

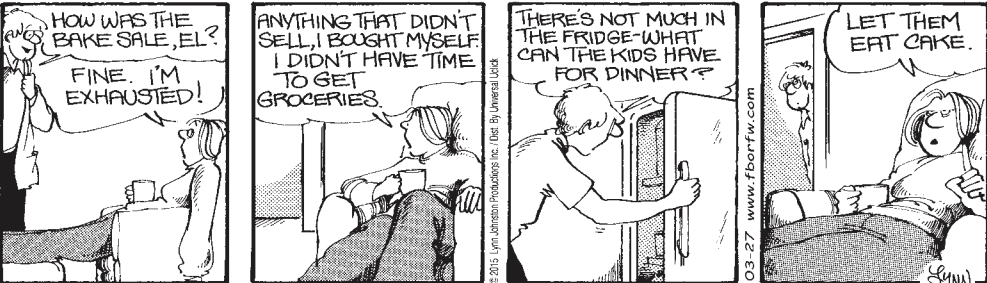
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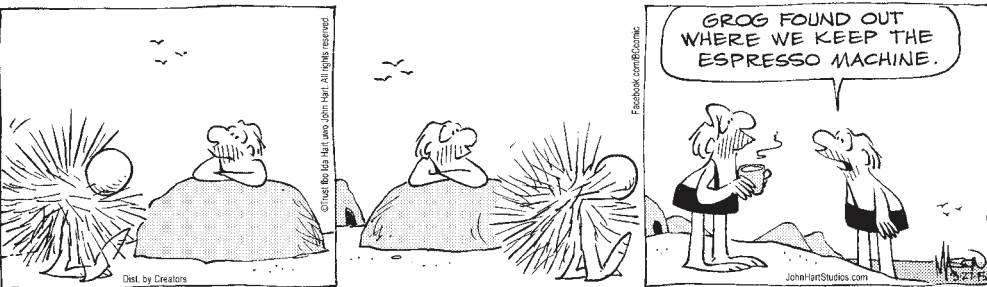
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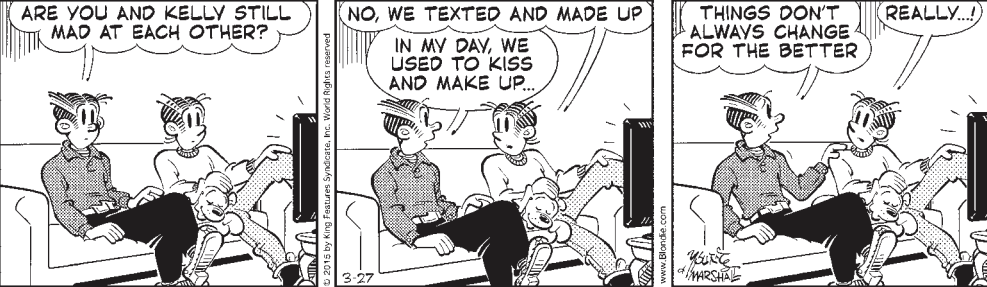
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DEAR ABBY

The time has come to end sisters' four-year silence

Dear Abby: I have been estranged from my sister for four years. She lives across the country, so it hasn't been difficult to hold a grudge. Either because I'm turning 50 this year, or maybe it's old-fashioned guilt, I have been feeling the right thing to do is to make amends.

My question is — how? Should I write a letter, send an email or call her? To be honest, if she made those efforts to me, I would rebuff them. The two of us are similar, so what would be a good way to bridge the conflict? — **Hard-Headed Hawaiian**

Dear H.H.H.: If you call your sister, her knee-jerk reaction might be to hang up. If you email her, it's too easy to hit "delete." Write her a letter. Tell her you love her, miss her and are sorry for the estrangement. If there is something you need to apologize for, do it in the letter. Wait a week, then give her a call.

If she is as similar to you as you think, she may be as glad to hear your voice as you will be to hear hers. And if she's not, your conscience will be clear because you tried.

Dear Abby: For the past few years, my mother, with whom I spend my birthday every year, has gotten into the habit of buying my birthday presents the day of. She waits until my birthday day, then buys them in a rush all at one store or suggests we go shopping together. She's not stingy on price. In fact, she tends to spend more than I think she should.

What bothers me is she makes no effort to prepare a gift in advance and just asks me then and there what I want. She also often buys me a number of things I didn't ask for.

The last thing I want to do on my birthday is go shopping. It has made me increasingly less excited about my birthday each year. How do I explain to her without sounding



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ungrateful that I'd rather receive one thoughtful present than a lot of expensive ones? — **Down On Birthdays In Houston**

Dear Down On Birthdays: Excuse me, but you DO sound ungrateful. Your mother may not be as emotionally invested in birthday celebrations as you are. Or, she may do this because she wants to ensure that you have gifts for your birthday you can actually use.

