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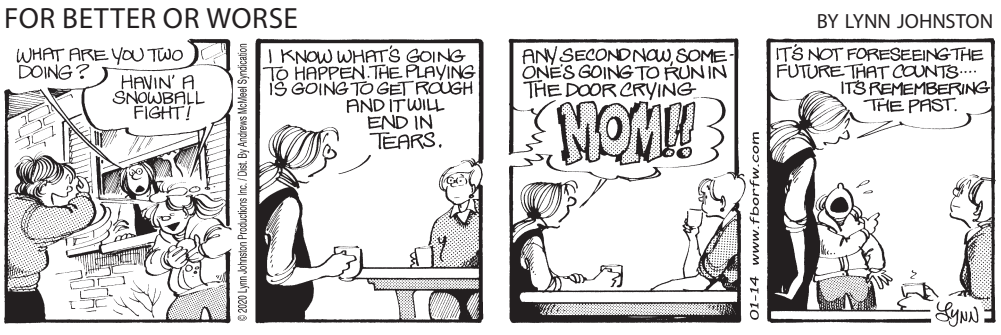

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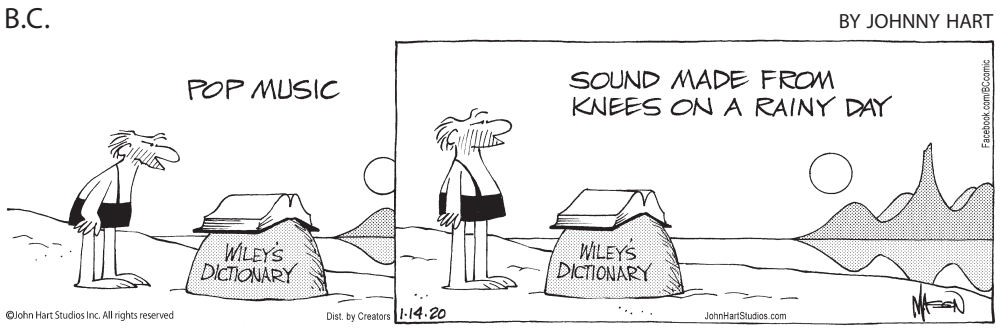

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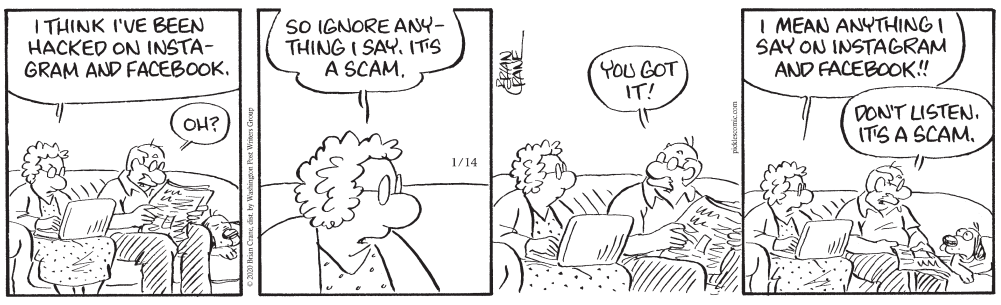

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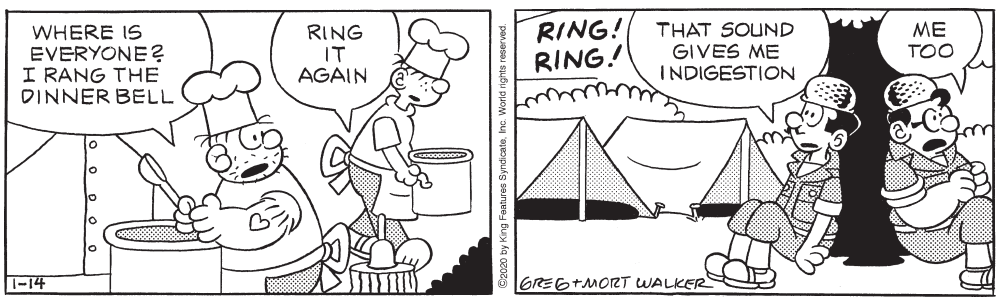

