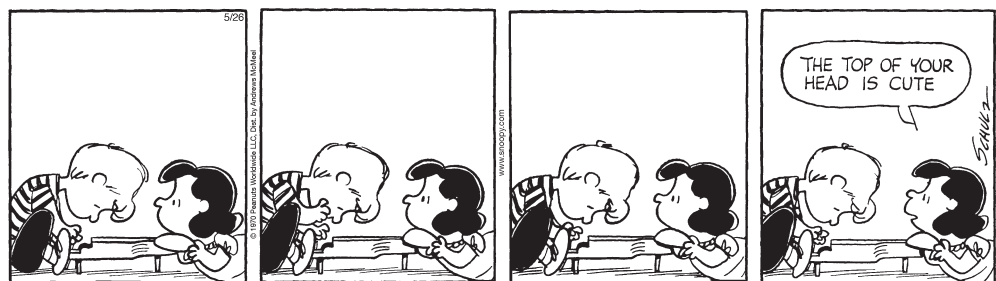


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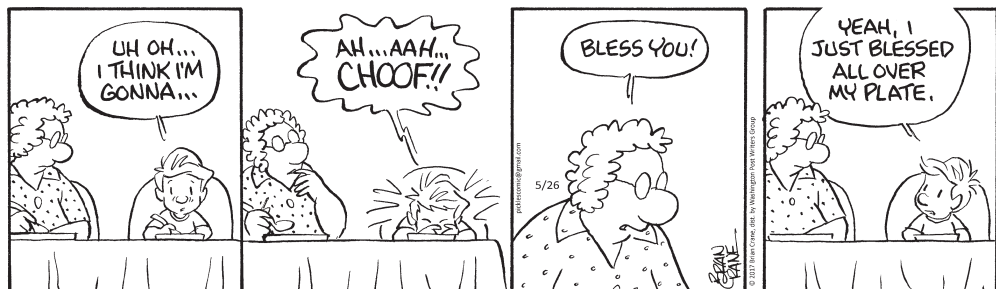
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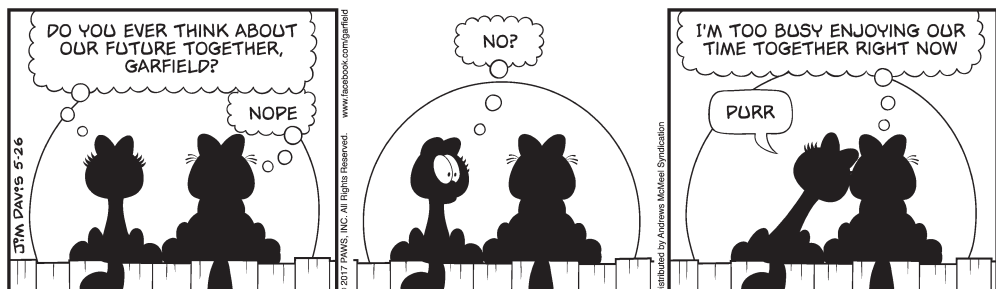
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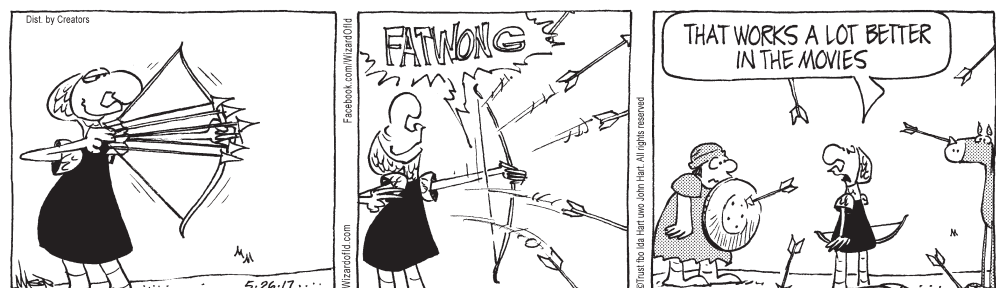
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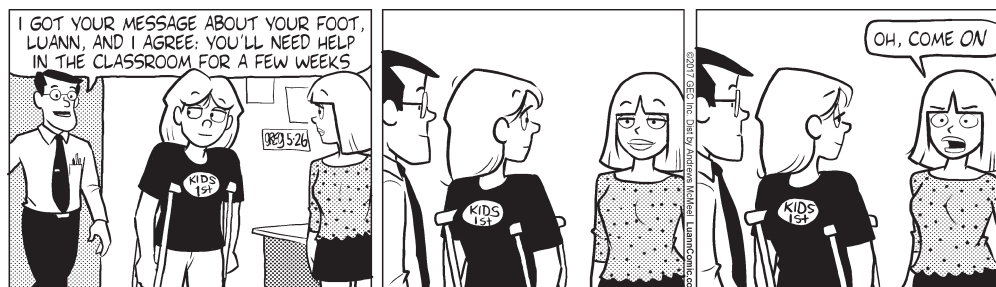
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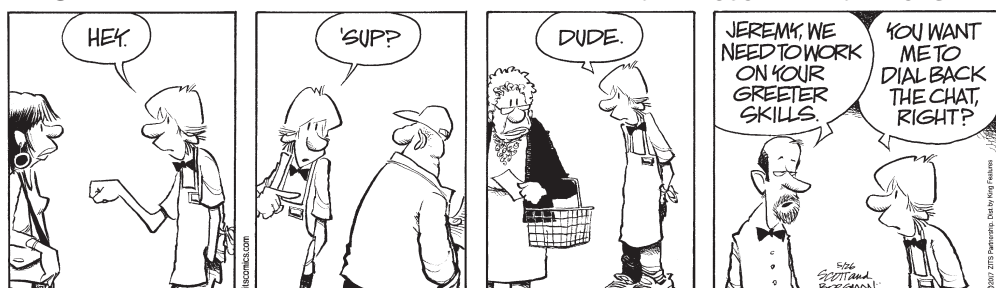
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DEAR ABBY

