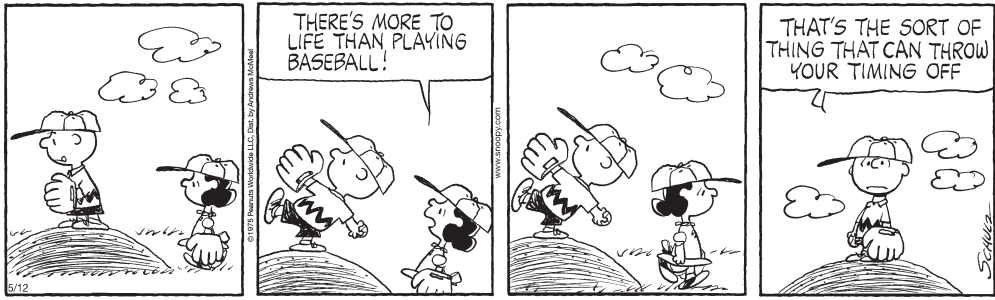


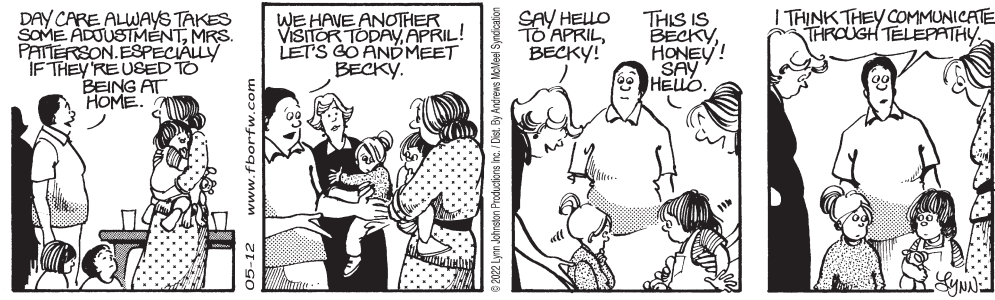
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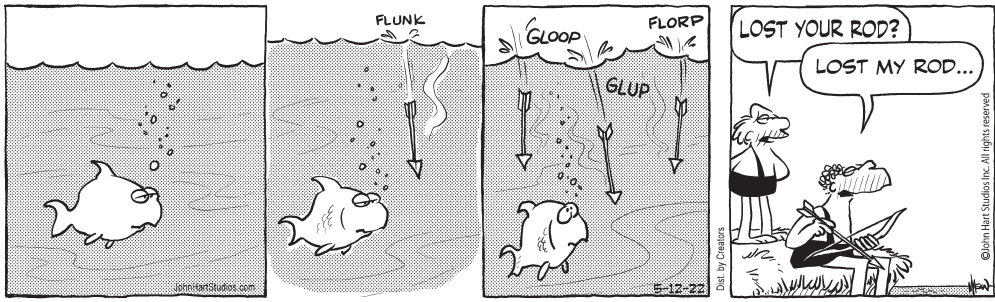
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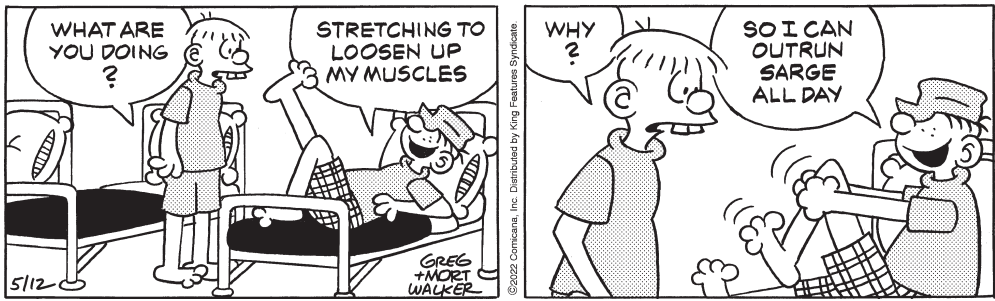
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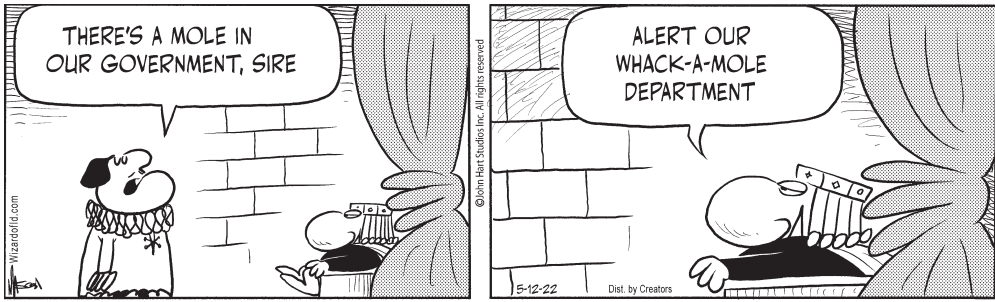
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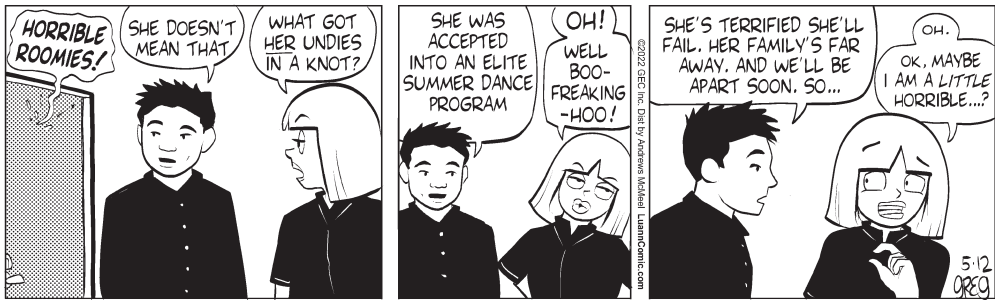
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DEAR ABBY