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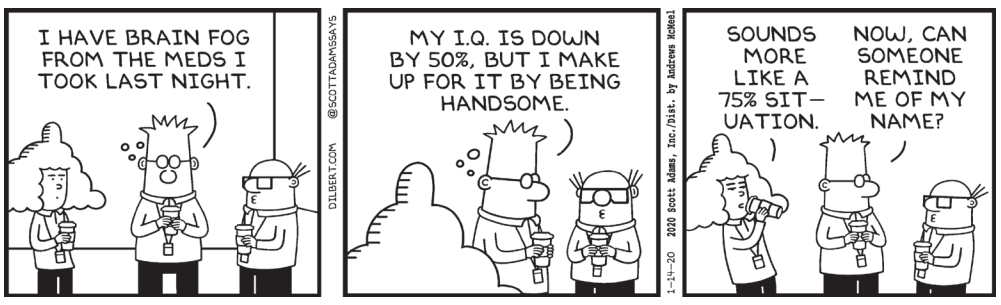

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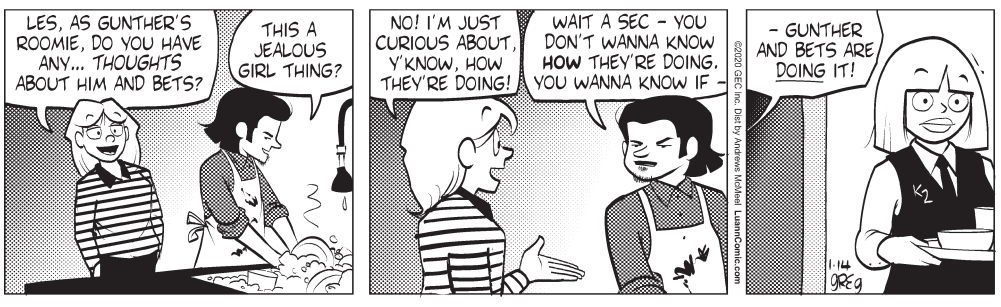

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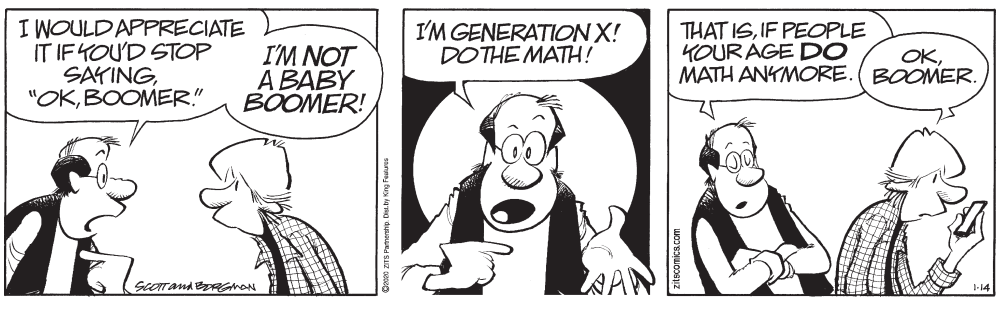

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BY DANA SIMPSON

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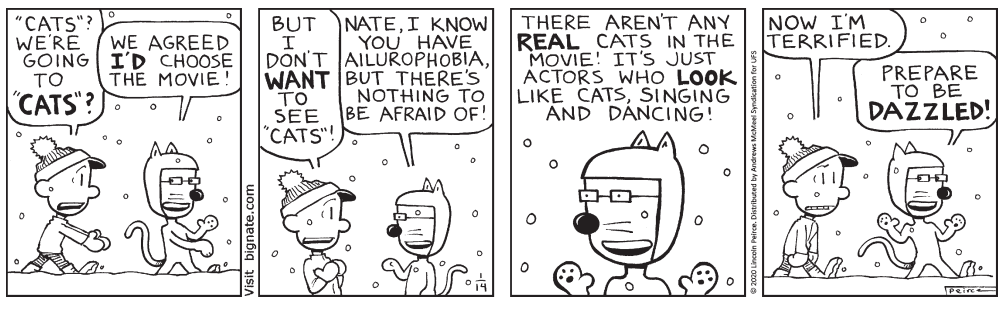

DEAR ABBY

Parents oppose relationship with man of different culture

JEANNE PHILLIPS
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a 25-year-old college student on the verge of graduation. Over the past three months, I have been dating a slightly younger man (he's 21). We get along well, and I thoroughly enjoy his company. He has never been anything but kind and supportive.

My parents have an issue with the match. My boyfriend is Latino, born and raised in a South American country. He speaks and understands English well, although speaking it does make him a little nervous. I speak Spanish fluently, so when we talk to each other, he speaks in Spanish and I speak in English, and we have no problem communicating.

