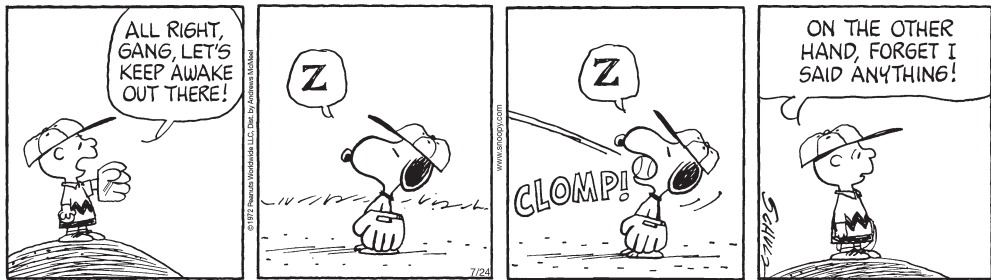


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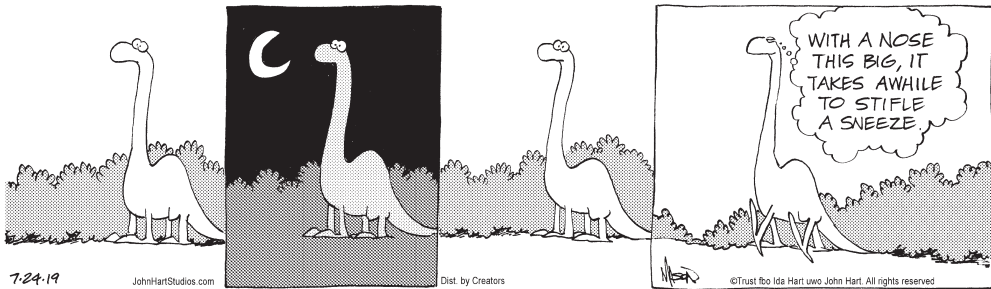
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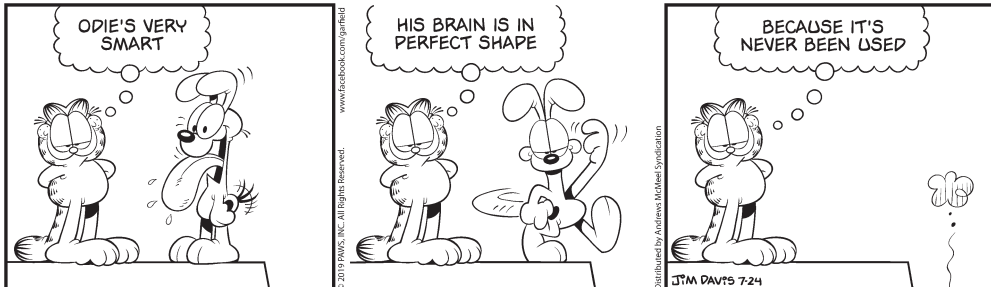
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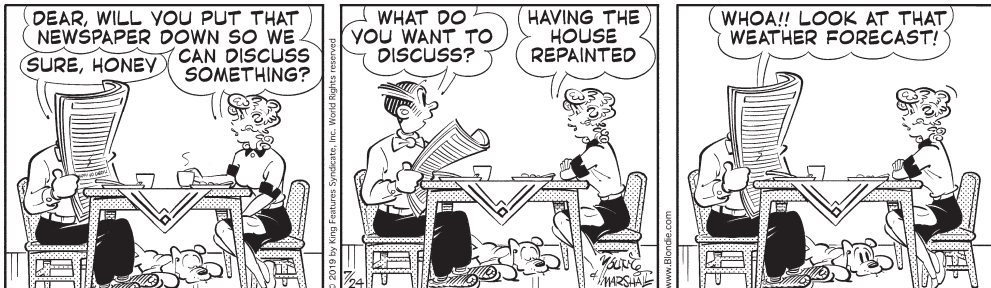
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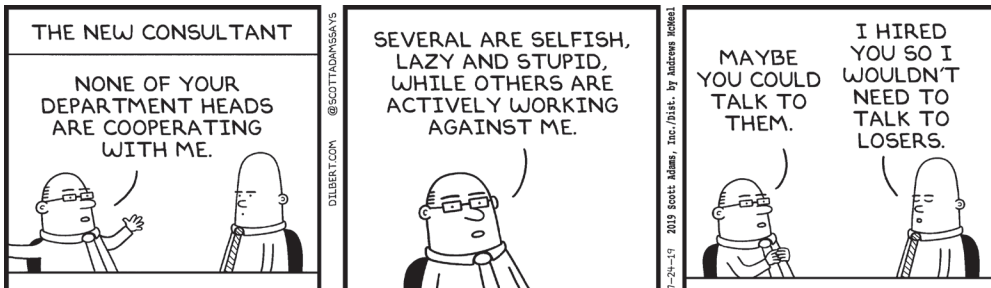
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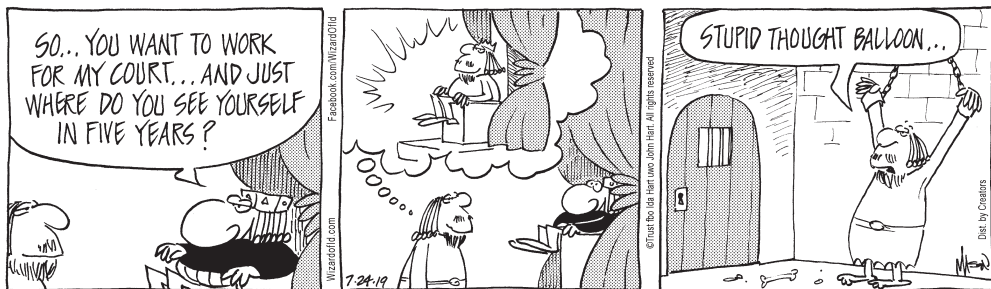
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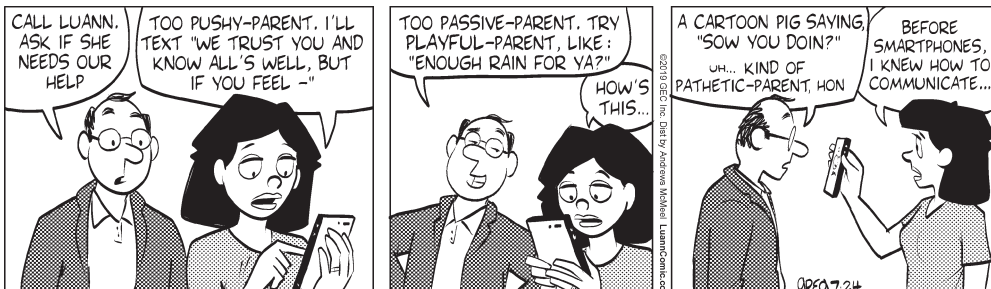
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DEAR ABBY

