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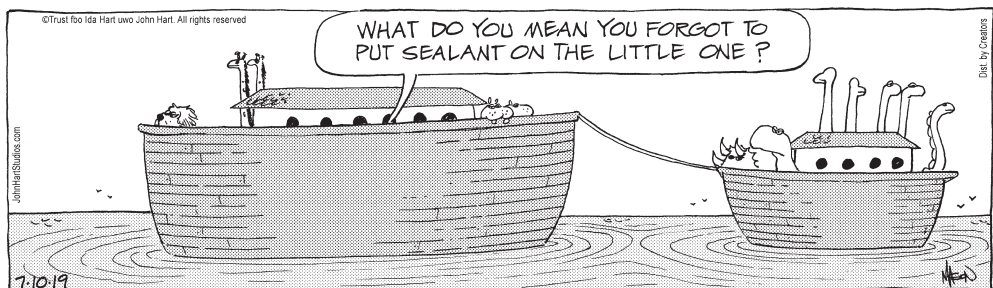
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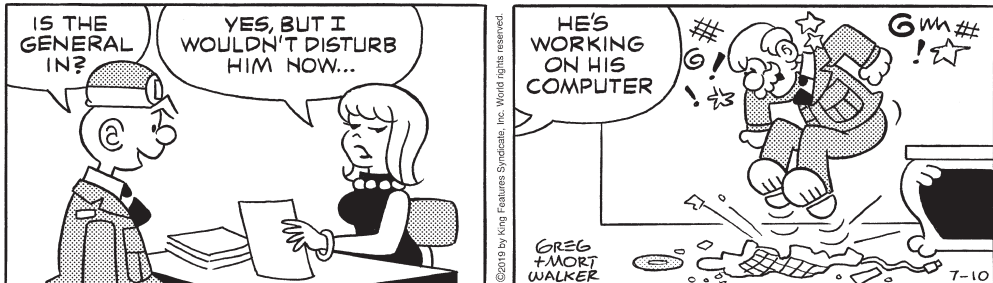
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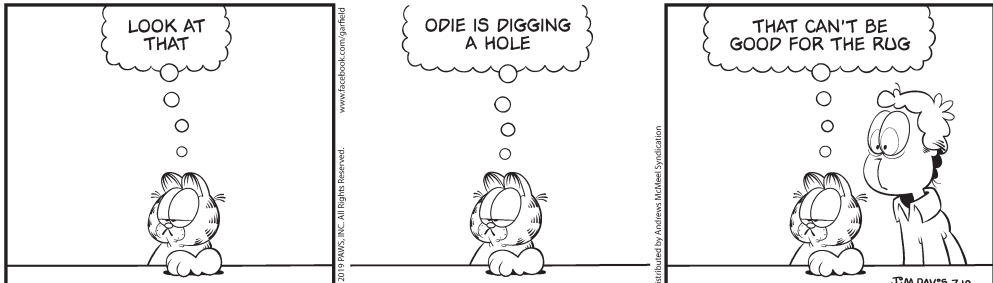
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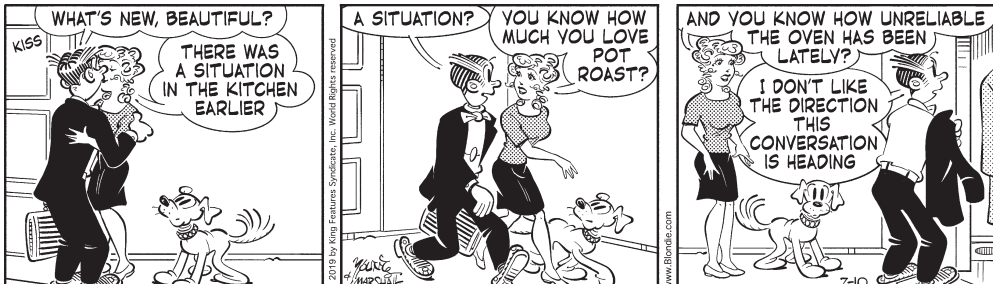
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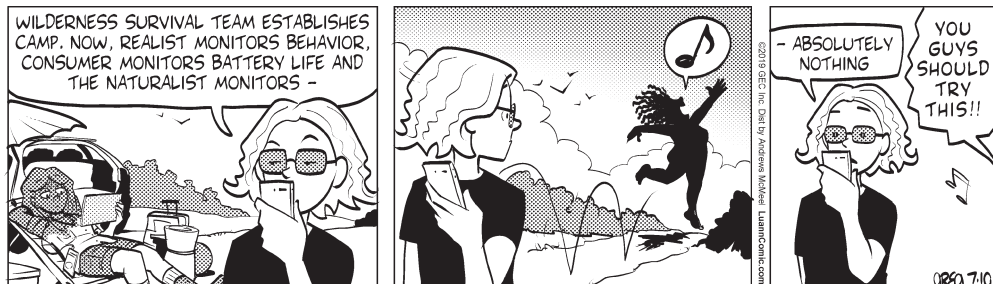
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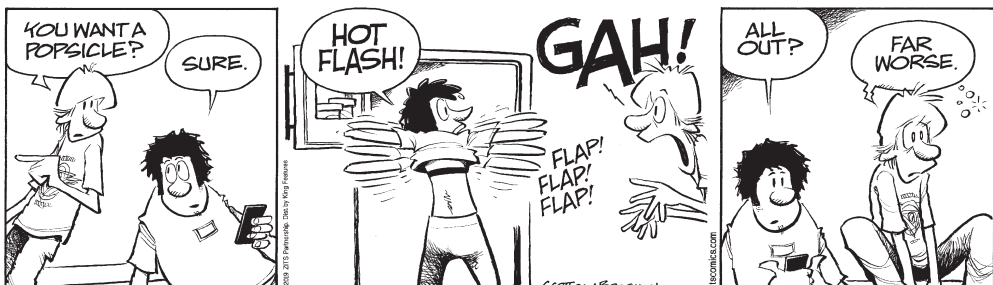
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DEAR ABBY

Daughter in bedroom next door frowns on mom's relationship



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a 54-year-old single woman who recently started dating again after four years of total abstinence. My two daughters, ages 18 and 22, live at home with me.

