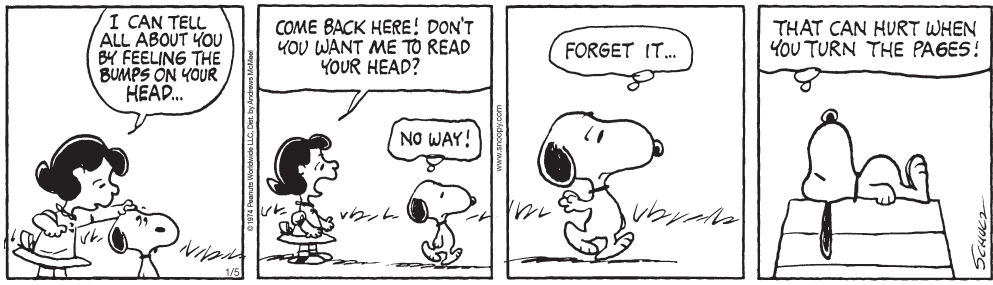


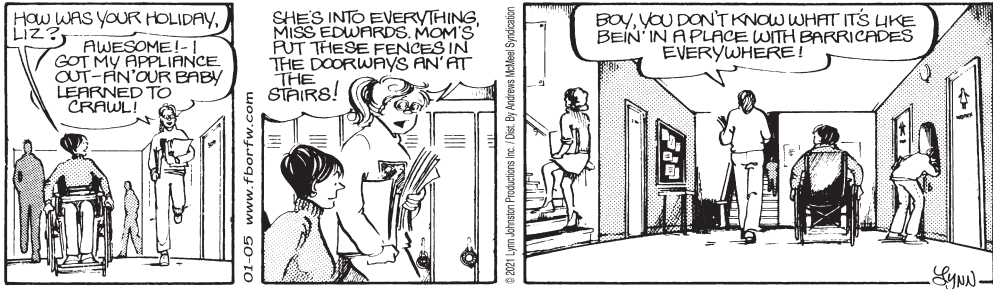
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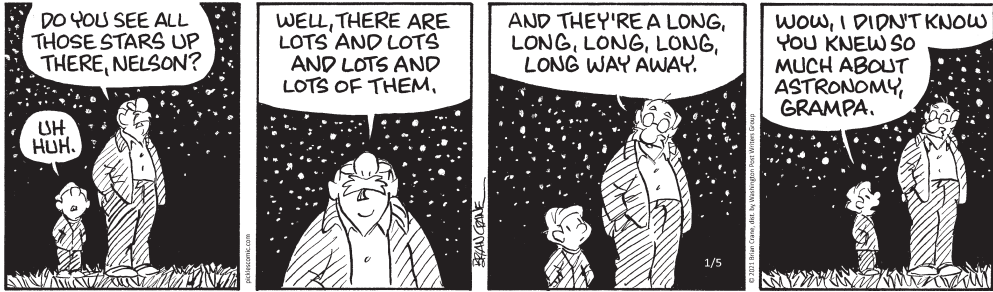
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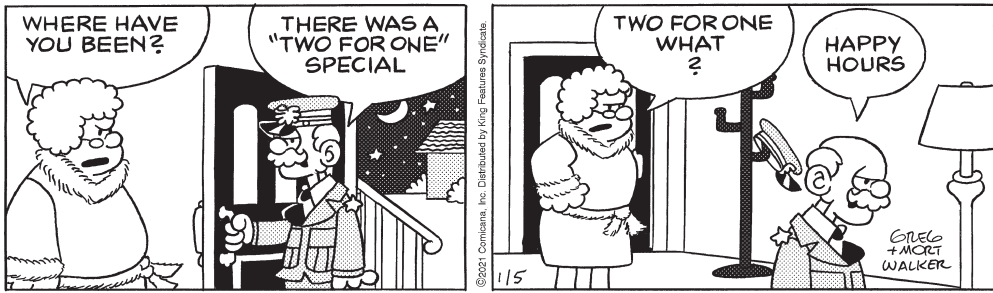
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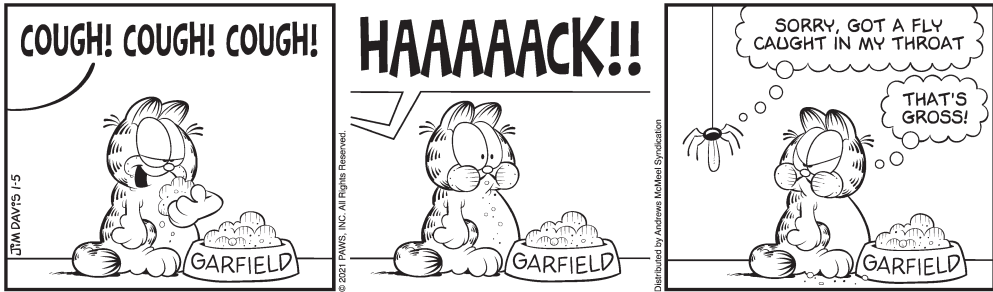
