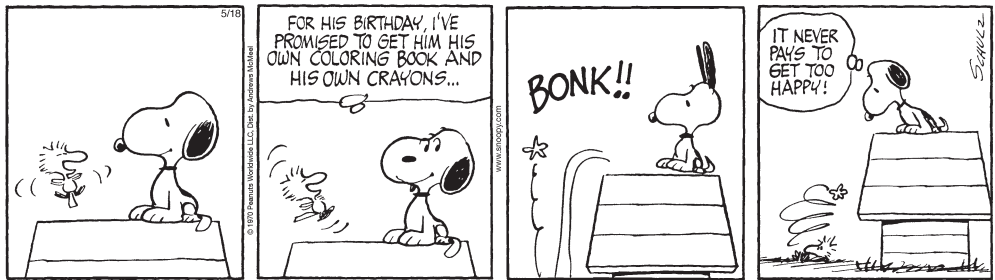


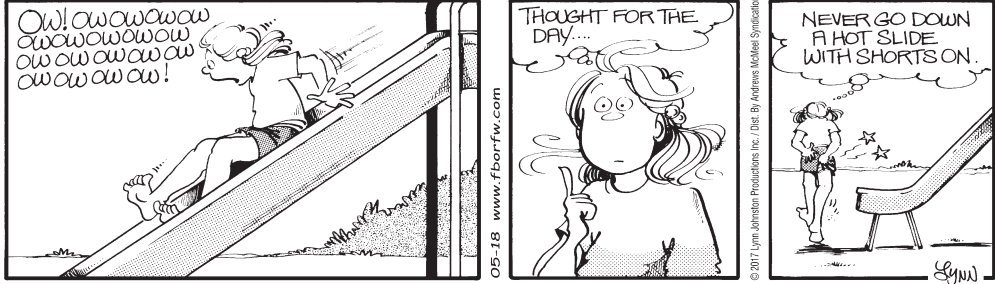
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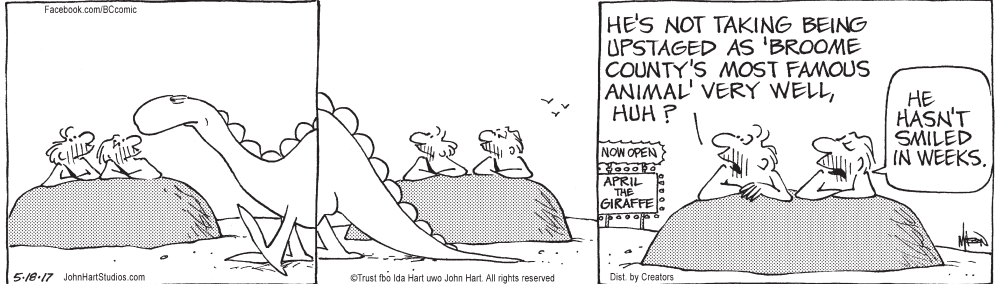
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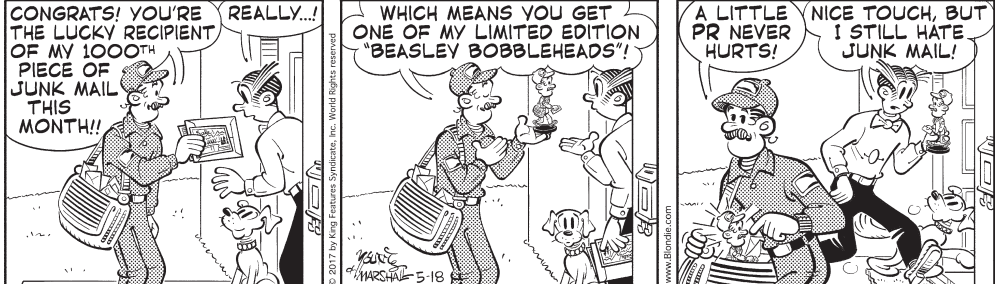
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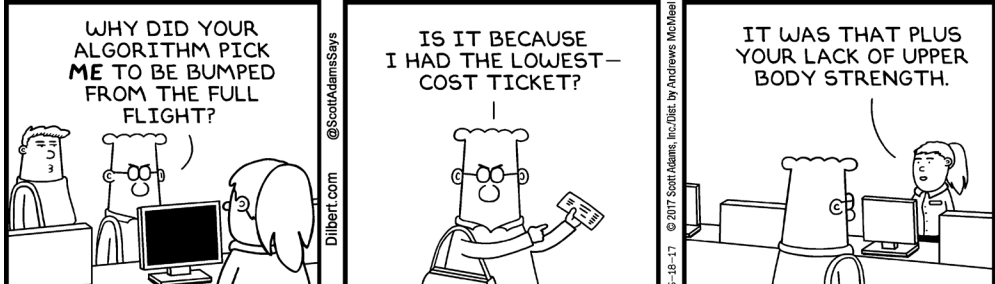
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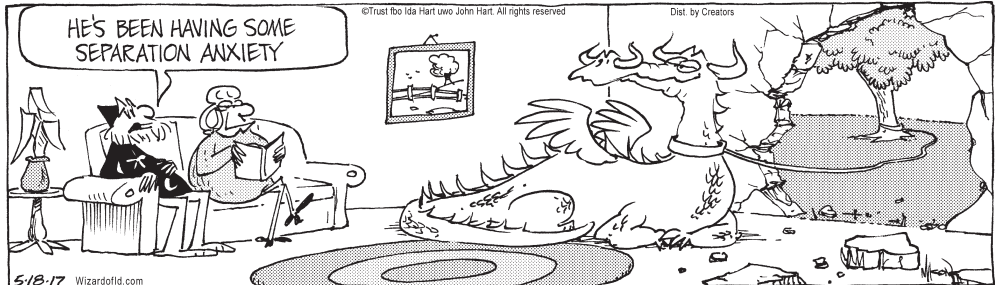
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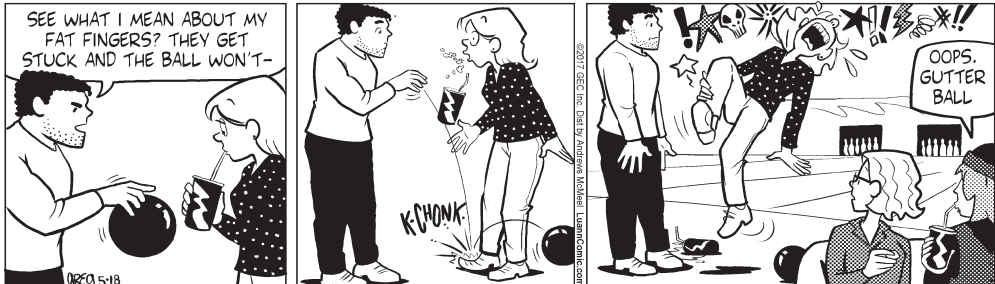
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DEAR ABBY

