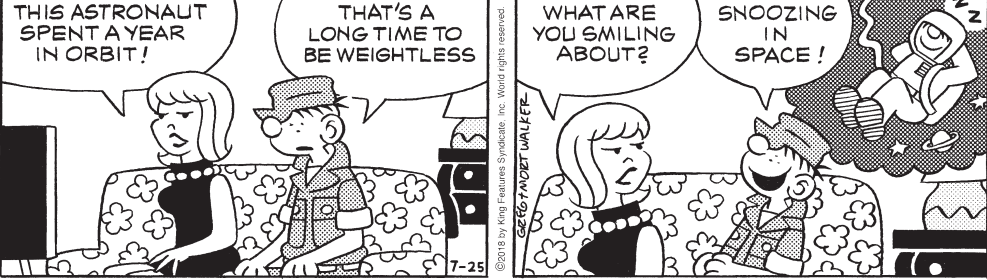
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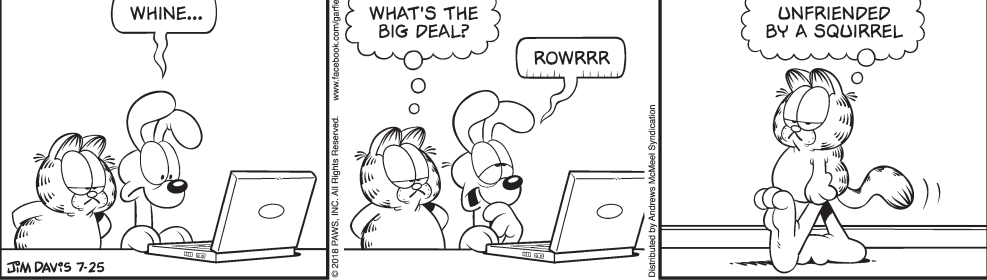
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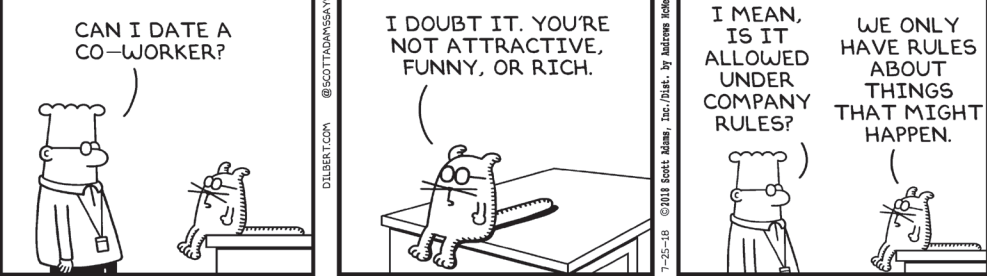
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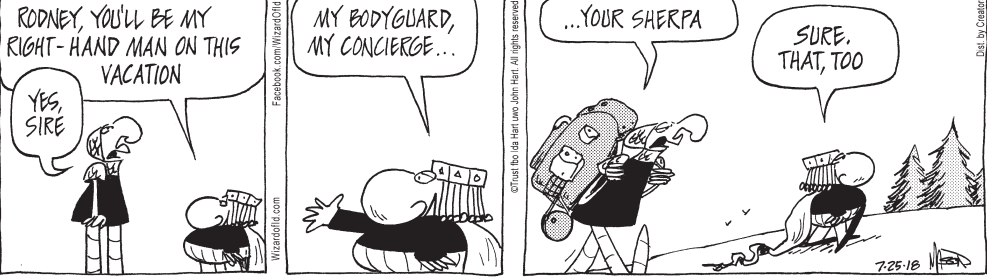
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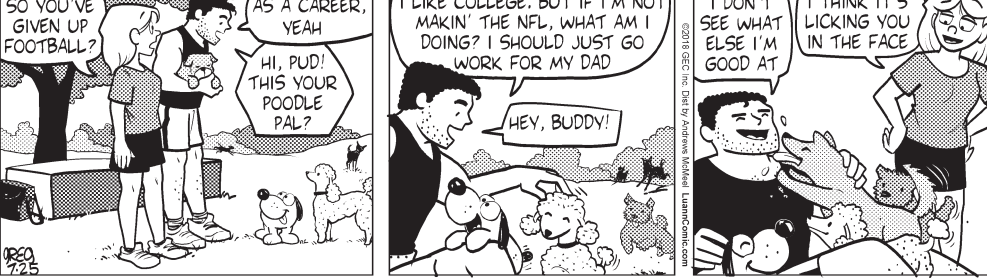
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DEAR ABBY

Photo of naked stepsister is no longer a laughing matter

Dear Abby: I don't like my step-sister, and when she stays with us, I'm forced to share a room with her. The last time she was here I got so mad at her I pretended to send a text message on my cell and secretly took a picture of her as she got out of the shower. I knew it was wrong, but it seemed funny at the time.

I sent it to my boyfriend because he doesn't like her either, even though he thinks she has a "hot body." I thought it would be a joke just between us, but he sent it to some of his friends, and now it's making the rounds. Luckily, she goes to a different school, so nobody has recognized her, but I'm scared someone will. I'd give anything to take back what I did. What should I do? — **Scared Stepsister**

Dear Scared Stepsister: You should be scared. What you did was shameful and dangerous. Not only was it an invasion of privacy, it is also a crime — distribution of a pornographic image of a minor. Now that photo is on the internet, you will not be able to take it back.

