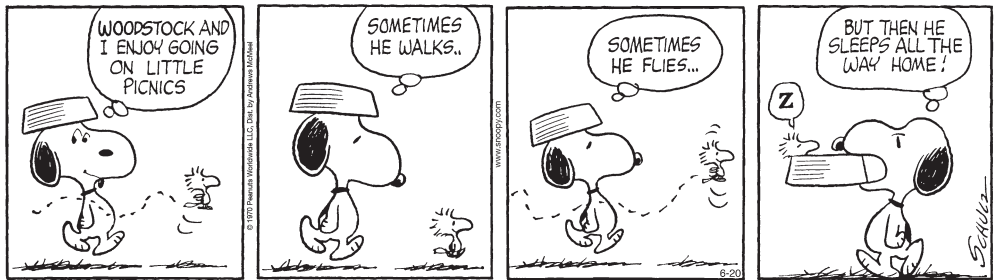


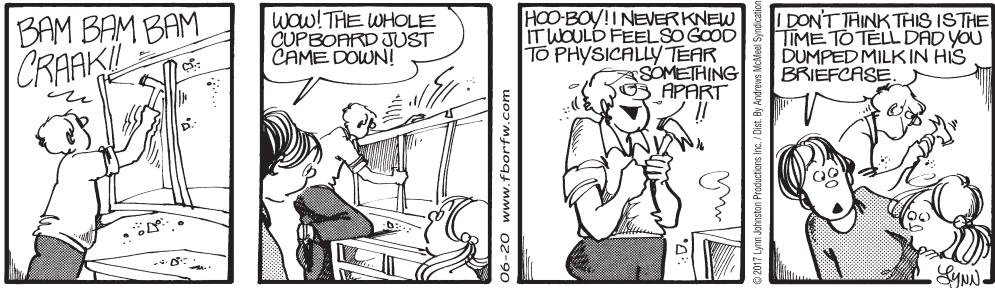
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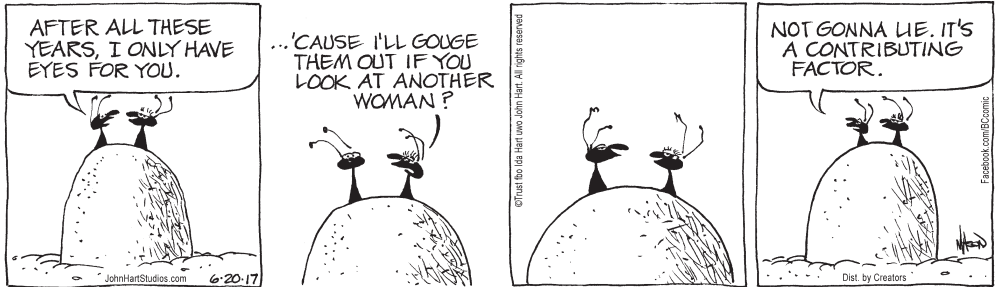
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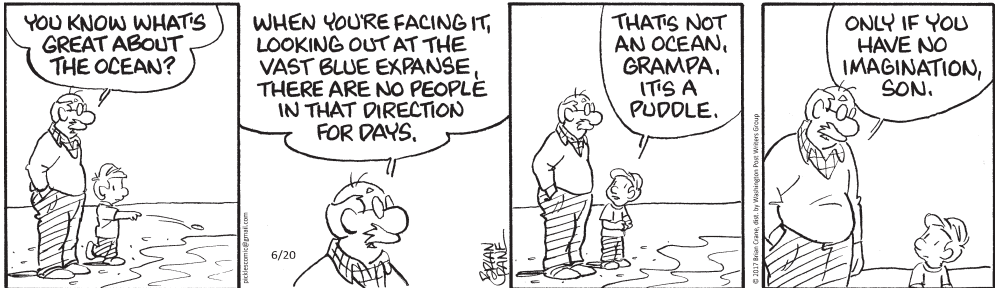
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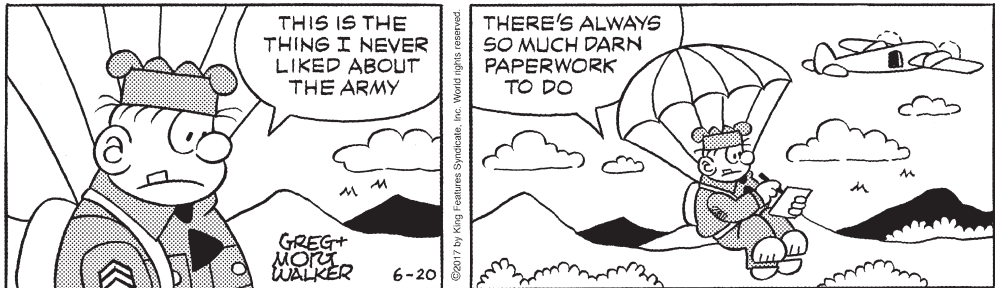
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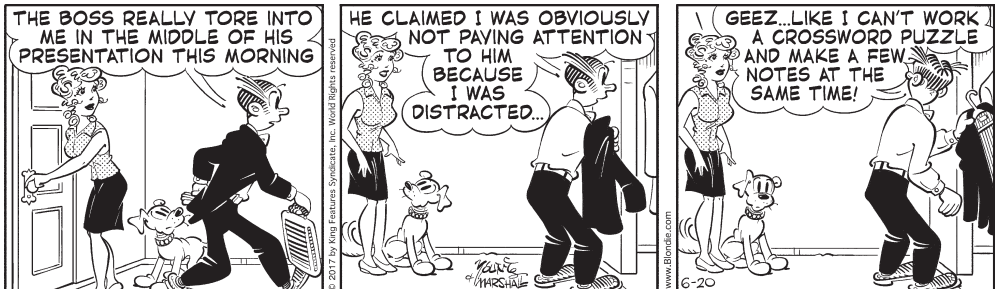
