PEANUTS

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ







COFFEE BREAK

FOR BETTER OR WORSE





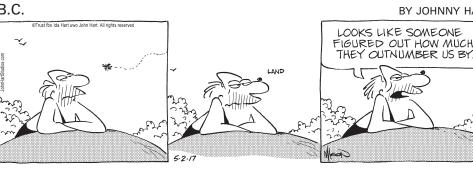




BY JOHNNY HART

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE

THEY OUTNUMBER US BY.





PICKLES









BY MORT WALKER

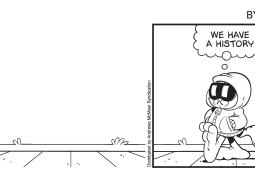
BY JIM DAVIS

BEETLE BAILEY





GARFIELD TIME TO WALK BY THE NEIGHBORS



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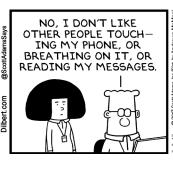






DILBERT







THE WIZARD OF ID







AND? WHA'D

YOU FIND OUT?

BY GREG EVANS

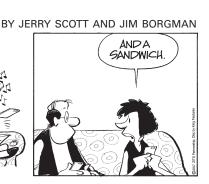
THAT I NEED TO

OP THINKING ABOUT IT

LUANN THAT'S THE UNEXPECTED PART. WAIT - PIRO KISSED YOU!? NO! THAT'S UNEXPECTED. DID YOU SWOON? I'VE SPENT HOURS PONDERING IT, RE-RUNNING THE KISS, READING IT WAS TOTALLY. AT FOR ME! CHAPTERS IN MY PSYCH TEXT ON EMOTIONAL SUPPRESSION, TAKING ONLINE LOVE TESTS AND "PASSION DIAGNOSTICS"







DEAR ABBY

Lost tooth leads to surprise attraction to dental student

Dear Abby: A year ago, I lost a tooth. I'm a 56-year-old woman on disability, short on funds to rectify the problem, so I visited my local hospital's dental clinic. I hadn't visited a dentist in years, so I was quite fearful.

The clinic allows a dental resident to work on your issue under the supervision of a practiced dentist. The work I needed was performed every two weeks for about four months. What I did not count on was becoming seriously attracted to a 29-year-old resident I'll call "Justin."

At first, I couldn't believe it was possible, given the fact that I'm old enough to be his mother and my ex-husband is a doctor. I was a teacher and I know all the "rules." In fairness, in NO WAY did Justin or I do or say anything inappropriate. Still, certain circumstances led me to believe that he felt the same about me. Neither of us acted on this.

My question: The work has been over for months, but some days the memories are so intense, I can't get him out of my mind. I don't know how to handle this. Please help. **Unexpected In New York**

Dear Unexpected: The "rules" you referred to are a code of ethics that professionals are expected to adhere to. The way to handle your feelings would be to consider that if Justin were to act on the feelings you think he shared with you, he could lose his job, and the future he has worked so hard to build would be destroyed. If you care about him at all beyond your attraction, you will not pursue this further.

Dear Abby: I am writing about how to proceed with expressing sympathy for an old

My husband and I were very close friends

JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

with a couple for about eight years. We moved away, but continued to see each other occasionally. We kept in touch, and in the past few years have been able to visit more frequently. When we were in their city six months ago, we saw them a few times and they mentioned that they had no friends. I know she has no siblings or parents left.

Her husband died suddenly of a stroke five months ago. They were together for 50 years. I sent her a

formal sympathy note and three more casual follow-ups. I also wrote a poem in his memory. It may seem excessive, but I remember how bereft she felt when her sister died, and she felt that sympathy was not sufficiently extended (I don't think she was pointing the finger at me).

Abby, I don't want her to think that we aren't feeling a lot of sympathy for her. Yet her silence indicates that either our overtures are unwanted or that her condition is so bad that she's emotionally overwhelmed. When does an old friend stop reaching out? **Bewildered In Ohio**

Dear Bewildered: Call the woman and ASK HER how she's doing. Explain that because you haven't heard from her, you have been concerned.