Recent revelation of affair threatens to break up family



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I just found out that my boyfriend of 12 years slept with my stepmother last year. She doesn't know I know, and now that I do, I struggle with it. Should I tell my dad what I found out, confront her or let sleeping dogs lie? I am deeply hurt. I feel like my heart has been torn out. How can I forgive and forget this? — Wounded in Utah

better off and less complicated without your needy sibling, and that you have no desire to contact her. OK.

So what exactly is your question? Are you waiting for me to "order" you to call her and apologize? The price for that will be shouldering again the burden of her neediness. If you're worried about how she's doing, ask someone who is in touch with her. But hold a good thought. If you have heard nothing, she's probably fine. Bad news has a way of traveling fast.

Dear Wounded: How did you happen upon this news? Did your boyfriend tell you? Unless you are absolutely certain it's true, do nothing. If you are certain, get rid of this poor excuse for a "boyfriend." And tell your father and stepmother what you know and how hurt you are.

Dear Abby: You always tell us to consider whether we would be better off with or without somebody. What if it's your sister? My sister and I are of retirement age and had a falling out. I felt she had become too needy, and she was very hurt when I told her so. She is awaiting my apology, which has been the pattern of our lives. Although we live 30 miles apart, I have no desire to contact her.

Dear Abby: When we got married, I thought even though he told "everyone" he did it because he had to, that he truly did love me. But as the years have passed, I have realized that maybe he was telling the truth and he did marry me for that reason rather than for love. I feel unloved most of the time. Lately, I have been thinking maybe it's time to just move on. What's your advice? — Feeling Torn

Dear Feeling Torn: Rather than dwell on something your husband said in the past, raise the subject again. And when you do, tell him you are doing it because you feel unloved most of the time. If he tells you he meant it then and still feels that way, my advice is to ask yourself if this is the kind of marriage you want for the rest of your life. Some women are so afraid of the unknown that they would stay in this kind of marriage, regardless of the pain. Because I assume you have a child, you and your husband need to figure out if you can improve your relationship. If not, then it may be time to move on.

