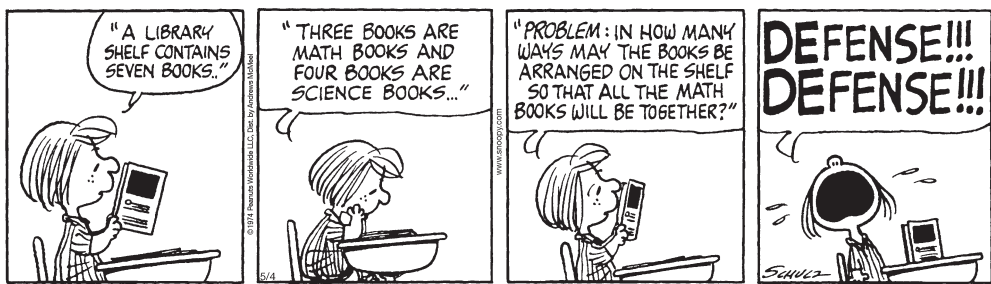


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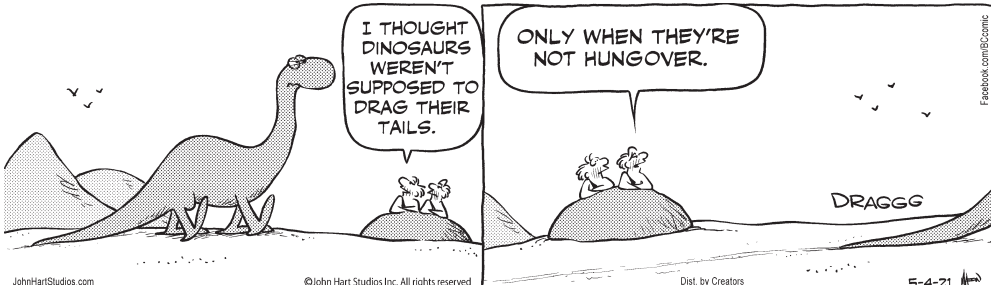
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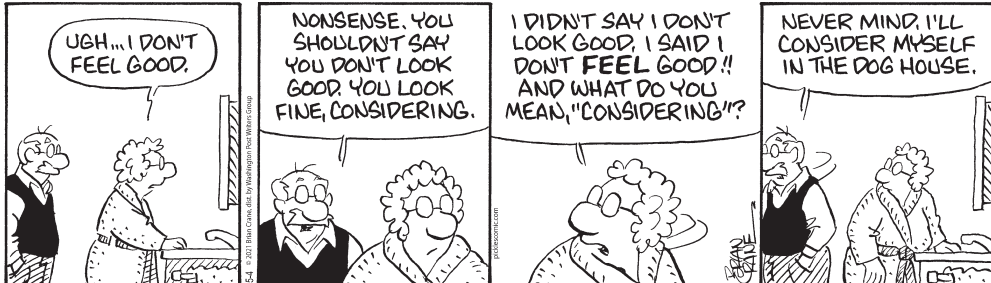
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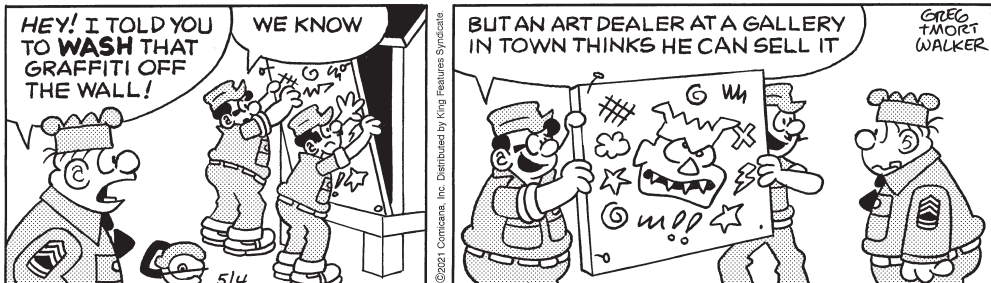
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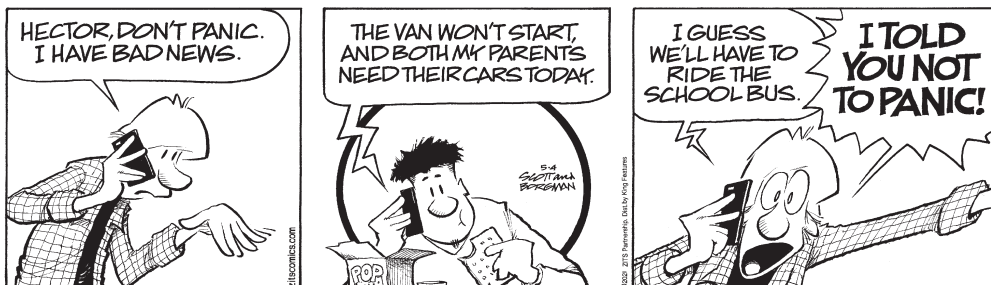
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DEAR ABBY

Overbearing boyfriend ruins family get-togethers



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: We get our children and grandchildren together twice a year. Our oldest daughter is divorced and, unfortunately, has a significant other the rest of our family cannot stand. He's an arrogant, competitive know-it-all.

time, I have entertained the notion of keeping it and giving it to my future life partner, should I meet someone I care for that deeply. Your guidance would be greatly appreciated. — Romancing the Stone

We have been around him only twice — the last two times the family got together. The second time was a disaster for the rest of us. Should we tell her we don't want to invite him this year, and how do we say it? Or should we not tell her? — Tentative in Florida

if she would like to have it. If she says no, you can always offer it to someone else, although I can't promise the lady will be eager to receive a souvenir of a failed relationship.

