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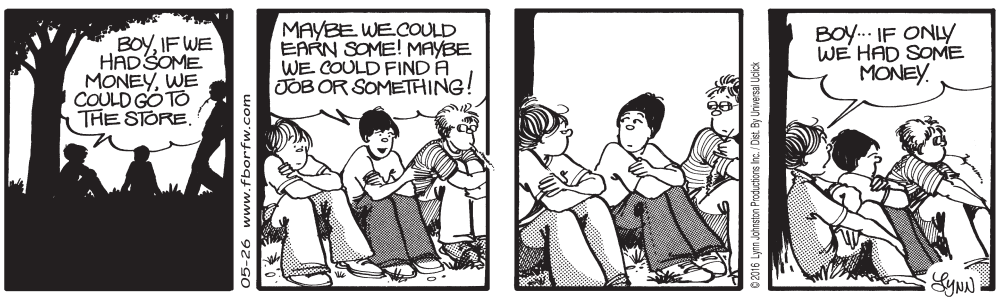

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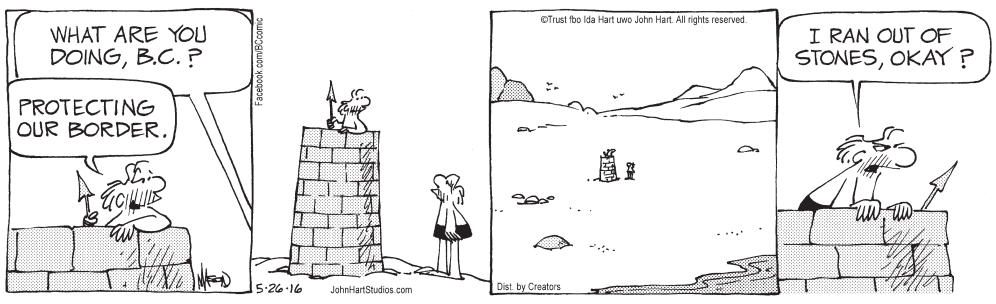

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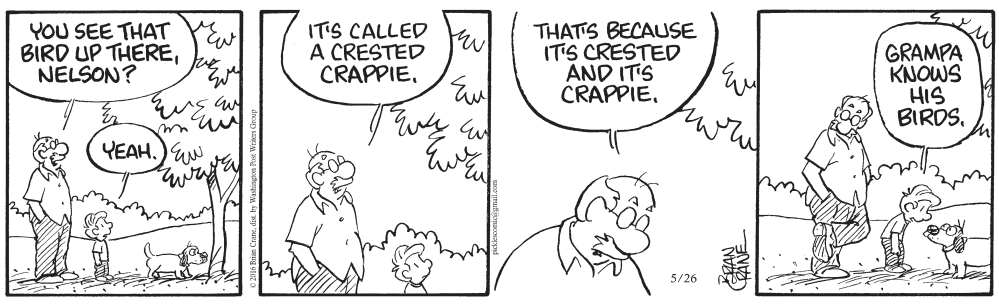

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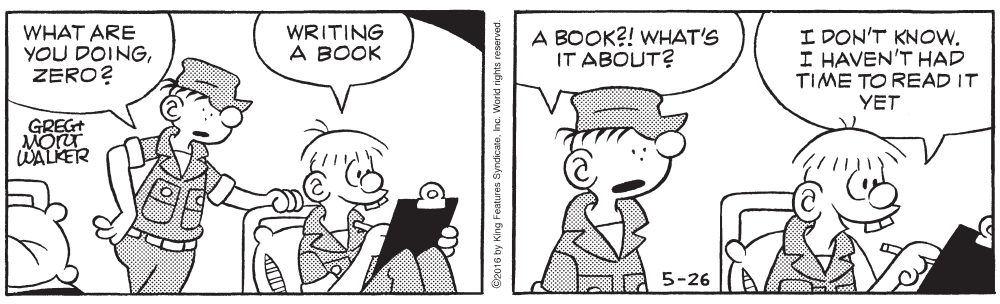

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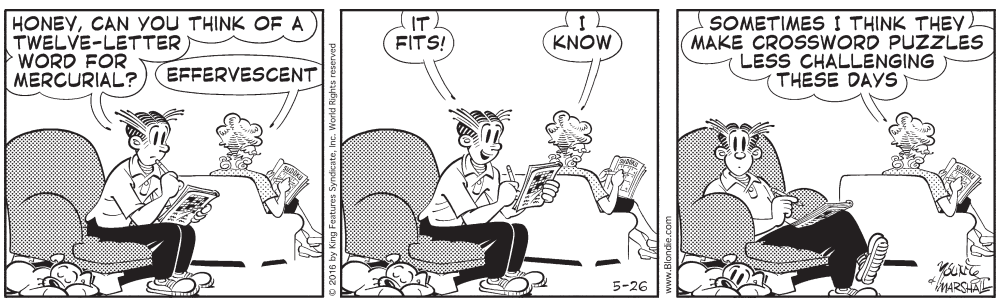

