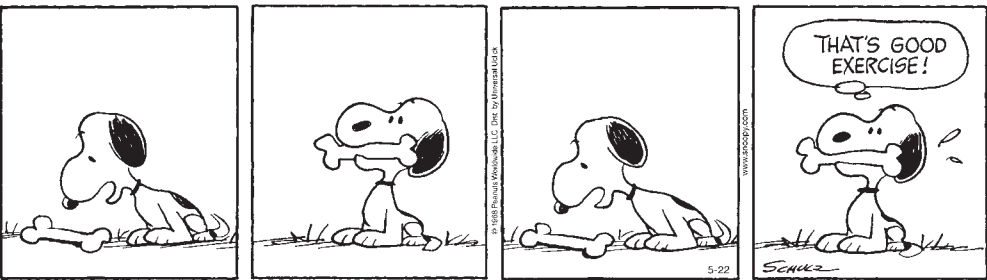


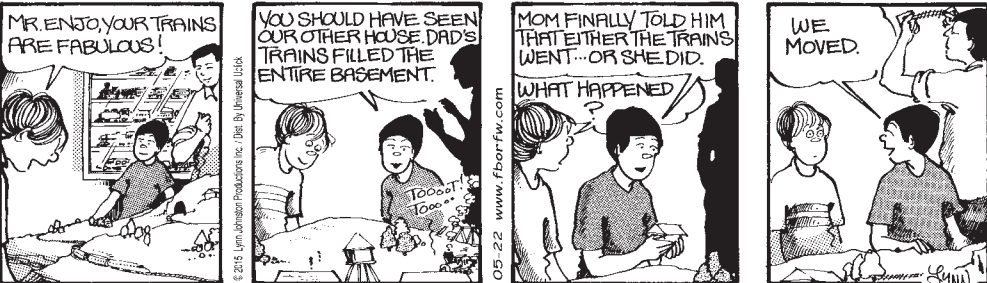
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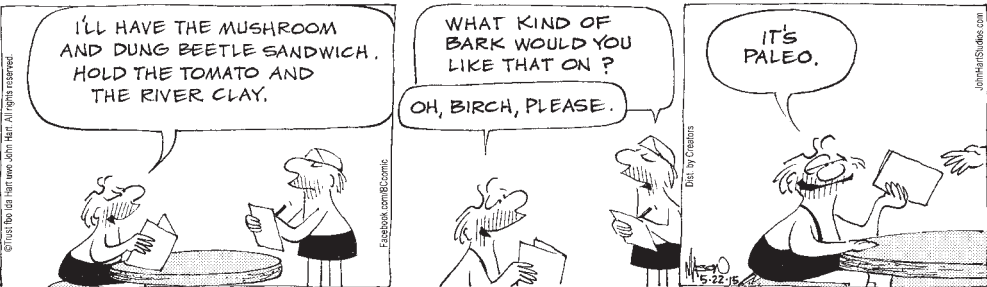
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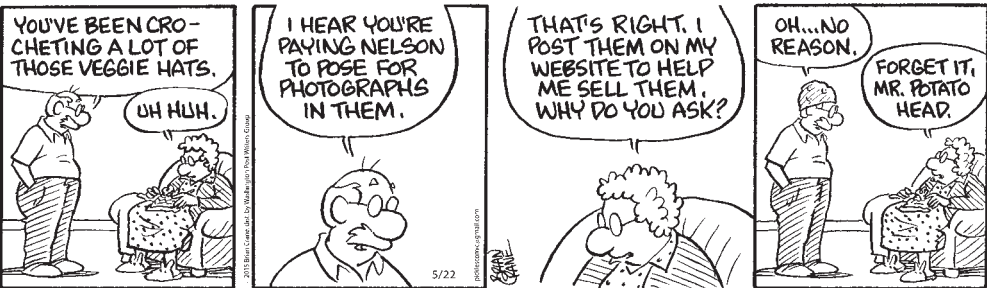
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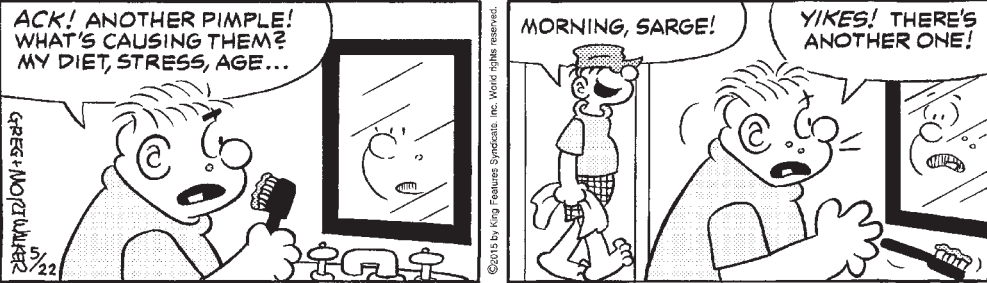
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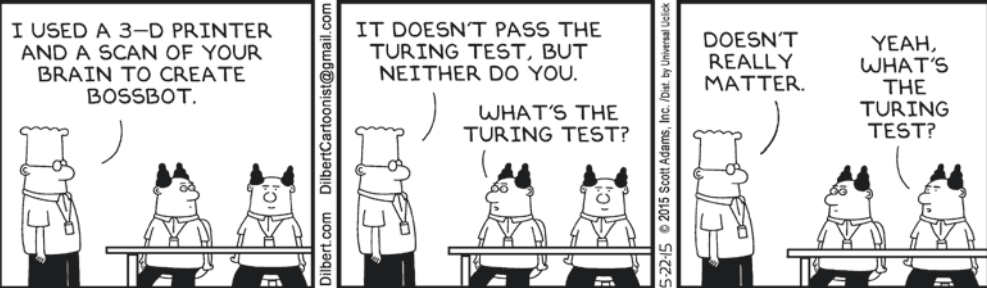
