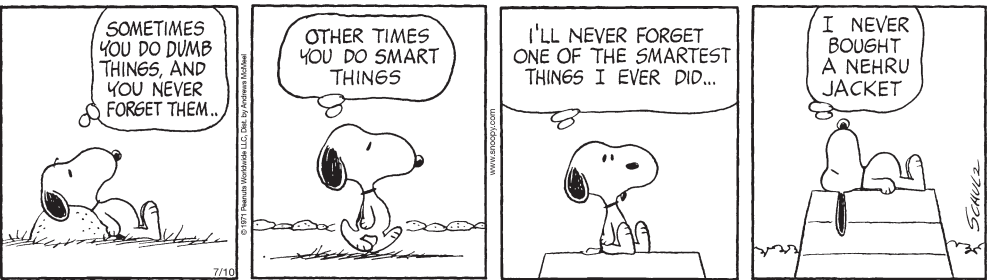


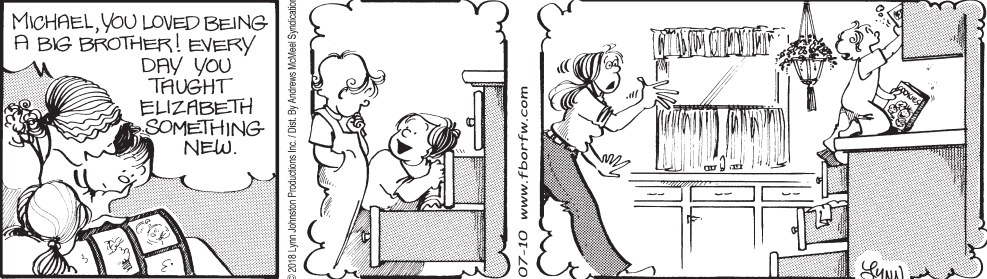
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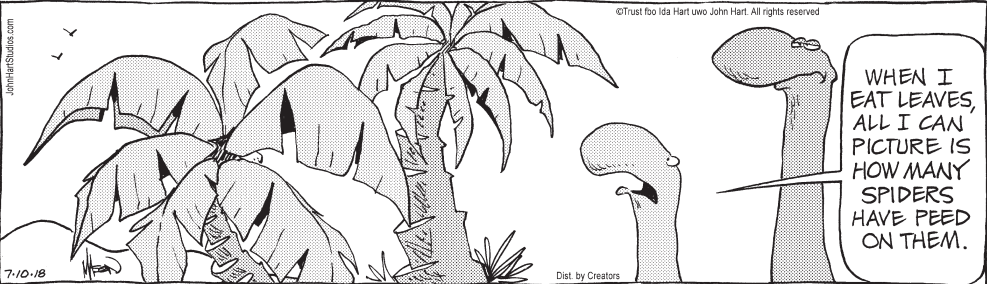
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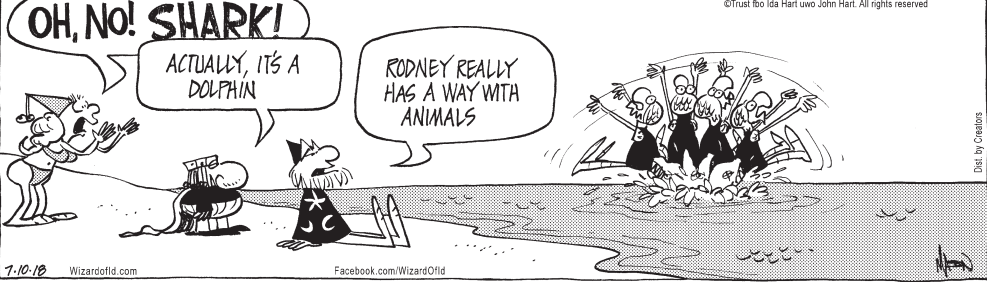
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DEAR ABBY

Old friend is slow to follow up on attempt to reconnect

Dear Abby: I recently reconnected with my best friend from high school. I moved out of state at the age of 30, and we lost touch. Turns out she lives about 70 miles from me. Neither of us married or had children.

Someone told me where she works and I called her. She called back the following weekend, and we talked for a couple of hours. It was a good conversation, and it ended with her saying she would be in touch in the next couple of months. We had discussed getting together for lunch.

It has been almost four months and I'm puzzled as to why I have not heard from her. Should I let it go or contact her once more? It bothers me that she doesn't seem to want to get together and hasn't told me why. Any suggestions? — **Reconnecting In The West**

Dear Reconnecting: There could be any number of reasons why your old friend let this slide. Contact her again and "remind" her that you had discussed having lunch together. Her response — or lack of one — will tell you if she's really interested.

