

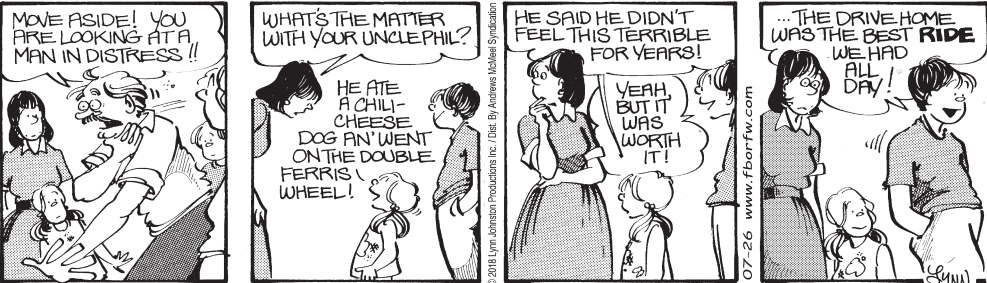
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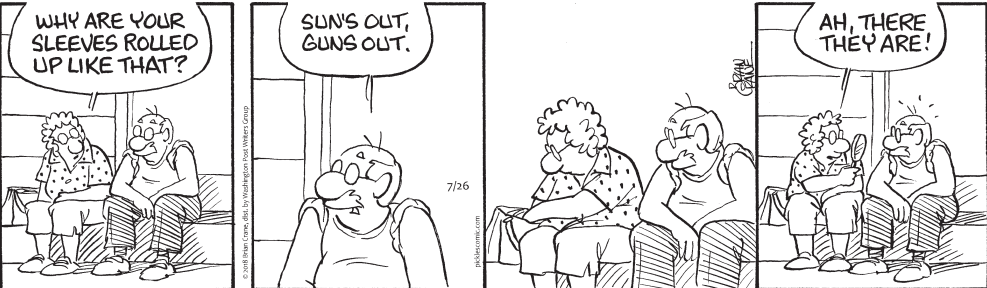
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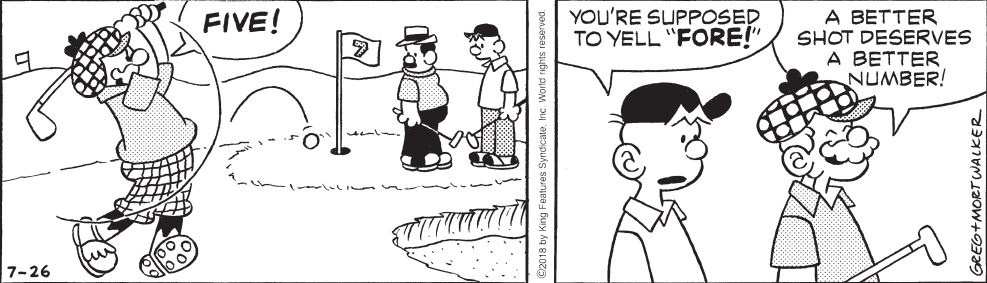
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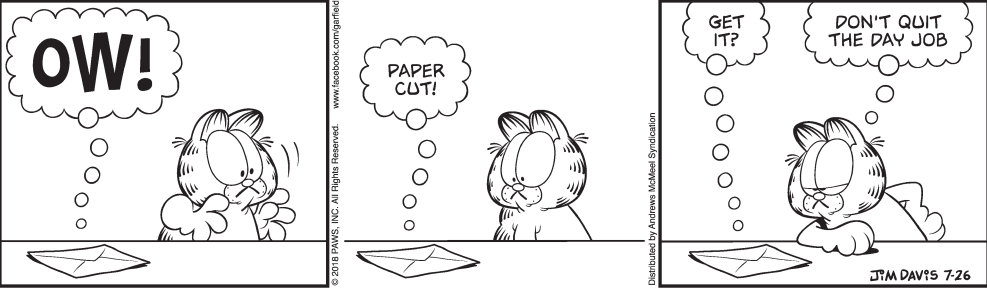
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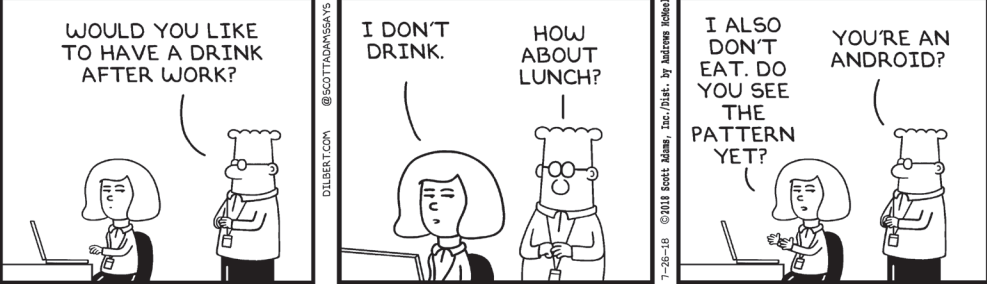
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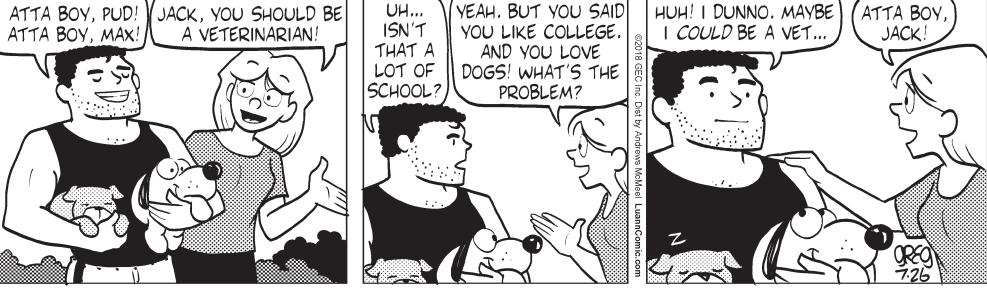
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BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Visits with parents bring tears to daughter's eyes