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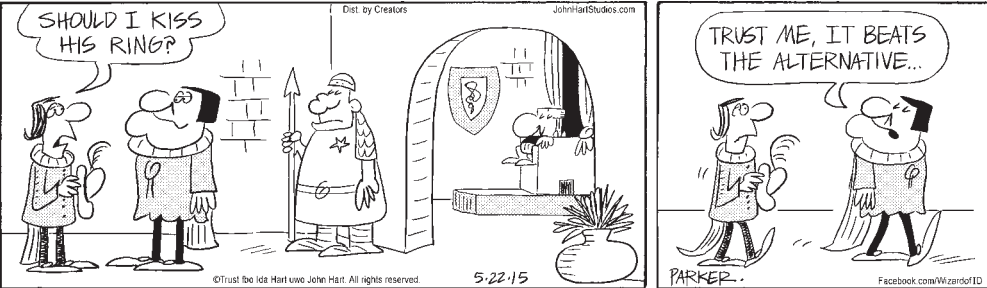
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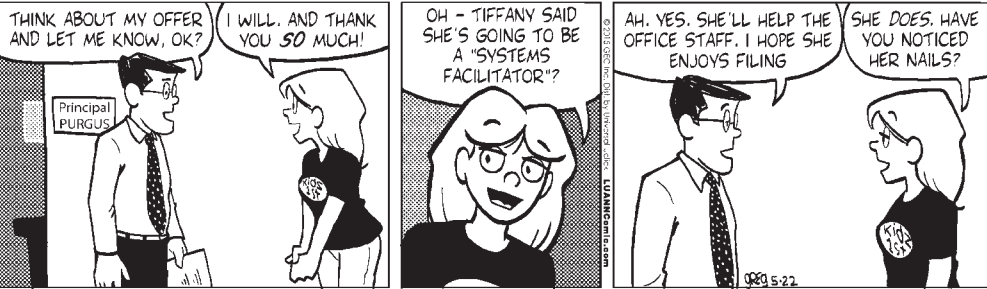
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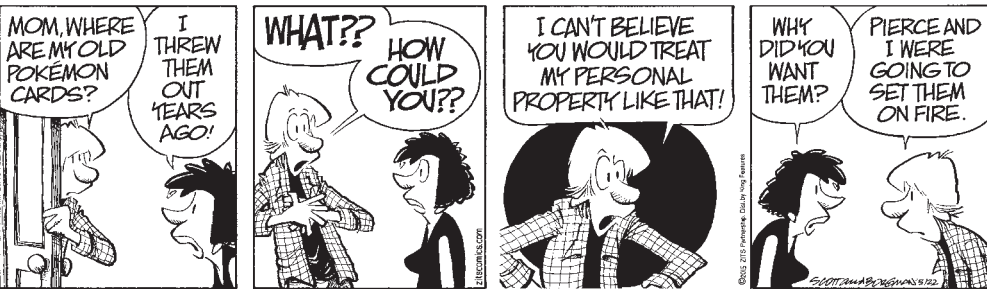
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Mother's alcoholism poses serious threat to her baby