Unwitting comments from dad cause childless daughter pain



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I am a 40-year-old childless single woman. I spent several years doing various day care jobs and have great love for children, but due to female health issues, I am unable to have my own. I have a great job and home, but cannot afford fertility treatments or adoption, both of which are expensive.

While I still love him, I know our relationship will never be the same as before. Will I look like a fool to everyone if I let him come home? — Heartbroken In Pennsylvania

Dear Heartbroken: How you look to "everyone" is far less important than how you feel. You are correct that if you reconcile, your relationship will never be the same. But has it occurred to you that it might be better?

My fertility issues have caused me heartbreak and many tears. My father often comments about how disappointed he is that he has no grandchildren. Recently, he made an offhand remark that I was "selfish" for not having had any. It upset me so much I cried for days. Dad is a good man, and I know he didn't mean to be hurtful.

Husbands stray for all kinds of reasons. Before you make any final decisions about taking him back, insist on counseling so you can understand exactly what they were. That's how broken marriages are repaired.

How do I approach him about how his comment affected me without hurting him? I don't know how much detail to give him about my fertility issues. Should I just let it be and ignore him when he complains about not having grandkids? — Childless In Idaho

Dear Abby: I had friendships with both of my second cousins, "Tom" and "Jane," a brother and sister in their 60s. They have long been estranged from each other. Tom was estranged from his parents as well. Jane was their parents' caregiver.

Dear Childless: Do not ignore this! Tell your father that you are UNABLE to conceive because of a medical problem and exactly how his comment made you feel. You should also tell him you are unable to afford fertility treatments or adoption because of the cost involved, and not to raise the subject again because it is hurtful and beyond your ability to remedy. Perhaps you could channel your motherly instincts by exploring foster care and other ways you can help children in need.

Jane called me to say their father was near death and thought I would want to know. Then she said, "I'm not telling Tom, and I'm asking you to do the same." I told her it was an awkward request because I am friendly with him, too.

Dear Abby: My husband left me for another woman four months ago. We had been married for 33 years, and my world has been ripped apart.

