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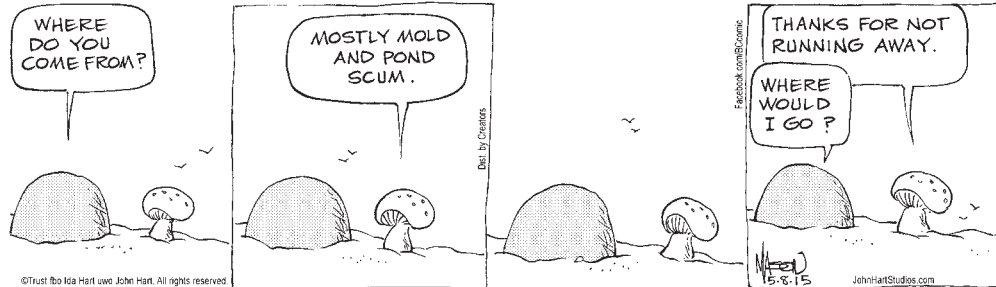
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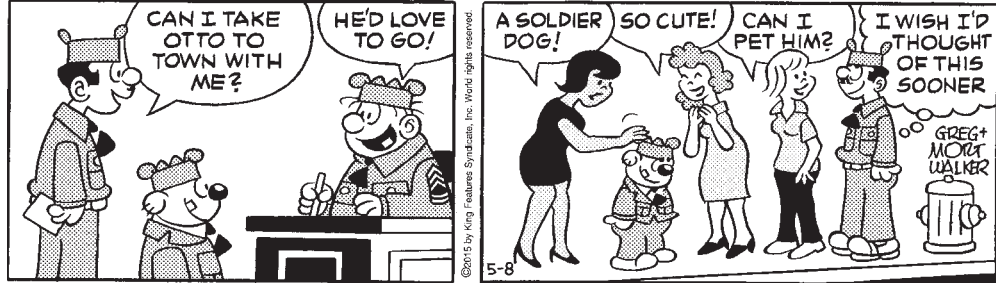
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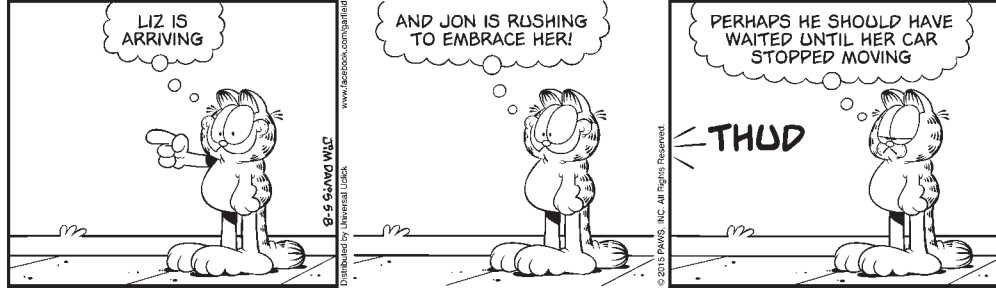
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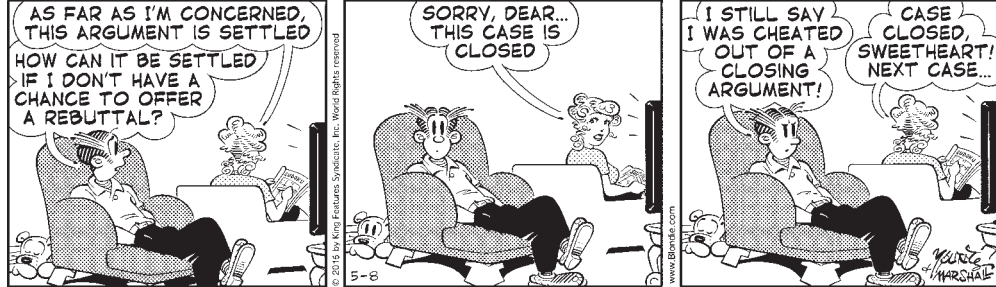
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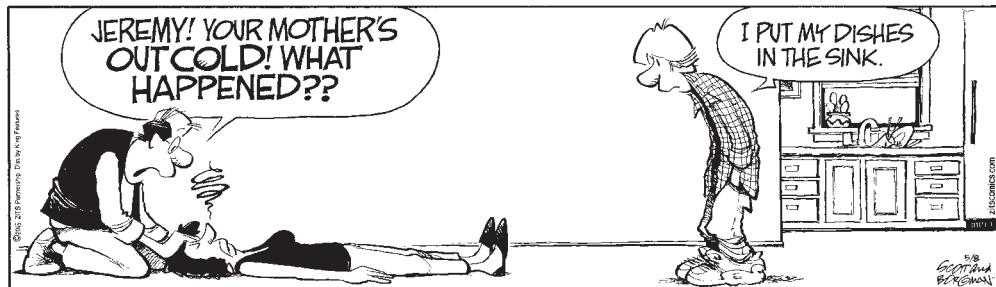
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DEAR ABBY

Couple encounters rough seas over gift of cruise vacation



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I represented my daughter "Stacy" and her husband as their real estate agent. When any of my children purchase a home, I waive my commission. My daughter knew I had been trying to finance a trip to South America for my husband so he could complete his "bucket list." She gave me a cruise on one of the most expensive cruise lines and airfare to South America as a gift for helping with their home purchase.

could have been lost in translation, and he might have gotten his wish.

Dear Abby: During WWII, while I was overseas in the Navy, I received a "Dear John" letter. It was devastating, especially because I was so far away and unable to immediately respond. Do you think it is appropriate for a person to send such a letter while the person is far away, especially while in the service, or should the person wait until the service member returns home and say it's over face-to-face?