Dear Abby: My parents live a simple life, enjoying their days as retirees. They invite me to join them for special occasions at their house (my childhood home) and although the house is organized and tidy, I become ill when I spend more than a few hours under their roof.

Their cleaning practices are questionable. They simply rinse plates and utensils after use, as opposed to using the dishwasher. Within an hour of arriving, the dust makes my allergies and asthma flare up. They prefer to launder clothes, sheets, blankets, etc. only occasionally out of concern about "wasting water" and money. Their dog and cat have urinated throughout the house, and my parents claim to not be able to smell it.

I don't want to hurt their feelings by declining their invitations, but I can't stand to get sick every time I walk through their door. Help! — **Sneezing In The Suburbs**

Dear Sneezing: You're right, you can't. That's why it's time to speak up and tell your parents your allergies flare up when you visit their house. If you're expected to spend the night there, tell them that from now on you'll sleep at a hotel/motel nearby. And before using them, either wash their eating utensils or take your parents out for meals, which will make it easier on all of you.

Dear Abby: My ex-wife took my 8-year-old son to a gay pride parade last week. She snapped a picture of him holding a rainbow flag and posted it to social media.

I don't feel comfortable with my son attending gay pride parades. I think he's too young to be exposed to this kind of thing. I'm not concerned about him being gay, that's not the issue. Some attendees of these

parades can be sexually provocative.

I want my son to be a kid and have a happy childhood. What's a good way to talk to his mother about this? — **Happy Childhood In The East**

Dear Happy: Children exposed to adult activities should be prepared beforehand. Of course, much depends on the maturity level of the child.

The police usually keep a close watch on these gatherings to ensure public safety. Children younger than 8 have attended these parades with their parents or other loved ones with no unpleasant aftereffects. If anything obscene had happened at the event your ex-wife took the boy to, you would have heard about it. Feeling as you do, you should absolutely raise this subject with your ex — if only so she can reassure you.

Dear Abby: My husband and I will soon celebrate our 32nd wedding anniversary. It bothers me increasingly that he doesn't wear a wedding ring. He says a ring bothers him when he is working, but he has been retired for most of our marriage. He wears a chain with two pendants as well as a large gold bracelet every day.

