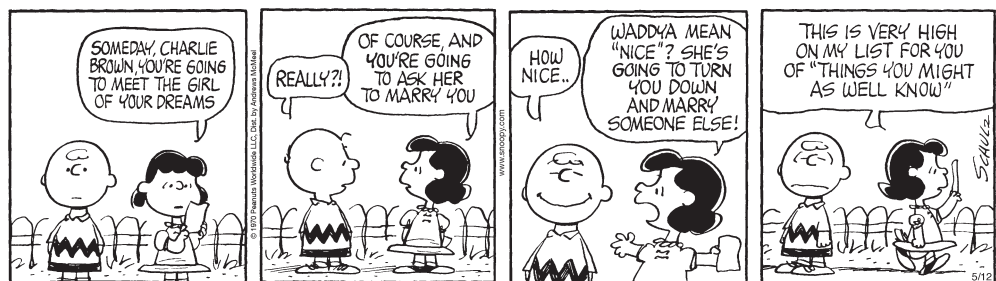


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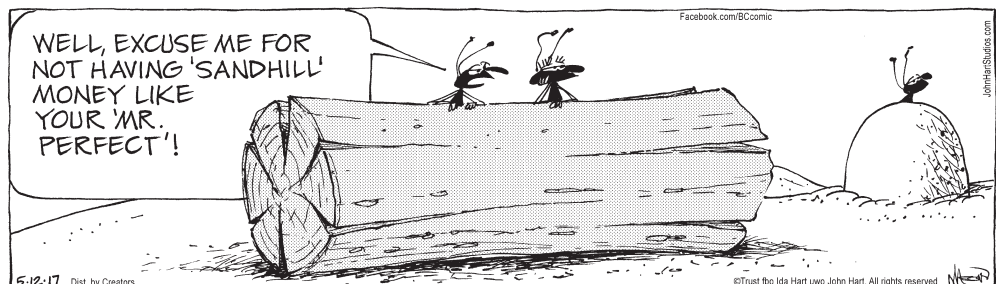
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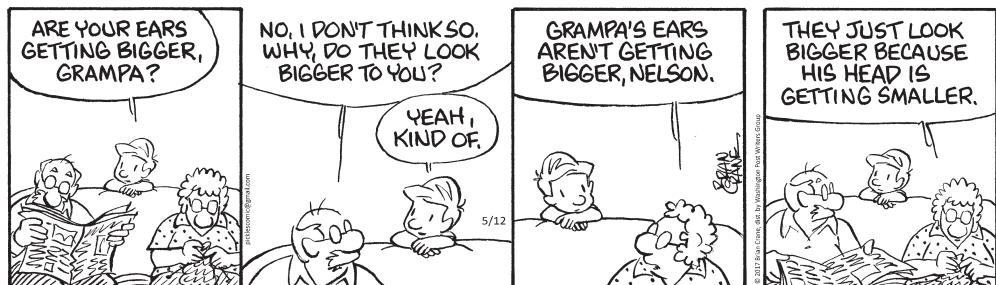
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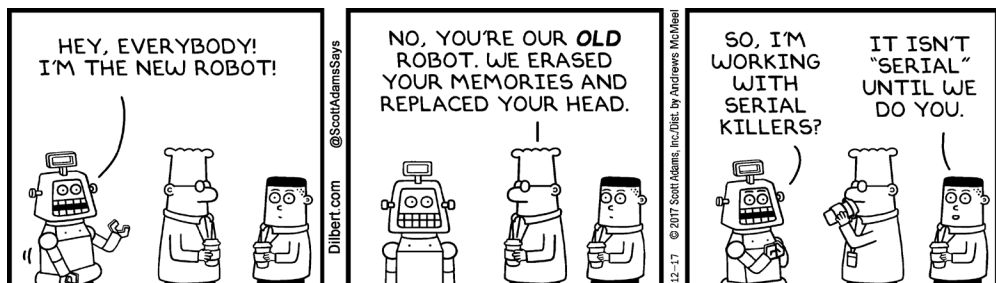
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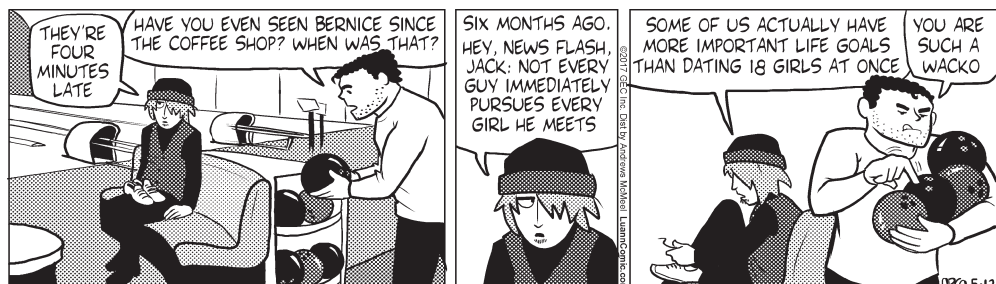
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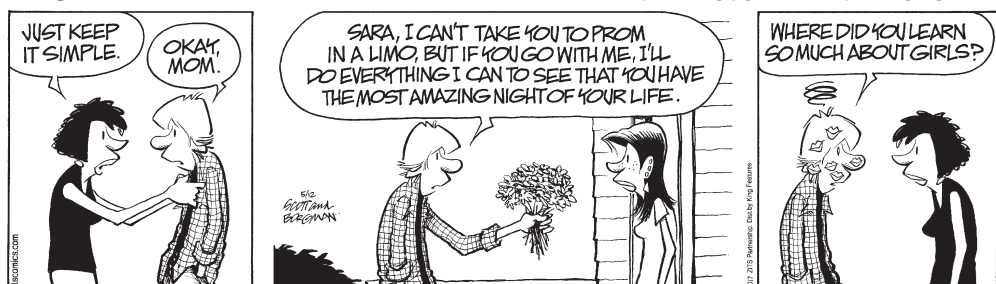
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DEAR ABBY

