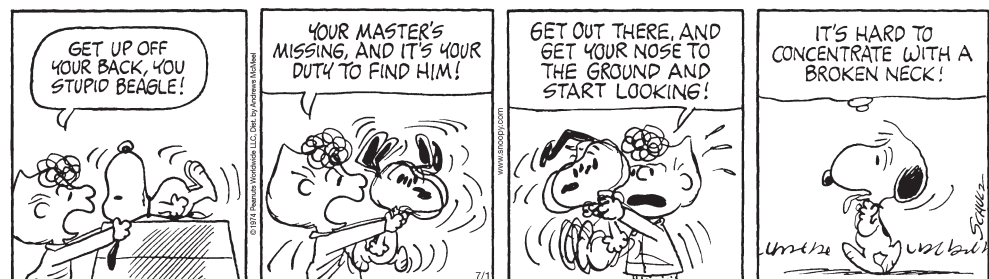


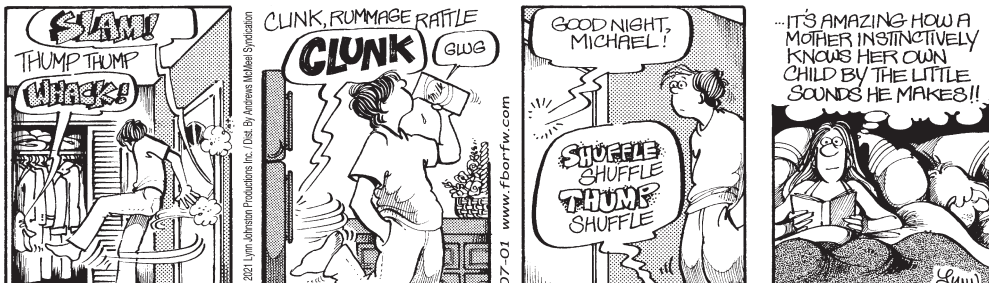
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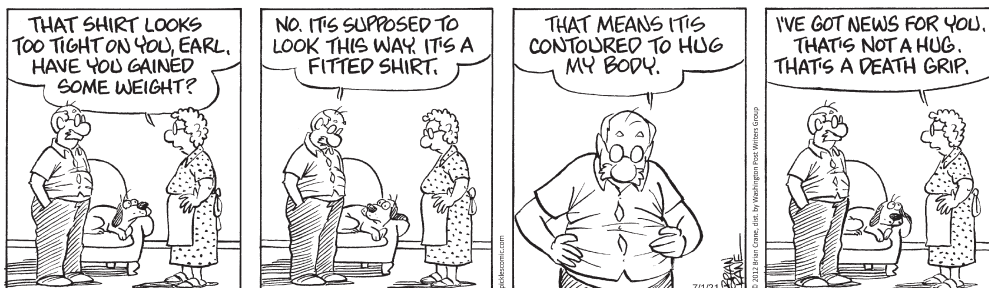
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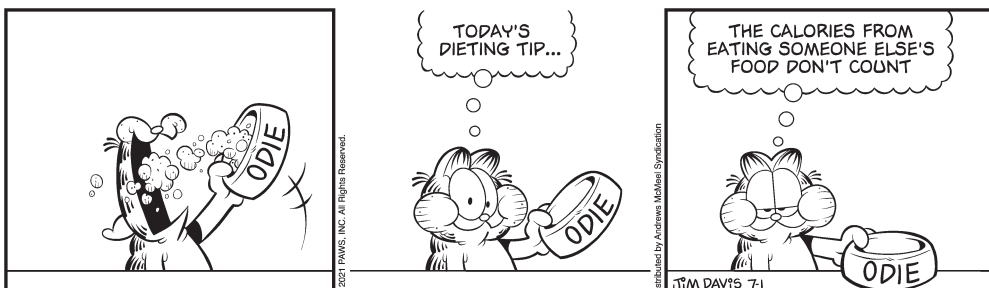
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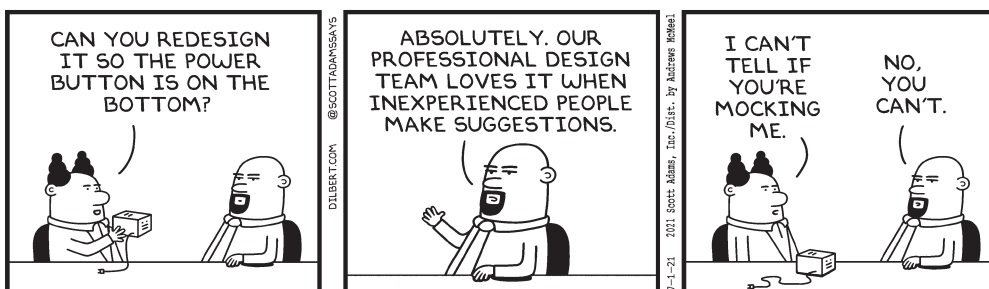