You are a caring friend, but there is only so much anyone can do via long distance. It's possible that because her husband's death was unexpected, she has had her hands full learning how to take care of the details that he managed while he was alive.

If she's not doing well, suggest she join a support group so she won't be isolated in her grief. And recognize that, as much as you wish to support her, she will have to forge her own way through her heartache.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 1-2, 1917

The last obstacle in the way of securing the steel bridges across the Umatilla river at Mission and Thorn Hollow has been removed by the interior department turning over to the county the stretches of reservation road leading up to the river at these two points. Having secured jurisdiction over the roads, the county court has already telegraphed to Washington an amount of money equal to one-third the cost of constructing the two bridges, the original appropriation bill having provided that the United States would appropriate two-thirds of the cost. 50 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian May 1-2, 1967

Two women were hospitalized at Pendleton Community Hospital for undetermined injuries after the cars they were riding in met head-on on Highway 395 at the intersection of SW Hailey Avenue Sunday afternoon.

A car driven by Rufus Crismon, 40, Ukiah, attempting to avoid a rearend collision, swerved into the path of a southbound auto driven by Howard Hale, 48, of Pilot Rock. Joan Crismon, a passenger in the Ukiah auto, was hospitalized as was Daisy Hale, a passenger in the Hale auto. Crismon was cited for failure to drive to the right.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 1-2, 1992

There's regular barley and then there's Gwen, said cereal researcher Mathias Kolding of the Hermiston Agricultural Research Center. "It's a tough, resistant thing," Kolding explained, grasping the barley that is brewed for beer or placed in troughs as feed. Its resilience is part of the reason Kolding named his new hybrid after Gwen Mitchell, long-time wife of an agriculture scientist. "She's a tough gal," he said. "She's really an active lady." Even at the age of 90, Mitchell can't keep still, rocking in her chair on a sun-washed porch, her nimble fingers knitting as she talks.

Today is the 122nd day of 2017. There are 243 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 2, 1927, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Buck v. Bell, upheld 8-1 a Virginia law allowing the forced sterilization of people to promote the "health of the patient and the welfare of society." (On this date in 2002, Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner apologized for the state's thousands of forced sterilizations from 1924 to 1979, calling the practice "a shameful effort.")

On this date:

In 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Virginia; he died eight days later.

In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

In 1908, the original version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," with music by Albert Von Tilzer and lyrics by Jack Norworth, was published by Von Tilzer's York Music Co.

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1946, violence erupted during a foiled escape attempt at the Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay; the "Battle of Alcatraz" claimed the lives of three inmates and two correctional officers before it was put down two days later.

In 1952, commercial jet service began as a BOAC de Havilland Comet carrying 36 passengers and seven crew members took off from London on a flight to Johannesburg with five stopovers along the way.

In 1982, the Weather Channel made its debut.

In 2011, Osama bin Laden was killed by elite American forces at his Pakistan compound, then quickly buried at sea after a decade on the run. Because of the time difference, bin Laden's death came May 1, U.S. time.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Engelbert Humperdinck is 81. Former International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge is 75. Actress-activist Bianca Jagger is 72. Country singer R.C. Bannon is 72. Actor David Suchet is 71. Singer-songwriter Gatlin is 69. Rock singer Lou Gramm (Foreigner) is 67. Actress Christine Baranski is 65. Singer Angela Bofill is 63. Fashion designer Donatella Versace is 62. Actor Brian Tochi is 58. Actress Elizabeth Berridge is 55. Country singer Ty Herndon is 55. Rock musician Todd Sucherman (Styx) is 48. Wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne Johnson (AKA The Rock) is 45. Soccer player David Beckham is 42.

Actress Ellie Kemper is 37. **Thought for Today: "We** should not judge people by their peak of excellence; but by the distance they have traveled from the point where they started." — Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman (1813-1887).

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