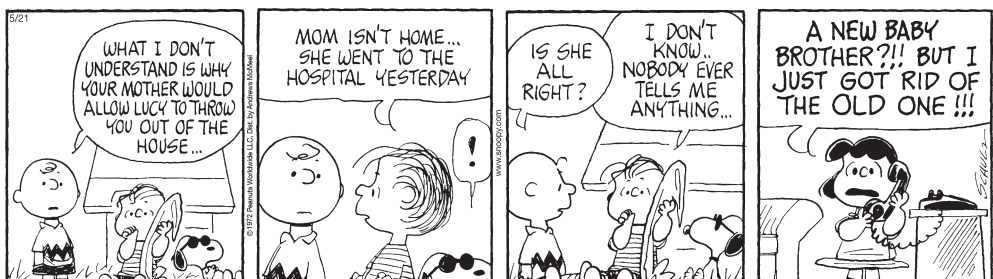


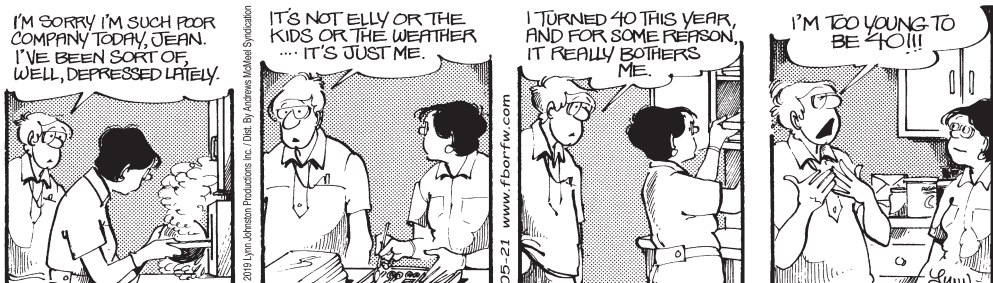
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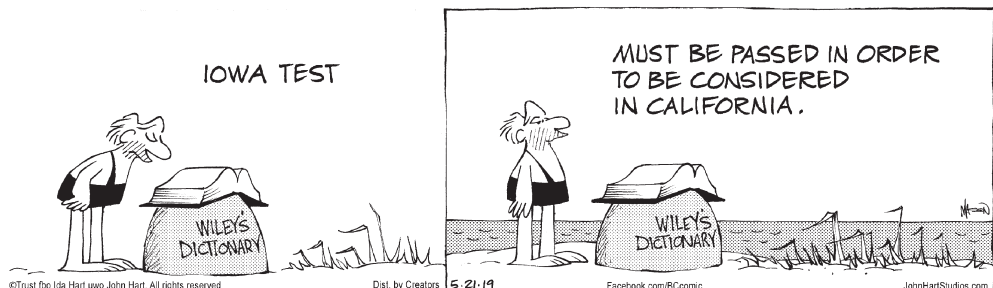
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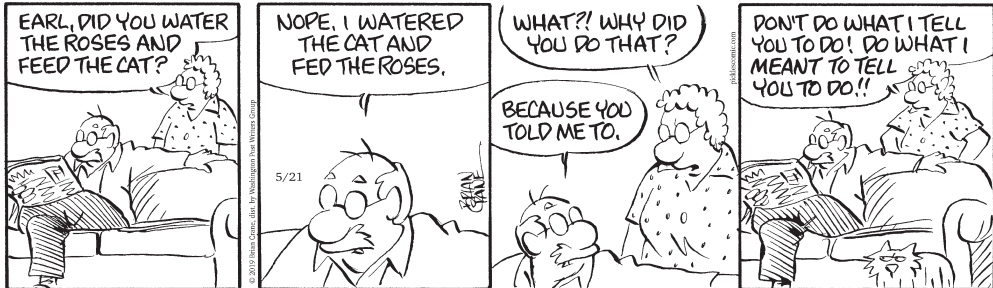
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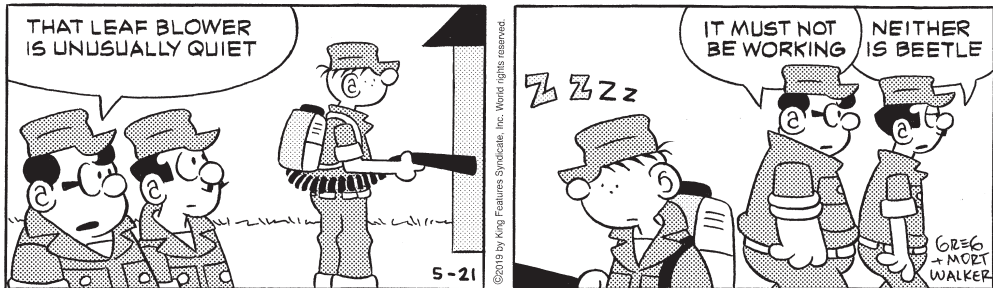
