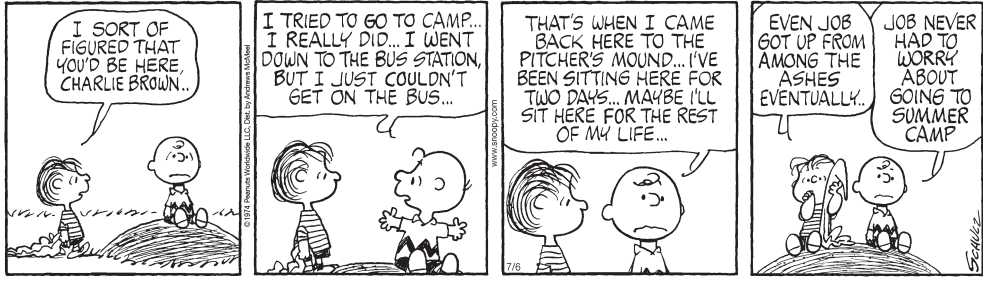


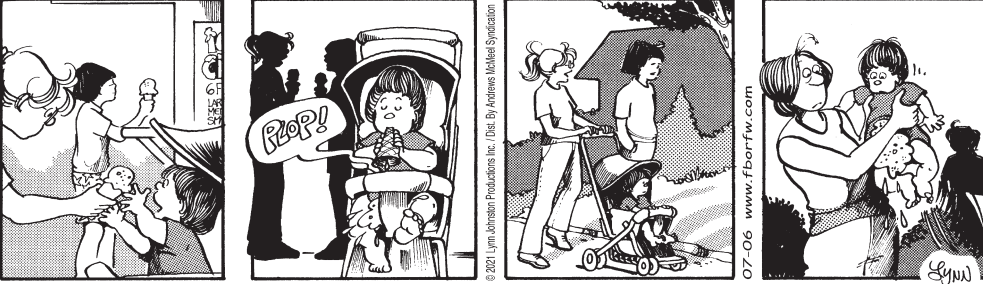
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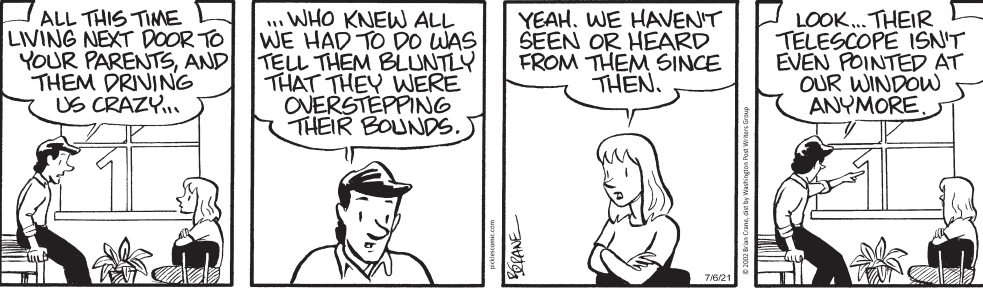
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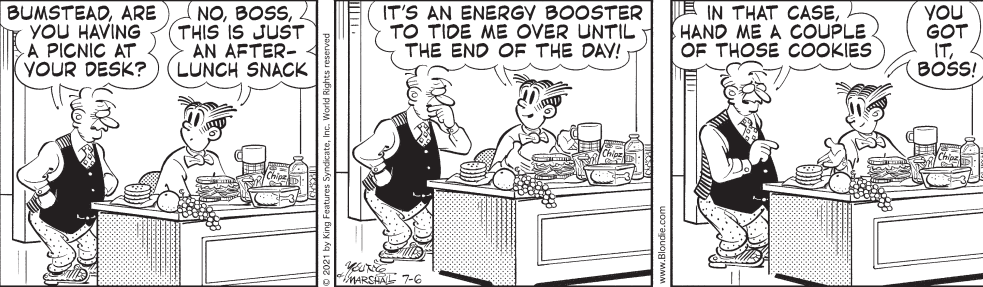
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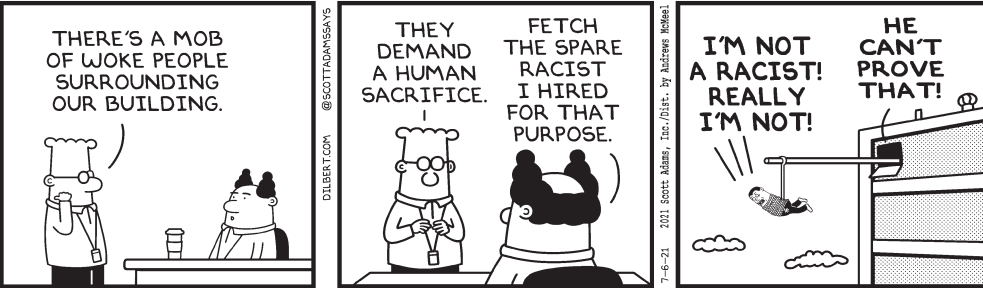
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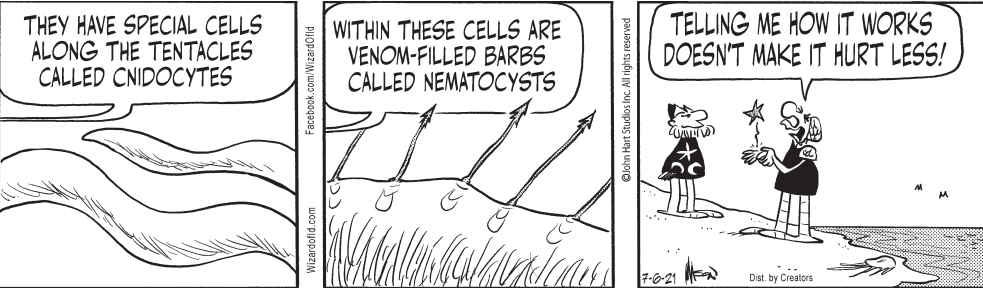
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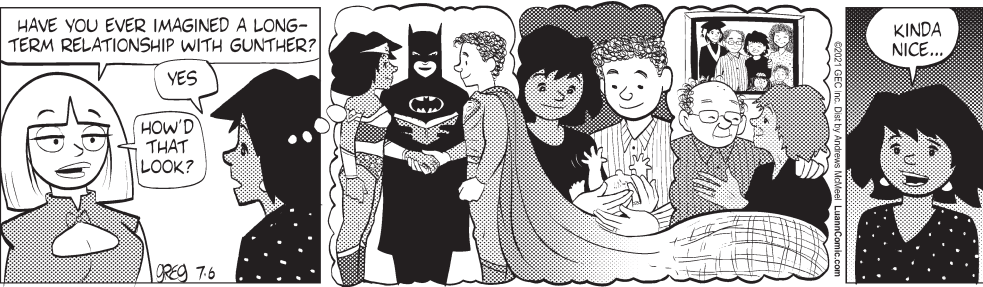
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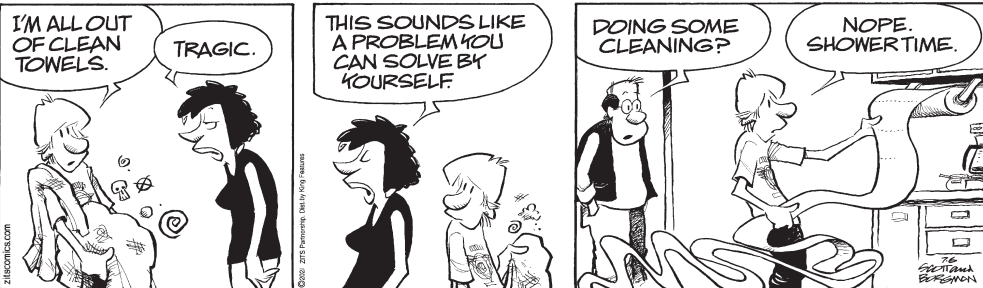
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DEAR ABBY

