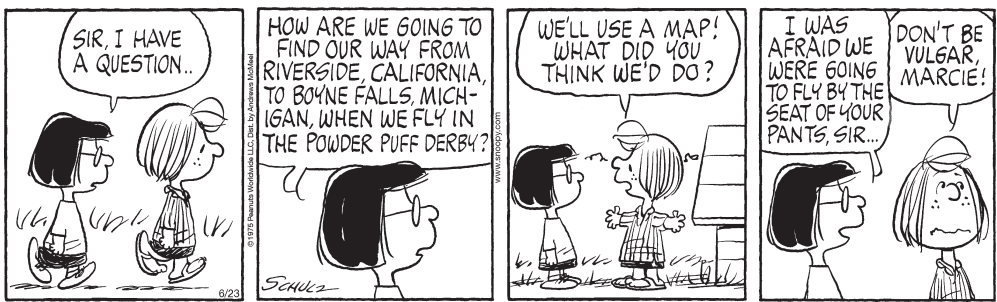


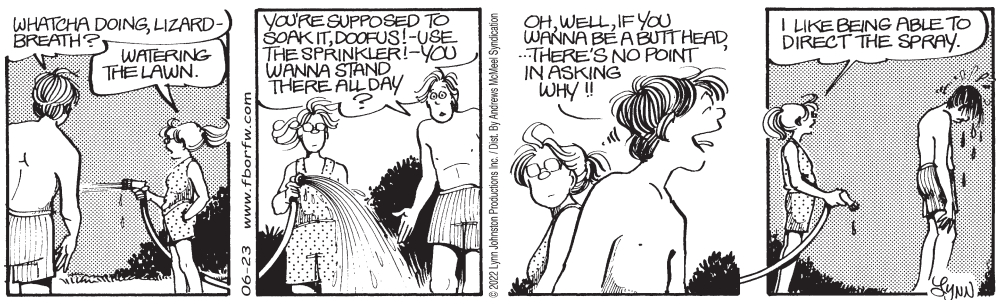
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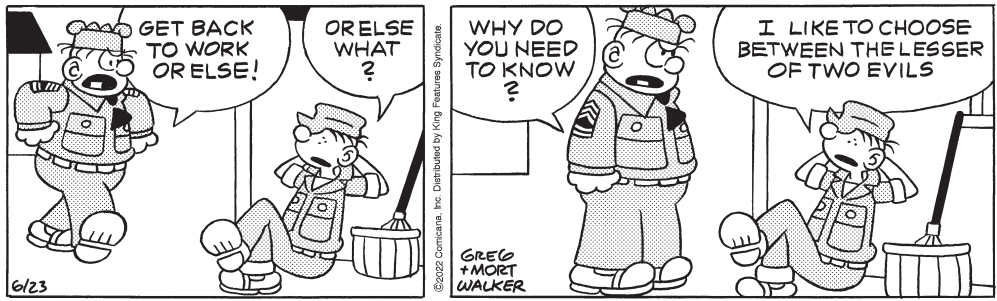
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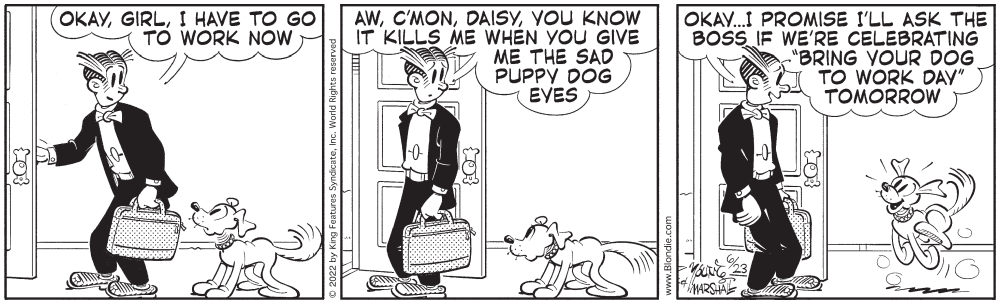
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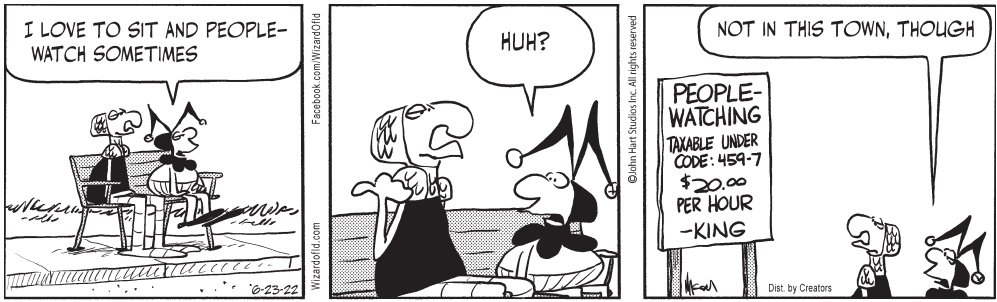
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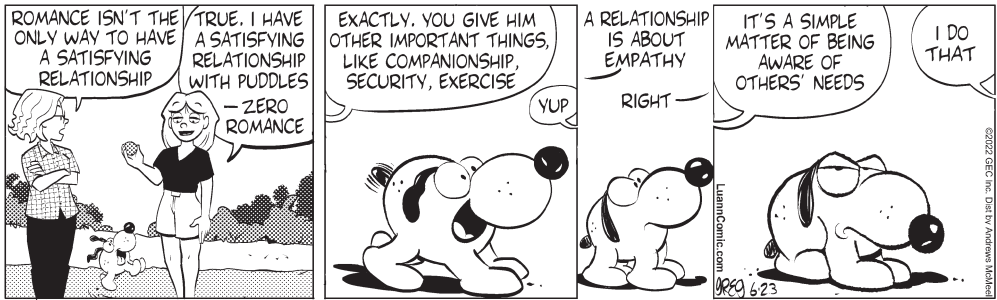
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DEAR ABBY

