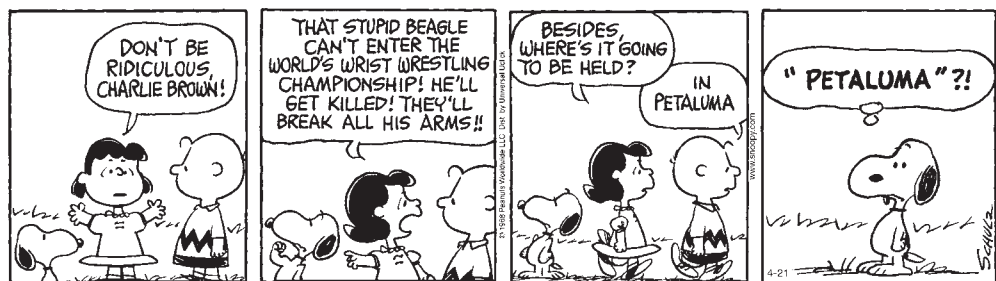


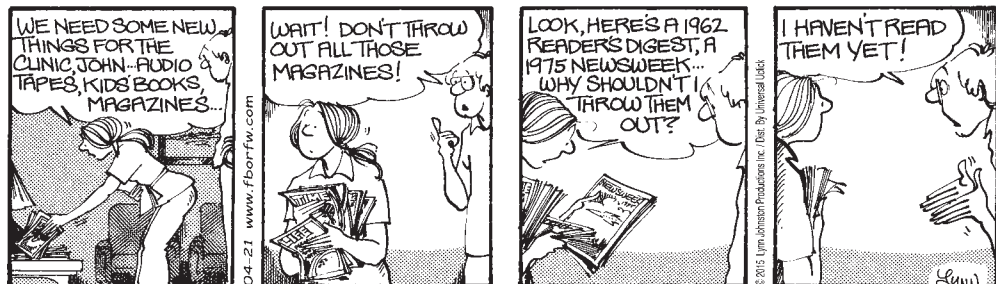
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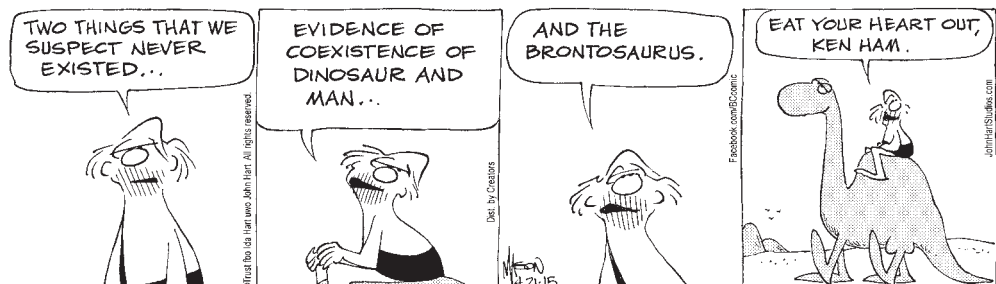
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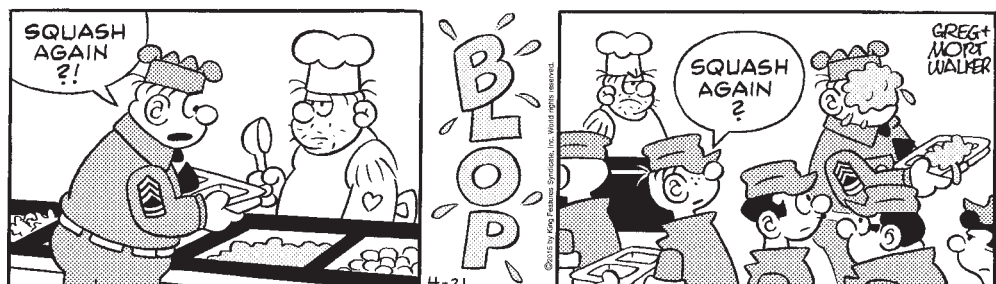
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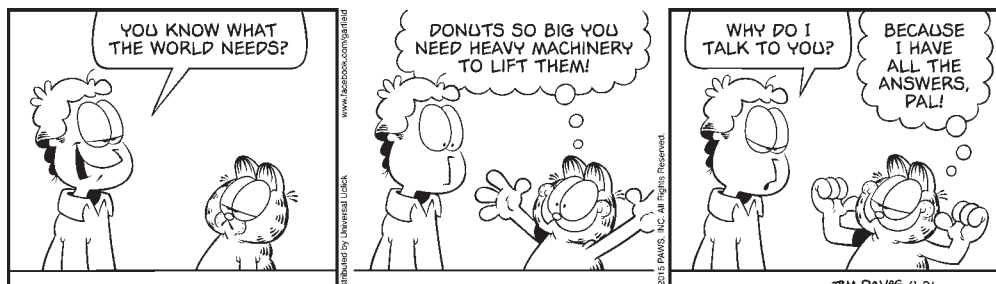
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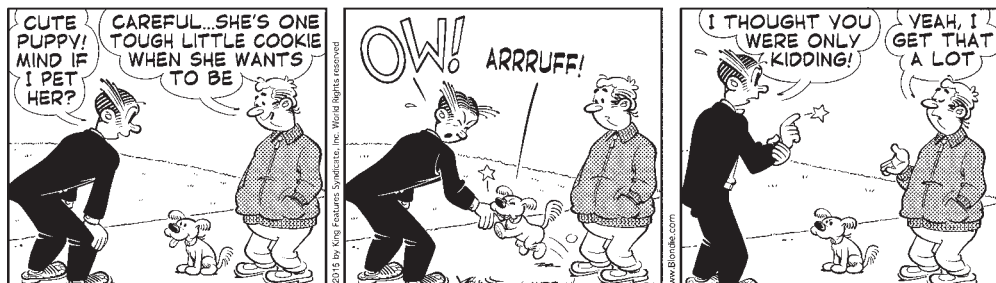
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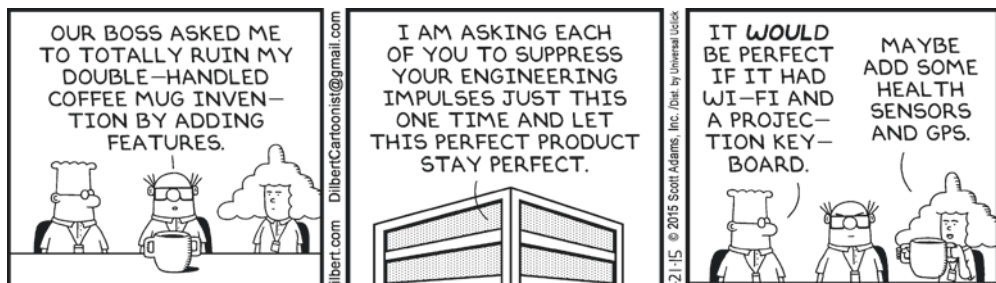
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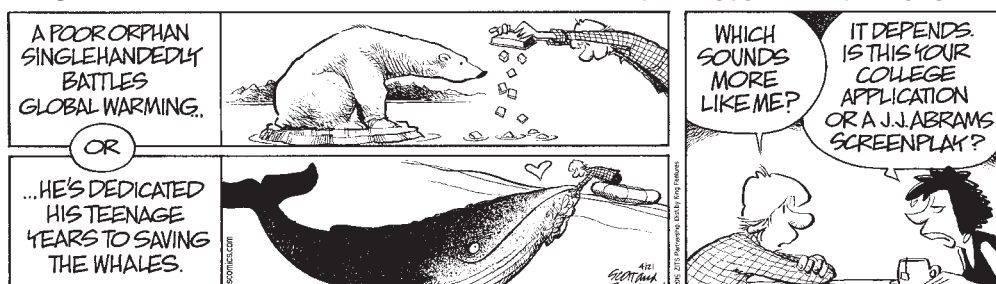
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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Readers have strong views on claiming seats in church

Dear Abby: May I comment on your response to "Got Here First in Pennsylvania" (Jan. 7), who asked whether someone sitting at the end of a church pew should move if someone comes and says it's his or her "favorite seat"?



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

There are many reasons why people remain sitting at the end of a pew: an allergy to perfumes can be overwhelming if you're sitting in the middle of a row; claustrophobia; weak bladder; physical limitations; the need for more leg room; and the need to use the armrest to stand up and sit down.

The early bird DOES get the worm and shouldn't be expected to give it to latecomers. Likewise, possession is nine-tenths of the law.

If people have a favorite seat, they should arrive early to ensure they'll get it. That's what we do. And when someone wants to sit in the same pew, we smile, step aside and let the person in while retaining our end seats. — Overland Park, Kan., Attendee

Dear Attendee: Thank you for making your strongly stated case. When I told "Got Here" to be an angel and shove over, readers were quick to offer me "chapter and verse".

