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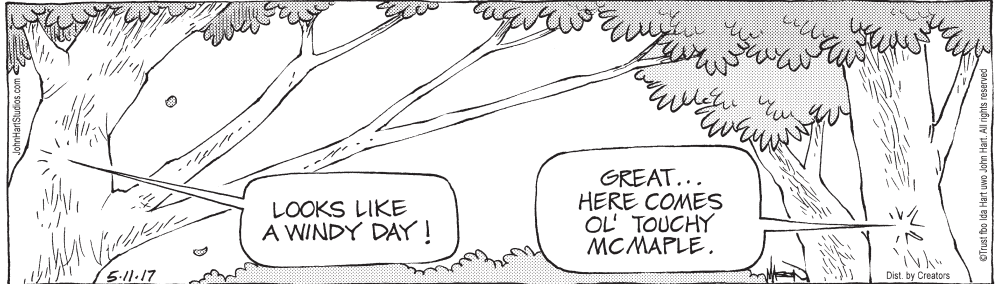
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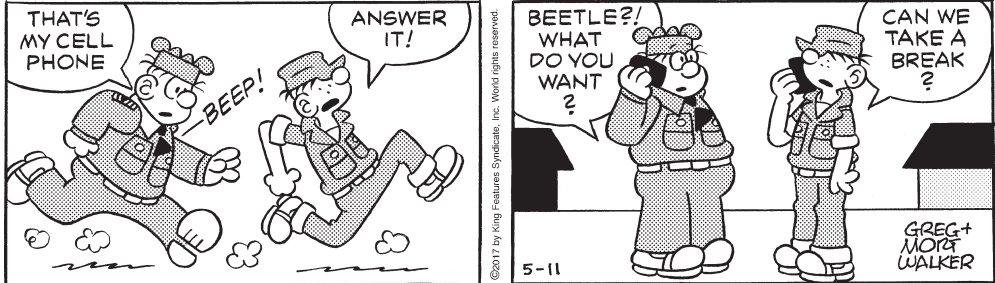
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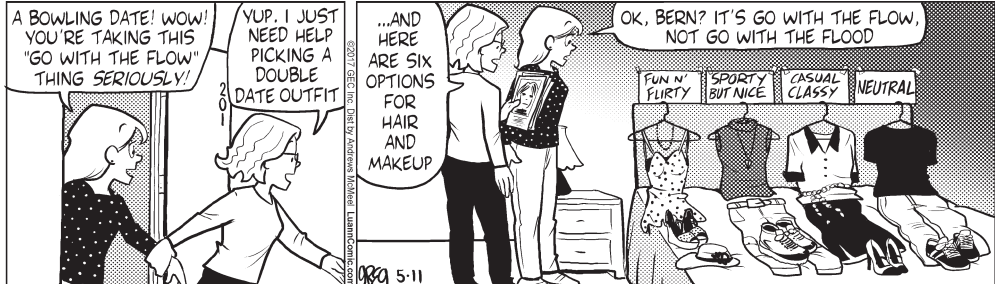
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DEAR ABBY

Parents refuse to confront reason their son is bullied



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: We have some great friends we have known for five years. Our families enjoy time together, and although the friendship started through our kids, I now get together with the other mom outside of kid-related activities. Her son, "Michael," and my daughter (ages 12) are best friends in middle school, and I truly care for him, as well as his family.

because I can feel the fear and denial in what she isn't saying. What can I do? — His B.F.F.'S Mom

Dear Mom: It is tragic that Michael's parents can't accept their son for who he is, rather than who they would like him to be. That's why it is absolutely vital that you befriend that boy to the best of your ability.

I have assumed for a long time that Michael is gay. Since late last year, he's been having a lot of trouble with a certain group of boys who call him gay — among other names — and bully him.

Contact PFLAG (pflag.org) and request information about how to support a young person who is more than likely LGBT. Let the boy know you love him just the way he is and that being different isn't wrong. If you do, it could mean the difference between life and death — and that's no exaggeration.

His mom knows he is different, but his dad is deep in denial, doing his best to force his son to associate with this group of kids because they are "jocks" and popular. Michael hangs out with and is most comfortable with girls. It has always been this way, in spite of his parents' attempts to find him a boy group to fit into.

Dear Abby: I am engaged to a wonderful, loving, respectful man I have known for seven months. But when he drinks too much, he starts saying I should meet someone else because he's not good enough for me. It's like he's trying to drive me away.

The bullying is escalating and, while his dad remains in denial, his mom is telling Michael to ignore it and not draw attention to himself for fear it may get worse. She thinks "he tends to bring these things on himself by hanging out with girls and liking the things he likes."

Do you think this is how he really feels? He says if I want to leave, he'll understand, because I deserve someone better. What should I do? — Engaged In North Carolina

I'm scared for the boy. He is the always-smiling, happy-go-lucky kid on the outside, but there's no way he can be feeling that way on the inside being on the receiving end of this kind of abuse every day. I have encouraged his mom to talk to school authorities, but she refuses. We have never spoken directly about the possibility that Michael may be gay

Dear Engaged: Talk to your fiancé about this when he's SOBER. Realize that your wonderful, loving, respectful gentleman may have a drinking problem, so be prepared in advance by visiting an Al-Anon group.

