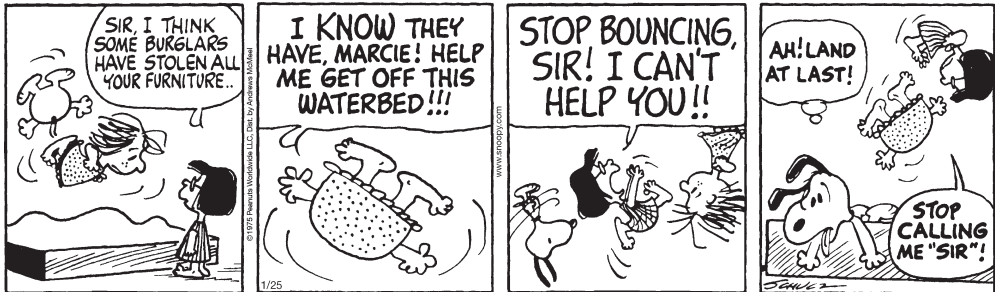


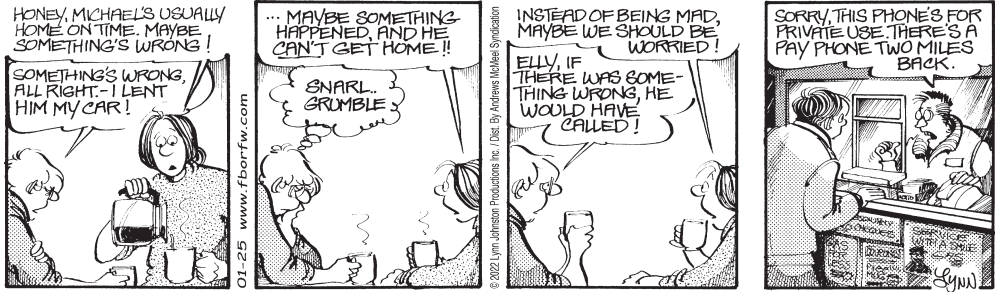
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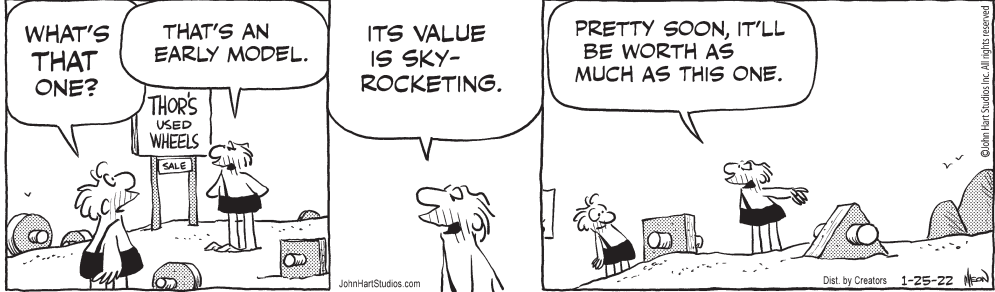
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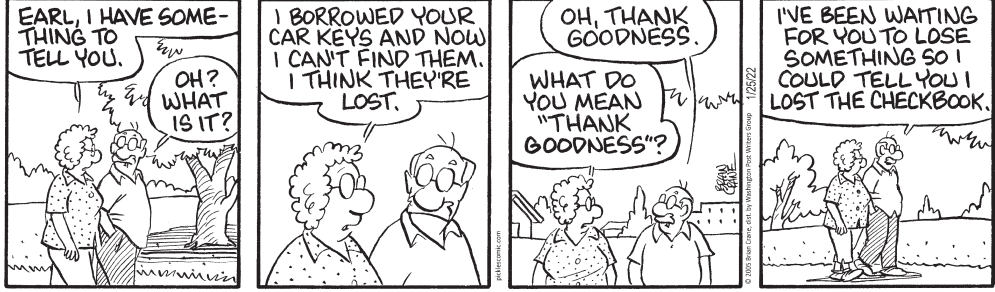
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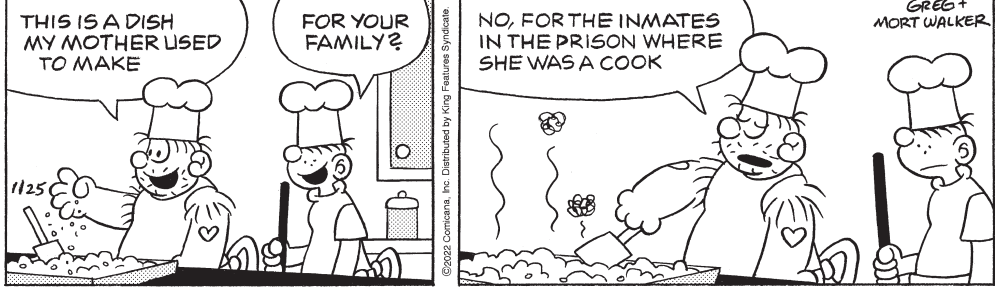