When I bring it up, he says he tells everyone he meets that he's married or mentions me in conversation. I'm not worried about him being unfaithful. I just like the way a ring looks and makes me feel. Advice? — **Symbolic In Florida**

Dear Symbolic: You have been married — I presume happily — for 32 years. Not every man is comfortable wearing a ring. (My husband happens to be one of them.) My advice is to stop obsessing, let it go and let him be himself.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 26, 1918

An ordinance introduced and passed at the meeting of the city council last night shows the city fathers are getting down to business to provide the proposed septic tank for the Pendleton sewer system. The ordinance provides for the issuing and sale of the \$20,000 bonds voted for the purpose over a year ago, and the preparing of a full transcript showing the legal status of the issue. Mayor Vaughan expects negotiations for the sale of the bonds to be closed as soon as the legal steps can be taken making funds available for building the septic tanks.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 26, 1968

Lee Marvin, Jean Seberg and Clint Eastwood will be among the "Paint Your Wagon" cast on hand for Pendleton's East-West Shrine game Aug. 24. William Hanzen, Shriners potentate in charge of the contest, said official word was received from Baker Thursday that Marvin, Miss Seberg, Eastwood, Josh

Logan, director, and Alan J. Lerner, executive producer, would be on hand. Working on production of the movie being filmed in the Eagle Creek area, east of Baker, the "Paint Your Wagon" members attending the game will leave location about 6 p.m. and head for Baker by helicopter, then fly to Pendleton. A helicopter will pick them up at the airport and set them down on the Round-Up arena at half time.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 26, 1993

A joyride went awry for a 19-year-old Hermiston man when the vehicle was crashed in a cornfield early Sunday morning, causing an estimated \$10,000 damage. Justin L. Estes and two other friends drove the borrowed vehicle into a cornfield owned by C&B Livestock at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday, causing an estimated \$600 damage to the crop. The vehicle collided with an irrigation pump, causing between \$3,000 and \$6,000 damage, plus an added \$4,500 in damages to the front end of the vehicle. Estes was cited for first-degree criminal mischief and second-degree trespassing.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 207th day of 2018. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 26, 2002, the Republican-led House voted, 295-132, to create an enormous Homeland Security Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades.

On this date:
In 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which

reorganized America's armed forces as the National Military Establishment and created the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against Fulgencio Batista with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba. (Castro ousted Batista in 1959.)

1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 2006, in a dramatic turnaround from her first murder trial, Andrea Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity by a Houston jury in the bathtub drownings of her five children; she was committed to a state mental hospital. (Yates had initially been found guilty of murder, but had her conviction overturned.)

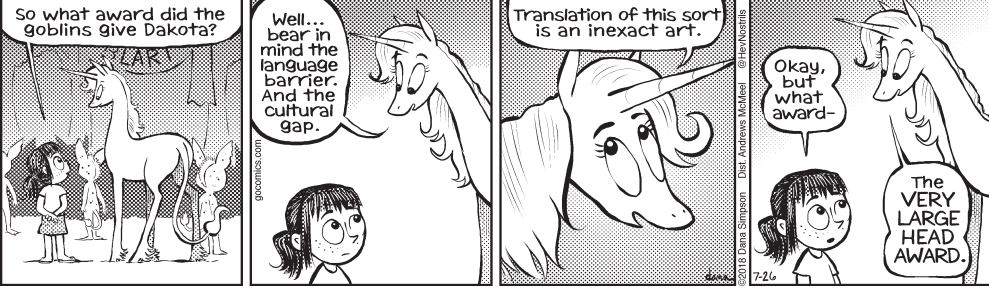
In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Today's Birthdays: Songwriter-music producer-label executive Fred Foster (co-writer of "Me and Bobby McGee") is 87. Rock star Mick Jagger is 75. Actress Helen Mirren is 73. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 69. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 62. Actress Sandra Bullock is 54. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 45. Actor Gary Owen is 45.

Thought for Today: "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." — *George Bernard Shaw (born this date in 1856, died 1950).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

