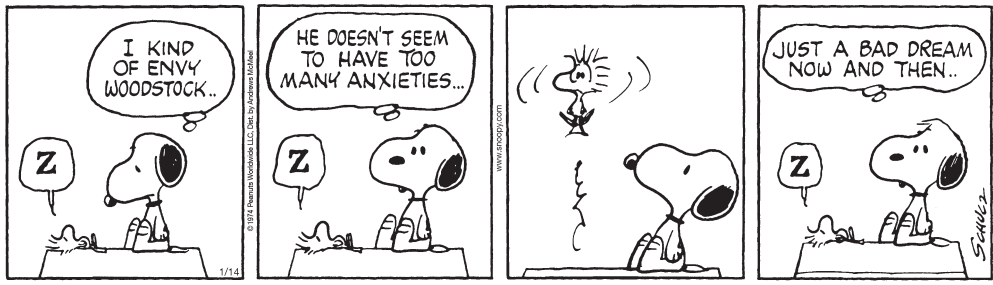


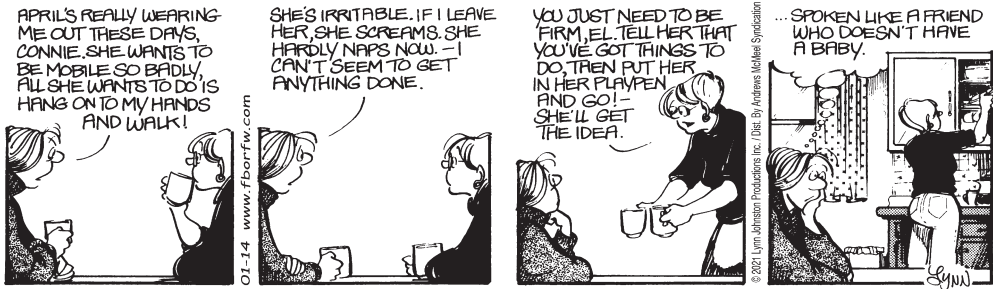
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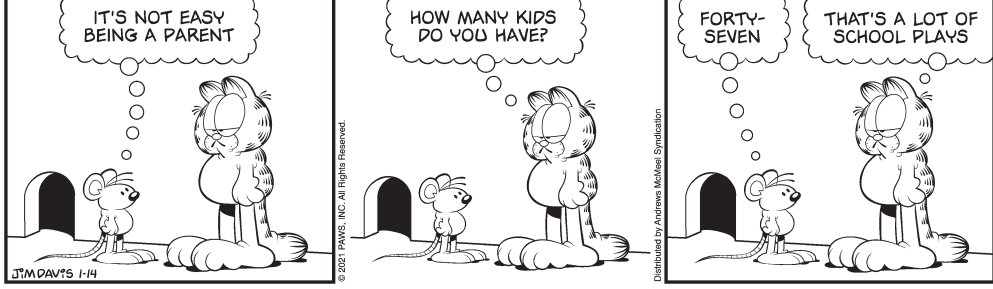
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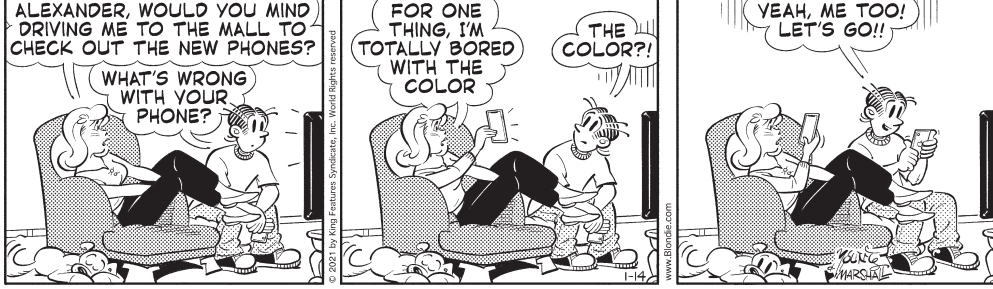
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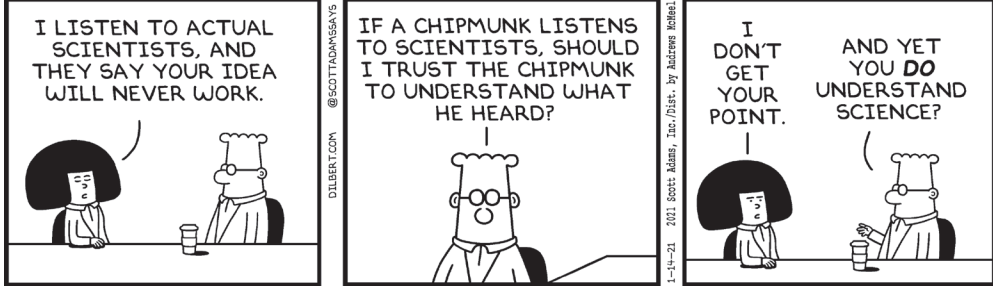
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DEAR ABBY

