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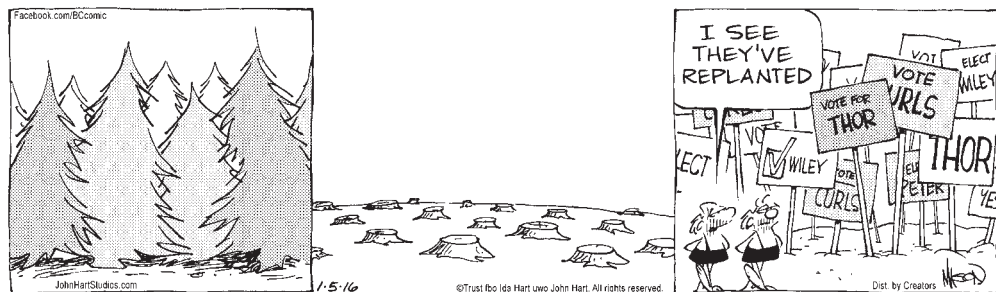
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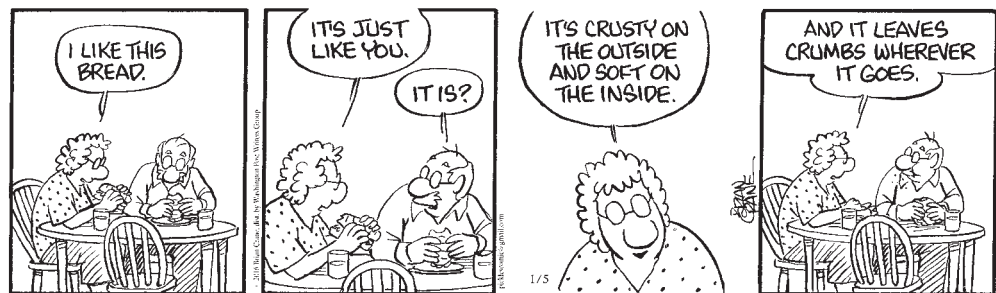
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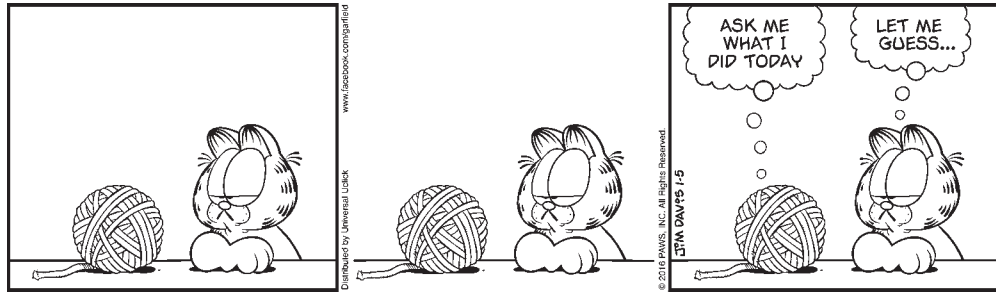
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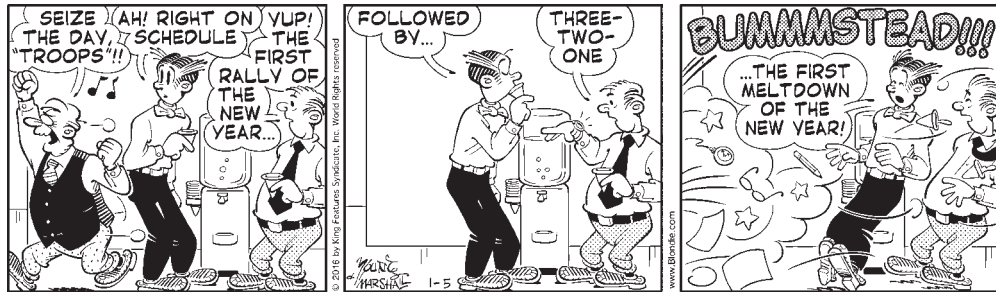
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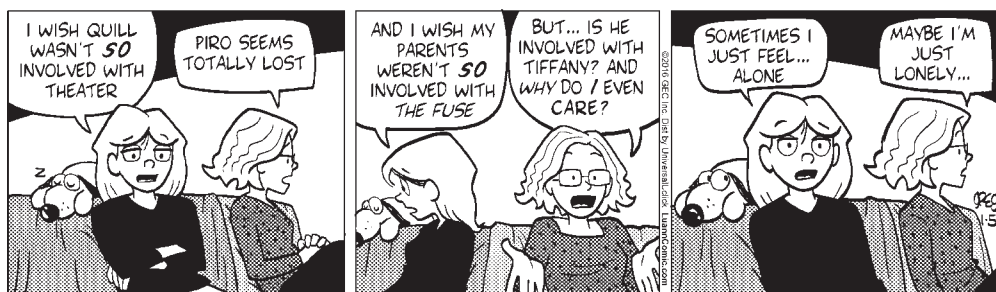
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DEAR ABBY

