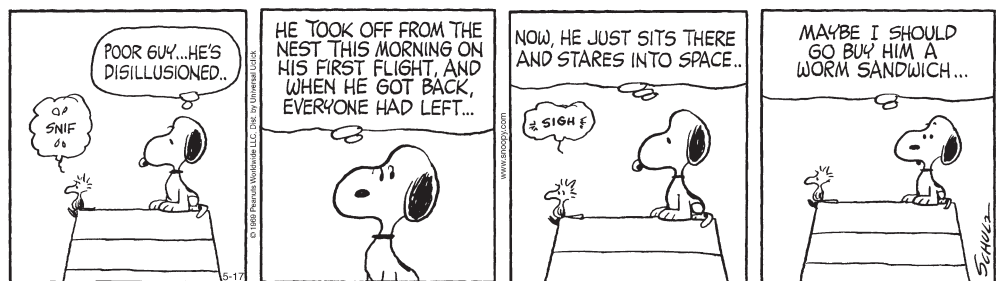


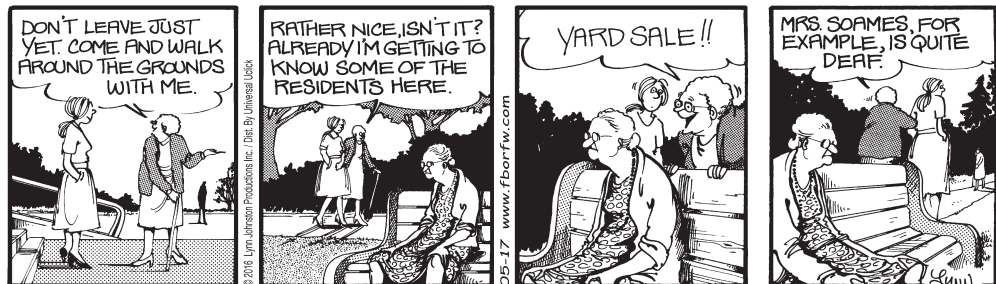
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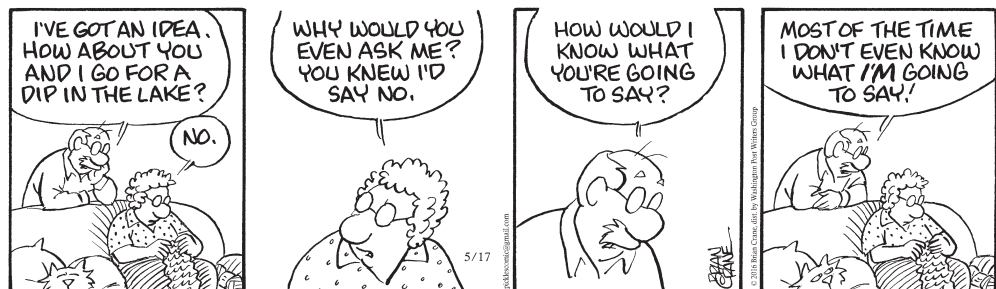
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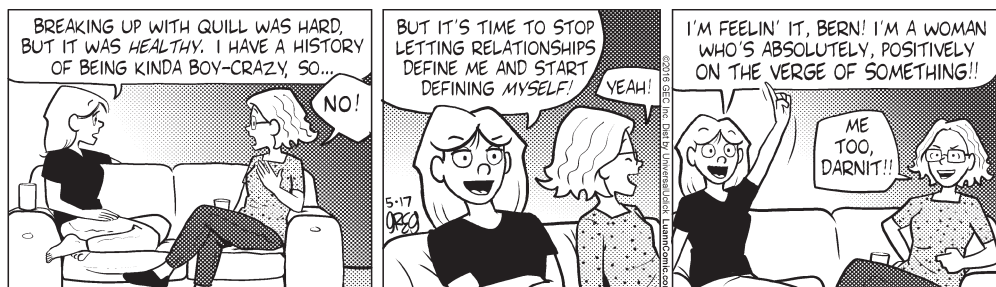
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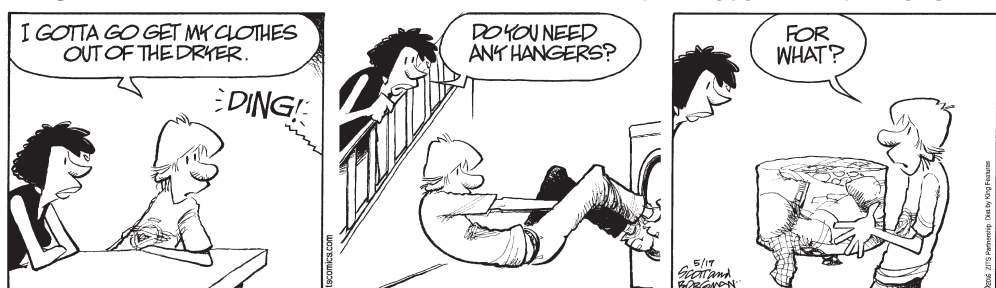
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DEAR ABBY

Wife eager to get pregnant must face stalling husband



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been together for eight years, but married only a few months. It took him a long time to finally marry me, and it ended up that I was the one to propose.

I am 30 and he's 39. I know he loves me. I have always expressed that I want children and he did, too. I have been off birth control and keeping track of my cycle, but now he doesn't want to make love. When I try to get him in the mood, he always finds an excuse. I told him he has had plenty of time to let me know if he doesn't want children.