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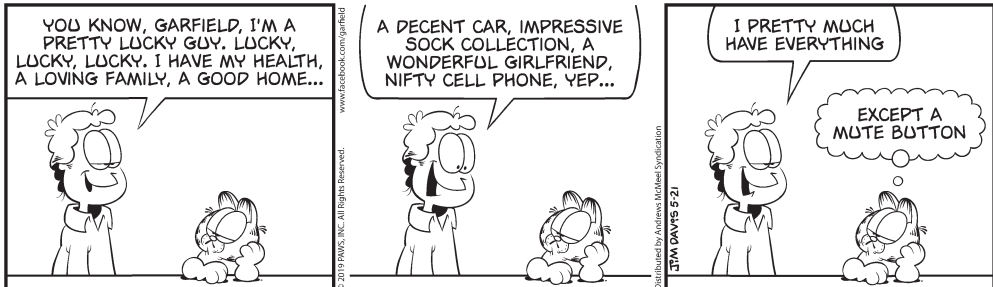
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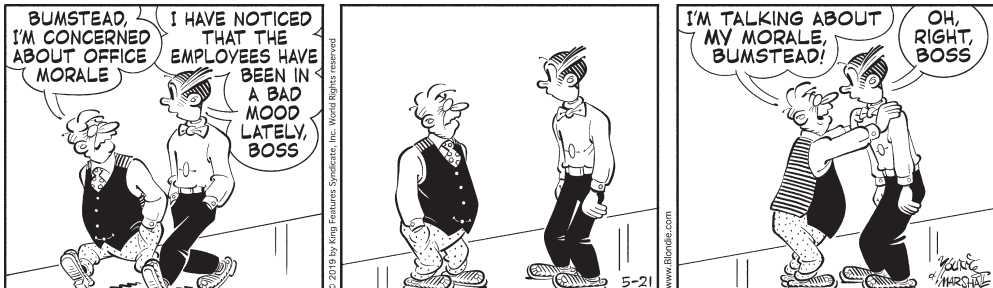
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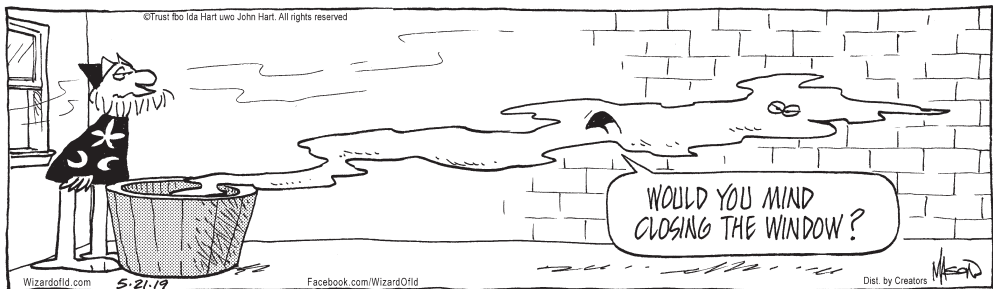
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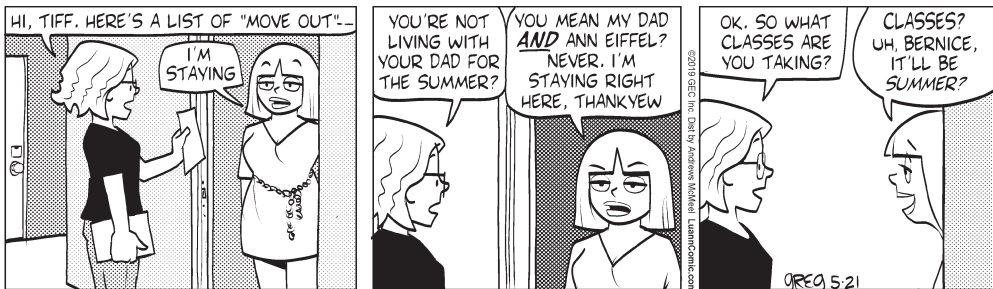
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DEAR ABBY

