

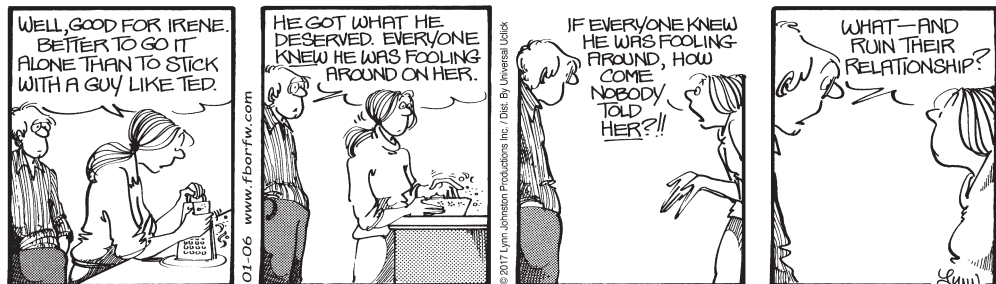
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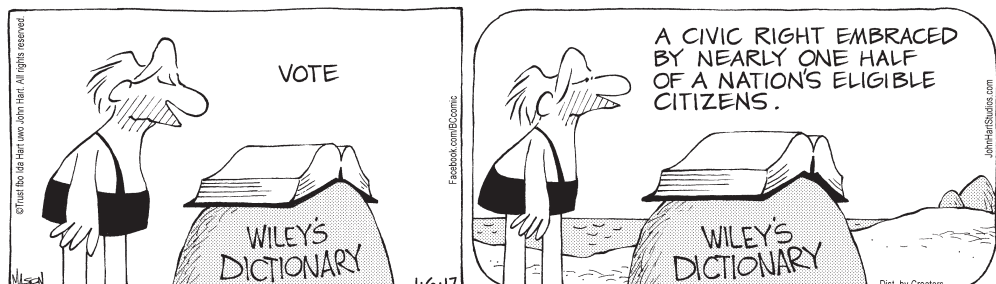
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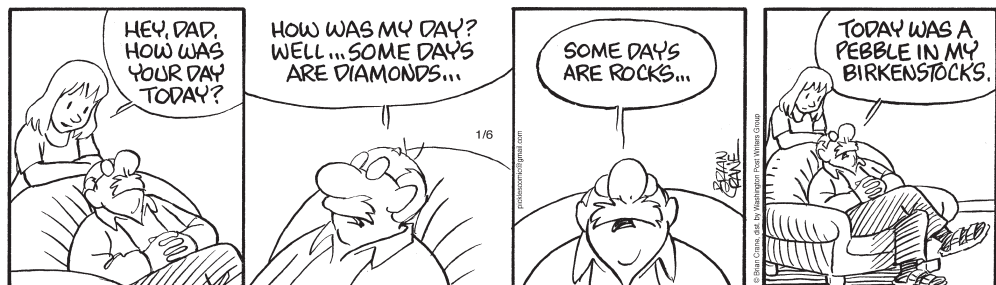
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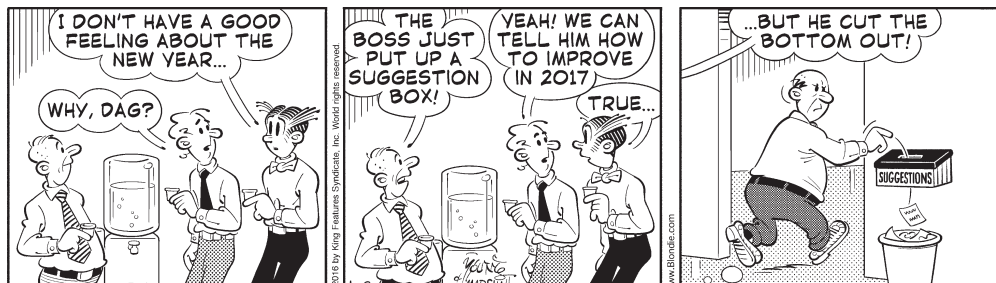
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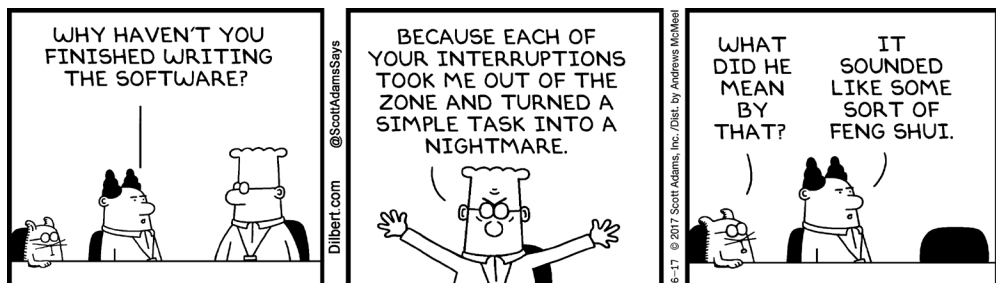
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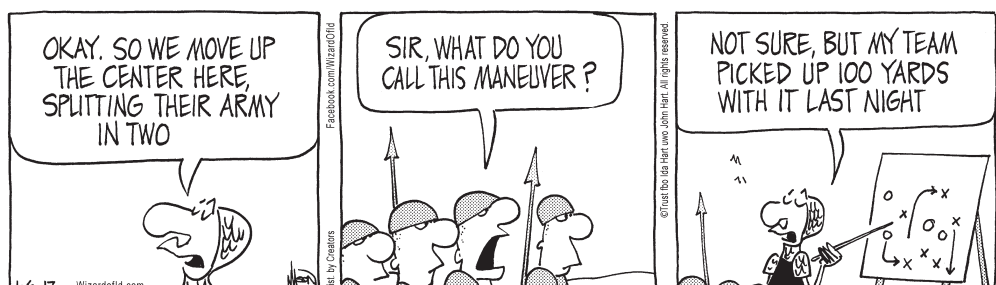
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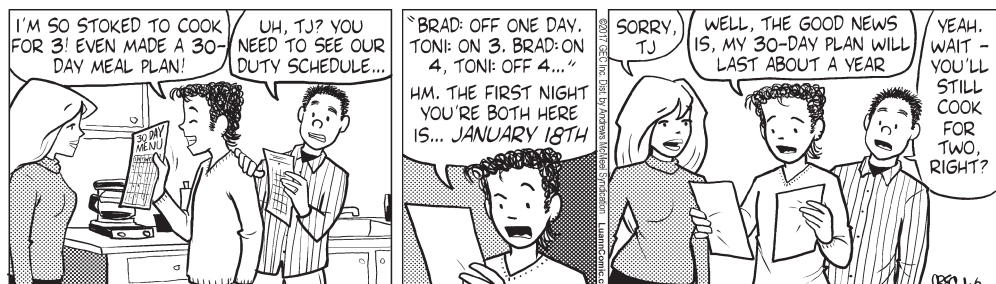
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DEAR ABBY

