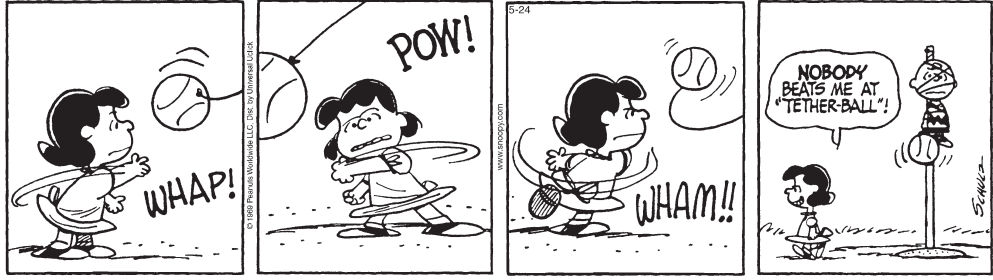


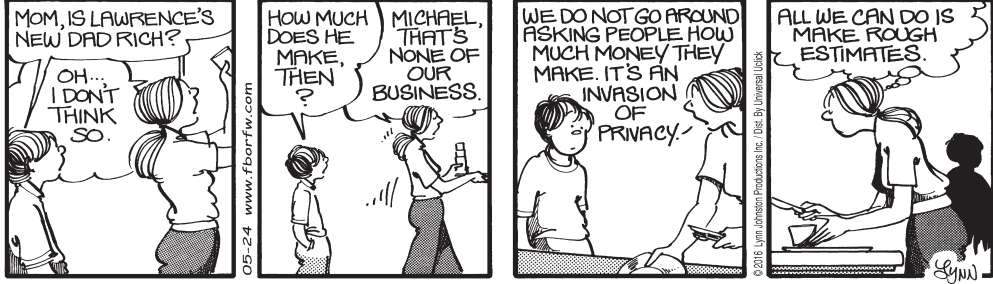
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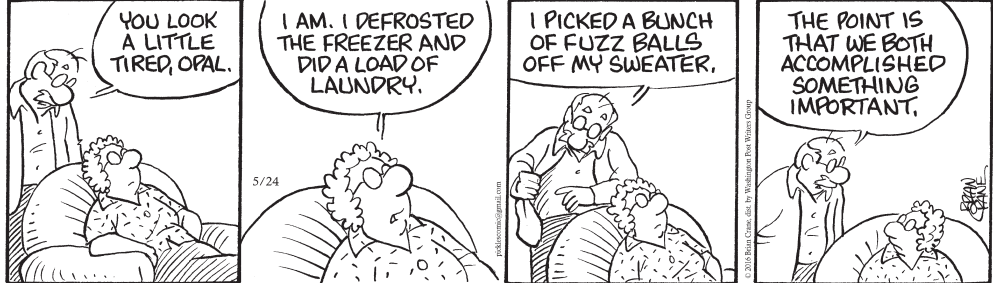
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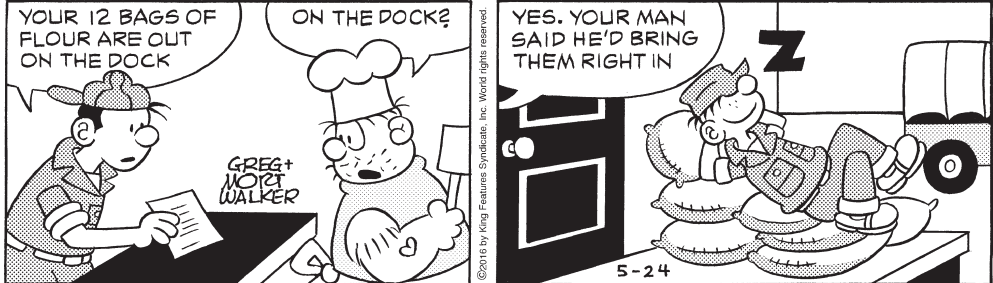
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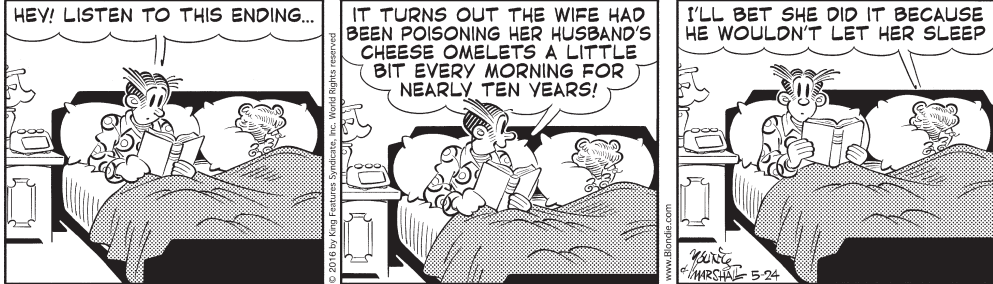
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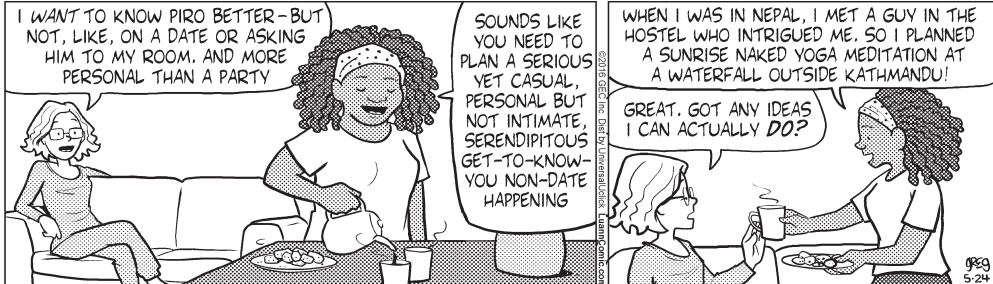
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DEAR ABBY