Dear Abby: I'm 6 feet 2 inches, weigh 350 pounds and have size 15 feet. I am not the guy you would want to have to crawl over, or have crawl over you in church.

When sitting at the end of the pew, I can easily step into the aisle to let people in and out. I also take a medication that causes me to use the restroom often and on short notice. Again, I can easily move about without worrying about trampling some little old lady.

I arrive early and take my end seat not to be rude, but to make things as convenient as possible for others. — Doug B. In Milwaukee

Dear Abby: As a pastor, I believe good behavior should come first and foremost from church members who respect others and don't insist on their own way. Nobody "owns" a seat in the sanctuary. As creatures of habit, we tend to sit where we usually sit. If someone else happens to be there, we simply find somewhere else.

If "Got Here" was just starting to visit that church, I'd suggest he/she find a more charitable and hospitable congregation and leave those territorial folks behind. — Jeanne In Austin

Dear Abby: How can you say that one person, in the house of God, is more right than another in this situation? Is the shovee not committing the sin of coveting that seat? — Missoula, Mont., Reader

Dear Abby: If you are first to arrive at an empty pew, take a place in the middle. Thus later arrivals won't have to climb over you. It's common courtesy! — Pat In Bloomfield, Mo.

Dear Abby: Having worked in a fire department for many years, I always sit at the end of the pew. That way I won't have to knock over any fellow parishioners when my pager goes off! — Louie In Somerset, Ohio

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 20-21, 1915

A few days ago Wade Blew, well known dairyman of the reservation, brought into the office of County Clerk Saling a coyote scalp and thereby hands a tale. The tale concerns a new and modern method of killing wild animals. Mr. Blew is an up-to-date dairyman and delivers his milk to Pendleton in an automobile. He was returning home one dark evening and was speeding along the road near the Sam Bittner place when the headlights on this car showed him a coyote standing in the road. More with the intention of scaring the animal than anything else, he swerved his machine directly at the brute. Instead of dodging the coyote, either blinded by the lights or affected by rabies, kept its ground and the car passed directly over it. Blew brought the scalp of the coyote and the tale of his adventure to town on the next day.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 20-21, 1965

The Umatilla City Council expressed open disappointment Monday at the price offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for city-owned property needed for the John Day Dam pool. The government offered \$16,000 for 73 lots comprising 20.82 acres of ground. The lots are practically devoid of improve-

ments, except for a large ice house on one lot. Umatilla Mayor A.L. Draper said he personally was disappointed with the offer, saying that it amounted to about \$220 a lot. Jim Cherry, Corps of Engineers real estate negotiating officer, who made the offer, said it was based on the fair market value for property in the area and each offer was backed up by the sale of three pieces of comparable land located nearby. One person at the meeting said he had lived in Umatilla for 12 years and he had never seen any lot sell for less than \$300 and many have sold for as much as \$1,500.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 20-21, 1990

A biologist for the Umatilla Indian Nation has been elected to the board of directors of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society headquartered in Bloomfield, Colo. Don Sampson, who has worked with the tribal fisheries program for eight years, was elected to a term on the organization that supports development of tribal government fish and wildlife management. In the last seven years, the society has evolved into an organization of 350 professional biologists, managers and technicians representing all aspects of tribal fish and wildlife management and conservation enforcement, Sampson said. Sampson represents the Pacific Region, which includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 111th day of 2015. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1975, with Communist forces closing in, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after nearly ten years in office and fled the country.

On this date:

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, providing for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Connecticut, at age 74.

In 1918, Baron Manfred

von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

In 1930, a fire broke out inside the overcrowded Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, killing 332 inmates.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

In 1980, Rosie Ruiz was the first woman to cross the finish line at the Boston Marathon; however, she was later exposed as a fraud. (Canadian Jacqueline Gareau was named the actual winner of the women's race.)

In 1992, Robert Alton Harris became the first person executed by the state of California in 25 years as he was put to death in the gas chamber for the 1978 murders of two teen-age boys, John Mayeski and Michael Baker.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 89. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 83. Actor Charles Grodin is 80. Actor Reni Santoni is 77. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 68. Actress Patti LaPone is 66. Actor Tony Danza is 64. Actor James Morrison is 61. Actress Andie MacDowell is 57. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 56. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 56. Actor John Cameron Mitchell is 52. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 49. Actor Toby Stephens is 46. Actor James McAvoy is 36. NFL quarterback Tony Romo is 35.

Thought for Today: "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." — Stephen Leacock, Canadian economist and humorist (1869-1944).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