Because I was usually the one she went to for advice and companionship, I feel guilty for "abandoning" her and often wonder if she's OK. We are both healthy and self-sufficient. I love her because she's my sister, but I can truly say my life is easier and less complicated without her. The thought of contacting her is too much to bear. On the other hand, she's my sister. — Better Off in Colorado

Dear Better Off: You say your life is

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 24, 1919

Wool grown in Umatilla county, cleaned and woven by Pendleton Woolen Mills and made into men's clothing in the east is now being placed on the market in Pendleton with Bond Bros. agents for the goods here. The finished product is known as Bishop's Fabrics and is pronounced the finest of clothing fabrics now manufactured. The Pendleton Woolen Mills has woven suiting goods in small quantities for some little time but only this year has it gone into the business on a large scale. Contracts have been made with some of the east's leading clothing manufacturers it is said, for quantities of Bishop's Fabrics.

fied Hilde's car was traveling about 90 mph when they saw it touch a guard rail near Athena. Minutes later the car went out of control at the curve on Highway 11 at Adams, left the road, swerved across the highway and crossed a railroad track before spinning to a stop, another witness said. Hilde was injured but able to walk away from the wrecked car, said arresting officer Frank C. Gardner.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 24, 1994

From a distance, the pond nestled among the Boardman region's irrigation circles looks inviting, especially during the recent hot spell. But would-be swimmers are warded off quickly by the smell. The 42-acre pond at the Port of Morrow is filled with effluent from neighboring food processors. The Port built the pond to reduce the smell of the effluent used to irrigate the fields. To dispose of the effluent, it's used as irrigation water rather than simply flushed away. Neighbors living near some of the Port's effluent-irrigated fields had complained about the smell the irrigation generated. The pond will help reduce the problem by letting solids settle before it's used on the fields.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 24, 1969

Herbert R. Hilde paid the final installment last week on a costly curve his car missed taking near Adams last March 3. Hilde, who pleaded innocent to a charge of reckless driving in Justice of the Peace Sam K. Dodds' court July 6, was fined \$255. Dodds commented Hilde was lucky to be alive to pay it. One of three witnesses testi-

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 24, 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1862, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in New York.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged

in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1975, an Apollo spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific, completing a mission which included the first-ever docking with a Soyuz capsule from the Soviet Union.

In 2002, nine coal miners became trapped in a flooded tunnel of the Quecreek Mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily 77 hours later with the rescue of all nine.

In 2005, Lance Arm-

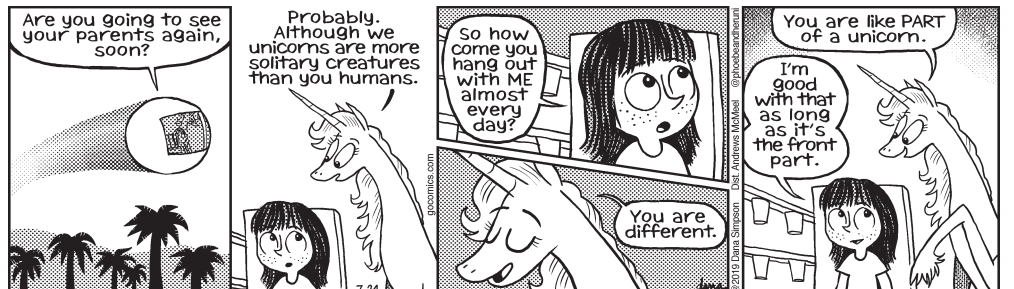
strong won his seventh consecutive Tour de France. (Those wins were stripped away after Armstrong's 2013 confession to using steroids and other banned performance-enhancing drugs and methods.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Aniston is 86. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 84. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 83. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Karl Malone is 56. Retired MLB All-Star Barry Bonds is 55. Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez is 50. NHL center Patrice Bergeron is 34.

Thought for Today: "People who jump to conclusions rarely alight on them." — Philip Guedalla, British writer (1889-1944).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

