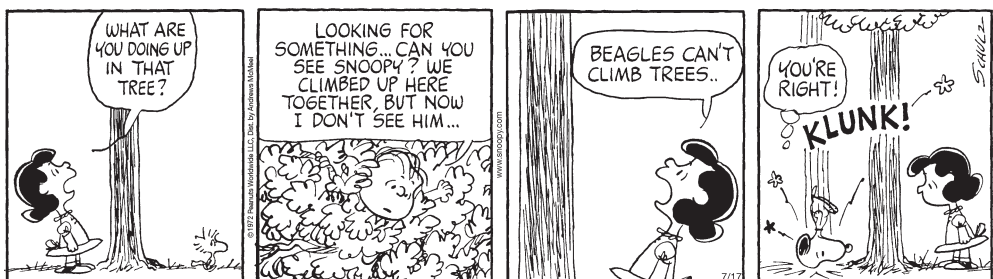


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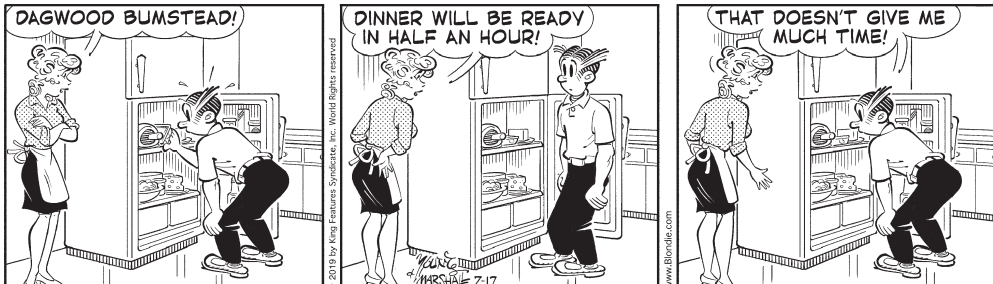
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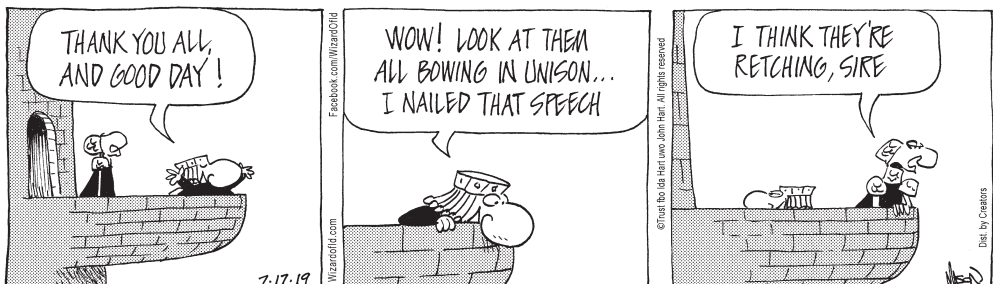
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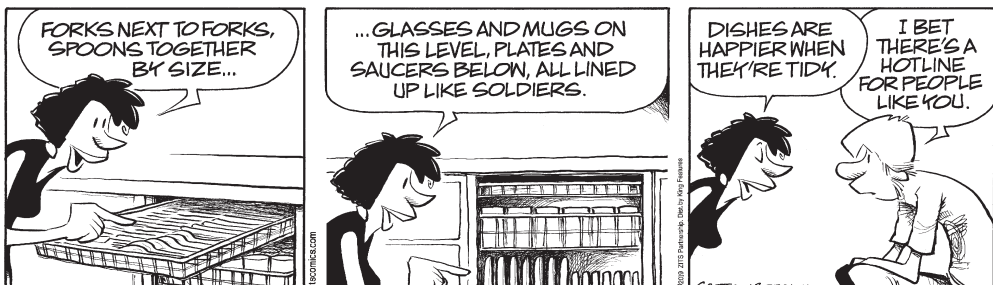
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DEAR ABBY

Parents unsure how to begin having 'the talk' with son



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have a young, preteen grandson who is asking his parents 'facts of life' questions. They are bewildered about how to give him the information. I'd be grateful if you could share details of the publication you have for this purpose and how to get it. — Grandmom in Clinton Township, Mich.