It should be plain to you that he has self-esteem issues that could have a negative impact on your relationship if they aren't dealt with. So make your engagement a long one to be sure he's willing and able to do that.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 11, 1917

The story of a four year old heroine who saved her two year old sister from death by fire is brought in from the John Graham ranch about four miles north of Pendleton. Unknown to their father, the little tots had followed him into the field where he was burning stubble. The baby fell into some burning straw. She was seized by her four year old sister who dragged her into plowed ground and with rare presence of mind threw dirt on her. As it was the baby was quite badly burned. The father was some distance away at the time.

hit of the skit was a song, "Bless the mall!" It was written by a faculty member and a parent. The seniors quickly memorized the song's four verses. Apparently unable to contain themselves, they headed for the mall. The laughing, singing marchers were met at Court and Main by police officers who suggested the teen-agers obtain a parade permit and return in daylight hours.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 11, 1967

About 200 gleeful teen-agers, singing "Bless the mall!" staged an impromptu but short-lived march on Pendleton's Main Street late Wednesday. The seed that grew into the 10:30 p.m. march sprouted a short time earlier at the annual senior banquet staged by parents of the senior class at Pendleton High School. A highlight of the evening was a skit, and the

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 11, 1992

Sixth-grade teacher Mark Mulvihill recently taught his students the three R's — of waste disposal. Recycling, re-using and reducing are now watchwords in the environmentally conscious Sherwood Heights Elementary School classroom. Mulvihill tosses out a few figures: Pendleton generates 65 tons of trash per day, 455 tons per week. Nearly one ton comes from a week's worth of Sherwood's trash, he added. These are just a few of the facts and figures the sixth graders collected as part of a National Geographic Kids Network program, which ties 12 classrooms together nationwide via a personal computer link.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 131st day of 2017. There are 234 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 11, 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded during a banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

On this date: In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam to become governor of New Netherland.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1937, "SPAM" was registered as a trademark by Hormel Foods, producer of the canned meat product.

In 1947, the B.F. Goodrich Company of Akron, Ohio, announced the development of a tubeless tire.

In 1953, a tornado devastated Waco, Texas, claiming 114 lives.

In 1960, Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In 1973, the espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg

and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

In 1981, legendary reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36.

In 1985, 56 people died when a flash fire swept a jam-packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

In 1987, doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore transplanted the heart and lungs of an auto accident victim into a cystic fibrosis patient who gave up his own healthy heart to another recipient. (Clinton House, the nation's first living heart donor, died 14 months later.)

In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

In 1997, IBM's "Deep Blue" computer demolished an overwhelmed Garry Kasparov, winning the six-game chess re-match between man and machine in New York.

Today's Birthdays:

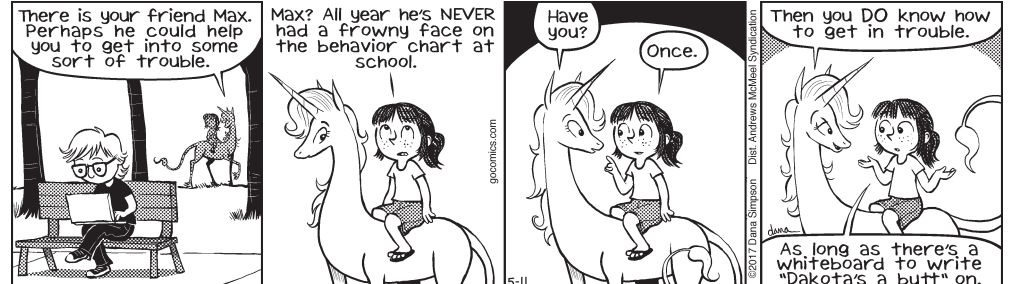
Comedian Mort Sahl is 90. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is 84. Jazz keyboardist Carla Bley is 81. Rock singer Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 76. Actress Pam Ferris is 69. Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly is 67. Actress Shohreh Aghdashloo is 65. Actress Frances Fisher is 65. Actor Boyd Gaines is 64. Country musician Mark Herndon (Alabama) is 62. Actress Martha Quinn is 58. Country singer-musician Tim Raybon (The Raybon Brothers) is 54. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 53. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 49. Country musician Keith West (Heartland) is 49. Actor Nicky Katt is 47. Actor Coby Bell is 42. Cellist Perttu Kivilaakso is 39. Actor Austin O'Brien is 36. Actor-singer Jonathan Jackson is 35. Rapper Ace Hood is 29. Musician Howard Lawrence (Disclosure) is 23.

Thought for Today:

"Ability hits the mark where presumption overshoots and diffidence falls short." — Golda Meir, Israeli prime minister (1898-1978).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