Mom weighs telling her son truth about dad's 'time away'

Dear Abby: My son, 'Jimmy,' is 8. His father and I are divorced, and he is facing jail time. Jimmy sees him every other weekend. I'm planning on telling Jimmy the truth, although I'm sure his dad will want me to lie and say he needs to 'work out of town' for a while, or something like that.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I know it will be hard for my boy to deal with. I also wonder what he should tell other people. I worry that if he tells his friends the truth (and they tell their parents), Jimmy might not be invited over to play quite as often, or kids will tease him. But I feel like it's sending a mixed message if I tell him it's OK to lie about this particular issue. How should I handle this? — To Tell The Truth

Dear Truth: Jimmy needs to know that his mother tells the truth. If you lie to him about this, or anything else for that matter, when he learns the truth — as he will eventually — he will start to question the veracity of everything you have told him. This is a lot for an 8-year-old to deal with, I know, but I vote for keeping the boy informed.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been dating for two months. I think I'm being too clingy, but he won't tell me if I am. He says when I ask for reassurance, it drives him away.

Every time we do anything remotely sexual, he tells me he feels guilty about it. He is sweet and caring. I don't know what I'm doing wrong. I have never been so in love. I don't want to lose him. What should I do? — In Love In Illinois

Dear In Love: This may seem counterintuitive, but take a step back. Stop asking for reassurance. Because he says he feels guilty about doing anything remotely sexual, the next time he makes a move, be less willing. Tell him you don't want him to do anything that he will be sorry about later, and remind him what he said the last time. It may improve your relationship because, from your description, he appears to be immature and not ready for a romance.

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law is very ill and is preparing for the end. I feel bad for my spouse — this will be a great loss. However, my mother-in-law and I have never been close. She has been very negative about me, mostly behind my back. I have tolerated her and complained only to my spouse.