Well, I chose to tell him. Tom called his mother and it went well, after years of no communication. Jane has now cut me out of her life. Was I wrong to tell her brother? — Mike In Mexico

Now he says he wants to try to reconcile, and it has me feeling extremely confused.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 26, 1917

This morning J.C. Hoskins, well known Echo sheepman came to Pendleton and swore out a warrant for the arrest of A.D. Grieve, a small farmer near Stanfield, and his 13 year old son, Blaten, charging them with the larceny of sheep. Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakely went down to make the arrest today. According to Hoskins, Grieve now has a flock of 30 sheep and there is much reason to believe that he picked them from his neighbors' flocks without their consent or knowledge. He is said to have secured the sheep one at a time and to have kept them concealed in his cellar until he had altered the brand. Hoskins claims to have lost a number in this manner and declares Grieve even borrowed a horse from him and used it to carry off a stolen sheep.

representatives of the state engineer's office approved the project this week on an inspection trip. Jubilee, to be a 97-acre lake, is located on a tributary of Lookingglass Creek about 10 miles north of Tollgate in the Blue Mountains. Trout probably will be planted in the man-made lake late this year.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 26, 1967

The final go-ahead on construction of Jubilee Lake has been received and work will start as soon as equipment can be moved in. Dave Heckerth, fisheries biologist here for the Game Commission, said Thursday

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 26, 1992

Wheat growers throughout Umatilla County are reporting crop damage caused by above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. It's a scenario similar to past years, with one exception. "Last year it was the same thing, but then it rained and rained and pulled us out of the fire," said Lelan O'Harra, a wheat grower near Weston. Meteorologists at the National Weather Service office at the Pendleton Airport are forecasting little more than light sprinkles over the next 10 days which means below normal precipitation along with slightly higher than normal temperatures. It was estimated that mid-May rains last year made a \$10 million difference to area wheat growers. Heavy rains also arrived in time to save the crop in late April 1990.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 146th day of 2017. There are 219 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 26, 1917, a tornado in central Illinois killed 101 people, mostly in the Mattoon-Charleston area.

On this date:

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

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

In 1897, the Gothic horror novel "Dracula" by Bram Stoker was first published in London.

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 1942, the Tule Lake Segregation Center for Japanese-American wartime internees opened in northern California. The U.S. War Department formally established the Armed Forces Radio Service (AFRS). Radio Tokyo boasted of recent victories in the Pacific War and declared that "the Japanese people can look forward to a triumphal march into London and a victory march in New York."

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 1977, George Willig scaled the outside of the South Tower of New York's World Trade Center; he was arrested at the top of the 110-story building.

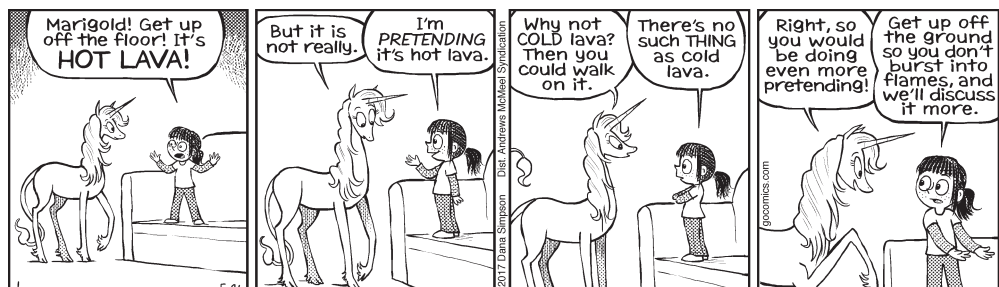
Today's Birthdays:

Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 78. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 72. Singer Stevie Nicks is 69. Actress Pam Grier is 68. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 68. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 68. British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn is 68. Actress Margaret Colin is 59. Country singer-songwriter Dave Robbins is 58. Actor Doug Hutchison is 57. Actress Genie Francis is 55. Comedian Bobcat Goldthwait is 55. Singer-actor Lenny Kravitz is 53. Actress Helena Bonham Carter is 51. Distance runner Zola Budd is 51. Rock musician Phillip Rhodes is 49. Actor Joseph Fiennes is 47. Actor-producer-writer Matt Stone is 46.

Thought for Today: "Life is a tragedy full of joy." — Bernard Malamud, American author (1914-1986).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

