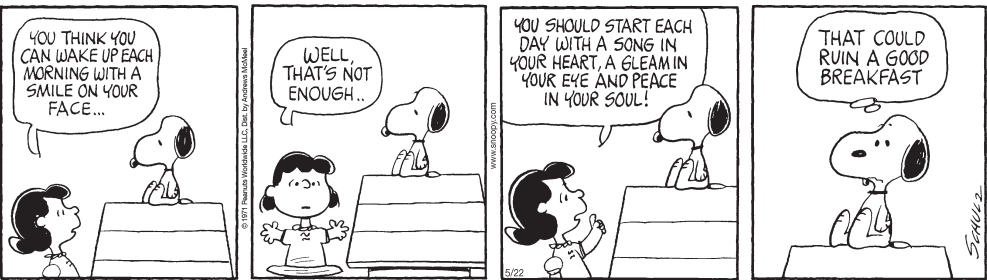


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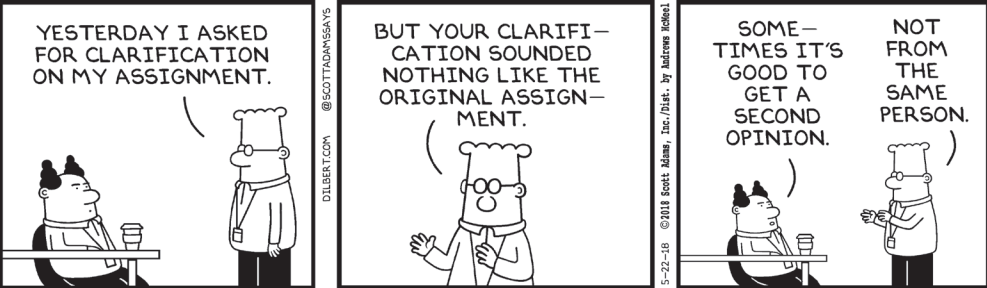
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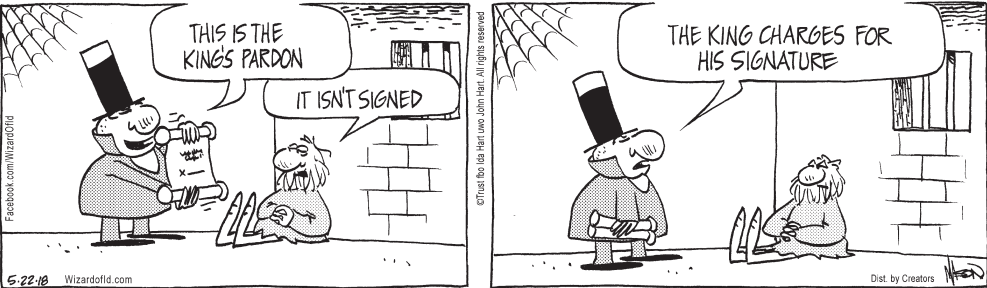
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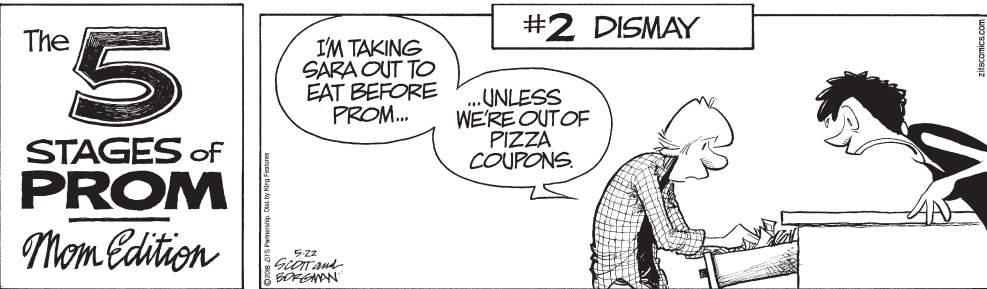
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DEAR ABBY

Man devoted to wife suffering Parkinson's fulfills his vows

Dear Abby: I'm writing in response to "Requires Companionship" (Feb. 7), whose husband has atypical Parkinson's and she's considering dating. My wife was diagnosed nine years ago, and she, too, has reached the point where she can no longer walk, write or speak. We have, however, found ways to communicate and spend quality time together.

I tried to care for her at home, but over the last year and a half, it became too difficult. With the help of our daughters, we found a wonderful senior living place where she is happy. I go to the gym every morning, then visit with her and have lunch. I bring her clothes home to wash and take care of anything she may need or want. We spend the holidays together with the family at her place to make things special.

We are both 81, married 57 years. I, too, am lonely and sad at times, but I love her more than the world and want to make sure she is well taken care of and content. As for companionship, I have met some wonderful people at the senior living place, as well as at the gym and in restaurants I frequent, which helps with the loneliness.

If the shoe were on the other foot, I know she'd do the same for me. After all, that is what our marriage is all about, "in sickness and in health, 'til death do us part." — **Jim In Nevada**

Dear Jim: Your letter is inspirational. In your P.S. you asked me to print it to help others. Your letter, and others I'm including here, may help to put this sensitive subject into perspective:

Dear Abby: I am a young 57-year-old woman. My husband has Parkinson's and brain tumors. We have a son with autism, so I have been a caregiver for more than 30 years of marriage.