When the end comes, I know many people will express sympathy for "my loss." I won't be feeling remorse, but a sense of relief. Is there a kind way of stating that it is not a sad time for me because of our strained relationship? — The End Is Near

Dear End: Much as you might like to express those feelings publicly, I don't advise it. It would be inappropriate and reflect badly on you. If someone offers condolences, say, "Thank you, how kind of you," and keep the rest to yourself. If you do otherwise, you will be validating every bad thing that woman said behind your back.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 18, 1917

Troop D, Second Squadron, Oregon National Guard, Sixteenth Divisional Cavalry, will be organized in Pendleton. The first man to sign the agreement was Del Blancett, well known cowboy who recently offered to raise an entire squadron of rough riders. Others whose names led the list were Lee Caldwell, champion of all broncho busters, Frank Cable, former champion bulldogger of the world, Ben Corbett, champion Roman rider and former cavalryman, Scoop Martin and Earl Newquist, also well known Round-Up performers. Blancett and Caldwell are taking an active interest in forming the troop, both circulating agreements among their friends. They guaranteed Captain Gjedsted that they could provide 50 of the 70 men within a few days.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 18, 1967

Who needs LSD when you've got the Pendleton and La Grande show bands? More than 40 members of the combined bands took a couple of hundred spectators on a wild flight here Tuesday night in the first annual

Jazz Festival. And fun it was, right through the closing number. That finale, "Sunday Morning," pulled the audience to a standing ovation. There may have been one exception to the "togetherness" theme. Burgess Crandall, LHS director, turned an envious green to match his band uniforms' color after "The Group" from Pendleton blasted its way through two numbers. "We may just pick up our instruments and go home," joked Crandall.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 18, 1992

The Pendleton Bucks finished their regular season in style with back-to-back no-hitters in a double-header Saturday with La Grande. The Bucks defeated the Tigers 9-0, 12-0. "I think that's got to be a first," said Lyle Phelps, Pendleton's coach. "Those are pretty hard to come by — it was a fun day for those pitchers." Ryan Heinrich started the Pendleton assault by striking out 16 of La Grande's 22 batters through seven innings without giving up a hit. Heinrich walked only one batter. Michael Corey went the distance for Pendleton in the second game, striking out 10 of 14 and walking four batters to record the second no-hitter. The game went only five innings under the 10-run mercy rule.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 138th day of 2017. There are 227 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On May 18, 1927, in America's deadliest school attack, part of a schoolhouse in Bath Township, Michigan, was blown up with explosives planted by local farmer Andrew Kehoe, who then set off a bomb in his truck; the attacks killed 38 children and six adults, including Kehoe, who'd earlier killed his wife. (Authorities said Kehoe, who suffered financial difficulties, was seeking revenge for losing a township clerk election.)

On this date: In 1642, the Canadian city of Montreal was founded by French colonists.

In 1765, about one-fourth of Montreal was destroyed by a fire.

In 1896, the Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept renounced 58 years later in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.

In 1897, a public reading of Bram Stoker's new horror novel, "Dracula," was staged in London.

In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, California. (McPherson reappeared more than a month later, saying she'd escaped after being kidnapped and held for ransom, an account that was greeted with skepticism.)

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority.

In 1953, Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier as she piloted a Canadair F-86 Sabre jet over Rogers Dry Lake, California.

In 1967, Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington signed a measure repealing the law against teaching evolution that was used to prosecute John T. Scopes in 1925.

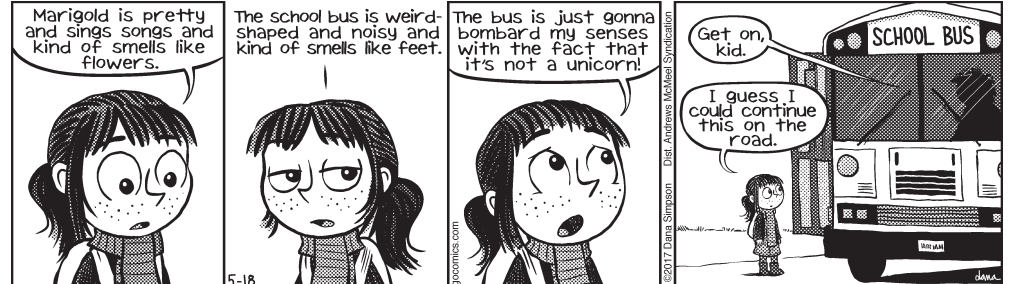
In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Macy is 95. Actress Priscilla Pointer is 93. Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Jack Whitaker is 93. Actor Robert Morse is 86. Actor Dwayne Hickman is 83. Baseball Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson is 80. Actress Candice Azzara is 76. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillards) is 75. Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is 71. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 69. Rock musician Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 68. Rock singer Mark Mothersbaugh (Devo) is 67. Country singer George Strait is 65. Rhythm-and-blues singer Butch Tavares (Tavares) is 64. Actor Chow Yun-Fat is 62. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 57. Comedian-writer Tina Fey is 47. Rock singer Jack Johnson is 42.

Thought for Today: "The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any." — Fred Astaire, American dancer-actor (1899-1987).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