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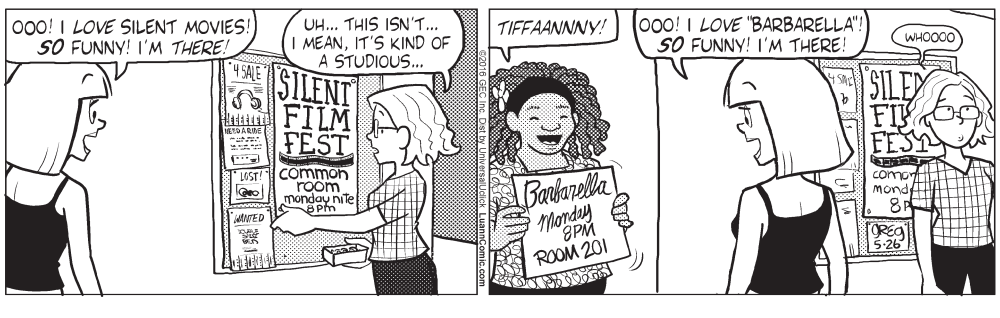

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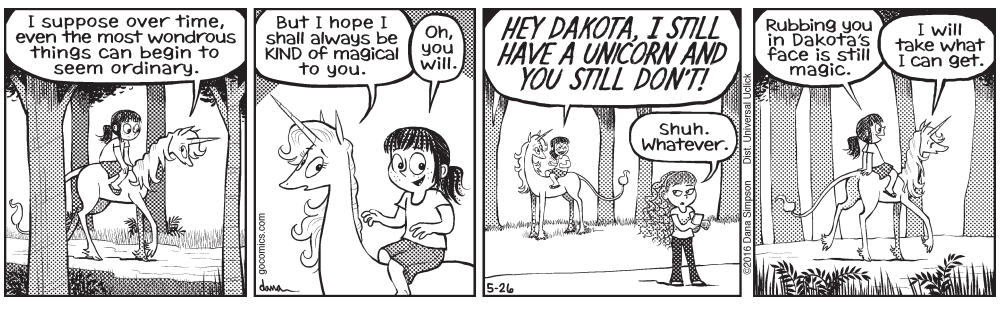

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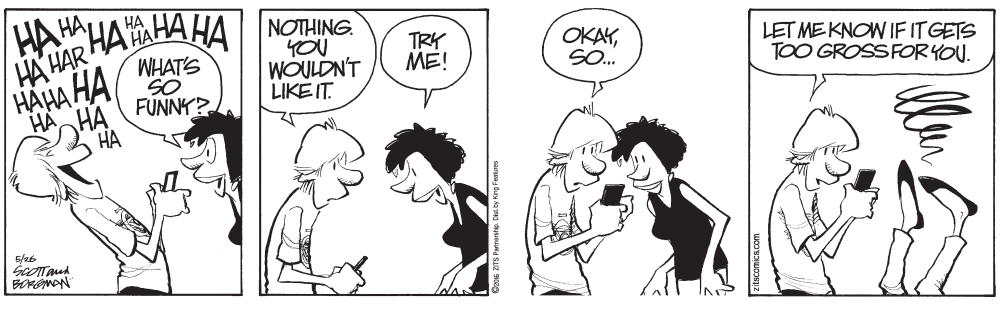

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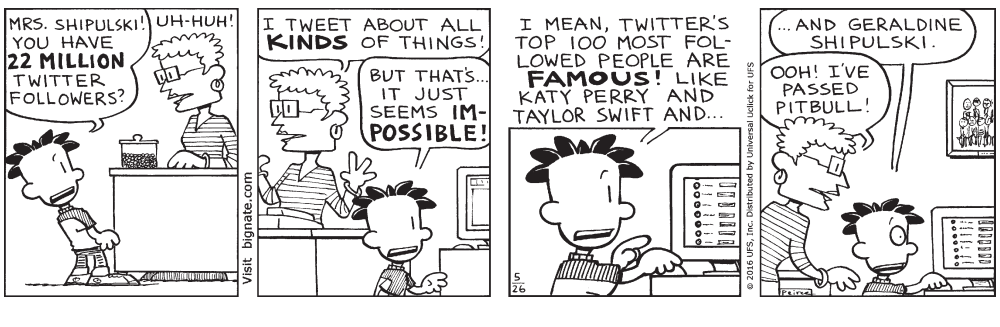

DEAR ABBY

Mom objects when kids are made to pay for roughhousing

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: We visit my in-laws two or three times a year. During our most recent visit, my kids (ages 12 and 14) were roughhousing with their cousins and accidentally slammed a door, which resulted in a broken frame. Their grandpa had asked them to stop, which they apparently didn't do.

Now, three months later, my in-laws are visiting us, and my mother-in-law is having the kids pay for the frame. When I spoke up and let her know I thought this was inappropriate, she became very upset and said, "Kids these days don't have any consequences," and this is what she and the kids had agreed should happen. I emphasized in front of the kids how important it is to listen, to be accountable for your actions and to see what they could've done to make it up to her.

