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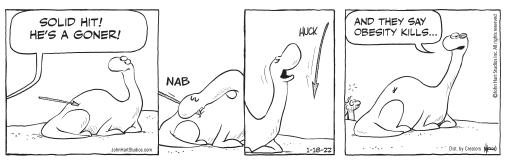




WHAT'S THE RUSH? ... WE'LL GO WHEN I FIND THE KEYS !!

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

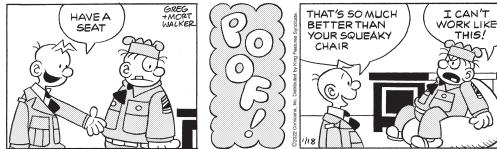
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BY BRIAN CRANE

DEAR ABBY Reader is not ready to marry child's mother

Dear Abby: My girlfriend, 'Dyanne," and I recently had a baby conceived not long after we started dating. While I love my child with all my heart, Dyanne is constantly dropping hints that she wants an engagement ring or a "promise ring." But she's pressuring me to provide something I believe should come when I feel comfortable doing it. I believe that when I give

someone a ring, it should be because I plan to marry her. I don't consider marriage the way most do, and think I can just get divorced and it's no big deal. I think Dyanne puts too much emphasis on what others think and that's one of the reasons she wants a ring.

Am I wrong to stall until I feel ready to propose and not just say, "Sure. One day we will, and here's a ring in the meantime"? --- Unengaged In California

Dear Unengaged: Nowhere in your letter did you mention that you love Dyanne. You should not give her a ring and keep her in a holding pattern if you aren't sure you want to follow through with the commitment. Tell her you care about her and love your child and intend to responsibly co-parent with her, but you are not ready for marriage and don't know when you will be. That's the truth.

Dear Abby: I'm a volunteer tour guide for several historic sites. one of them is a cemetery. My fellow guides and I are concerned — not to mention saddened when we see children running around



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unsupervised, and standing on and climbing on the gravestones. Cemeteries are sacred places in which the dead should be remembered and honored.

When parents or caretakers allow children to use the cemetery as a play area, they fail to teach them respect for the dead or for the survivors who are visiting the graves of their loved ones. They also place their children in danger. Gravestones can

fall or tip over. Children have been killed or seriously injured by toppling stones. Flat grave markers can be tripping hazards. When we caution parents about these dangers, we are often met with indifference.

Please urge your readers to take our concern for their children's safety seriously and control their children's activities in cemeteries. — Concerned Tour Guide

Dear Concerned: I'm pleased to pass along your message because it is an important one. Cemetery etiquette is simple: Treat the graves as you would the graves of your own cherished loved ones, or as you would like your own to be treated. This includes no loud chatter, and because there are people in mourning there, not walking on the graves, not leaving chewing gum on the gravestones, keeping pets leashed — if they are brought there at all — and teaching children the difference between a cemetery and a playground.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Pendleton shivered, shoveled coal, hugged the fire and thawed out water pipes as a result of a cold wave which swept over eastern Oregon last night. The official figures show that the minimum for the 24 hours was 21 degrees below zero early this morning and 2 above zero shortly after noon. The barometer tells a story that indicates continued cold weather tonight. The chances are good, too, that it will be colder tonight than it was last night. "There are no vacant houses in Pendleton, so people had better not get burned out during this sort of weather," remarked Fire Chief Bill Ringold this morning. The fire chief is a worried man these days because he knows frozen pipes are being thawed out and sometimes open flame torches are used.

50 years ago — 1972

Evangelist Erick Kaiser came to Pendleton this week to teach a seminar in Bible history. The Bible he brought included a historical lineage that dates back to John Day, the man for whom so many Eastern Oregon sites are named. The Bible was passed down to Mr. Kaiser's wife, Joyce, from her grandfather, Sylvanius Day Hudiburgh. The Kaisers had a study of their family tree that confirmed their ancestry, said

Kaiser. He expressed pride to be a descendant, by marriage, of a man who left his name in much of Eastern Oregon even though he admits his wife's great-great-grandfather was more notorious than famous for his deeds. John Day came from the east coast in 1811 with the Astor-Hunt overland party. He and another man, Ramsay Crooks, fell behind and became stranded in the Blue Mountains during the winter. The two were also attacked and robbed near the mouth of what is now called the John Day River.

25 years ago — 1997

Freezing rain made travel treacherous in northeast Oregon this morning, forcing the closure of schools across Umatilla County. The Eastern Oregon Regional Airport also was closed due to this ice on the runways. "You can't stop a plane on that," said airport manager Larry Dalrymple, adding that airports in Pasco, Walla Walla and Yakima were also closed. Walking often proved more dangerous than driving, although there had been a host of fender benders and cars off roads by mid morning. High school basketball games across the county were canceled due to the weather. The predictions for freezing rain took school administrators by surprise this morning. The original forecast was for the storm to arrive this evening.

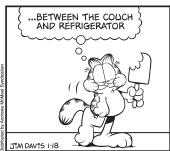
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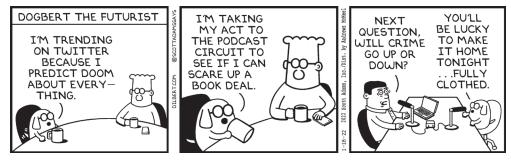
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BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



DILBERT



THE WIZARD OF ID

BY PARKER AND HART

BY SCOTT ADAMS



TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 18, 1943, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion.

In 1778, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In 1911, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco Harbor.

In 1913, entertainer Danny Kaye was born

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN **BY GREG EVANS**

We will need to test this system before we try it out on the wider world.

David Daniel Kaminsky in New York City.

In 1957, a trio of B-52s completed the first nonstop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

In 1993, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In 2005, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

2011, In Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for a four-day state visit; President Barack Obama welcomed him with a private dinner in the White House residence. The first director of the Peace Corps, R. Sargent Shriver, died in Bethesda, Maryland, at age 95.



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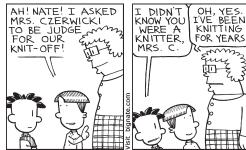


BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN





BIG NATE





BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

BY DANA SIMPSON

