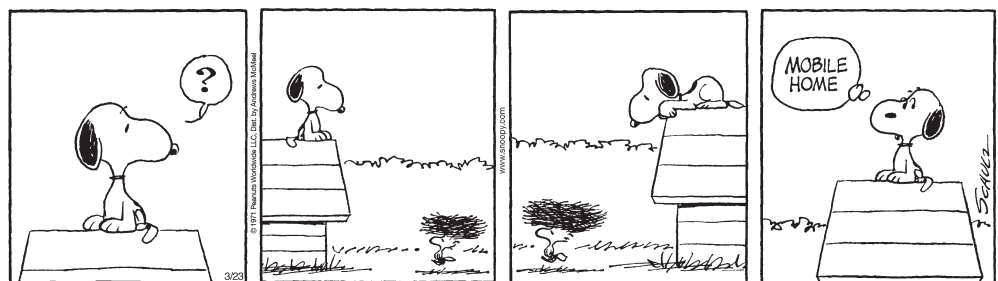


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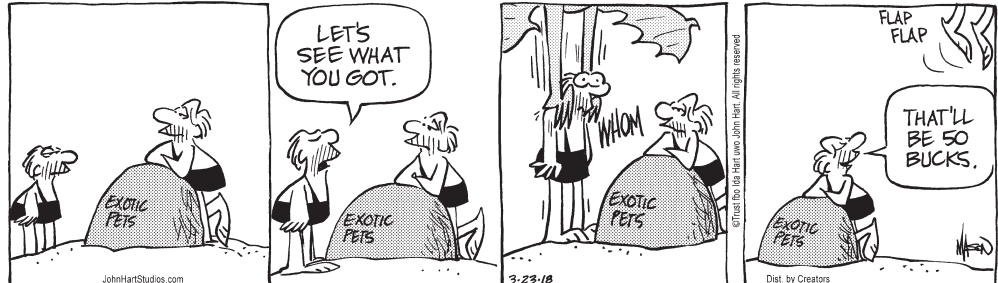
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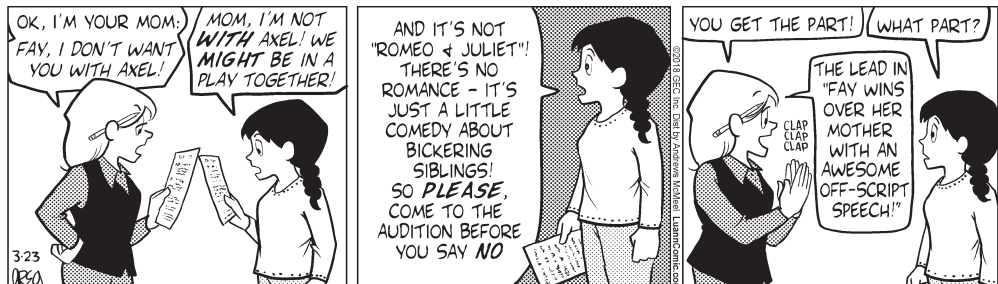
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DEAR ABBY

Words fail woman in response to sister-in-law's miscarriage

Dear Abby: My sister-in-law, a mother of four, just had a miscarriage at five months. I have no idea what to say to her or my nieces and nephews. "Sorry" doesn't seem to suffice. Her 6-year-old was ecstatic about the new baby. The family is crushed. My husband (her brother) was in tears, and I didn't know what to say to him either.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

who has two years left in the Marine Corps? Or do I keep her and stay at the job I have now and keep doing what I do?

Please give me some advice because, right now, I have no one else to help me with this decision, and it's a hard one. — Kelsea In New Hampshire

Dear Kelsea: I know it's a hard decision to make, but right now your priority must be to finish your education. Start by asking around the "horse community" if someone would be interested in buying Springtime and can give her a good home. Also put the word out at the stable where you have been boarding her. Your veterinarian may also be able to offer you helpful suggestions. However, if they can't help you, contact a horse rescue group to find a safe home for your horse. I wish you luck.

I have never been able to easily express my emotions. In emotional situations I just go blank and my mind shuts down. I am always at a loss for words, and I feel like it's disconnecting me from relationships. Any advice? — Without Words

Dear Without Words: When people stay silent, it can be mistaken for lack of caring, when sometimes it happens because the emotions are so overwhelming they can't be put into words. So why not just be honest? You don't have to be a poet, but you do have to say something. Because these are your in-laws, who presumably know you, I'm sure it would be appreciated if you simply said, "You know I have trouble expressing my emotions, but please know how sorry I am for your loss."