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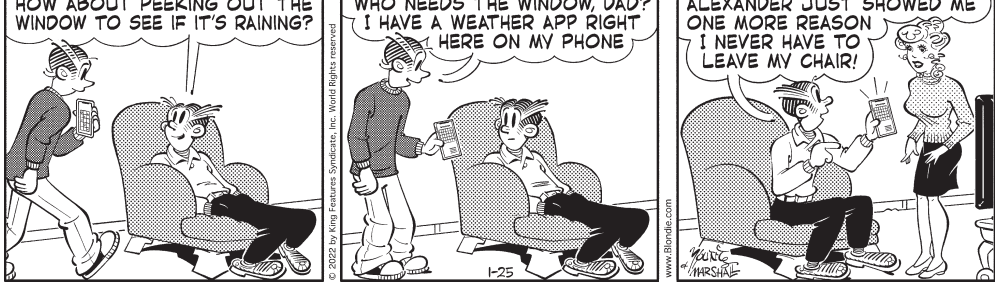
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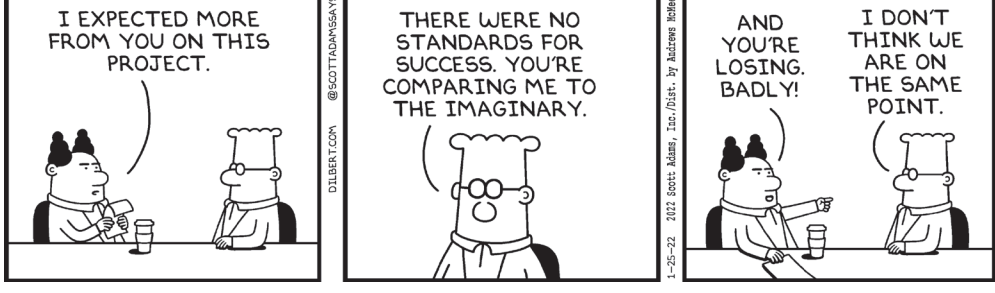
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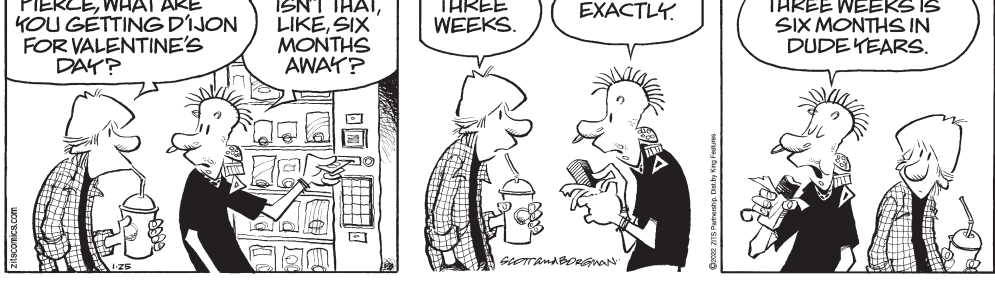
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DEAR ABBY