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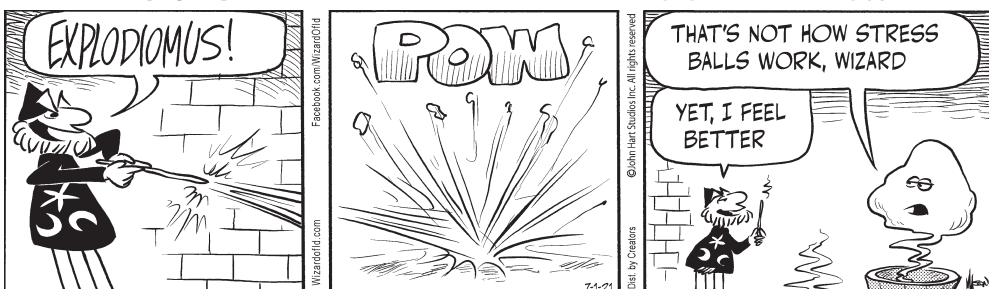
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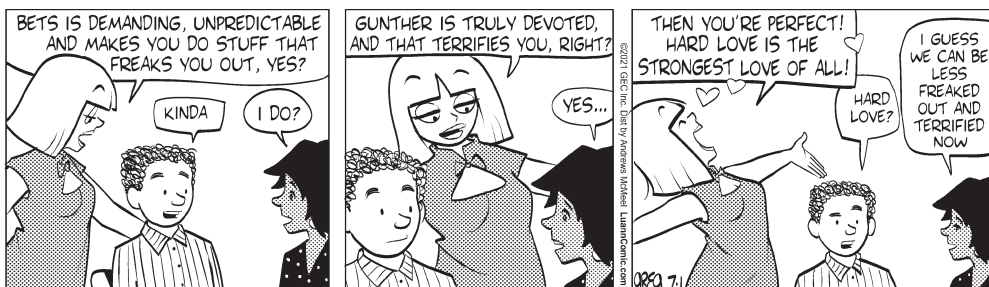
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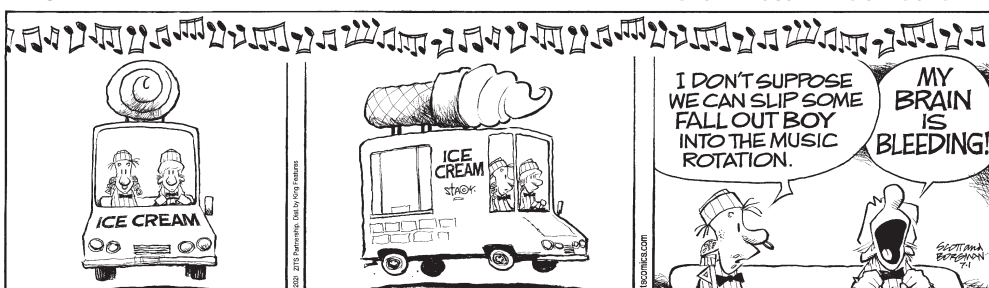
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DEAR ABBY