Reader clings to bio dad after DNA test's reveal



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I took a DNA test seven months ago. It came back that the man who raised me is not my biological father. I decided to meet my real dad. We have formed a relationship, mostly a good one, and I introduce him as my dad now. My problem is, we hardly know each other or how we react to things.

I had a hard week. I just wanted to run "home," but then I realized I no longer have a home to run to. My dad doesn't know I'm very clingy when I'm upset, so he was oblivious to my constant communications, and I'm sure it came off as annoying.

My mother and I don't get along these days because she hid this secret from me for 25 years. Also, I mostly just wanted to go over to his house because my three little siblings are there, and I actually feel like we're a family. What do you think, Abby? AM I too clingy? Is it understandable? How do I explain to him that I need to see them more? If he tells me no, how do I handle that? — Adjusting In Ohio

Dear Adjusting: If you want a better relationship with your biological father, slow down and let him get to know you gradually. A way to accomplish this would be to mend fences with your mother, believe it or not. Yes, she should have told you about your biological father years ago, but she may have had reasons for not doing so.

You stand a better chance of building a solid relationship with your bio-dad,

his wife and your half-siblings if you don't overwhelm them. Your chances of finding the emotional support you need would be better if you talk with a counselor at the student health center at your college when you are as stressed as you are.

Dear Abby: My sister and I inherited our mother's condo some years ago. She wants to sell it; I do not. She has harangued me nonstop with inane scenarios of what "could" happen with our heirs if we don't sell, even going so far as to threaten, "If we don't sell it now, I don't think I will want to sell." I don't even know what that means.

Because I was fed up, I agreed to sell. The problem is, at this point, I don't even like her. I'm not mad — I just abhor the way she harangued me. I don't think I'll ever want to talk to her again, and I feel sad about that. Any thoughts? — Sibling Disaster In California

Dear Sibling: It is unfortunate (but not uncommon) for money to drive a wedge between family members. When your sister started her harangue, you should have inserted your lawyer into the negotiation. Because you wished to keep the unit, you could have bought her half from her, leaving you both with what you wanted. If it's not too late, give it some consideration. As to never wanting to talk to your sister, I hope with time your feelings will mellow and fences can be mended.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Lost — Somewhere between Portland and Pendleton, a 50-foot serpent, the special property of the Order of Serpents. The East Oregonian violates the orders of the advertising manager in placing this notice on the front page but circumstances are such that all precedent has been set aside. Fact is, the Order of the Serpents just must find that snake in time for the big parade Saturday night. Nichols Pierangel, one of the chief reptiles in the lair says, "We are filled with venom and hope to wreak revenge on the thieves. We're mentioning no names but we suspect the Lady Lizards know a lot about our pet snake." Tomorrow Clarence Hotchkiss, United States marshal and Gu Gu Granddississimo of Oregon, and Laife Manning, also a G. G. G., will be here and will aid in a determined hunt for the snake.

50 years ago — 1972

Pendleton is part of a world-wide setup to measure air pollution. One of the few stations with a Sun Photometer now in operation, weathermen at the Pendleton branch of the National Weather Service have been taking readings since December. The network plan was endorsed last week by the United Nations

Conference on Human Environment in Stockholm, Sweden. Most of the stations are away from urban centers to give general trends, not localized pollution problems. One drawback is that there must not be any clouds to take a reading. The meter measures everything in the atmosphere between itself and the sun. The readings are recorded and reported to the World Meteorological Organization.

25 years ago — 1997

Stark white walls provide the perfect background for the works of art displayed at Pendleton's new East Side Art Gallery. The gallery, which opened at 147 S. E. First St., offers a unique selection of art not readily available in Pendleton. The merchandise is the creation of nine artists. Dealing in original art by these area artists, there is a unique blend of arts and crafts in the shop that creates a serene atmosphere. Even the table holding notecards is a work of art. "It's a good opportunity for artists to work together; to communicate and compare ideas," one of the artists said of the cooperative concept. Another idea that has them excited is that the East Side Gallery will also spotlight other prominent artists. In addition to contemporary art and crafts, the gallery will spotlight traditional folk arts.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 23, 1888, abolitionist Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first Black candidate to have his name placed in nomination for U.S. president. (The nomination went to Benjamin Harrison.)

In 1860, a congressional resolution authorized creation of the United States Government Printing Office.

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson, Soviet Premier Alexei Kossygin opened a three-day summit at Glassboro State College in New Jersey.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon signed Title IX barring discrimination on the basis of sex for "any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

(On the same day, Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed using the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. Revelation of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1994, the movie "Forrest Gump," starring Tom Hanks as a simple yet kindhearted soul and his serendipitous brushes with greatness, was released by Paramount Pictures.

In 1995, Dr. Jonas Salk, the medical pioneer who developed the first vaccine to halt the crippling rampage of polio, died in La Jolla, California, at age 80.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