To "Requires" I say: Take time for yourself, but do not tell your husband. Enjoy what years you have left and grab some of the happiness you deserve. Don't let anyone tell you that you are cheating on your husband. The life you had with him was over emotionally and physically long ago. You have given up enough of your life. Your husband is having



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all his needs met and now it's your turn.

Yes, I believe in marriage. But who is going to worry about you? People who judge you don't understand and won't understand. Joining a support group may help, but don't put yourself on the back burner. You count, too. Good luck and God bless. — **Sandra In New Jersey**

Dear Abby: I'm a 64-year-old woman who was in the same boat for 15 years. My husband was angry, passive-aggressive and reclusive. Leaving him to die on his own (of cancer) was unthinkable. So was actually dating.

What saved my life and sanity was Meetup. With my husband's blessing, I joined and participated in five social groups with different interests — lunch with the ladies, dinners and hikes, craft clubs, etc. I was out with communicative people at least twice a week and came home happier, usually with restaurant treats and stories to share.

"R.C.'s" life does not need to feel like it's over. It's possible to plant new seedlings for the future while not causing any problems now. — **Wishing Her Well In California**

Dear Abby: As the daughter of someone with Parkinson's, I know what it's like not to be able to talk with a loved one. My mom communicates by writing and using a voice assistance computer.

"R.C.'s" husband didn't ask for this disease. He is feeling lonely, too, but he is not dead. She should work on developing a different approach to communicating with him. These patients may lose the ability to speak, but not the ability to think clearly and see what is going on around them. — **Been There In Pennsylvania**

Dear Abby: That woman's husband may have cognitive issues as well as the physical ones. In any case, she has lost the husband she once had. Seeking companionship is normal. So is wanting to be touched and cared for. Six years into this, she has demonstrated loyalty and love. If she is respectful and discrete, taking care of herself will benefit her ability to care for him. Everyone wins. — **Looking After Myself**

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 21-22, 1918

Pendleton police are looking for the "meanest man." Said individual, who appeared to be a farmer, came into town Saturday and offered a dressed hog to the butchers. One local meat dealer examined the animal and refused to buy it, declaring that it had not been killed, but had died, probably of disease. The fellow didn't offer the hog to any other markets, but got away. Monday night the deceased porker was found in a side ally, with a couple of gunnysacks over either end. The chief of police called two butchers to examine it, who said that the flesh indicated that the animal had not been killed and bled, but that it had died, as the meat looked red and feverish. The state laws are such that the fellow who offered such an animal for sale has a severe penalty awaiting him, if caught.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 21-22, 1968

A togetherness theme was sounded here Tuesday night by Sen. Robert Kennedy. After outlining half a dozen areas to which

he said more attention should be devoted, Kennedy told 1,250 people at the Vert Auditorium that he was asking Oregonians' support at the primary election Tuesday so "we can act on these problems together." Later in his 35-minute talk, he asked again for votes so that he and the people can work together and "return the presidency to the people."

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
May 21-22, 1993

A spring thunderstorm that dropped marble-size hail in some areas Thursday evening damaged pea, alfalfa and wheat fields in Umatilla County and toppled trees. Pea plants between Pendleton and Athena hit by hail and heavy rain could spring back, but it's too early to tell just how much has been permanently damaged, said Bob Miller, a wheat and pea grower with land between the two cities. Hail apparently fell hardest near Adams, where plants were nearing the critical bloom stage. Hail stones may have knocked the blooms off some vines, leaving little chance they will produce a crop. Miller said rain battered his pea crop near Athena, dropping .80 of an inch of rain in about 25 minutes.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 142nd day of 2018. There are 223 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 22, 1968, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, sank in the Atlantic Ocean. (The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.)

On this date:
In 1761, the first Ameri-

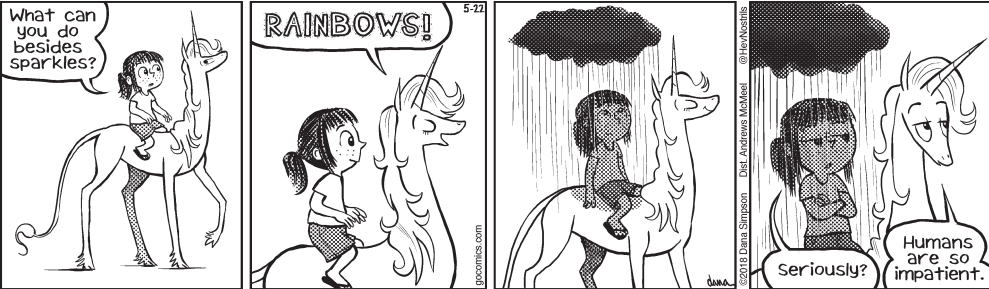
can life insurance policy was issued in Philadelphia to a Rev. Francis Allison, whose premium was six pounds per year.
In 1868, a major train robbery took place near Marshall, Indiana, as members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in loot.
In 1913, the American Cancer Society was founded in New York under its original name, the American Society for the Control of Cancer.
In 1939, the foreign min-

isters of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

Thought for Today: "It is the people who can do nothing who find nothing to do, and the secret to happiness in this world is not only to be useful, but to be forever elevating one's uses." — *Sarah Orne Jewett, American author (1849-1909).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