Dear Tentative: Talk to your daughter about this. When you do, have handy a list of the ways he offended your family members at the gathering. Her significant other may be so self-centered he doesn't realize he's being obnoxious.

Dear Abby: A friend of mine has a 70-pound dog that behaves badly. When I visit her, it sprints out of the front door, barking, and jumps on my car. It has left 3/2-inch-long deep scratches on two of my vehicles. She yells at it, and eventually the dog stops, but not before jumping on me and leaving me muddled and snagged.

Ask her to ask him to dial back his need to compete, impress, cover for his own insecurity — whatever drives him. Then give him one more chance. If that fails, do not invite him again, and tell her why. You can always see your daughter separately, I assume, and so can her siblings.

This friend is due to have a baby, and I am sure she will be inviting me over to meet the baby soon. How can I avoid further damage to my car and clothing without damaging my friendship? — Assaulted in Austin

Dear Abby: I had a relationship with a wonderful woman for almost six years. During the course of our relationship, I purchased a rather expensive precious stone — exactly what she wanted — with the intent of giving it to her as a promise ring. (Neither of us are fans of the institution of marriage.) We have since gone our separate ways, but we still communicate.

Dear Assaulted: The obvious answer is to find the courage to tell your friend you are willing to visit only if she confines her dog so it won't cause further damage to you and your property. And while you are at it, mention that you are concerned about her baby's safety. Her dog's lack of discipline poses a distinct danger to her defenseless and vulnerable little one.

Because it was purchased for her, I am tempted to give her the stone. At the same

DAYS GONE BY

From the East Oregonian

100 Years Ago May 4, 1921

Don Chase, fireman at the Hammond mill, recently invented an elastic fishing line, which he claims will do away with the necessity of using a reel, as the line lengthens or shortens itself with the movement of the hooked fish, 25 yards of this elastic line being as good as 50 yards of the ordinary kind. Chase made an official test of his line on Big Creek Saturday and aside from the fact that the line broke when he hooked the biggest fish that ever entered Big Creek, it worked fine.

unless the approximately 40 students could attend public schools. Classes at the public schools which would be attended by the St. Joseph's students would include physical education, science and art. The students still would receive religion, English, math and other classes at the academy.

25 Years Ago May 4, 1996

Even though it was pretty much a given the Hermiston was going to sweep the less-talented Mountain View Cougars in their Inter-mountain Conference softball doubleheader Friday afternoon, there still was a little suspense. Questions needed to be answered. Just how many hits could the Bulldogs get in a row? And how many hits would pitcher Katie Barnett surrender? The answers: 10 and none. The Bulldogs crushed the Cougars 16-0 and 11-0 as Barnett pitched two no-hitters. It was Barnett's fourth and fifth no-hitters of the season and the first time in her career she has put up all zeroes in two games on the same day.

50 Years Ago May 4, 1971

The Pendleton School Board Monday night approved a request to allow St. Joseph's Academy students to attend Pendleton public schools on a half-day basis next year. Dr. Donald Smith, president of the St. Mary's Parish Council, said there would be less sisters available next year and it would be necessary to hire three or four lay teachers

TODAY IN HISTORY

On May 4, 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington, D.C., to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

(The outcome was considered a tactical victory for Japan, but ultimately a strategic one for the Allies.)

spared him the death penalty. In 2006, a federal judge sentenced Zacarias Moussoufi to life in prison for his role in the 9/11 attacks, telling the convicted terrorist, "You will die with a whimper."

In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.

In 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.

In 2010, a Pakistani-born U.S. citizen was charged with terrorism and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in the botched Times Square bombing. (Faisal Shahzad later pleaded guilty to plotting to set off the propane-and-gasoline bomb in an SUV and was sentenced to life in prison.)

In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

In 1959, the first Grammy Awards ceremony was held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Domenico Modugno won Record of the Year and Song of the Year for "Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu (Volare)"; Henry Mancini won Album of the Year for "The Music from Peter Gunn."

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

Today's Birthdays: Katherine Jackson, matriarch of the Jackson musical family, is 91. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 84. Irish musician Darryl Hunt (The Pogues) is 71. Violinist Soozie Tyrell (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 64. Actor Mary McDonough is 60. Comedian Ana Gasteyer is 54. Actor Will Arnett is 51.

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)

In 1998, Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski was given four life sentences plus 30 years by a federal judge in Sacramento, California, under a plea agreement that

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