My dilemma: I am smitten, to say the least, with an attractive, supportive and very loving man. I have invited him over and introduced him to the girls, which went well until the other night, when my 22-year-old overheard us being intimate (her bedroom is next to mine). There was no screaming or anything lewd, no nudity or PDA, but I happen to have a slightly noisy bed.

She now refuses to sleep in her room and sent me a text telling me she wants to live with her dad because she thinks it's disgusting. I'm not sure how to feel.

On one hand, I think she needs to grow up, but at the same time, I don't want to be the cause of her discomfort.

I explained to her that I'm happy after being alone for so long and perhaps she could be happy for me. My partner thinks she's jealous of our new relationship. The 18-year-old couldn't care less.

My question is, am I behaving inappropriately? Don't I have just as much right to enjoy my home as they do? — Getting Back To It in New York

Dear Getting Back: I can see how your young adult daughter might be uncomfortable being confronted with her mother's sexual activity, to the musical accompaniment of squeaking bed springs.

Most people have a hard time accepting their parents as sexual beings. You didn't mention whether your daughter's father would welcome this daughter moving in

with him. If he's all for it, that would be the way to deal with her discomfort.

Dear Abby: I've been happily married for 13 years. Over the last few years we have experienced our brushes with the prospect of infidelity, but we remain committed to each other. While our marriage is a healthy and happy one, our commitment to each other has recently come into question, and we have been fighting more than usual.

Recently, a good friend of mine since almost childhood — and brief lover in my early 20s — with whom I have maintained friendly contact over the years, propositioned me. He said he has never fallen out of love with me and will continue to wait. I cut off my relationship with him without agreeing to an affair (or anything else) and have moved on with my marriage.

My concern is, now I feel this urge to let my husband know about the exchange, mostly to reinforce my commitment to him and maintain transparency. But part of me is afraid that bringing it up will cause more upset, and maybe I should keep it to myself. What should I do? — Needing Some Guidance

Dear Needing: Not all of our urges are meant to be acted upon. Be honest about your motive.

What do you think telling your husband will accomplish? Will it bring you closer to each other, or remind him that you are attractive to other men and make him jealous? Will it anger him enough to want to punch your old friend and former lover in the nose? If this is a possibility, some things are better left unsaid.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 10, 1919

Eureka Lodge No. 32, with Integrity Lodge No. 92, I.O.O.F., today purchased from Mrs. J.P. Murphy a lot 75 by 100 feet on the corner of Garden and Alta streets. The consideration is not given. The property, which has a 75 foot frontage on Garden street and 100 feet on Alta street, will be used as the location for the I.O.O.F. Temple which will probably be a reality next year. No plans for the building have yet been drawn, but tentative plans are for a three story building. The lodge has already received offers from Pendleton business men who wish to rent the lower floor of the building.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 10, 1969

Planning commission members entered into a spirited discussion on the need for community beautification in Milton-Free-water Monday night. Dr. Bill Harstad introduced the subject after concluding some business with the commission. Each mem-

ber immediately came up with an area needing attention plus ideas for implementing renovation and improvement. Jim Busch mentioned portions of S. Main Street that "look like they called the hogs to feed 'em and the hogs didn't come." He added that "the city could well begin any beautification with some of its own properties."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 10, 1994

Kidney donor Kristie Lemmon of Hermiston and her 10-year-old son and transplant patient, Tyler, continue their recovery at home. Surgery was performed in late March at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland.

After seven days in the hospital, they moved into nearby one-bedroom apartment. The Lemmons returned home May 10. Most recently, Tyler was "bat boy" for his 13-year-old brother Jared's Babe Ruth baseball team, the Hermiston Americans. Randy Lemmon, husband and father, rounds out the family. Tyler's kidneys were damaged in October 1993 by a falling tree in the woods near Ukiah.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 10, 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic.

In 1509, theologian John Calvin, a key figure of the Protestant Reformation, was born in France.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate and urged its ratification. (However, the Senate rejected it.)

In 1925, jury selection took place in Dayton, Tennessee, in the trial of John T. Scopes, charged with violating the law by teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. Scopes was convicted and fined, but the verdict was overturned on a technicality.

In 1929, American paper currency was reduced in

size as the government began issuing bills that were approximately 25 percent smaller.

In 1973, John Paul Getty III, the teenage grandson of the oil tycoon, was abducted in Rome by kidnappers who cut off his ear when his family was slow to meet their ransom demands; Getty was released in December 1973 for nearly \$3 million.

In 1979, conductor Arthur Fiedler, who had led the Boston Pops orchestra for a half-century, died in Brookline, Mass., at age 84.

In 1985, bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke.

In 2004, President

George W. Bush said that legalizing gay marriage would redefine the most fundamental institution of civilization, and that a constitutional amendment was needed to protect traditional marriage.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Mavis Staples is 80. Actor Mills Watson is 79. Bluegrass singer-musician Tim Surrent (Balsam Range) is 56. Actor Adrian Grenier is 43. Actor Chiwetel Ejiofor is 42. Actor Thomas Ian Nicholas is 39. Rapper/singer Angel Haze is 28.

Thought for Today: "The people I distrust most are those who want to improve our lives but have only one course of action in mind." — Frank Herbert, American author (1920-1986).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