My parents think that relationships (especially marriages) are already hard enough, and adding cultural differences to the equation is a dangerous gamble for my future happiness. They strongly oppose my continuing my relationship with him. Do you think their argument is valid?

I've looked up statistics that say marriages between a Latino man and white woman are the most likely to end in divorce (not that I'm thinking of marrying him any time soon, but one of my future goals is to be in a happy marriage, and I realize that you marry who you date). The idea of ending a relationship with someone I adore based on statistics is upsetting to me. I'd really appreciate your thoughts. — **Grown-Up in Utah**

Dear Grown-Up: You have been dating this man for only three months. By the age of 25, the decision about whom you decide to eventually marry should be yours, not your parents', regardless of how well-meaning they are. Do not let statistics rule your life because there are always exceptions. Let this play out, and you will have your answer.

Dear Abby: My husband finds fault and makes negative comments about almost everything. He rarely talks to me about anything. I am not happy with my life with him. I feel there is so much I want to do and explore. He is content to stay at home, watch TV and occasionally do little projects around the house. Then it is time for TV again.

We are both retired. My adult kids and my grandchildren are my whole life. We are all very close. My husband, on the other hand, rarely talks to or calls his kids, even though I encourage him to. One child no longer even speaks to him. Another one lives too far away to see him (a 10-hour drive), which is his reason for not visiting him.

With no friends and very little family contact, I feel I am all he has. I want to run away, but if I do, he'd be heartbroken. Sad to say, I wouldn't even miss him. What should I do? — **Unfulfilled in Ohio**

Dear Unfulfilled: Has your husband always been this way? If the answer is no, he may be depressed, which is something that should be discussed with his doctor.

I don't think you should leave him — immediately. If you want to travel and have the means to do so, travel with some friends. The only thing you should not do is permit yourself to become isolated because your husband is so closed off.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 14, 1920

Mrs. Harold Frink extended a charming bit of hospitality last night when members of K.K.K. were her guests for an informal evening, needlework and Brunswick music being added to chatting as diversions. Mrs. Frink later served a dainty supper, her guests finding their places at a fern-centered table by tiny cards gaily decked with blue birds. The party included Miss Margaret Joerger, Miss Elizabeth Joerger, Miss Nola Childreth, Miss Thelma Childreth, Miss Vida Staggs, Miss Sybil Farley, Miss Iva Black, Miss Alma Rohrman, Miss Sophia Fikan and Miss Rita Ferguson.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 14, 1970

The Hermiston City Council took the first look at a major street improvement project Monday night that according to preliminary cost estimates totals $501,586. Many of Hermiston's streets, paved years ago, have been deteriorating rapidly in recent years due to heavier traffic. The city has been told by the state that $200,000 is available in the form of an interest-free five-year loan, based on the heavy street damage caused by last winter's severe weather. The balance would be financed through voter approval of a continuing tax levy. Last year, a vote on a continuing levy for street repair and improvements went down in defeat in a small voter turnout.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 14, 1995

Eight highway message boards are appearing in the Hermiston and Pendleton areas to warn motorists of an emergency at the Umatilla Army Depot. The electronic reader boards also will be used to warn motorists of day-to-day hazards such as icy roadways or blowing dust. The warning systoem, which will eventually include 42 sirens around the depot and "tone-alert" radios for every building within a few miles of the depot, is part of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, funded by the federal government.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 14, 1994, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

In 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married at San Francisco City Hall. (The marriage lasted about nine months.)

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation forever!" — a view Wallace later repudiated.

In 1964, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, in a brief televised address, thanked Americans for their condolences and messages of support following the assassination of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, nearly two months earlier.

In 1968, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the AFL's Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in the second AFL-NFL World Championship game (now referred to as Super Bowl II).

In 1969, 27 people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, off Hawaii, were killed when a rocket warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions.

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

In 1975, the House Internal Security Committee (formerly the House Un-American Activities Committee) was disbanded.

In 1989, President Ronald Reagan delivered his 331st and final weekly White House radio address, telling listeners, "Believe me, Saturdays will never seem the same. I'll miss you."

Today's Birthdays: Actress Faye Dunaway is 79. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Maureen Dowd is 68. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 57. Actress Emily Watson is 53. Actor Ward Horton is 44. Actress Emayatzy Corinealdi is 40. Actor Zach Gilford is 38. Actor Jake Choi is 35. Actor Jonathan Osser is 31. Singer/guitarist Molly Tuttle is 27.

Thought for Today: "If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind." — *John Stuart Mill, English philosopher (1806-1873).*