Grandma-to-be can't muster enthusiasm she wants to feel



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My daughter-in-law, "Eden," is married to my daughter. Eden is now pregnant via artificial insemination. I will never meet the donor and know almost nothing about him. Could this be why I don't have the enthusiasm for this pregnancy that I should have, since the baby will be my first grandchild?

have welcomed my daughter into their home, and ditto for us and their children. Are we fools to walk away from such contentment and love? — Heavy Decision In Pennsylvania

Dear Heavy Decision: If you and your friends are close for reasons other than geography and convenience, your relationship with them should be a lasting one. However, your daughter's education should come first, and if they are true friends, they will understand why you are making the move.

I feel guilty that I'm not excited. I'm wondering if it's because there is no blood connection, but neither would there be if the baby were adopted. Eden is due in a month. We live close by, and I need to generate some enthusiasm. Any suggestions? — Grandma-In-Waiting

Dear Abby: As someone on a second marriage, may I point something out to your readers? An engagement is not marriage. People need to take a hard look at the person they are choosing to spend the rest of their lives with, and understand that they cannot change another person. Red flags should be addressed DURING THE ENGAGEMENT. That little annoyance will grow and has the potential to blossom into a huge issue.

Dear Grandma: Yes. Start by doing all the things you would if you WERE excited about this grandchild. Be as participatory as your daughter and daughter-in-law will allow. If you do, while I can't guarantee that you will feel a bond with the baby, your chances of forming one will be greater. And please stop feeling guilty. Relationships take time to build, and this is no exception.

Counseling can be wonderfully useful, but bear in mind it can take several tries to find a counselor who clicks with you. Take it from me, divorce is horrible and can cause damage that can never really be undone. — Experienced In Tennessee

Dear Abby: My husband and I are facing a big decision: whether to move to a better school district for our daughter. The one we're in doesn't rate high, and yes, we can afford to move to a more elite area. So what is holding us back? Our wonderful neighbors!

Dear Experienced: You're right; problems don't solve themselves, and people in love don't always think rationally. However, I hope they will pay attention to your excellent advice because I couldn't have said it better myself.