Mom wants to keep kids in the dark about death



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My daughter-in-law, "Brooke," lost her grandfather five weeks ago. She has chosen not to tell her 4- and 10-year-old kids about it. She has ordered my husband, me and our son not to mention it. The kids see her grandmother at least once a week, and SHE is not supposed to tell them either.

have offered an apology to her privately. Back off and lie low until the funeral. Your DIL is not herself right now. She needs time to cool off and regain some perspective.

Dear Abby: When my husband leaves town for a work trip or a vacation, or if I'm out of town for any period of time, we are suddenly in love again! We miss each other like crazy and send loving texts and exchange mushy phone calls.

When he's home and we're living life with jobs, kids, bills and responsibilities, we are disconnected and distant. We interact more as partners and friends than romantic lovers. We've been married for 21 years, and it's always been this way. Does absence truly make the heart grow fonder, or can we stand each other only when we're not together? — Perplexed In Texas

Dear Perplexed: Absence doesn't always make the heart grow fonder, nor does it necessarily drive a wedge between a couple whose marriage has a strong foundation. That when you are apart you and your husband feel the need for the romantic connection that brought you together tells me your marriage is strong in spite of the responsibilities of your daily lives. Have you considered treating yourselves to an occasional date night, just the two of you, away from the distractions of the children? If you haven't, I'll bet you would both enjoy it.

I didn't know the kids hadn't been told and I started to say something at a family dinner. The 10-year-old heard me, and I got shushed. I'm mad at the whole situation. Brooke refuses to tell them "until she's ready," and I couldn't disagree more. I understand her grief. I have lost grandparents and parents. The services won't be for several weeks. I understand she can't deal with the loss yet, but denying her kids the truth only delays her grieving process and also doesn't allow them their time to grieve and process.