Dear Abby: An issue needs addressing regarding same-sex marriage, and I hope you will share this with your readers. When asking someone about his or her marital status, please keep in mind that when the person responds "married," it may not necessarily mean to a person of the opposite sex. It would be better to ask, "What is your spouse's name?" instead of automatically saying, "And her/his name is ...?"

While dealing with customer service recently, the service representative kept say-



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ing "your partner" every time I said "husband." After three corrections, I emphatically stated "my husband" and she begrudgingly finished our transaction. (Yes, I did speak to her supervisor.)

"Partner" implies being in a business of some type. I know some people refer to their spouses as partners, but not everyone does. Thanks for printing this, Abby. — **"Spouses" Not "Partners" In Delaware**

Dear S. Not P.: The world is changing quickly, and not everyone has been able to keep up with it. The customer service representative should have picked up on the fact that you preferred she refer to your spouse as "husband" the first time you said it. You should not have had to remind her three times. However, because you did, you were right to talk to a supervisor so the woman could be counseled and will, one hopes, be more sensitive in the future.

Dear Abby: My 15-year-old granddaughter is being verbally abused by her dad, who has joint custody. He makes her cry every time she spends time with him. Also, there often is not enough food in the house. As a grandmother, what can I do to protect my granddaughter? — **She Needs Help**

Dear She Needs Help: Your granddaughter's father may have joint custody, but because he is verbally abusive and doesn't have enough food in the house to feed her, your daughter may have to take him back to court and get a modification of the custody order. Because your granddaughter is now 15, she has a right to be heard on the subject.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 9-10, 1918

The hearing of J.O. Baird, charged with threatening to kill, was held this morning in Justice J.H. Parkes' court. Asa Arbogast was the complaining witness. Judge Parkes dismissed the case upon an agreement between the attorneys of both sides and the understanding between J.O. Baird and Asa Arbogast that they would appear before the loyalty committee of the Umatilla County Patriotic Service league for a hearing next Thursday. In the trial this morning it was brought out the trouble between the two dates back several months to a dispute over the settlement of wages when Arbogast had worked for Baird. The bad feelings had grown till it is said Baird had questioned the loyalty of Arbogast, calling him pro-Hun and disloyal to his country.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 9-10, 1968

This is the kind of a situation the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce unquestionably prefers not to notice, but in three of the last

four days, the Round-Up City's downtown maximums have equalled the highest in the 50 states of the Union! Monday it was 108 downtown and it also was 108 at Hanford, Wash., for the national hot spots. Sunday was relatively "cool" with only a high of 101, but Saturday it was 110 and last Friday 108. No rain was in sight and the chance is estimated at less than 10 per cent.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 9-10, 1993

Daryl Blanksma has taught music and plays the trombone. He trained as an emergency medical technician and soon will take the state test for his EMT-2 rank. Despite these interests, Blanksma follows a higher purpose in his vocation. He is new pastor at First United Methodist Church in Pendleton. "I just really felt I was being called into a deeper commitment in the life of the church," Blanksma says about his decision to enter seminary. He arrived here last week from Vale, where he was pastor for three years. He was welcomed with an ice cream social Wednesday evening.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as the Luftwaffe started attacking southern England. (The Royal Air Force was ultimately victorious.)

In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

In 1925, jury selection took place in Dayton, Tennessee, in the trial of John T. Scopes, charged with violating the law by teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (Scopes was convicted and fined, but the verdict was overturned on a technicality.)

In 1929, American paper currency was reduced in size as the government began issuing bills that were approximately 25 percent smaller.

In 1962, AT&T's Telstar 1 communications satellite, capable of relaying television signals and tele-

phone calls, was launched by NASA from Cape Canaveral.

In 1985, the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior was sunk with explosives in Auckland, New Zealand, by French intelligence agents; one activist was killed. Bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke.

In 1989, Mel Blanc, the "man of a thousand voices," including such cartoon characters as Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Porky Pig, died in Los Angeles at age 81.

In 1999, the United States women's soccer team won the World Cup, beating China 5-4 on penalty kicks after 120 minutes of scoreless play at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

In 2004, President George W. Bush said in his weekly radio address that legalizing gay marriage would redefine the most fundamental institution of civilization, and that a constitutional amendment was needed to protect traditional marriage.

Today's Birthdays: Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 91. Tennis Hall of Famer Virginia Wade is 73. Folk singer Arlo Guthrie is 71. Country singer-songwriter Ken Mellons is 53. Actress Sofia Vergara is 46. Rockabilly singer Imelda May is 44. Actor Adrian Grenier is 42. Actor Chiwetel Ejiofor is 41. Singer-actress Jessica Simpson is 38. Rapper/singer Angel Haze is 27.

Thought for Today: "One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind." — *Malayan proverb.*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN



BIG NATE