Emotional intensity of work leaves man drained at home

Dear Abby: When I was in my 20s I chose a career whose long-term effects I hadn't anticipated. I am charged with telling people they are dying and watching them die on a daily basis. While I know I am good at it, it leaves me emotionally drained.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I told him it would be like me giving him my ex-husband's wedding band to wear. He doesn't understand because he didn't use them to propose to her, but to me that's beside the point. They were ON HER HAND.

I manage to muster up enough energy to try to be there for my kids but, frankly, I can't seem to be there for anyone else, including my wife, co-workers and close family. My problem is, this has left me with no emotional support (my children are too young for that, although playing with them is some help) and there are tough days when I really need it. Advice? — Alone From My Work

Dear Alone: You need a support group. Many people in the medical field find them to be a helpful outlet. Rather than blame yourself for your inability to "be there" for your co-workers and family members, joining a group might help you to relieve some of the stress you are experiencing by talking about it. If you do, I'm sure you will find you are far from alone. If there isn't a support group already there for you, please consider starting one, because airing those emotions you haven't been able to share would be extremely helpful.

Dear Abby: I've been dating a guy for two years. He has his late mom's wedding rings. He always said he would use them if he ever proposed to anyone.

Well, he proposed to me last week. Last night he informed me that he had let his ex-girlfriend of 10 years wear the rings because she loved jewelry. It made me sick to my stomach, and made his proposal not mean anything to me.

Dear Tarnished: I don't think so. To say this "guy" lacks sensitivity would be an understatement. Are you sure you actually want to spend the rest of your life with someone so clueless?

When he allowed his former girlfriend to wear his mother's wedding rings "because she loved jewelry" rather than because they were planning to marry, the symbolism of bestowing them vaporized. If you do plan to go through with it, "suggest" he buy you ones or use the stones from his mother's rings in a different setting for a ring you will enjoy wearing rather than feeling like Secondhand Rose (third-hand, actually).