I'm just not comfortable with her still holding onto this and expecting them to pay for the frame. It seems to me that a conversation about respect and listening is plenty appropriate but, after that, shouldn't my mother-in-law have gracefully let it go? These kids, by the way, get excellent school reports, play instruments and sports, and are considered by most people to be great kids.

Was I wrong to express my opinion that having the kids pay her is inappropriate? If it wasn't, then maybe we shouldn't visit at her home, since it's filled with breakable valuables. I am very frustrated by my controlling mother-in-law. — **Upset In Morro Bay**

Dear Upset: Your "great kids" ignored their grandfather when he asked them to quit roughhousing, and the result was significant property damage. If they had agreed with their grandmother that there would be restitution — I assume the same was true of their cousins — you were wrong to interfere. That you would do this in the presence of your kids was a mistake.

I agree with your mother-in-law that one of the problems in our society today is the lack of accountability or consequences when people do something wrong. I applaud her for sticking to her guns, and you owe her an apology.

Dear Abby: I am going to my girlfriend's mother's 60th birthday party. I just found out that her younger sister is pregnant — unbeknownst to her parents — and she plans to surprise them the next day on their mom's actual birthdate. The little sister has asked that we not drink at the dinner because she doesn't want to feel left out. This caused an argument between me and my girlfriend because I think her request is silly and kind of selfish.

Is there a rule of etiquette about this? Isn't it weird that someone would ask that you not drink a couple of beers or a glass of wine at a birthday dinner? If I'm on a diet, I don't ask people to eat only salad or to order less around me. I think she should make a "headache/not feeling well" excuse rather than try to limit/control the fun of others. — **Social Drinker**

Dear Social Drinker: No rule of etiquette covers this. I agree that you shouldn't have to abstain at the celebration if you prefer to indulge. However, the decision should be voluntary and not imposed upon you. Your girlfriend may prefer not to have alcohol that night to support her sister, but that doesn't mean you must.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 26, 1916

James Ralph, secretary-manager of the Hermiston Light & Power Co., was shot and instantly killed last night about 10 o'clock by Joe Roth, president of the company, who immediately afterwards committed suicide. The double tragedy has shocked the Hermiston community. Business jealousy is ascribed as the cause of the terrible deed. That it was premeditated is indicated by the fact that within the past two weeks Roth had signed over all of his property to his wife. Ralph was shot just at the door of his garage. He had been out driving in his new car and Roth had concealed himself in the garage to await his return. The two men came here about four years ago to take charge of the light plant from Dayton, Wash., where they had lived for years and where they had been associated with each other almost from childhood.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 26, 1966

The Oregon State Game Commission has surveyed two dam sites for construction in south Morrow County. Orville Cutsforth, chairman of the Morrow County Park Commission, said the surveys were made last week and that specifications of necessary dams would be returned next week. The two locations thought best for the recreation dams were two miles below the headwaters of Ditch Creek and at Parker's Mill on Rock Creek. Both are "natural" locations for dam construction and would inundate approximately 30 to 40 acres, Cutsforth said. The lakes created would be for recreational use and would be similar to Bull Prairie Lake.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 26, 1991

A large retail distributor is reportedly looking at Hermiston as a new site for a business, but the potential store is still a mystery to city officials. A Tigard development firm, Zimel and Associates, has been working for nearly two years to site a retailer on a plot of land near McDonald's at Highway 395 and Cornell Place. A potential retailer has been found for the site. Mark Zimel of Zimel and Associates told city planners last year the site was considered for a shopping center, but he has said recently there will be only one store at the site. There is speculation among area business leaders that the tenant will be Wal-Mart, Bi-Mart, or K-Mart.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 147th day of 2016. There are 219 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 26, 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings.

On this date:

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges.

In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized by a group of actors at the Pabst Grand Circle Hotel in New York.

In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

In 1940, Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of some 338,000 Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

In 1941, the American Flag House, where Betsy Ross once lived, was donated to the city of Philadelphia.

In 1954, explosions rocked the aircraft carrier USS Bennington off Rhode Island, killing 103 sailors. (The initial blast was blamed on leaking catapult fluid ignited by the flames of a jet.)

In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets during a meeting of the Security Council of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

In 1971, Don McLean recorded his song "American Pie" at The Record Plant in New York City (it was released the following November by United Artists Records).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alec McCowen is 91. Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 77. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 71. Singer Stevie Nicks is 68. Actress Pam Grier is 67. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 67. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 67. British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn is 67. Actress Margaret Colin is 59. Country singer-songwriter Dave Robbins is 57. Actor Doug Hutchison is 56. Actress Genie Francis is 54. Comedian Bobcat Goldthwait is 54. Singer-actor Lenny Kravitz is 52. Actress Helena Bonham Carter is 50. Distance runner Zola Budd is 50. Rock musician Phillip Rhodes is 48. Singer Joey Kibble (Take 6) is 45. Actor-producer-writer Matt Stone is 45.

Thought for Today: "I am never afraid of what I know." — *Anna Sewell, English author (1820-1878).*