Rather than criticize her generosity, why not mention in the weeks before your birthday what you might like to have? If you do, it might save her some money and you some frustration.

Dear Abby: My daughter is being married soon, and I have an enormous fear that I need some help with. I can't dance. At all. I took some lessons, but I have no sense of rhythm. Although I tell people I can't and won't dance, inevitably some guy has a little too much to drink and tries to drag me to the dance floor.

My husband dances and I encourage him to have a good time, but if he's dancing and I'm sitting alone, someone is sure to ask me. Please help me with a good comeback or a little white lie to keep me off the dance floor! — **Can't Dance In Colorado**

Dear Can't Dance: I suppose the most common little white lie would be to plead a sprained ankle. But a more honest reply would be to thank the person and say you prefer not to because you're not comfortable on the dance floor. Said with a smile, it shouldn't offend anybody, even if he has had a few.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 27, 1915

Support from an unexpected quarter for the Cold Springs road arrived here today in the form of a committee of Umatilla project farmers representing the northeastern portion of the project. The committee is composed of George Roberts, Frank Waugaman and S.R. Oldaker and was named to consult with the Cold Springs road committee to ascertain the facts regarding the probable route of the road to the river landing at Cold Springs. The project farmers desire the road for a two fold purpose. One is to get access to the Columbia and the other reason they desire the road is that it will provide the settlers of that portion of the project with a very desirable road into Pendleton. The amount of benefit the project will derive from the road will be dependent somewhat on the route and possibly upon the building of a short connecting road. However it is considered these desires can be easily met.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 27, 1965

Eastern Oregon resident with thoughts of spring dancing in their heads found it was

really more like Christmas outside as fresh snow blanketed the area making it fine for sleighs, but mighty rough on automobiles. Snow ranged from nine inches at Meacham to an inch in the Milton-Freewater area. The snow fell throughout Eastern Oregon and into Washington. State police issued road warnings for all mountain routes and the Columbia River Highway. The weatherman called for more precipitation, probably in the form of snow, later Saturday and again on Monday and Tuesday.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 27, 1990

Nolan Murray hasn't forgotten his roots. The former part-time instructor at Blue Mountain Community College did a lot of fiddlin' in these parts a few years back. Enough to win the Oregon intermediate fiddling championship in 1984. He placed third in the Northwest Regional Fiddlers Contest the same year. Now he's fiddling with some of the biggest names in country music, but he makes a point to periodically visit his parents in lone in south Morrow County. During a recent visit he even brought out his fiddle for a spur-of-the-moment concert at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 86th day of 2015. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that Germany's main defensive line on the Western Front had been broken.

On this date:
In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted present-day Florida.

In 1884, the first telephone line between Boston and New York was inaugurated.

In 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted in Washington the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo.

In 1933, Japan officially withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1940, Alfred Hitchcock's first American movie, "Rebecca" starring Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine, premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was hit by a magnitude 9.2 earthquake (the strongest on record in North America) and tsunamis that together claimed about 130 lives.

In 1975, construction began on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, which was completed two years later.

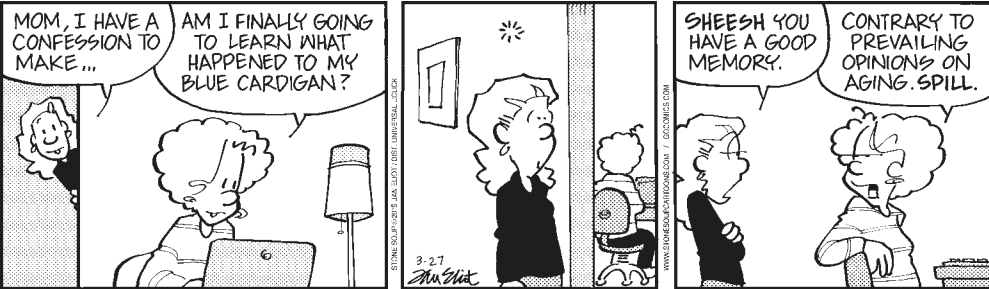
In 1977, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

Today's Birthdays: Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 81. Actor Julian Glover is 80. Actor Jerry Lacy is 79. Hall of Fame racer Cale Yarborough is 76. Actor-director Austin Pendleton is 75. Actor Michael York is 73. Rock musician Tony Banks (Genesis) is 65. Rock musician Andrew Farriss (INXS) is 56. Jazz musician Dave Koz is 52. Movie director Quentin Tarantino is 52. Rock musician Derrick McKenzie (Jamiroquai) is 51. Singer Mariah Carey is 45. Rock musician Brendan Hill (Blues Traveler) is 45. Hip-hop singer Fergie (Black Eyed Peas) is 40. Pop singer/songwriter Kimbra is 25.

Thought for Today: "Fanaticism consists in redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim." — *George Santayana, American philosopher (1863-1952).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

