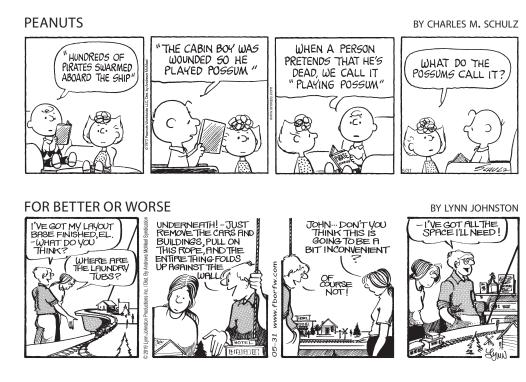
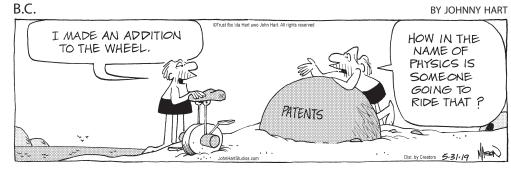
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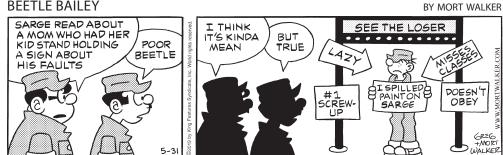




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**BEETLE BAILEY** 



| GARFIELD |  |                     | BY JIM DAVIS |
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#### **BLONDIE**

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

# **DEAR ABBY** Mom fears teenage son is headed for heartbreak

**Dear Abby**: I am very close to my 19-year-old son. He is kind, sweet and big-hearted. He has learning disabilities and the maturity level of probably a 15- or 16-year-old. Naturally, I am protective of him. He had one girlfriend during his senior year, and when they broke up after four months, he was beyond devastated. Since then he constantly talks about how lonely he is and his desire to be in a relationship.

About a week ago, he told me he likes a woman from his work. They went out on a couple of dates and, come to find out, she's 33 and has three kids (9, 7, and 8 months old). He told me she asked him if he wanted to be in a serious relationship or just be friends with benefits. He told her he wanted something serious, and I guess she agreed.

Abby, this woman is taking advantage of my son! What would a woman that age want with a kid? This is a complicated nightmare, and I do not want my son involved with her. I'm convinced she's using him, and once she is over it, she will break his heart. It took him a long time to get over his high school sweetheart, and I was seriously worried about his mental well-being. Is there anything I can do to stop this train wreck?

I have talked to him about my concerns, but it didn't accomplish anything. I told him I want to meet her, and they agreed. I'm nervous because I know I need to refrain from telling her how I really feel. Any suggestions? — Protective Mom

Dear Mom: Not all romances are guaranteed to last, as most adults find out after they enter the dating scene. At 19 - learn-



ing disabilities or not — your son is considered to be an adult. Part of becoming one is experiencing life with all of its joys and disappointments.

You cannot protect your son from sadness or predict how his relationships will turn out. Let him know that you are supportive of him always. Then, when you meet this woman, be warm and befriend her. Get to know her so you can communicate with her without her

becoming defensive. You will gain nothing by seeming hostile.

Dear Abby: About 12 years ago, I found out my dad isn't really my father. It didn't change how I felt about him, and I wasn't interested in meeting my biological father.

Dad died a couple of weeks ago. During the memorial service, I ended my emotional tribute to him by saying that even though he wasn't my bio father, he was still my "Dad," and the love and memories I have of him mean more than any blood ties to my bio father.

My brother and one of my sisters had no problem with me saying this. My other sister, however, was very upset with me. She said letting church members know he wasn't my bio father was disrespectful. She was the only one who criticized me. Was I disrespectful, and was my sister correct in chastising me? — Loved My Dad

Dear Loved: The eulogy you gave for your dad was beautiful, and it came from the heart. It was in no way disrespectful and you did nothing wrong. Your sister should not have criticized you the way she did, but when there is a death in the family, emotions sometimes run high.

## DAYS GONE BY

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 31, 1919

Soldiers honorably discharged from service since November 11, 1918, are to receive travel pay at the rate of 5 cents per mile to actual bona fide home or residence, or place of original muster into the service, at the option of the soldier, according to word received today at the Red Cross home service office. The local Red Cross will have on hand blank forms of application which include the necessary affidavit for the additional travel allowance. This affidavit must be accompanied by a true copy of the soldier's discharge certificate, certified as such by a recruiting officer, or the original discharge certificate, the latter to be returned with the check for the travel pay.

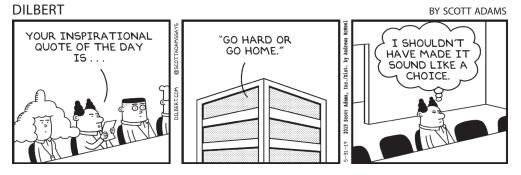
#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 31, 1969

and served during working hours; orders the removal of the soft drink machine; and orders storage of the civil defense radio. "The purpose for any of us being here is to provide statutory service to the public," the court said in a notice posted on both floors of the courthouse. "For their taxes they are entitled to reasonable, courteous and competent treatment and service. There has been a laxness in these respects. ...'

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 31, 1994

Several cars were sprayed by gunfire from a low-rider Buick Riviera Monday evening in Umatilla, but nobody was reported hurt in the drive-by shooting. A passenger in the maroon Buick reportedly fired several rounds in the direction of another car, which was near a house across from Kik's Driving Range on Highway 730 in Umatilla, according to a Umatilla County Sheriff's log. Details of the 6:45 p.m. incident including the number of suspects and





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The Gilliam County Court wants taxpayers to get better service in the county courthouse. It rapped out a policy statement this week that: forbids coffee to be made

intended victims or a possible motive were unavailable from the Umatilla Police Department this morning.

## **TODAY IN HISTORY**

On May 31, 1962, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel a few minutes before midnight for his role in the Holocaust.

In 1859, the Big Ben clock tower in London went into operation, chiming for the first time.

In 1889, some 2,200 people in Johnstown. Pennsylvania, perished when the South Fork Dam collapsed, sending 20 million tons of water through the town.

In 1916, during World War I. British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

In 1921, a race riot erupted in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as white mobs began looting and leveling the black

district of Greenwood over reports a black man had assaulted a white woman in an elevator; hundreds died.

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 67,000 lives.

In 1977, the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making despite objections from environmentalists and Alaska Natives, was completed. (The first oil began flowing through the pipeline 20 days later.)

In 1985, 88 people were killed, more than 1,000 injured, when 41 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an 8-hour period.

In 1990, the situation comedy "Seinfeld" began airing as a regular series on NBC

In 1994, the United

States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

Today's **Birthdays**: Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 89. Humanitarian Terry Waite is 80. Actor Tom Berenger is 69. Actor Gregory Harrison is 69. Actor Kyle Secor is 62. Actor Hugh Dillon is 56. Rapper DMC is 55. Actress Brooke Shields is 54. Jazz musician Christian McBride is 47. Rock musician Andy Hurley (Fall Out Boy) is 39. Actor Curtis Williams Jr. is 32.

Thought for Today: "They that approve a private opinion, call it opinion; but they that dislike it, heresy; and yet heresy signifies no more than private opinion." — Thomas Hobbes, English political philosopher (1588-1679).

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