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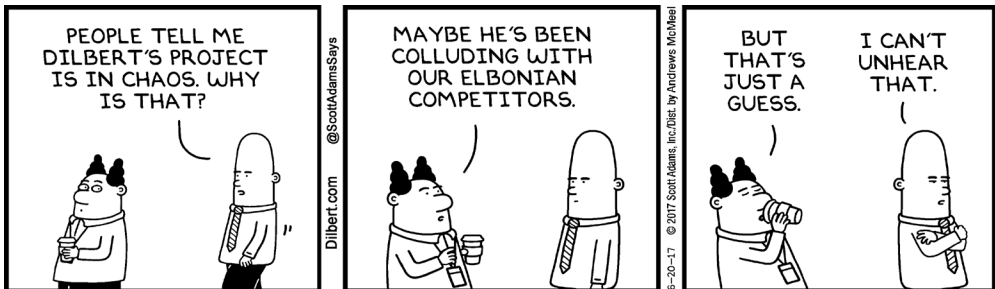
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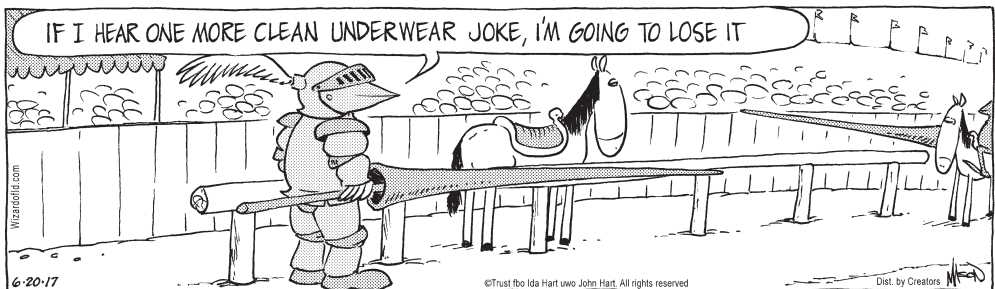
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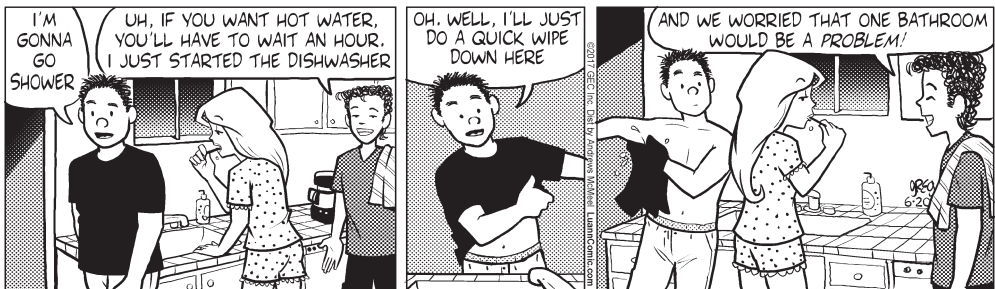
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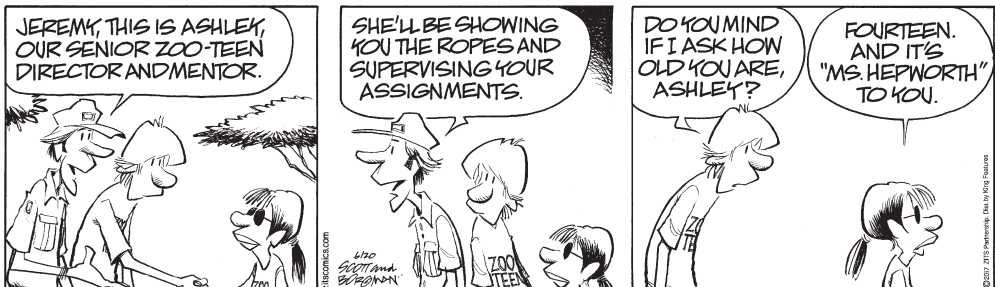
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DEAR ABBY