I love him more than anything, but I do not want to miss out on being a parent. This is a deal-breaker. I am getting older and I don't know what to do. — **Future Mommy In Wisconsin**

Dear Future Mommy: Settle this now by asking your husband directly why he is either unwilling or unable to perform in the bedroom. You are entitled to an explanation, because he may be having second thoughts not only about starting a family, but also the marriage. If he has changed his mind about having children, talk to a lawyer because you may be able to get an annulment.

Dear Abby: I have a friend who is in the Navy. We have been friends for a year and a half, but have never met in person. He's 19 and I'm 17. We Skype at least once a week.

He has fallen for me and doesn't know what to do because he's in an arranged marriage he doesn't want to be in. He doesn't know the girl, doesn't know what she looks like or even know her name. All he knows is she lives in Russia.

I have fallen for him, too. He is only going

through with the marriage because his grandparents did it. I thought I would ask for some advice on what I should do. — **Miss Confused**

Dear Miss Confused: Are you sure this person is who he has represented himself to be? "Because his grandparents did it" is not a good reason to go through with a marriage to a stranger. If his story is true, it appears this young man's family has his future mapped out for him, and he isn't independent enough to resist.

If you continue this Skype romance, I see nothing but sadness ahead for you. You would be happier if you found someone closer to home, someone whom you can meet in person.

Dear Abby: I don't know what's wrong with me. I say yes to everything! I say yes to people I don't even want to. I agree to plans that override those I have already made. Then I have to lie my way out of events and other stuff I don't want to do, or never had any intention of ever doing. I need help. It's ruining my life. Please, please help. — **Can't Say No**

Dear Can't Say No: What's wrong is that you are trying to be a people-pleaser. The problem with making promises you can't keep is that eventually you will become labeled as a flake when you don't follow through.

If you're afraid you won't be liked if you take the risk of just saying no, you are mistaken. People will respect you for standing up for yourself and drawing the line, as long as it's done politely. An example would be, "I'd love to, but I already have plans."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 16-17, 1916

Though the Pendleton team of the Blue Mountain League advanced to first place in the percentage column by the victory Sunday over Pilot Rock it was disbanded yesterday by Manager McGarrigle and there will be no more team from this city in the league unless some one takes the initiative in providing proper financial support. Manager McGarrigle has been running the team on a "shoestring" all season due to the fact that no organized effort was made to finance the club. It is estimated that about \$200 will be needed to finish the schedule and this amount would be comparatively easy to raise if any effort were made at all. The team that played Sunday is the best amateur team Pendleton has ever had and would make a strong bid for the pennant.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 16-17, 1966

The inaugural ball never got started. But the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce convention here went into the books as the biggest ever. The hotly contested election for state president blocked the inaugural ball. The band, after waiting for two hours, went home

without ever unpacking their instruments. The election finally ended in the wee hours of Sunday morning five hours after the first ballot was taken. Campaign positions and scraps of paper littered the floor of the Armory. Harris Hansen, Tigard, is the new state president, succeeding Mel Campbell of Eugene.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 16-17, 1991

A train derailment that spilled thousands of gallons of phosphoric acid about 14 miles northwest of Pendleton last month has been blamed on human error, a spokesman for Union Pacific Railroad reported. About 13,000 gallons of the acid spilled when 18 cars left the tracks on April 12 near the Homly siding. John Bromley, a spokesman at UP's Omaha, Neb., office, said an investigation revealed the train's loaded and unloaded cars were improperly distributed in the train. It also showed that the engineer used the brakes excessively, he added. The 86-car train included 36 loaded cars, 50 empty cars and the locomotives. Bromley said the derailment was partly caused by having heavily loaded cars lined up behind empty cars. When the engineer applied the brakes, the heavier cars pushed the empty cars off the track.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 138th day of 2016. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 17, 1954, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional.

On this date: In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange had its origins as a group of brokers met under a tree on Wall Street.

In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was run; the winner was Aristides, ridden by Oliver Lewis.

In 1912, the Socialist Party of America nominated Eugene V. Debs for president at its convention in Indianapolis.

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro offered to release prisoners captured in the Bay of Pigs invasion in exchange for 500 bulldozers. (The prisoners were eventually freed in exchange for medical supplies.)

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed a measure requiring neighborhood notification when sex offenders move in. ("Megan's Law," as it's known, was named for Megan Kanka, a seven-year-old New Jersey girl who was raped and murdered in 1994.)

In 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to allow legal same-sex marriages.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Gerety is 76. Singer Taj Mahal is 74. Rock musician Bill Bruford is 67. Singer-musician George Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 63. TV personality Kathleen Sullivan is 63. Actor Bill Paxton is 61. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 60. Actor-comedian Bob Saget is 60. Sports announcer Jim Nantz is 57. Singer Enya is 55. Talk show host-actor Craig Ferguson is 54. Rock singer-musician Page McConnell is 53. Actor David Eigenberg is 52. Singer-musician Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) is 51. Actress Paige Turco is 51. Actor Singer Jordan Knight is 46.

Thought for Today: "If an article is attractive, or useful, or inexpensive, they'll stop making it tomorrow; if it's all three, they stopped making it yesterday." — Mignon McLaughlin, American journalist (1913-1983).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