Funding for cancer sufferer seems brazen to co-worker

**Dear Abby:** A coworker has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. She's not sure how long she may have. She is relatively young, so it's tragic. We have excellent insurance from work, national health care and disability insurance.



JEANE PHILLIPS  
Advice

Another co-worker sent out an email with a link to a crowdfunding site as well as an invitation to a party selling products. The proceeds will be donated to fulfilling a "cancer bucket list," which includes pampering, trips and other luxuries.

I sympathize with anyone having a terminal illness, but why does that mean I have to give money? Do they have a right to be pampered on other people's dime?

This kind of fundraising, without real financial need, seems to happen often: Coworkers who have had accidents, fires, unexpected or stressful incidents all have office collections set up, even when they are fully insured and the damage is covered by their policies. A friend (or Human Resources) contacts everyone who has had even a passing interaction with the individual and solicits donations.

I am happy to write letters and notes to people I know are having a hard time. I visit with closer friends and may bring a meal or flowers to their home. But people I've spent only a few hours of my life with asking for money for luxuries seems nervy to me. Am I a tightwad, or is a financial donation necessary to express condolences? — **Tightwad In Canada**

**Dear Tightwad:** Because you receive a

solicitation does not mean you are obligated to respond to it. (Unless the "solicitor" is holding a gun, in which case I would advise you not to argue.) Whether to make a donation for something like this is your CHOICE, and if you choose not to join in, you should not feel — or be made to feel — guilty if you decline.

**Dear Abby:** My daughter is being married in June. Her father — my ex — has let her know she must invite his new wife's parents to the wedding. They are drinkers, and have in the past been very rude to my daughter. She has no relationship at all with them and doesn't want them at her wedding. She is aware that this will cause hard feelings with her step-mother and her father.

My soon-to-be son-in-law called me asking for advice. I said maybe they should be invited to keep peace in the family, but my daughter is very upset at the idea of having these people around on her "special day." Any advice? — **Wedding Invite In Wisconsin**

**Dear Wedding Invite:** Your ex-husband's new in-laws are not related to your daughter and do not appear to have made an effort to befriend her. Because of that, I see no reason why they "must" be invited, unless your ex is footing the bill for the wedding.

If this is the case, and the wedding is a large one, the couple could be seated "in Siberia," which might be a less than satisfactory, but workable, solution. (Why they would insist on coming under these circumstances, I can't say, but some people will do almost anything for a free dinner.)