Dear Abby: I've always dreamed about getting a horse, so I saved up all the money I earned as a kid and finally bought one a year ago. I named her "Springtime," and I love her. She's great. But now I am ready to venture out into the world, and I'm forced to make a decision. Do I give her to a loving home with people who have more time to spend with her, so I can go to college and move to a different state with my boyfriend,

My cousin's son is 4 and a picky eater. We love to try new restaurants and cuisines. When we go out to eat, she sometimes brings along a PB&J for her child. Is this acceptable? I always feel a little awkward about it, but then I think the restaurant would rather have us come with something he can eat rather than go to a different restaurant. In her defense, she does have him try the restaurant's food before she produces the sandwich. — Awkward Diner

Dear Awkward Diner: I think it's perfectly acceptable. Look at it this way: Which is preferable — a child with his mouth full of a PB&J sandwich he's enjoying, or one who's loudly complaining that the food is awful and he doesn't want to eat it?

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 23, 1918

The Pendleton High School girls are the champions of Oregon for the second consecutive year. Last year the Pendleton basketball girls won the Oregon championship by defeating Oakland and Silverton and this year they won the Eastern Oregon and the Mid-Columbia championship, which takes in all the towns west of here to Portland. None of these towns have challenged the local girls to play them and until they do the girls are safe in saying that they are the champions of Oregon. The only reason why the girls did not go after the Oregon championship this year was because of the lack of money. Last year the school board paid their expenses but they did not feel like asking them again this year, according to Principal Drill.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 23, 1968

Quail delayed for a day the start of a jail sentence here. The pet birds belong to Jared Ellsworth White, Weston. He pleaded guilty Wednesday in Umatilla County District Court to unlawful possession of alcoholic liquor, a reduction from the original charge of selling alcohol without a license. District Judge Richard Courson sentenced White to five days in jail and one year's probation. Then he

allowed White to go home to Weston to make arrangements for the care of his pet quail, and ordered him to report to the county jail at 1:30 p.m. today to begin serving the sentence. White's arrest stemmed from the discovery by Umatilla County sheriff's deputies of what they said probably had been the site of a still.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 23, 1993

J.C. Penney's was the latest target in a string of armed robberies aimed at Pendleton area businesses. Monday afternoon at about 1:45 p.m., a man with a gun tucked inside his pants placed a brown paper sack on the counter, instructing employee Sonia Smith to fill it with cash. When she refused, he fled the downtown J.C. Penney Co. store at 124 S. Main St., according to police reports. But the robber stayed long enough for Smith to come up with a detailed description. "If you're approached by someone with a gun you probably should do what they tell you," said Pendleton police officer Don Arbogast. "Money is fairly easy to replace. In this case he never did take the gun out of his pants, so that may have made some difference." This brings the total to four armed robberies in the past six weeks — the latest heist came just three days ago at Skipper's restaurant on Southgate. "We have some leads but they're pretty slim leads," said Arbogast.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 82nd day of 2018. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date: In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (known as the "Surprise" symphony because of an unexpected crashing chord in the second movement) had its first public performance in London.

In 1806, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east. In 1914, the first installment of "The Perils of Pauline," the silent film serial starring Pearl White, premiered in the greater New York City area. In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers. In 1942, the first Japanese-Americans evacuated by the U.S. Army during World War II arrived at the internment camp in Manzanar, California. In 1956, Pakistan became an Islamic republic. In 1965, America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight. In 1968, UCLA defeated North Carolina, 78-55, to win college basketball's NCAA championship. In 1973, before

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sentencing a group of Water-gate break-in defendants, Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica read aloud a letter he'd received from James W. McCord Jr. which said there was "political pressure" to "plead guilty and remain silent."

In 1998, "Titanic" tied an Academy Awards record by winning 11 Oscars, including best picture, director (James Cameron) and song ("My Heart Will Go On").

Today's Birthdays: Singer Chaka Khan is 65. Actress Amanda Plummer is 61. Actress Catherine Keener is 59. Actress Keri Russell is 42. Actress Nicholle Tom is 40.

Thought for Today: "A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears." — Michel de Montaigne, French essayist (1533-1592).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

