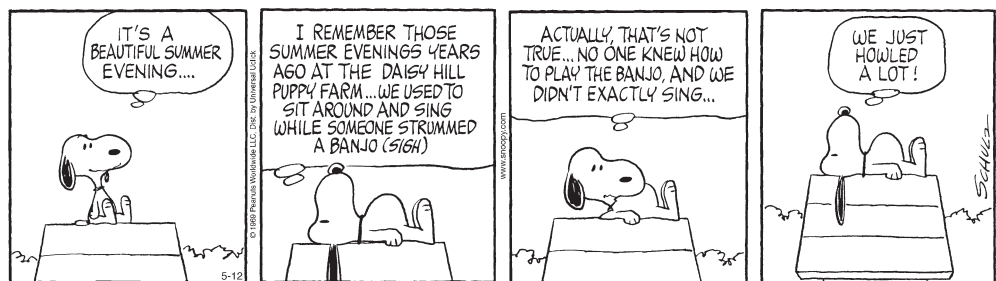


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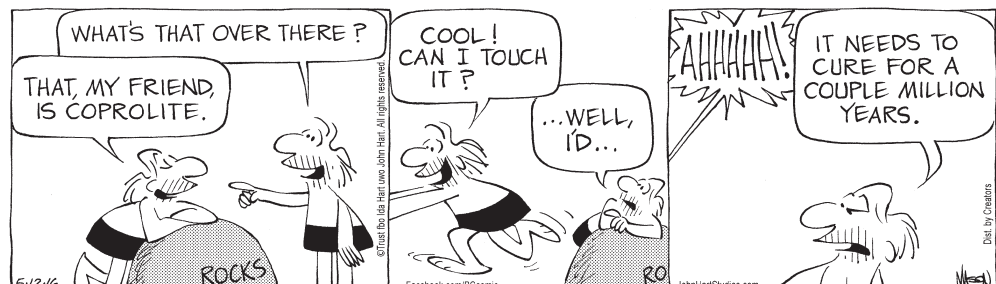
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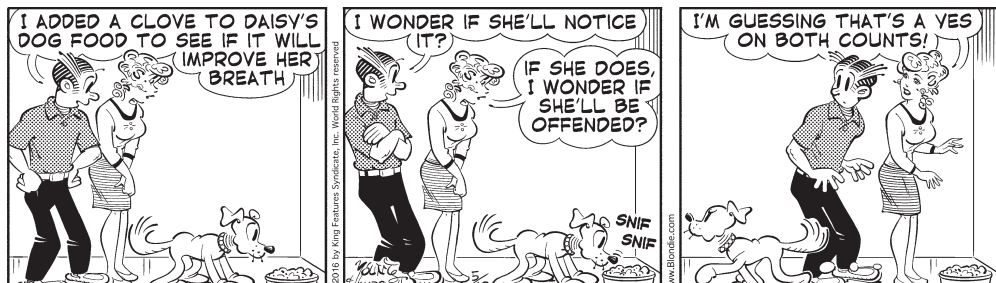
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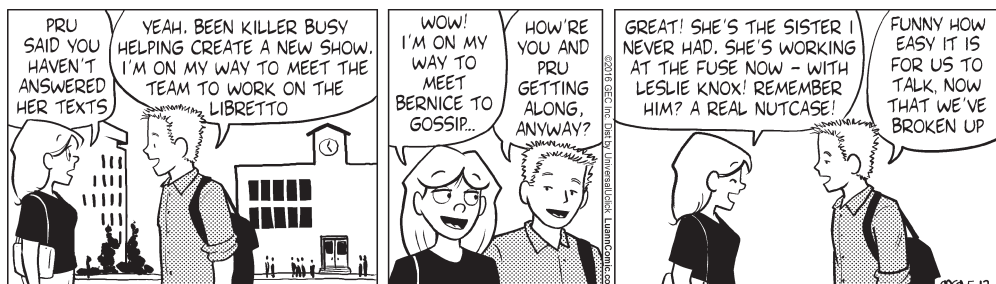
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DEAR ABBY

Opening the door in a closed adoption invites hard decisions

Dear Abby: We have a child who was adopted through a closed adoption. We met the birth parents briefly at the hospital, but they wanted no further contact.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

have a large extended family, and our daughter sees her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins all the time.

Dear Uncertain: I agree with your husband, for all of the reasons you mentioned. Your daughter's birth parents made their wishes clear from the outset.

Because your daughter's birth parents are addicts, it is very important for her to understand that she may have a genetic tendency toward addiction herself.