After my husband reviewed the itinerary, he said it wasn't the trip he had in mind and wanted to know if my daughter could change it. I was embarrassed to ask her after receiving such a gracious gift. He became indignant and said if she really wanted to give him something he wanted, she wouldn't mind changing the trip.

After all these years, I have heard many pros and cons about this question. I can think of no one else with such a wealth of knowledge in this area to ask but you. After hearing from you, I will finally put this to rest. — **John In Vineland, N.J.**

I told Stacy I couldn't accept her gift because it was too much money. My husband is now angry with me because he feels I am the person at fault for the loss of the trip. Is my husband right that we should request a gift exchange from the giver, or was I justified for not accepting it in light of the fact that it was too much money? — **Just Wants Peace**

Dear John: A decade ago I would have said — and DID tell someone — to wait until the person came home. My thinking was the news might demoralize the recipient and distract the person enough to get her/him killed.

Dear Just Wants Peace: Your husband sounds like a handful. HE was at fault. Your mistake was allowing him to put you in the middle.

I CHANGED MY MIND after hearing from service members stationed in the Middle East who told me I was wrong — that it's better to get the word while there were buddies close by who could be emotionally supportive. They suggested that if the service member hears the news when he gets back — alone and possibly traumatized by what he or she has been through — that it could make the person more vulnerable to suicide.

I'm sorry you fibbed to your daughter about why you refused her generosity, because the expense had nothing to do with it. Your husband's ingratitude had everything to do with it. Because the cruise didn't suit him, HE should have spoken to her and asked if the itinerary could be adjusted. That way nothing

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 8, 1915

Escaped convicts from the Walla Walla penitentiary will probably give Pendleton and Umatilla county a wide berth hereafter after the experience of two of their number within the past two days. Yesterday Sheriff T.D. Taylor turned over John Jordan, a black convict, to the penitentiary guards, having picked him up at Eastland, and today he apprehended C.E. Ecker alias C.E. Nash, a parole violator from the same institution. At least the sheriff declared he is Ecker, the denial of the man to the contrary notwithstanding.

The camp aims at helping youngsters with speech or hearing difficulties and won high praise in its first session last summer. A building program is now underway. Cristler said volunteer workers — with shovels, axes and chain saws — are needed now. A work party is planned this weekend. The camp is located on the Reed-Hawley Mountain Road 11 miles east of Weston off Highway 204.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 8, 1965

A resolution expressing unanimous support for the Oregon Institute for Research and Rehabilitation — which operates Meadowood Speech Camp near here — has been passed by the 200-member Oregon Speech and Hearing Association. Ernest Cristler, Pendleton, one of the founders of the OIRR, said the support will help the group in its fund

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 8, 1990

A 16-year-old Hermiston boy who claimed he was robbed and assaulted last weekend has been charged with initiating a false report, police said. The boy told police he had been hit in the head and robbed in the area of Mike's Market on West Hermiston Avenue, in circumstances similar to two actual incidents reported on April 28. The boy, who stayed overnight in Good Shepherd Community Hospital for observation, apparently had been drinking and at one time told a nurse he hadn't been robbed, the police report said. He also was charged with illegal possession of liquor by a minor and was referred to Umatilla County's juvenile department.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 128th day of 2015. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 8, 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced on radio that Nazi Germany's forces had surrendered, and that "the flags of freedom fly all over Europe."

On this date: In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier, the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born in Lamar, Missouri.

In 1915, Regret became the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby.

In 1921, Sweden's Parliament voted to abolish the death penalty.

In 1945, the Setif Massacre began in Algeria

as French authorities clashed with protesters celebrating the surrender of Nazi Germany and calling for freedom from colonial rule; tens of thousands of Algerians are believed to have died in weeks of violence.

In 1958, Vice President Richard Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered the mining of Haiphong Harbor during the Vietnam War.

In 1973, militant American Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for ten weeks surrendered.

In 1984, the Soviet Union announced it would boycott the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

In 1999, The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace.

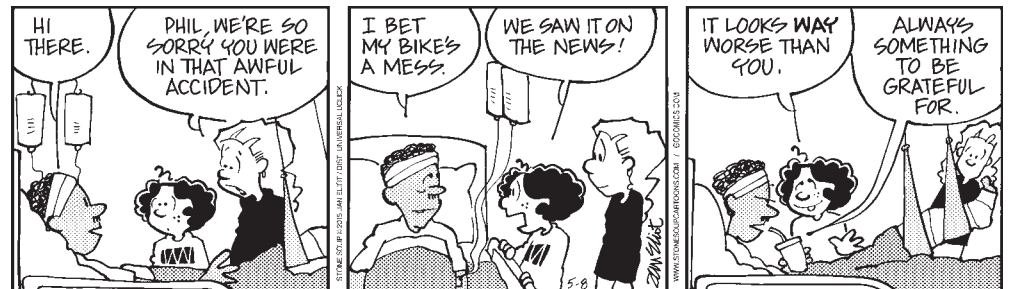
Today's Birthdays:

Comedian Don Rickles is 89. Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 89. Singer Toni Tennille is 75. Actor James Mitchum is 74. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 73. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 70. Actor Mark Blankfield is 67. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 64. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 64. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 62. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 62. Actor David Keith is 61. Actor Stephen Furst is 61. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is 54. Actress Melissa Gilbert is 51. Rock musician Dave Rowntree (Blur) is 51. Country musician Del Gray is 47. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 40.

Thought for Today: "A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist." — Louis Nizer; American lawyer (1902-1994).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