Son with new girlfriend grows more distant from his mother

Dear Abby: I'm a mom of three young adults, a daughter and two sons. The oldest recently married. My youngest is finishing his last two years of college out of state. Three months ago, he met a young lady. I have tried constantly to be close with all my children, but the youngest has always kept me at bay. He expresses how different we are. Now that he has met this young lady, I think he's trying to push me further away and continue on with her and her mom. It makes me sad because no matter how hard I try to be a good mother and be present, it doesn't work. What do you suggest? — **Sad Mom in Mississippi**

Dear Mom: Your son is pursuing not only this young lady, but also his independence, which is normal for someone his age, and he may need to separate from you for a while. Back off for now and allow him some space. Whether this college romance will pan out is anyone's guess, so calm down. If possible, concentrate on things other than your empty nest. However, if you are unable to do that, ask your physician or your insurance company to refer you to a licensed psychotherapist to help you get through this.

Dear Abby: I lost my schnauzer to diabetes five months ago. He was my best and, really, only friend. I can't get over the guilt for having to euthanize him. I hate myself. I have cried every day since because I feel like I let him down. I have never had to go through this before. It was so traumatic I just can't get over it. Why is this so hard? — **Beyond Grief in Utah**



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Beyond Grief: You have my sympathy. If your dog was suffering and your veterinarian told you the time had come for him to go, you did the right thing. Our beloved pets should run and play rather than suffer. This is so painful because you loved your cherished family member and feel you should have saved him, which, of course, was beyond your power. Every pet owner faces what you are experiencing when they leave their pet at the Rainbow Bridge. In time, your pain should lessen. But if it persists to the point that it interferes with the rest of your life, consult your veterinarian about joining a grief support group.

Dear Abby: My husband of 49 years is fighting me left and right about finding someone to help around our house. He is stubborn. He has tunnel vision and a one-track mind, and he doesn't want anyone to assist him in anything. If I hire someone, he always has a negative comment about that person's workmanship. He's retired after working 44 years and thinks life will wait for him to complete any task, even if it takes another 49 years. I need help with his "I can handle it" attitude while everything stays on hold until he can get to it. — **Needs It Yesterday in Michigan**

Dear Needs It: Give your husband a deadline to either finish a project or hire it done, making clear that if he doesn't do it, you will see it gets done. Then batten down the hatches and be prepared for him not to take the message gracefully.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 14, 1921

America's immigration problem will be treated from all its angles in the Forum of the Presbyterian church. The discussions are open to the public. Frederick W. Steiwer, local attorney; Ernest L. Crockatt, former University of Oregon debater; Rev. John Secor, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church; and Rev. Alfred Lockwood, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal, are to be the speakers. Each will be assigned a different line of thought to develop. The only topic announced so far is that of Rev. Mr. Lockwood, who has chosen "Our Duty to the Alien." Japanese immigration, which is one of the timeliest issues on the Pacific slope of the United States today, will be one of the topics up for consideration. Asiatic immigration in general and immigration from the Near East and from the Latin countries of Europe are other topics to be dealt with.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 14, 1971

A University of Massachusetts student from Pendleton was discharged from his practice teaching job in a Georgia school because he discussed the theory of evolution. David Young recalled the incident during a recent visit here. It was during his fifth week of prac-

tice teaching at Americus, Ga., that one of his eighth grade science class students asked him about the theory of evolution. Young preceded his explanation, and concluded it, with a statement that he believed in the Bible and God. But the word of his actions got back to the superintendent, who ordered Young dismissed on grounds he was teaching atheism.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 14, 1996

Local Teamsters employed at Smith Frozen Foods have signed a petition against a union-supported radio spot they say unfairly targets U.S. Senate candidate Gordon Smith for the deaths of two employees at the frozen vegetable plant in Weston. Smith, a Pendleton Republican and state Senate president, has called the ad "despicable." The 60-second commercial, which also mentions other labor difficulties, including hiring illegal aliens and child labor law violations, was paid for by DRIVE — the Teamsters' national political action committee. More than 100 Smith employees, members of Teamster Local 556, signed the petition and statement calling for a public apology from their union. "We disagree with their attempts to create a political issue from other people's tragedies and attempting to portray the opinions of local members without their input or consent on this issue," the petition states.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 14, 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1914, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park, Michigan, plant.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge "Segregation forever!" — a view Wallace later repudiated.

In 1964, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, in a brief televised address, thanked Americans for their condolences and messages of support following the assassination of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, nearly two months earlier.

In 1968, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the AFL's Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in the second AFL-NFL World Championship game (now referred to as Super Bowl II).

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together, at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

In 2010, President Barack Obama and the U.S. moved to take charge in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, dispatching thousands of troops along with tons of aid.

In 2013, Lance Armstrong ended a decade of denial by confessing to Oprah Winfrey during a videotaped interview that he'd used performance-enhancing drugs to win the Tour de France.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Faye Dunaway is 80. Actor Carl Weathers is 73. Lawrence Kasdan is 72. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Maureen Dowd is 69. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 58. Actor Emily Watson is 54. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 53. Actor Emayatzy Corinealdi is 41.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