Mother won't tell child about her dad's passing



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My grandson passed away three months before his daughter was born. When she was 6 months old, her mom moved in with her new boyfriend. We were allowed visits for a couple of years, but then that stopped, so we had to take the mom to court to get visitation again.

they don't treat him normal with expectations. I'm tired of having to constantly supervise him and feel intimidated about saying things like, "Please don't climb on the furniture, sit at the table when you eat, wash hands your, please," etc. What's your advice? — Tentative In Florida

We learned our visits had been stopped because we referred to her boyfriend by his name instead of "Daddy." We are not allowed to tell our grandchild who her father is. At what age should a child be told the truth, and how is all this going to affect my granddaughter? — Truth Teller In The South

only. Or, when you would like to spend time with them, arrange for it to be al fresco rather than inside your home.

Dear Abby: I need your thoughts about a good friend who, at the end of the month of my birthday or the first week of the next one, hits me with a birthday card. Then she says she doesn't know my exact birthdate but at least she remembers the month and, therefore, I should be thankful.

Dear Truth Teller: Your former daughter-in-law may prefer her little one call her boyfriend "Daddy" because the man is the only father figure your granddaughter has ever known. The time for her to be told all the facts would be when she's old enough to understand the information AND her mother chooses to tell her about her biological father. The truth should not negatively affect her.

Four years later, I am tempted to tell her if it's not important enough to remember the day, then why bother? Am I wrong for feeling this way, or should I just be thankful she at least remembers the month? — Birthday Boy In Texas

Dear Abby: How do you deal with a relative whose child is autistic when they come for holiday dinners and let their child climb on the furniture like it's a playground and walk around the house eating and touching everything with soiled hands?

Dear Birthday Boy: Not everyone feels as strongly as you do about personal milestones. That said, however, gratitude can't be ordered like an item on a takeout menu. Because those birthday cards have the opposite effect, express that you would prefer she save her post-age money.

These parents constantly post about "treating him like a normal child," but

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922 Pendleton has a beaver. He is not in captivity, and he has no desire to be molested, but yesterday he is said to have got into a little difficulty. He was seen on the ice on the river in the vicinity of the Main street bridge. One of the men in the party thinking the beaver was a badger, is said to have hurled a stone at Mr. Beaver, and that surprised animal caught the missile in the short ribs. He hoisted his tail in the air, and when the man saw that broad trowel-like appendage, he prayed that he had not injured the beaver, because the animals are protected under federal laws, and anyone molesting them is liable to a heavy fine. The beaver left tracks on the ice and snow on the mill race. He has been working on trees along the mill race for several months.

man with its share. But the city can't afford any more because it must put up 10 per cent in matching money for payroll costs, such as insurance. "For that policeman we did hire, we had to come up with a uniform allowance, too," Coon said. "With our tight budget, there's just not any extra money." The EEA money was allocated because of persistent unemployment in District 12 counties.

50 years ago — 1972 The City of Pilot Rock doesn't want any more federal grants this fiscal year under the Emergency Employment Act. "Our budget can't stand the extra cost of spending all that free money," Mayor Bud Coon said. Coon's comment came as representatives of Umatilla County communities met to discuss the allocation of another \$20,595 in EEA funds. Earlier, about \$150,000 was distributed in Umatilla County, and Pilot Rock hired another police-

25 years ago — 1997 Students, riding the wave of the Internet, are bringing their parents in to explore its intricacies with them. Schools throughout the area are not just providing Internet access to students, they are beginning to create special programs that involve parents in the maze known as the World Wide Web. Technology Night, held Tuesday at Hawthorne Elementary School in Pendleton, is an example of such an extra-curricular activity. Fourth and fifth grade students and their parents completed research on animals and plants in the rain forest. The night focused on all research tools, from the encyclopedia to the Internet. "The Internet is not a replacement, it's a supplement," Jan Peterson-Terjeson, Hawthorne's media specialist, pointed out. "Right now it's a novelty, but really it's just an additional source of information."

TODAY IN HISTORY

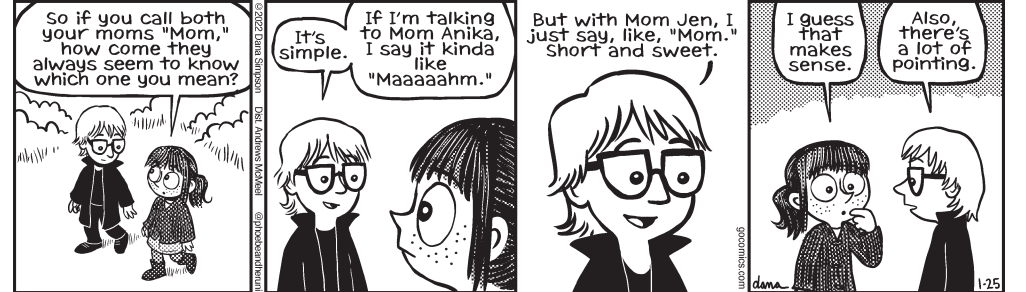
On Jan. 25, 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I. In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln accepted Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside's resignation as commander of the Army of the Potomac and replaced him with Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker. In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former

assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph. In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France. In 1945, Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply. In 1959, American Airlines began Boeing 707 jet flights between New York and Los Angeles. In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actor Sharon Tate.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States. In 1993, Sears announced that it would no longer publish its famous century-old catalog. In 1994, maintaining his innocence, singer Michael Jackson settled a child molestation lawsuit against him; terms were confidential, although the monetary figure was reportedly \$22 million. In 2004, NASA's Opportunity rover zipped its first pictures of Mars to Earth, showing a surface smooth and dark red in some places, and strewn with fragmented slabs of light bedrock in others.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