Man plans to bequest money to the soul mate he deserted

Dear Abby: Many years ago, I had a romance with a young girl in a faraway town. After a year, thinking I could do better, I moved on. With the benefit of hindsight, I now realize she stood head and shoulders above all the others, and I had tragically discarded my soul mate.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

By chance, I ended up settling in the same city as she. She eventually married and raised a family. Now and then we would run into each other, exchange a few friendly words and a quick hug, then move on. On one of those occasions, she was accompanied by her husband and introduced me as a "friend" from back in our younger days. Although he was cordial, I could see in his expression that he wondered if perhaps there wasn't more to the story than that.

In the course of getting my papers and estate arranged, it is clear I have done fairly well in terms of money. I divorced years ago and have no children. I am leaving money to a relative or two, some assorted charities and, for two reasons, I have decided to leave a reasonably large sum to my soul mate. For one, she was, and is, perhaps the finest person I have ever known. Second, it is obvious to me that they can use the money.

But what happens when this windfall drops out of the sky into their laps? I have no wish to cause problems in their apparently happy marriage in any way, but I cannot help but think that despite my good intentions it might cause a disturbance in their relationship. Am I doing the right thing, and is there a better way to do it? — "John Beresford Tipton Jr."

Dear "Mr. Tipton": Your letter brings to mind a television series from years ago called "The Millionaire." Each week the representative of an eccentric multimillionaire, John Beresford Tipton Jr., would hand some deserving person a check for \$1 million in the hope that it would improve the person's life.

Ask your financial adviser or the person who will administer your estate how to discreetly pull off an anonymous bequest, and I'm sure the person can make it happen.

Dear Abby: For a year and a half, my wife and I have been looking forward to attending our granddaughter's college graduation. (She will be graduating on June 1.) When I called my son to discuss hotel and other arrangements, he told me my granddaughter initially was allowed only three tickets, but managed to get two more tickets from students whose relatives could not attend. He then informed me that he, his ex-wife, his son, his ex-wife's sister and the sister's live-in boyfriend will be using the tickets.

I feel very hurt that the ex's sister and boyfriend got tickets instead of me and my wife. We had planned to give my granddaughter \$500 for graduation. After this slap in the face, should we give her the \$500, which we have given to all our other grandchildren upon their graduation? — "Left Out in Florida"

Dear Left Out: Yes, you should. Although you are right to feel hurt and offended, the blame should rest with your son and not your granddaughter, and she should not be penalized for it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 20-21, 1919

Louise Lott, Indian woman held as alleged accomplice of Ned Harsche, might have blown the city jail to bits had she cared to create a fuss, it was learned today. When locked up, she neglected to turn over to the officers an Indian police revolver which belonged to Harsche and which she had strapped about her waist, beneath her garments. The gun was known to be missing and it was only delivered up by her after she was threatened with bread and water.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 20-21, 1969

A 26-member committee of junior high parents polled the parents of the school's 529 students last week relative to the appearance of short skirts worn by girls and sideburns by some of the boys. Principal John Cermak read this unsigned reply from one of the parents to the school board in its Monday night meeting: "If the committee is suffering from an uncontrollable urge to dress the natives, I suggest that you join the Peace Corps, where I am sure you

will have received enough training in the dignity and rights of individuals to prevent such impertinent attitudes." The board tossed the issue around for 30 minutes and came back to the policy adopted last fall that the question be left up to the school administrators.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 20-21, 1994

Italian fashion is changing as fast as the Italian political climate and for many of that country's fashion houses, the trend could spell trouble. Fads are out and history — particularly the history of other cultures — is in. That was the message from a dozen or so Italian clothing importers and journalists who were in Pendleton this week to tour the garment factory at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution. They came to see where Prison Blues are made and to interview the inmates who make the rugged blue jeans. The biggest Italian designers — Armani, Versace, Gucci — will probably always be around, they said, but the hottest trend now from the stylish country is toward honest, lasting clothes. Prison Blues fit the bill.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On May 21, 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1863, the Seventh-day Adventist Church was officially organized.

In 1868, Ulysses S. Grant was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33½ hours.

In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS

Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after the ship's passengers and crew were allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1945, actors Humphrey Bogart, 45, and Lauren Bacall, 20, were married at Malabar Farm in Lucas, Ohio.

In 1979, former San Francisco City Supervisor Dan White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the slayings of Mayor George Moscone and openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk; outrage over the verdict sparked rioting. (White was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison; he ended up serving five years and committed suicide in 1985.)

In 1998, a teen gunman opened fire inside Thurston High School in Springfield,

Oregon, killing two students, a day after he killed his parents. (The shooter was sentenced to nearly 112 years in prison.)

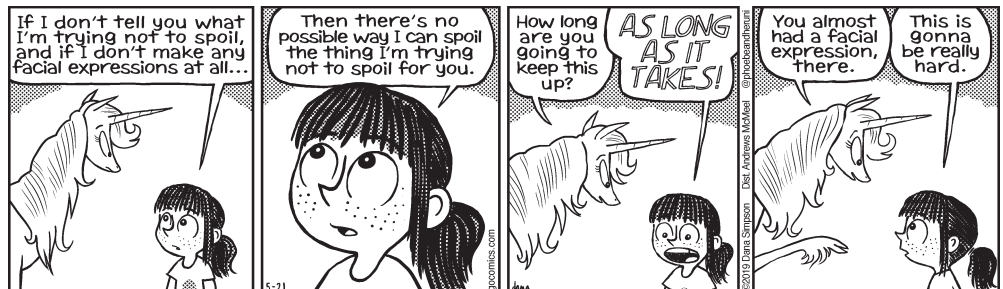
Today's Birthdays:

Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 78. Former Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., is 68. Actor Mr. T is 67. Music producer Stan Lynch is 64. Rock singer-musician Mikel Jollett (Airborne Toxic Event) is 45. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 45. Country singer Cody Johnson is 32. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 29.

Thought for Today: "Originality does not consist in saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you think yourself." — James Stephens, Irish poet and novelist (1882-1950).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