Dear Grandmom: Many parents find the subject of sex embarrassing, so they postpone discussing it with their children. They forget that children today mature earlier and are exposed to sexual images and references more often than those of previous generations.

When "The Talk" finally happens, it's often too late. It is important that parents begin discussing subjects like alcohol, smoking, drugs, sex and family values well before their children are tempted to experiment. My booklet "What Every Teen Should Know" was written to help parents break the ice and get the conversation going. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. His parents should review it before starting a discussion to deal with their son's questions that might arise.

Among the important topics included are: "How old must a girl be before she

can get pregnant?" and "How old must a boy be before he can father a child?" Other topics, including peer pressure, dating, STDs, drugs and alcohol, are also covered. My booklet has been used to promote discussions by educators and religious leaders and distributed by doctors' offices. The more information his parents can provide, the better prepared your grandson will be to make informed choices in the future. I hope my booklet will be a helpful tool for facilitating the many conversations his parents will have with their son.

Dear Abby: My son recently died in an accident. His death was unexpected and shocking, and we are all heartbroken, especially his girlfriend. I know he was having doubts about their relationship because he told me, but she doesn't know.

We have grown very close since the accident. She says things like, "Danny and I were meant to be." It makes me think I should tell her the truth. But I'm afraid if I do, it will affect our friendship and break her heart again. What do you think? Should she know or not? — Treading Lightly

Dear Treading: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your son. Because the tragedy is recent, I see nothing to be gained by shattering her illusion. If you feel she's isolating herself, remind her that Danny would want her to go on with her life as do you. Assure her you will always be there for her if she needs you.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 17, 1919

In an effort to identify the unknown woman recently murdered at Olympia, a complete description of the woman's teeth was received today by the sheriff's office to be examined by all the local dentists. A complete chart, showing the dental work which was done on her teeth, accompanied by a description of the supposed murderer was sent. It is not generally known that a complete description of dental work is supposed to be kept for such identification purposes and the teeth are one of the few features, in this case, which might lead to the identification of the slain woman.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 17, 1969

Richard R. Sherman, 38, of Umatilla, was arrested by U.S. marshals Tuesday on charges of violating postal laws to promote a chain letter scheme. The complaint said Sherman mailed numerous letters promising recipients \$8,000. They were asked to

send \$1 to the top name in the list of four names at the bottom of the letter, send out 20 copies of the letter, delete the top name and put their own in fourth place. The complaint said all four names on the original letter were Sherman's aliases.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 17, 1994

A woman fights a losing battle to keep from being sucked down a manhole, a young scholar smokes crack and tells off a police officer, and an unemployed man resists the temptation to steal from an undercover cop: It's all there in the fluorescent pages of the kore, a quarterly literary magazine produced in Pendleton. The upstart alternative magazine is the product of karen verba, a writer since age 14 who said she moved to Pendleton a few years ago to escape an abusive ex-husband. She started working on the publication last August and the first issue was mailed in November. So far, three issues have been completed and verba, who prefers her name written in all lower case, a la e.e. cummings, is working on the fourth.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Europe-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, New York, shortly after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people on board.

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1862, during the Civil War, Congress approved the Second Confiscation Act, which declared that all slaves taking refuge behind Union lines were to be set free.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1945, following Nazi Germany's surrender, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of World War II.

In 1954, the two-day inaugural Newport Jazz Festival, billed as "The First American Jazz Festival," opened in Rhode Island; among the performers the first night was Billie Holiday, who died in New York on this date in 1959 at age 44.

In 1955, Disneyland had its opening day in Anaheim, California.

In 1961, Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ty Cobb died in Atlanta at age 74.

In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance.

In 1997, Woolworth Corp. announced it was closing its 400 remaining

five-and-dime stores across the country, ending 117 years in business.

In 2014, all 298 passengers and crew aboard Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 were killed when the Boeing 777 was shot down over rebel-held eastern Ukraine.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Donald Sutherland is 84. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 84. Rock musician Spencer Davis is 80. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is 65. Rock musician Kim Shattuck is 56. Singer JC (PM Dawn) is 48. Rapper Sole is 46. Country singer Luke Bryan is 43. Actor Tom Cullen is 34. Actor Brando Eaton is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeremih is 32. Actress Billie Lourd is 27.

Thought for Today: "Modo et modo non habebant modum." (By and by never comes.) — St. Augustine (A.D. 354-A.D. 430).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