Toddler's taste in clothes stirs up family tensions



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My brother and sister-in-law have been dressing my 2-year-old nephew, "Charlie," in dresses and pink clothes. They say these are what the boy has chosen. To me, a toddler will pick out whatever gets his attention at the moment, and children that age have only a rudimentary understanding of gender.

and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) have told me that many parents say that, looking back, they realize that by disapproving, they had sent their child the message that they couldn't accept him/her. One child had suicidal thoughts at the age of 5 because of it. (And yes, sometimes children that young do act on the impulse.)

It would be one thing if Charlie were old enough to understand and still insisted he felt more comfortable in girls' clothing. But at his age I feel what they're doing will only confuse him. Keep in mind, I do not believe this is a transgender issue. I think people who are transgender should dress and act the way they feel. I just feel that age 2 is too young to determine this.

Dear Abby: I often read and enjoy the Pennies From Heaven stories that your readers send and decided to share mine. Although it doesn't involve a penny, it's very special to me.

My parents (the boy's grandparents) are worried and angry. My sister-in-law knows this upsets my mother and yet it's like she's taunting her with texts and pictures of Charlie in pink and/or dresses.

My grandmother and I had a special bond, and part of it was sand dollars. She taught me their meaning and would mail me postcards with pictures of dollars on them. When she passed away, I inherited the gold sand dollar necklace she had often worn.

Should we be worried about this or should it be none of our business? Are we overreacting? Would it be best to approach my brother to tell him our concerns? — Too Young To Understand

I moved into a new home several years ago, and during the home inspection, I found a sand dollar in the pantry! Everything had been emptied out of the house except for that lone sand dollar propped upright on a shelf. When I saw it, I knew immediately who it was from, and I felt so blessed. It's comforting to know we are being watched over by our loved ones.

Dear Too Young: It is likely that Charlie is going through a phase and doing something he has seen other people do. But more important than what his mother buys for him is how others respond to it. A family's negative reaction sends a strong message. If Charlie is innocently testing out his/her authentic self, his grandparents' negative response will signal that they disapprove of who he IS, which could have lasting ramifications for him.