Now Brooke is mad and screaming and crying about it. I'm trying to back off, but I'm angry that her needs are being put first and at being told I made a horrible mistake by offering the love and caring I thought they needed. How can I repair the perceived mistake I have made? — Vexed In Vermont

Dear Vexed: If you were unaware that your DIL was trying to shield her kids from the reality of their great-grandfather's death when you spoke out, you did nothing wrong. However, you should

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

The raising of sugar beets to supply the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. is an experiment which will be tried at Stanfield, in the hopes that the beets, which thrive best in rather heavy irrigated soil and which resist alkali, can be grown successfully. Manager Rosenfeld, manager of the Walla Walla district of the sugar company, and Fred Bennion left today for Stanfield with enough beet seed supplied by Mr. Rosenfeld to plant several small tracts. The first growths will be used for extending the crop. The beets are shipped to the company's plant in Toppensish and Yakima, Washington, there being no factory in Oregon.

for the games but teams that form will have to furnish their own practice equipment.

25 years ago — 1997

At 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, Dave Fairley will accept bids from those who want to own the rustic log cabin carefully crafted by students at Weston-McEwen High School in Athena. It measures 16-by-16 feet, and comes equipped with a half loft. It is hewn from fully-scribed lodge pole pine donated by The Masonite Corp. Andy Muncy and Bill Corley of Masonite organized the donation and delivered the logs to the school. Once the logs arrived, the designing began. Students relied on their previous drafting and wood-tech classes for help as they began from scratch. Led by teacher David Lange and parent-volunteer David Lynde, 14 young men created their own structure. In doing so, they utilized the most difficult method of log cabin construction: chinkless, or Swedish Cope. The students learned valuable lessons in teamwork as the project progressed. The cabin is now on display for prospective bidders. Once purchased, the students will break the building down for the owner to transport. The structure is complete with walls, rafters, floor joist and a rustic, Adirondack-style porch.

50 years ago — 1972

Girls 10-15 who like to play ball won't feel left out this summer in Pendleton. For the first time, a girls' softball league will be organized by the city recreation department. John Sheffield, city recreation director, said Pendleton's Little League organization removed the big stumbling block that faced the girls' program — a place to play. The girls have been invited to play their games at the Little League park on SE Byers from 1-4 p.m. when Little League teams aren't using it. The city recreation department will furnish equipment

TODAY IN HISTORY

On May 12, 1949, the Soviet Union lifted the Berlin Blockade, which the Western powers had succeeded in circumventing with their Berlin Airlift.

In 1958, the United States and Canada signed an agreement to create the North American Air Defense Command (later the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD).

al waters. (U.S. Marines gained control of the ship three days after its seizure, not knowing the 39 civilian members of the crew had already been released by Cambodia.)

In 1932, the body of Charles Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was found in a wooded area near Hopewell, New Jersey.

In 1970, the Senate voted unanimously to confirm Harry A. Blackmun as a Supreme Court justice.

In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who attacked Pope John Paul II. (In 2008, the pope's longtime private secretary revealed that the pontiff was slightly wounded in the assault.)

In 1933, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration were established to provide help for the needy and farmers.

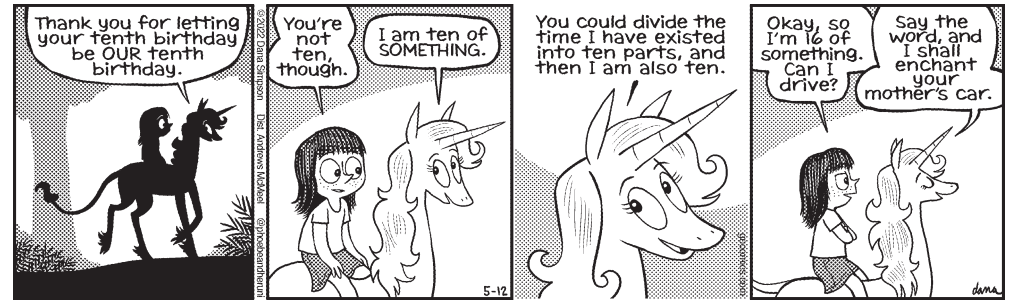
In 1975, the White House announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the Mayaguez, in international

In 1986, the military action-drama film "Top Gun," starring Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis and released by Paramount Pictures, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered. The two-week Tri-

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