Dear Abby: I've never seen this question in your column. A female co-worker of mine wears a wig, and it's getting pretty scruffy.

Working Woman: There is no way to diplomatically tell a person wearing a hairpiece that she (or he) is fooling no one or that it's looking ratty.

A few years later we were contacted via the adoption agency by the paternal birth grandparents. They requested some photos because the birth father was getting out of jail and they thought the photos would help keep him out of trouble.

The next year, the birth grandparents sent a letter saying they would like more contact, including visits. They provided us with their names and contact info.

Our daughter is 6 and has expressed interest in her birth family. My husband wants no contact with the birth grandparents since neither of the birth parents consented to contact and it was a closed adoption.

I am worried our daughter will be upset when she grows up that we never established a relationship with her birth family, but I really don't want to be involved with a family with such complex drug and legal issues.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1916

So successful was the dancing party given last evening in the Eagle-Woodman hall for the benefit of Pendleton's campaign for the election of a Rose Festival queen that the committee of young men and women who sponsored it have decided to give another party next Thursday evening.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1966

A 13-year-old pianist, Margie Selover, of Pendleton, was given a top rating and selected as the winner of District 10 piano auditions held here recently by the Oregon Music Teachers' Association.

Gov. Barbara Roberts and other state and local leaders lauded the public-private partnership that created the Pendleton Convention Center at the building's grand opening celebration Friday.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1991

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 133rd day of 2016. There are 233 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 12, 1949, the Soviet Union lifted the Berlin Blockade, which the Western powers had succeeded in circumventing with their Berlin Airlift.

On this date: In 1780, during the Revolutionary War, the besieged city of Charleston, South Carolina, surrendered to British forces.

In 1870, an act creating the Canadian province of Manitoba was given royal assent, to take effect in July.

In 1922, a 20-ton meteor crashed near Blackstone, Virginia.

In 1932, the body of Charles Lindbergh Jr., the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was found in a wooded area near Hopewell, New Jersey.

In 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey; his wife, Elizabeth, was crowned as queen consort.

In 1955, Manhattan's last elevated rail line, the Third Avenue El, ceased operation.

In 1965, West Germany and Israel exchanged letters establishing diplomatic relations.

The Rolling Stones recorded the final version of "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" at RCA Studios in Hollywood.

In 1975, the White House announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the Mayaguez, in international waters.

In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who attacked Pope John Paul II.

In 1986, the military action-drama film "Top Gun," starring Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis and released by Paramount Pictures, had its world premiere in New York.

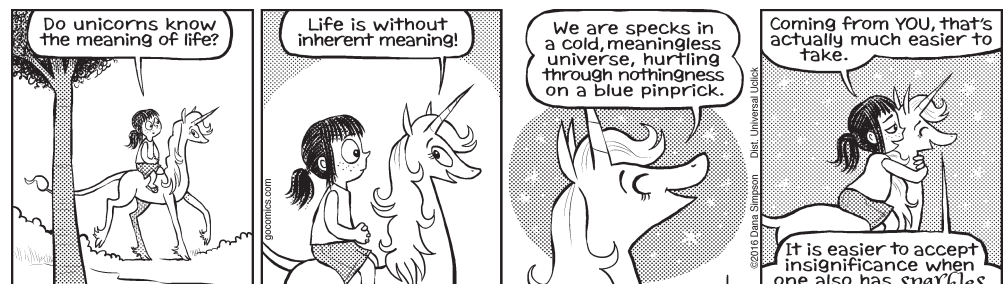
Today's Birthdays:

- Critic John Simon is 91. Composer Burt Bacharach is 88. Actress Millie Perkins is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jayotis Washington is 75. Country singer Billy Swan is 74. Actress Linda Dano is 73. Actress Lindsay Crouse is 68. Singer-musician Steve Winwood is 68. Actor Gabriel Byrne is 66. Actor Bruce Boxleitner is 66. Singer Billy Squier is 66. Blues singer-musician Guy Davis is 64. Country singer Kix Brooks is 61. Actress Kim Greist is 58. Rock musician Eric Singer (KISS) is 58. Rock musician Billy Duffy is 55. Actor Emilio Estevez is 54. Actress Vanessa A. Williams is 53. Actor Stephen Baldwin is 50. Actress Rhea Seehorn is 44. Actor Mackenzie Astin is 43. Country musician Matt Mangano (The Zac Brown Band) is 40.

Thought for Today: "Mistrust the man who finds everything good; the man who finds everything evil; and still more the man who is indifferent to everything." — Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss theologian (1741-1801).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