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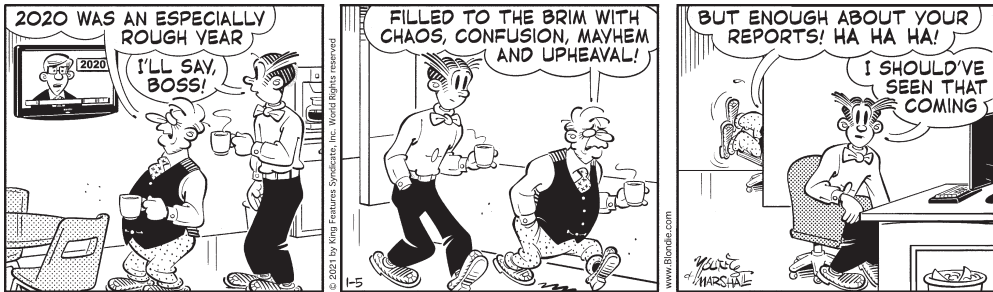
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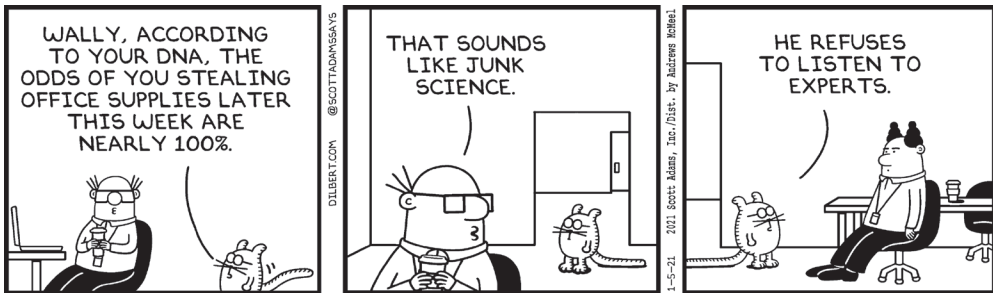
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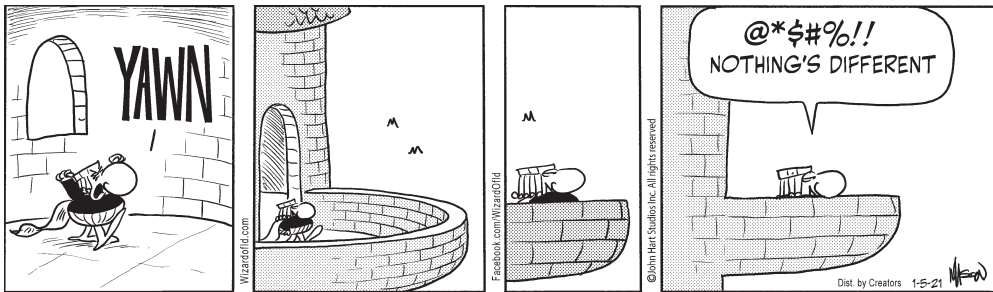
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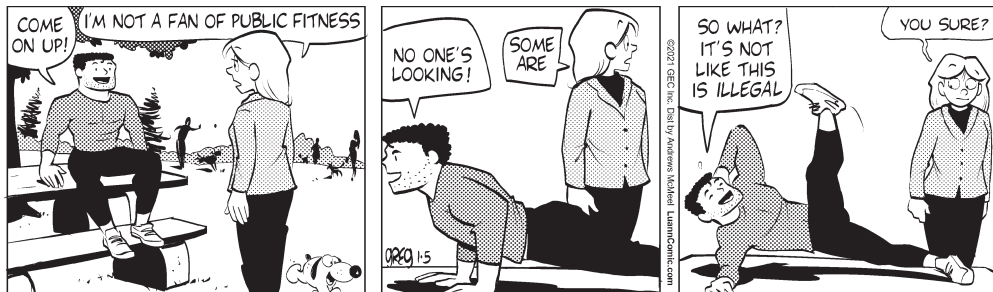
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DEAR ABBY