Marijuana use causes longtime friendship to go up in smoke

Dear Abby: I recently took a cross-country trip to visit my pregnant best friend before she gives birth. She has a new fiance and soon-to-be stepdaughter I hadn't met before. She is 12, and we enjoyed some outdoor activities together.

I have a marijuana vape pen I smoke occasionally to relieve nausea and anxiety. We both live in states where it is legal. While we were outside, I discreetly hit my vape pen. The stepdaughter noticed and later asked my friend if I was smoking weed. My best friend proceeded to get extremely mad at me for doing it in the presence of the girl, and she no longer wants to be my friend.

I have apologized profusely. I have little experience with kids, and now I'm scared that I have lost my best friend, who refuses to speak to me. Abby, was what I did a friendship-breaker? Was I so in the wrong, or is my friend being extreme and overreacting? — Former Friend in Oregon

Dear Friend: Your friend is not being extreme or overreacting. You vaped in front of the child she is going to be responsible for. Underage children should not use marijuana because it can negatively affect their still-developing brains. Your friend may have ended the friendship because she wants to teach the girl by example to avoid people who do this. What you did showed extremely poor judgment, and I don't blame her.

Dear Abby: I dated a man for a year and eight months. It seemed to be going great. The relationship took a turn around the eight-month mark. I realized through thorough observation (we lived together) that he was

a textbook narcissist. He responded just like my research showed he would. He claims he has no mental issues, but I learned a lot from this relationship about narcissism and how to recognize abuse.

Narcissism is real, but most people don't know much about the signs and difficult behavior. As a result of the relationship, I am now in therapy. My question is, how (when I'm ready) do I approach the dating scene again so I don't encounter an experience like this? — Burned in Pennsylvania



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Burned: Continue working with your therapist. By the time you are finished, you will know what to look out for. You may also realize that there aren't narcissists lurking behind every bush. We form healthy relationships by getting to know people before jumping into a live-in relationship. Abusers of both sexes try to gain an advantage over their victims by chipping away at their self-esteem and making them doubt themselves. Keep your eyes open and listen to your intuition, and you won't subject yourself to this kind of relationship again.

Dear Abby: My wife and I have been married for 35 years. She's the best. However, for the last few years I feel like she fits our relationship in between her texting and emails, and not the other way around. Should I feel hurt or just roll with the times? — Neglected in Florida

Dear Neglected: Neither one. What you should do is tell your wife of 35 years that she is making you feel like No. 3 on her list of priorities. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago July 1, 1921

There is no money for the McKay Creek project this year despite the fact \$225,000 had been allotted for starting operations and though the project was authorized when the sundry civil bill was passed on the closing day of the last congress. This news was made known here last evening by E.P. Dodd in a talk at the dinner given at the Elks club to representatives of the commercial clubs of the county. In a phone interview this morning Project Engineer Schilling at Hermiston confirmed Mr. Dodd's report. Owing to financial conditions funds anticipated by the reclamation service have not materialized. In May the allotment for the McKay project was reduced from \$225,000 to \$125,000 and it now seems hopeless that even this amount will be forthcoming.

50 Years Ago July 1, 1971

Does anybody love tumbleweeds? Maybe the man who put a jingle in his head by composing "Tumblin' Tumbleweeds." But who else? Yet the tumbleweed, or Russian thistle, doesn't appear to be anywhere near finding a place it's appreciated. Maybe the

answer is to find a use for it. Three employees of the Oregon Highway Department may have a clue for researchers. They notice that: 1. Tumbleweeds are numerous. 2. They give off a lot of heat when set afire. "It must be some kind of oil in them," said Fred Dorn, Echo, as he, Nathan Thorpe and Bill Faucett, Hermiston, burned tumbleweeds along the Echo interchange of I-80N Wednesday. A column of greasy smoke billowed skyward as the men forked tumbleweeds into a fire. "Maybe you could make them into presto logs," Dorn said.

25 Years Ago July 1, 1996

Steve Jonas of Hermiston is proud of his "hot rod" of the sport helicopter field. Jonas has worked 275 hours over the past 1 1/2 years on his Rotorway Homebuild. This weekend he finished painting it a sparkly shade of root beer in preparation for a final FAA inspection on Tuesday. "It will jump right up," he says. "It has more horsepower per weight ratio than a Corvette. It weighs 934 pounds, but will carry 510 pounds." With a cost of about \$68,000, compared to \$100,000 and up for an FAA-approved factory-built craft, "It's the most affordable helicopter you can buy that's not certified," he says.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 1, 1915, after more than a half-century of hostility, the United States and Cuba declared they would reopen embassies in each other's capitals, marking a historic full restoration of diplomatic relations between the Cold War foes.

In 1863, the pivotal, three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

In 1903, the first Tour de France began. (It ended on July 19; the winner was Maurice Garin.)

In 1944, delegates from 44 countries began meet-

ing at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, where they agreed to establish the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

In 1946, the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1966, the Medicare federal insurance program went into effect.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment. Actor Michael Landon, 54, died in Malibu, California.

In 1997, Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after

156 years as a British colony. Actor Robert Mitchum died in Santa Barbara, California, at age 79.

In 2019, 15-year-old Coco Gauff, the youngest player to qualify at Wimbledon in the professional era, defeated 39-year-old Venus Williams in the first round, 6-4, 6-4.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-dancer Leslie Caron is 90. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 80. Rock singer-actor Deborah Harry is 76. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52s) is 70. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 70. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 69. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 60. Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 50. Actor Liv Tyler is 44. Actor Lea Seydoux is 36.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