Pray that no one in your family finds out, or you may be grounded, like, forever, and your boyfriend will be history. If the news does get back to your family, prepare yourself for a punishment like no other.

Dear Abby: I have been married for 20 years and recently had an affair with a woman I'll call "Susan" I care very much about. My marriage was already in the final stages of failure by the time we met.

Over the last two weeks, I stayed at Susan's house on the nights I worked. Two days ago, without telling me, she went to



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Advice

talk to my wife to "get her side of the story." She believed everything my wife said and broke up with me. Susan has now blocked my phone number and told me to leave her alone.

Is it worth trying to reach out to her? Susan knew when I met her that I was married and continued seeing me. I told her the wife and I were separating but living in the same house until the lease ends. She thinks I lied to her, which I never

did. I was always honest with her. What do you think happened? — **Dumped In California**

Dear Dumped: It appears that your side of the story wasn't enough for Susan. She identified with whatever she was told and accepted it lock, stock and barrel. Because she wasn't mature enough to discuss it with you, she decided to cut and run instead.

Lesson for you: Move out before you start dating again. It's not going to be forever — just until the lease ends.

Dear Abby: My desk is situated right outside my boss's office. Her elderly father is in failing health, and while I'm not unsympathetic, each day for 30 to 40 minutes she takes personal phone calls with his daytime caregiver. The calls are always on her speakerphone with her office door wide open. I'm in a cubicle, so I have no door to close. Is there a polite way to encourage her to rectify this? — **Not Deaf In Seattle**

Dear Not Deaf: Yes. As tactfully as you can, ask your boss if she would mind if YOU close her door for the duration of those conversations because they distract you from doing your work.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 25, 1918

Eighty-nine sacks of wheat weighing 11,440 pounds is the size of the load brought in yesterday afternoon from the Ritner and Storie farm on a 3 1/2 ton Garford truck by V.E. Snavelly. The distance is 11 miles and was driven in an hour and 25 minutes, and the grain was loaded in the field. Mr. Snavelly says he saw on the farm the tallest wheat he had ever seen; that an ordinary auto could be driven through it without the top showing above the heads.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 25, 1968

Some Umatilla Army Depot employees just don't have their feet planted firmly on the ground anymore. At least not on off-duty hours when the call of the blue yonder finds them either flying or talking flying. They comprise the membership of the

UAD Flying Club. A non-profit, self-supporting enterprise, the club was activated in the fall of 1966. Among its current assets are 23 members and a sleek, four-place Tri-Pacer airplane. Seven of the club's members are licensed pilots and the remainder are students.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 25, 1993

A roofing project turned to ashes Friday afternoon as a tractor-trailer rig caught fire and ignited McKay Creek Elementary School in southwest Pendleton. A school district maintenance crew was tarring the roof when diesel fuel used to clean the tar line exploded inside the school district-owned tractor-trailer rig. Flames jumped from the truck to the school roof, which was covered with hot tar. Despite the damage, Roger Stueckle, Pendleton School District director of elementary services, predicted the school would be ready for class come September.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 206th day of 2018. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.

On this date:
In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1917, Nikon Corp. had its beginnings with the merger of three optical manufacturers in Japan.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and re-asserted his authority.)

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic

bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1960, a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, North Carolina, that had been the scene of a sit-in protest against its whites-only lunch counter dropped its segregation policy.

In 1961, in a televised address on the Berlin Crisis, President John F. Kennedy announced a series of steps aimed at bolstering the military in the face of Soviet demands that Western powers withdraw from the German city's western sector.

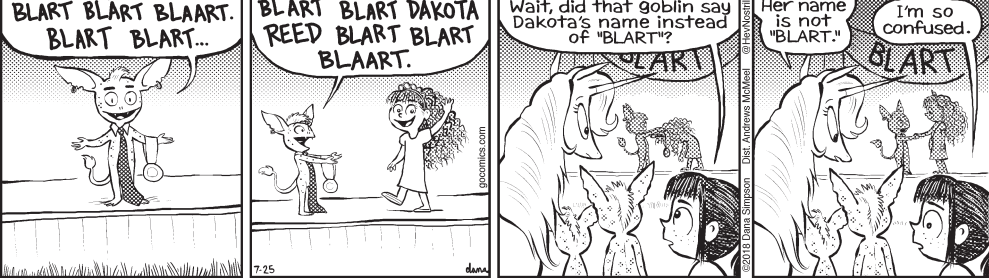
In 1972, the notorious Tuskegee syphilis experiment came to light as The Associated Press reported that for the previous four decades, the U.S. Public Health Service, in conjunction with the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, had been allowing poor, rural black male patients with syphilis to go without treatment, even allowing them

to die, as a way of studying the disease.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Today's Birthdays: Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 63. Model-actress Iman is 63. Celebrity chef/TV personality Geoffrey Zakarian is 59. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang is 57. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 51. Actress Wendy Raquel Robinson is 51. Actor D.B. Woodside is 49. Actor Michael Welch is 31. Classical singer Faryl Smith is 23. **Thought for Today:** "Advertising is a valuable economic factor because it is the cheapest way of selling goods, particularly if the goods are worthless." — *Sinclair Lewis, American author (1885-1951).*

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