Dear Abby: I just realized I'm six weeks pregnant. I have always wanted to start a family and raise children with my fiancé, but I have a big problem. I am an alcoholic and have been struggling with this issue for a few years. I don't know the effect this could have on my baby, but I know it isn't good. My fiancé also drinks a lot, and our home situation isn't the greatest for a child because of it.

What can I do that would be helpful in my circumstances? I don't want to put my baby's life at risk. I tried AA in the past, but was unsuccessful. I'm afraid I'm destroying my family before it is started.

— **Trainwreck In Virginia**

Dear Trainwreck: You are right to be concerned. If you plan to have this baby, it's important that you find a gynecologist and quit drinking IMMEDIATELY! If you can't find the strength to do it for yourself, then do it for the sake of your little one.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

"There is no safe time to drink alcohol during pregnancy. Alcohol can cause problems for the developing baby throughout pregnancy, including before a woman knows she is pregnant. Drinking alcohol in the first three months of pregnancy can cause the baby to have abnormal facial features. Growth and central nervous system problems (e.g., low birth weight, behavioral problems) can occur from drinking alcohol anytime during pregnancy. The baby's brain is developing throughout pregnancy and can be affected by exposure to alcohol at any time.

"If a woman is drinking alcohol during pregnancy, it is never too late to stop. The sooner a woman stops drinking, the better it



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Advice

will be for both her baby and herself."

Dear Abby: I have been with my girlfriend, "Kendra," for four years. We're ready to take our relationship to the next level, but I'm starting to have second thoughts because of her mother. To put it simply, she's not a nice woman, and she doesn't have any friends. Her husband died a few years ago, which makes her very much alone. Her only social life is Kendra.

Abby, she thinks of me as a threat to their relationship, and she's trying everything in her power to break us up. She says negative things about me to Kendra and she's rude to me at all times. She says she will not give us her blessing if we decide to marry.

Because we live only 10 minutes from her and have no possibility of moving farther away, is it possible to have a healthy marriage with such a "cancer" in our lives? Or would our marriage be doomed from the start? Do I stay or do I go? — **Unsure In Pennsylvania**

Dear Unsure: Unfortunately, no one can make this decision for you. Much depends upon whether Kendra can recognize how unhealthy her relationship with her mother is and distance herself emotionally. While love can conquer almost everything, unless she can do that, and not allow herself to feel guilty for being happy, marriage to Kendra could be like competing in a marathon with one foot encased in a barrel of cement. I'm not saying don't do it, but pointing out that if you do, it will be a challenge.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 22, 1915

Walter Steele claimed that he was a buckaroo from Pendleton on his way to the brander when Officer Jones of Baker took him into custody last night, but Judge Cuning gave him 30 days on a vagrancy charge in police court this morning, and he was sent to join the gravel pit gang. On his way to the jail last night he managed to throw away a ring which he had been trying to sell earlier in the evening. Officer Caviness found the trinket this morning, a gold band set with a ruby encircled with diamonds. It has not been ascertained where Steel obtained it, nor why he was so anxious to have it out of his possession.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 22, 1965