Girlfriend notes change in man's talks with ex



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am dating a slightly older divorced man. He and his ex-wife have been divorced 15 years. Their children are now adults. Recently, a friend of my boyfriend and his ex passed away. They spoke on the phone, caught up a bit and that was the end of that.

leaving our hometown. Recently, she's been saying she wants me to visit, but she is anti-vax. I'm not comfortable visiting her until she gets vaccinated. Please advise. — Staying Away in Oregon

Another tragic event happened last week that caused them to talk again. Early in our relationship, he told me he and his ex don't really communicate unless tragic events or things involving the kids come up. However, there has been an increase in dialogue between them beyond these events. It seems odd to me that out of the blue their communication has increased. Granted, it was sparked by unfortunate events, but while those have come and gone, the talking remains, even though it never used to. Should I be concerned? Should I bring this up? — Ex Issue in New England

Dear Staying: I assume you have been vaccinated. If so, and your mother is willing to wear a mask and socially distance during your visit, then you could go. Of course, my response is predicated upon your desire to visit your mother, and from the tone of your letter, I have the distinct impression you would rather not. (And for good reason.)

Dear Ex Issue: I am sorry you didn't mention how long you and this man have been seeing each other. If your exclusive relationship has been going on longer than six months, you are within your rights to point out that this is a change in his pattern of behavior and ask him what's up.