Dear Blessing: Your letter made me smile. I wish you had mentioned what your late grandmother explained to you about the meaning of sand dollars, because from what I have read, some people associate them with Christian beliefs, while others insist they are "coins" scattered by mermaids. Whichever meaning your grandmother ascribed to them, it's clear from what you have written that she was dearly loved. Thank you for sharing.

Counselors at PFLAG (Parents, Families

Sand Dollar Blessing

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 6, 1917

A Pendleton woman, Mrs. Maurice Leeder, figured in an episode in San Francisco on New Year's morning which resulted in the violent death of J.R. Buckley, a traveling salesman. Mrs. Leeder is the wife of the traveling representative of Folger & Co. in this territory and they have been living in the G.W. Coult's home on the north side. Last month she and her husband left for San Francisco to attend a meeting of Folger's salesmen. They were members of a party occupying a table at Lamb's cafe in San Francisco on New Year's evening. While dancing with Mrs. Leeder, Buckley accidentally bumped into Harry McGuire, who has a reputation of being a professional slugger. After the dance McGuire walked across the room to Buckley's table and struck him in the face. The management ejected him. He waited outside and when the party came out assaulted Buckley again. The latter was knocked down and suffered a basal fracture of the skull from which he later died. McGuire is being held for murder.

disasters, said Bob Peshall, junior high science instructor. Peshall and Lyle Phelps are the teachers in charge of the program. The class was conducted in the basement of the National Guard Armory, where a shelter capable of handling 230 people is located. Tom Campbell, Umatilla County Civil Defense director, stood 24 students in a 240 square foot area and told them, "This would be your living space for two weeks." He also let the students sample the typical fallout shelter food. For each meal a person would receive eight small crackers, high in protein, and four carbohydrate supplement candy drops for a meal of 333 calories, along with a quart of water a day.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 6, 1967

What would it be like to live in a community fallout shelter for two weeks? Over 300 Pendleton eighth grade students found out by visiting an actual shelter Thursday. It is part of a science program designed to prepare the students for all kinds of natural

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 6, 1992

A 48-year-old Kennewick woman was injured Sunday in the season's fourth snowmobile accident near Spout Springs. Andrea Bishop was taken by Athena Ambulance to St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, where she was treated for a chest bruise before being discharged. Ross Snodgrass, director of the ambulance service, said Bishop was a passenger on the back of a snow machine that flew over a small embankment and hit a snow-bank. She was thrown off and landed with her fist between the ground and her chest. She complained of pain in her sternum. Snodgrass said the Athena Ambulance has responded to three other snowmobile accidents since Dec. 23, an unusually high number.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the sixth day of 2017. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 1967, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Deckhouse Five, an offensive in the Mekong River delta. The 10-day operation reportedly claimed the lives of 21 Viet Cong fighters along with seven Americans.

On this date: In 1017, Cnut the Great was crowned King of England at Old St. Paul's Cathedral in London, just over a month following the death of his predecessor, Edmund II.

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his

fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Virginia.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena.

Today's Birthdays:

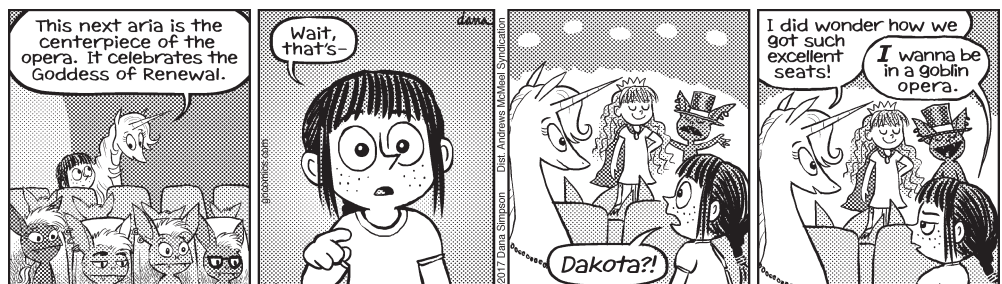
Country musician Joey, the CowPolka King (Riders in the Sky) is 68. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 67. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 66. Singer Jett Williams is 64. Rock musician Malcolm Young (AC-DC) is 64. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 62. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez is 60. Actress-comedian Kate McKinnon (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 33. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys) is 31.

Thought for Today:

"What this generation was bred to at television's knees was not wisdom, but cynicism." — Pauline Kael, American movie critic (1919-2001).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