Old and new, large and small are words to describe a collection of over 270 oriental figurines belonging to Mrs. C.E. Wood of Pendleton. The collection was begun over 22 years ago when the Woods were picking up pieces to furnish their house. Today there are

pieces from as far north as Alaska; south to Mexico and east to St. Paul, Minn. Friends and members of the family have all gotten into the act, sending figurines from all over the world. Mrs. Wood notes that it is difficult to find representatives of the oriental culture in Canada. She and her husband plan a trip north again this summer and hope to come home this time with some pieces for the collection.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 22, 1990

After 11 months in the county jail, Jackie Leeper is free. Leeper, whose murder conviction for shooting her husband was overturned in April, pleaded guilty this morning to a lesser charge of criminally negligent homicide. Circuit Court Judge Jack Olsen ordered Leeper to serve five years probation and to undergo counseling. She also will be required to offer 320 hours of community service work, particularly counseling or talking to others on the effects of family violence. "There was no question in my mind you were a victim of physical, sexual and emotional trauma," Olsen said during sentencing.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 142nd day of 2015. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 22, 1915, the Lassen Peak volcano in Northern California exploded, devastating nearby areas but causing no deaths.

On this date:

In 1860, the United States and Japan exchanged ratifications of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce during a ceremony in Washington.

In 1913, the American Cancer Society was founded in New York under its original name, the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appeared before Congress to explain his decision to veto a bill that would have allowed World War I veterans to cash in bonus certificates before their 1945 due date.

In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy,

Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

In 1947, the Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

In 1960, an earthquake of magnitude 9.5, the strongest ever measured, struck southern Chile, claiming some 1,655 lives.

In 1969, the lunar module of Apollo 10, with Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene Cernan aboard, flew to within nine miles of the moon's surface in a dress rehearsal for the first lunar landing.

In 1981 "Yorkshire Ripper" Peter Sutcliffe was convicted in London of murdering 13 women and was sentenced to life in prison.

In 1992, after nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time.

Today's Birthdays:

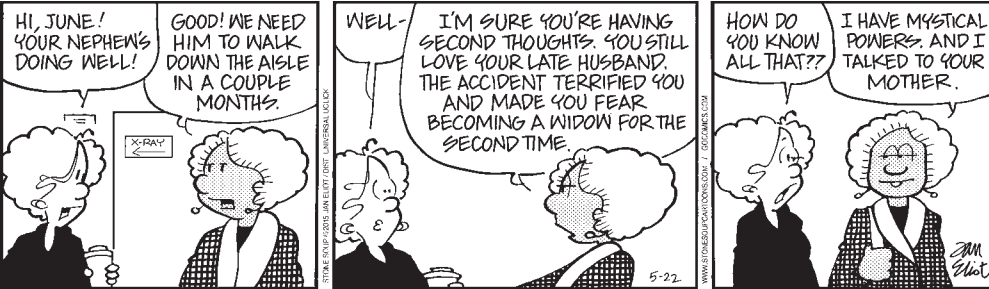
Singer Charles Aznavour is 91. Actor Michael Constantine is 88. Conductor Peter Nero is 81. Actor-director Richard Benjamin is 77. Actor Frank Converse is 77. Former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw is 75. Actress Barbara Parkins is 73. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Tommy John is 72. Songwriter Bernie Taupin is 65. Actor-producer Al Corley is 60. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, is 58. Singer Morrissey is 56. Actress Ann Cusack is 54. Country musician Dana Williams (Diamond Rio) is 54. Model Naomi Campbell is 45. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno is 33.

Thought for Today:

"We have all, at one time or another, been performers, and many of us still are — politicians, playboys, cardinals and kings." — *Laurence Olivier, British actor (born this date in 1907, died in 1989).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