Parents clash over who should discipline their three children

Dear Abby: I am a single father of three wonderful kids. When my wife and I separated, we agreed to 50/50 custody and a property settlement. Everything went smoothly. A year later, I requested, and was granted, full custody of my children. Their mom has visitation, but that's it.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Shortly after my separation, I met a woman and we became good friends. I waited about a year before introducing her to my children because I wanted to make sure I knew her first.

Although we are not "officially" in a relationship, she has been more than willing to step in and help with the children. In a few instances, she has disciplined them because of bad behaviors. It usually entails talking to them about what they did wrong and some sort of consequence — loss of toys or privileges.

When they went to visit their mother and she heard about it, she wasn't happy. She called me very upset saying my friend had no right to discipline our kids. I see nothing wrong with it, but I am second-guessing myself. Some advice, please? — Concerned Dad in California

Dear Concerned Dad: If your lady friend's "discipline" ever went further than a talking-to, then their mother is right. Because you have primary custody of the children, you should be the parent who levies penalties if they misbehave and a punishment is warranted.

Dear Abby: I'm a very social person and

part of a close-knit friend group, but my boyfriend is on the introverted side. Although he is sweet and thoughtful, he doesn't have many friends of his own, and he tends to enjoy independent hobbies.

Since learning that my friendships are very important to me, he has made a huge effort with my friends and their boyfriends. In the past, he invited them to movies, reached out and attempted to engage them in multiple ways.

I have watched from a distance, hoping they could forge a connection, but they ignore or avoid him, and he recently shared his worry that they don't like him. I don't blame him for thinking that, and I'm starting to feel sad for him and frustrated with my friends. At what point do I talk to them about this? Should I just let the relationships happen organically (if they happen)? Should I interfere at all? — Torn in Texas

Dear Torn: You didn't mention how old you are, or how long you and your boyfriend have been involved. I do not think it would be interfering to ask your friends why they seem unwilling to accept him. Their answers might be enlightening.

At some ages, circles have formed and it's difficult to break in and gain acceptance. If there is something about your boyfriend that makes them uncomfortable, it would be better if you knew what it was. However, ultimately, he should socialize with you and these friends at his comfort level. You may also need to seek out new friends and cultivate relationships together as a couple.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 5, 1921

Dr. F. A. Lieuallen and Perry L. Idleman, local members of the state hospitalization committee of the American Legion, left for Walla Walla this noon in response to a request that they meet Washington officials of the legion and army officers in an inspection of the old Fort Walla Walla barracks as a possible hospital site for wounded men of the world war needing hospital treatment. Washington legion officials have been on a tour of the state looking after men needing hospital treatment and looking into the facilities provided former service men receiving vocational training at the various institutions in the state. The hospital proposition at Walla Walla is understood to be for all men of the northwest country.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 5, 1971

Sheriff's deputies armed with shotguns stood guard in the cellblocks today as cleanup started after last night's riot in the Umatilla County Jail on the third floor of the courthouse. The riot raged for almost three hours. Toilets were torn from the floor and broken into jagged pieces, the chunks hurled through windows. Piles of books and magazines and other items were set afire and the jail quickly filled with smoke. No deputies or prisoners were injured, but damages will likely run well into four figures. The incident points up a need Sheriff Roy Johnson

has spoken about for years — a need for a jail that can handle troublesome prisoners. "We get men here as tough as any in the penitentiary," he said. He indicated the entire design of the jail should be reexamined. Some deputies have complained their lives are endangered because of the antiquated design of the jail.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 5, 1996

The Umatilla County Commissioners have withheld their blessing on a Milton-Freewater strip club's liquor license application, although they admit that they may not stop the Highway 11 club north of town from opening or serving alcohol. "It's our way of sending the message we do not approve," said Commissioner Glenn Youngman. "If we feel the majority of our community is not going to approve of it, we're not going to approve of it." Little Darlin's, a proposed adult tavern, would be housed in the former Angus Roadhouse restaurant building. Next door is the Junior Show Grounds, the site of many 4-H, FFA and other youth activities. But when the commissioners turned to the county's zoning ordinances for a way to prevent the strip club from opening, they came up empty. As the local government entity in the unincorporated areas of the county, the commission has a nominal say in who is awarded liquor licenses in its jurisdiction, but the Oregon Liquor Control Commission can issue a license in spite of local objections.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 5, 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

In 1914, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers \$5 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to \$2.34 for a 9-hour day. (Employees still worked six days a week; the 5-day work week was instituted in 1926.)

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver, who was born into slavery, died in Tuske-

gee, Alabama, at about age 80.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 1975, "The Wiz," a musical version of L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" featuring an all-Black cast, opened on Broadway.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the

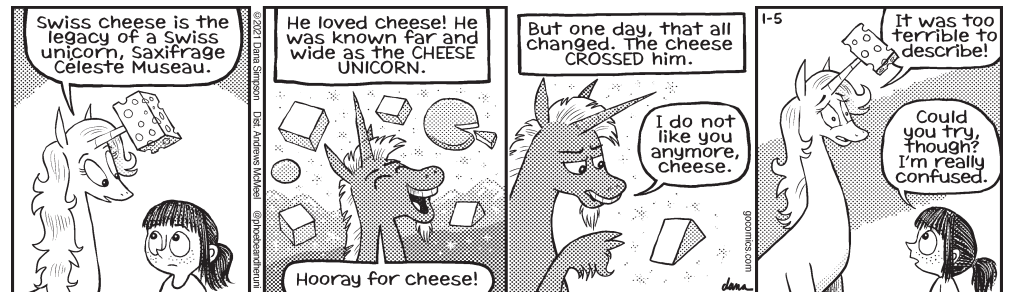
1960s pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing at the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line; he was 62.

In 2004, foreigners arriving at U.S. airports were photographed and had their fingerprints scanned in the start of a government effort to keep terrorists out of the country.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Diane Keaton is 75. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 71. Singer Iris Dement is 60. Rock musician Kate Schellenbach (Luscious Jackson) is 55.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