They are our best friends. Our husbands are close, and it's the same with our kids — even the dogs. We vacation together and take turns carpooling to school in the mornings. They

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4-5, 1916

Pendleton experienced her coldest night in four years last night when the mercury sank to one degree below zero. The official records show no such minimum since the night of January 7, 1912, when 10 below was registered. The temperature was lower during the fore part of the night last night. At 10:30 the mercury was only half a degree above zero and the coldest part of the night was about midnight. During the morning hours the skies clouded over and the temperature rose. Many water pipes were frozen last night and the plumbers are having a busy time of it today.

were later estimated to be between 60 and 70 miles an hour. As state police and wrecking crews were trying to clear the scene, two more mobile home transports came along and stopped to lend assistance. Winds smacked into the parked rigs and turned them over into the barrow pit. Both drivers were out of the rigs at the time and no one was hurt.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4-5, 1966

Umatilla County's first traffic fatality of 1966 was a freakish affair that cost the life of a Boise, Idaho, man and left Highway 30 east of Pendleton strewn with 55-foot house trailers. Benton A. Kidder, 30, was crushed to death when a terrific gust of wind toppled the truck and 55-foot mobile home he was pulling as he drove down the highway. The mishap occurred near the weighing station about six miles east of here at 3:50 p.m. The gusts

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4-5, 1991

Freezing rain and drizzle Thursday turned Interstate 84 into an ice rink for skating cars and trucks, resulting in more than a dozen accidents west of town. Only one serious injury was reported Thursday by state police, who assisted travelers, handed out accident reports and called for tow trucks. The initial accident involved three Spanish-speaking seminary students on their way from Hermiston to Blue Mountain Community College, where they are studying English. Alberto Restripo, 34, and Leonardo Diaz, 28, both of Midallin, Columbia, and Enrique Martinez, 30, of Chihuahua, Mexico, were taken by ambulance to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. Restripo and Martinez were treated and released, but Diaz underwent surgery for lacerations to his spleen, broken ribs and injuries to an ankle.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the fifth day of 2016. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1066, Edward the Confessor, King of England since 1042, died after a reign of nearly 24 years.

On this date:

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1905, the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals was incorporated in New York State.

In 1914, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers \$5 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to \$2.34 for a 9-hour day. (Employees still worked six days a week; the 5-day work week was instituted in 1926.)

In 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming

took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Massachusetts, at age 60. Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.)

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1953, the Samuel Beckett play "Waiting for Godot" premiered in Paris.

In 1964, during a visit to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI met with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople in Jerusalem.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, the killings.)

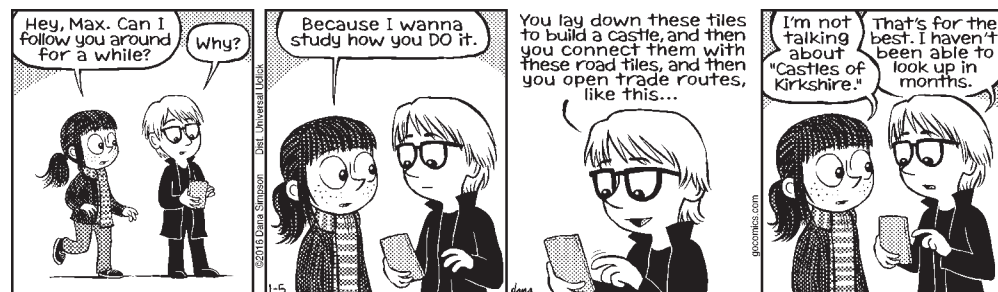
Today's Birthdays:

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 88. Actor Robert Duvall is 85. Juan Carlos, former King of Spain, is 78. Singer-musician Athol Guy (The Seekers) is 76. Talk show host Charlie Rose is 74. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 70. Actor Ted Lange is 68. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 67. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 66. Former CIA Director George Tenet is 63. Actress Pamela Sue Martin is 63. Actor Clancy Brown is 57. Singer Iris Dement is 55. Actress Suzy Amis is 54. Actor Vinnie Jones is 51. Rock musician Troy Van Leeuwen (Queens of the Stone Age) is 48. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 47. Actor Derek Cecil (TV: "House of Cards"; "Treme") is 43. Actor Bradley Cooper is 41. Actress January Jones is 38.

Thought for Today: "It is easy to be tolerant of the principles of other people if you have none of your own." — Herbert Samuel, English political leader (1870-1963).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