Dear Abby: My son is graduating this year. To celebrate, I would like to have dinner at a restaurant with a group of friends (adults) and their children. However, I'd like them to pay for their own meals. How do I address an invitation to such a get-together? — Not A Free Dinner

Dear Not A Free Dinner: You could put on the invitation that this will be a "no host" celebration. Or, rather than issue a formal written invitation, simply call your friends and describe what you have in mind.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1917

In compliance with the government's recent order that all citizens of a country now at war with the United States voluntarily surrender any firearms in their possession, two unnaturalized Germans of Umatilla County have appeared at the office of Sheriff T.D. Taylor within the past few days and turned over revolvers. There are quite a number of other Germans in the county who have not renounced their allegiance to their native country and who have not placed themselves above suspicion by voluntarily surrendering their firearms. Steps will probably be taken to deal with this class soon.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1967

Darlene Kuehn, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuehn of Milton-Freewater, will serve as queen of the 16th annual East-West Shrine benefit football game to be played in Round-Up Stadium in Pendleton Saturday

night, Aug. 19. An eighth grade student at the Milton-Freewater Junior High School, she is an outpatient at present of the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland, which the game here helps finance. She was first admitted to the hospital June 2, 1966 with curvature of the spine.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 12, 1992

Two Hermiston teenagers were arrested Saturday in Burley, Idaho, suspected of fleeing Umatilla County in a stolen car and of stealing two vehicles in Idaho. Robert T. Martin and Brandon L. Devore of Hermiston are suspected in the theft of a 1990 Toyota pickup reported missing Friday by Betty Snell of Hermiston. The pickup was found abandoned with transmission breakdown Saturday in Boise, Idaho. Martin and Devore are suspected in stealing a second vehicle in Boise, later found abandoned in Twin Falls, and a third vehicle that was found rolled near Burley, Idaho. Martin was hospitalized after the rollover, and Devore was taken into custody in Burley.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 132nd day of 2017. There are 233 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 12, 1967, "Are You Experienced," the groundbreaking debut album of the Jimi Hendrix Experience, was released in Britain by Track Records (a version with a somewhat different playlist went on sale in the United States the following August on the Reprise label). Procol Harum's debut single "A Whiter Shade of Pale" was released in the United Kingdom on the Deram label. English poet laureate John Masefield ("And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by...") died in Abingdon at age 88.

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

In 1957, movie director-actor Erich von Stroheim, 71, died in Maurepas, France.

In 1963, Betty Miller became the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean as she landed her Piper Apache in Brisbane, Australia, having left Oakland, California, on April 30, making three stopovers along the way.

In 2002, Jimmy Carter arrived in Cuba, becoming the first U.S. president in or out of office to visit since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

Today's Birthdays:

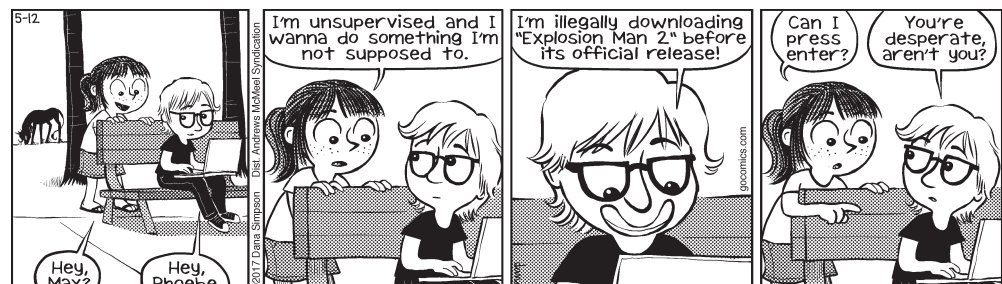
Critic John Simon is 92. Composer Burt Bacharach is 89. Actress Millie Perkins is 79. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jayotis Washington is 76. Country singer Billy Swan is 75. Actress Linda Dano is 74. Actress Lindsay Crouse is 69. Singer-musician Steve Winwood is 69. Actor Gabriel Byrne is 67. Actor Bruce Boxleitner is 67. Singer Billy Squier is 67. Blues singer-musician Guy Davis is 65. Country singer Kix Brooks is 62. Actress Kim Greist is 59. Rock musician Eric Singer (KISS) is 59. Actor Ving Rhames is 58. Rock musician Billy Duffy is 56. Actor Emilio Estevez is 55. Actress April Grace is 55. Actor Stephen Baldwin is 51. Country musician Matt Mangano (The Zac Brown Band) is 41. Actor Jason Biggs is 39.

Thought for Today:

"Sometimes there is greater lack of communication in facile talking than in silence." — Faith Baldwin, American romance novelist (1893-1978).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