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
May 23-24, 1916

William O. "Whitey" Marren was this afternoon found guilty of manslaughter for causing the death of Wendell C. Phillips. The dying declaration of young Phillips was an important part of the state's case and the jury was called upon to choose between the story he told to Robert Phillips, his brother, J.J. Jones, his friend, the doctor and nurse and the story told by the defendant and Dee Matlock, the only living witnesses of the shooting. Young Phillips told of having resented Marren's treatment of Glenn Rudd, of having quarreled with Marren after Rudd had left the room and then having tried to restore a friendliness of feeling. He told also, witnesses testified, of Marren securing the gun from a dresser drawer and having pointed it at his neck. On his death bed he declared that he grasped the barrel of the gun and thrust it downward and was scuffling with Marren over it when it was discharged.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
May 23-24, 1966

Robin Williamson, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Chuck Williamson, Weston, and "Hoppity Hopper" were named champions of the first annual toad and frog jumping contest at Weston. The amphibian scored 304 points by Callaveras County rules and beat 40 other contestants. Runners-up were frogs owned by Jeanne DeLay, 296 points, and Daisy Gallaway, 294 points.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
May 23-24, 1991

Union Pacific Railroad is studying the prospects of building a \$150 million tunnel on its main line through the Blue Mountains of northeastern Oregon. In a study of what could become the longest railroad tunnel in North America, Union Pacific has awarded a \$326,000 contract to collect and analyze information on a passage of 8 to 11 miles through the mountain range's steepest grades. The contractor, HDR Engineering, is a division of Bouygues S.A. of France, a partner in the England-to-France "Chunnel" project. Such a tunnel through the Blue Mountains would replace up to 35 miles of winding, steep grades with relatively straight, low grades, said Ed Trahdahl, a UP spokesman in Omaha, Neb.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 145th day of 2016. There are 221 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

**On May 24, 1844,**

Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message "What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

**On this date:**

**In 1775,** John Hancock was elected President of the Continental Congress, succeeding Peyton Randolph.

**In 1883,** the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was dedicated by President Chester Alan Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland.

**In 1935,** the first major league baseball game to be played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1.

**In 1937,** in a set of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Social Security Act of 1935.

**In 1941,** the German battleship Bismarck sank the British battle cruiser HMS Hood in the North Atlantic, killing all but three of the 1,418 men on board.

**In 1959,** former U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles died in Washington, D.C., at age 71.

**In 1962,** astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora 7.

**In 1966,** the Jerry Herman musical comedy "Mame," starring Angela Lansbury, opened on Broadway.

**In 1976,** Britain and France opened trans-Atlantic Concorde supersonic transport service to Washington.

**In 1980,** Iran rejected a call by the World Court in The Hague to release the American hostages.

**In 1991,** the feminist film drama "Thelma & Louise," starring Susan Sarandon (as Louise) and Geena Davis (as Thelma) was released by MGM.

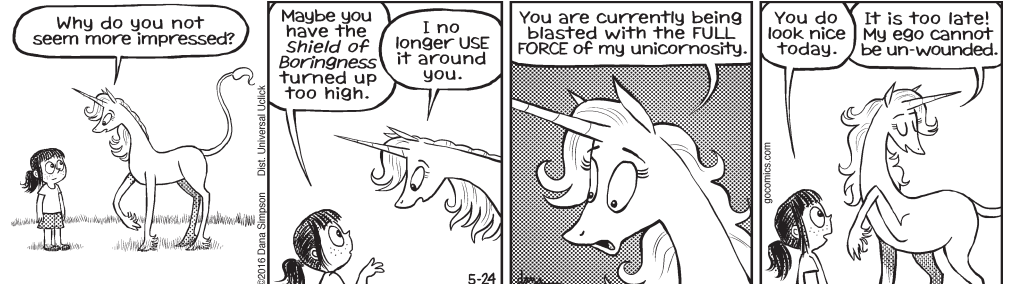
Today's Birthdays:

Actor-comedian-impresionist Stanley Baxter is 90. Jazz musician Archie Shepp is 79. Comedian Tommy Chong is 78. Singer Bob Dylan is 75. Actor Gary Burghoff is 73. Singer Patti LaBelle is 72. Actress Priscilla Presley is 71. Country singer Mike Reid is 69. Actor Jim Broadbent is 67. Actor Alfred Molina is 63. Singer Rosanne Cash is 61. Actor Cliff Parisi (TV: "Call the Midwife") is 56. Actress Kristin Scott Thomas is 56. Rock musician Jimmy Ashurst (Buckcherry) is 53. Rock musician Vivian Trimble is 53. Actor John C. Reilly is 51. Actor Dana Ashbrook is 49. Actor Eric Close is 49. Actor Carl Payne is 47. Rock musician Rich Robinson is 47. Actor Dash Mihok is 42. Actor Bryan Greenburg is 38. Actor Owen Benjamin is 36. Actor Billy L. Sullivan is 36.

**Thought for Today:** "Responsibility educates." — *Wendell Phillips, American abolitionist (1811-1884).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