Dear Abby: My mother passed away from dementia in January 2020. When she was diagnosed in 2016, I started keeping all her appointments and anything else important in a journal. During those four years, my life was so involved with hers that writing daily became an outlet for my feelings. I have 11 small journals I still read occasionally, and it would be a shame to throw them away. Please tell me what to do with them. — Remembering in Texas

Dear Abby: My mom and I haven't been close in 20 years. We live on opposite sides of the country, talk monthly and FaceTime on holidays. She has abused alcohol for years, and has gone through phases of phoning me drunk and berating me for

Dear Remembering: The course of your dear mother's illness must have been painful. The intimate thoughts and feelings you kept in those journals might be of some value to your children, if you have any. Because the writings are of such a personal nature, offer the journals to them. If they refuse, you might also contact the Alzheimer's Association and ask what others do with these kinds of sensitive documents.

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago July 6, 1921

With a view of having a test suit brought to settle the constitutionality of the grain grading law passed by the last legislature a meeting of the farm bureau will be held this evening. The move is the immediate result of the stand taken by exporters at Portland that the law is not valid because it conflicts with the federal grain standards. The question is a mooted one and local farmers take the position the law should be tested as soon as possible. In the event the law is held unconstitutional, steps will then be taken to have the federal grades changed so as to make them more fair to the farmers.

survived with a 33½ net to Cessnun's 35. Robert Kirkpatrick added a little excitement to the tourney himself. He used a nine-iron on the 17th hole for his first hole-in-one.

25 Years Ago July 6, 1996

John Hays survived a 27-hole playoff with Don Cessnun to win the Lester Hamley Memorial Golf Tournament at the Pendleton Country Club last weekend. Hays and Cessnun finished in a dead heat after the first day's competition with low net 66s. The pair went into an 18-hole showdown and again wound up at a standoff. Both shot 70s. It was on to a nine-hole playoff and this time Hays

Ever wondered exactly what those prickly plants are at the side of the road? What about the wind-ravaged wildflowers that toss their heads on nearby hillsides? Bruce Barnes wanted to know. And now he's making sure everyone else — from beginning botanists to plant biologists — have a new tool to solve such eco-puzzles. "I knew there had to be an easier way," says Barnes, 53, a Pendleton clinical social worker with a penchant for plants. On evenings and weekends, Barnes has spent two years compiling on computer every plant species native to the Northwest. It's a project that would have daunted even the most dedicated green thumb. It took more than 4,000 hours, including entering up to eight million pieces of plant data such as size, shape, flower and a myriad other descriptions. The computer program, named Flora ID Northwest, breaks down the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho into 14 separate regions.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 6, 1854, the first official meeting of the Republican Party took place in Jackson, Michigan.

parents and sister entered a "secret annex" in an Amsterdam building where they were later joined by four other people; they hid from Nazi occupiers for two years before being discovered and arrested.

oil workers were killed when explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform.

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin.

In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an anti-rabies vaccine on 9-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies.

In 2005, New York Times reporter Judith Miller was jailed after refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating the leak of undercover CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity (Miller was jailed for 85 days before agreeing to testify).

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba from the Ottoman Turks.

In 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 2015, Pope Francis received a hero's welcome in Guayaquil, Ecuador's biggest city, as he celebrated the first public Mass of his South American tour.

In 1933, the first All-Star baseball game was played at Chicago's Comiskey Park; the American League defeated the National League, 4-2.

In 1957, the Harry S. Truman Library, the nation's first presidential library, was dedicated in Independence, Missouri.

Today's Birthdays: The 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is 86. Former President George W. Bush is 75. Actor Nathalie Baye is 73. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 70.

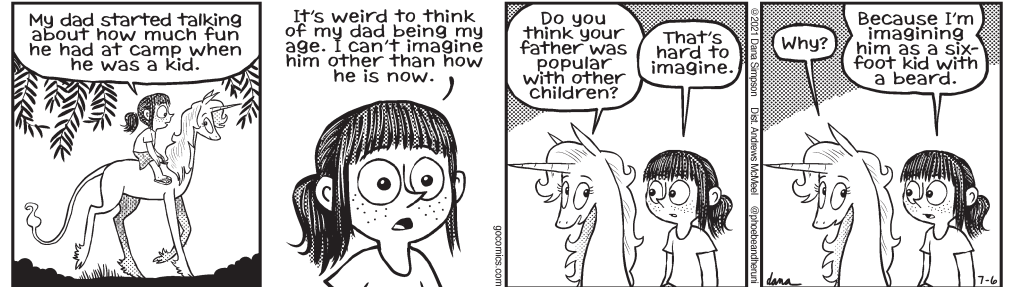
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aaz musician Rick Braun is 66. Rapper Inspectah Deck (Wu-Tang Clan) is 51. NBA star Zion Williamson is 21.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