Friend finds gender fluidity a hard concept to swallow



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I have a longtime friend I see almost every day. She's an awesome friend. Her children are adults. One of them is gay; the other is a transgender male. I respect her for supporting her children, learning everything there is to know about the LGBT community and seeking social change on their behalf.

The conflict lies in the fact that my religious beliefs and personal feelings are at odds with the notion of gender fluidity. I think the concept is nuts. I have compassion, however, for people who suffer with their identity in any form. I also believe in equal rights.

I do support my friend, who supports her kids, but I feel like a fraud when she and her friends talk about gender neutrality and vent their indignation that someone called someone else by the wrong pronoun. I act equally offended, but the truth is, I don't believe in these ideas or this cause.

I don't want to lose an important friend. I want her to feel supported — but I'm lying. Please help. My conscience is bothering me.

Feeling Like A Phony

Dear "Phony": Would you feel the same way about a friend who is divorced, if your religion didn't sanction it? I'll bet you wouldn't. The same is true for this longtime friend.

Gender fluidity may be a new concept for you, but it is very real. If you feel like a hypocrite faking indignation during some of these conversations, why not use them as an opportunity to be educated? Listen. Ask

questions. Say, "I don't know enough about this, but because I love you, I need to learn more about it."

You can be a trans ally without becoming an activist. PFLAG has a user-friendly resource, "Guide to Being a Trans Ally," that you may find interesting and helpful. Find it at pflag.org/guidetobeingatransally.

Dear Abby: An 8-year-old boy in my daughter's class recently passed away. She's only in second grade, so I wouldn't expect her to fully grasp

the meaning of death, but she understands it perfectly and is not upset one bit. Multiple times she has acknowledged the fact that her classmate is no longer present, and is actually somewhat cheerful about it. My husband and I are very worried. Is this normal behavior?

Concerned Mother

Dear Concerned: Children are often more resilient than they are given credit for. If your daughter wasn't particularly close to the child who died, his death may not have affected her deeply. Some children do not mourn the way adults do, and you should not expect her to.

Grief counselors may have spoken to the students about it, or they may have been given other opportunities to air their feelings. Because you are concerned, discuss this with her teacher, but I don't think you have anything to be worried about.

Dear Abby: What do you make of a host who issues a BYOB invitation to his party and then proceeds to drink the guests' liquor?

Appalled In Florida

Dear Appalled: I'd say he was thirsty.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 19-20, 1917

Umatilla County is the first county in the state to raise her full apportionment of Oregon's \$600,000 Red Cross contribution to the national \$100,000,000 fund. When the general committee closed headquarters last evening at 6 o'clock the full \$30,000 assigned to this county had been received in cash and checks. This county was the only county in the state to report its full amount raised on the opening day of the big drive.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 19-20, 1967

Hundreds of gallons of gasoline escaped Monday from a ruptured line atop the Standard Oil Co. bulk fuel plant about eight miles north of Pendleton on Highway 11. The gasoline spurted from the pipe for at least 20 minutes, but the exact quantity spilled was not known. Fire danger was extremely high. The fuel flowed from the bulk plant through

a ditch into Wildhorse Creek, which empties into the Umatilla River here. The flow from the pipe was stopped about 11:15 a.m. State police received a call for help from the plant at 10:55 a.m.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 19-20, 1992

Researchers will be taking a "snapshot" of Hermiston groundwater quality beginning later this month when they sample 232 wells and other water sources, a state hydrogeologist said. Jerry Grondin of the Department of Environmental Quality in Portland said the purpose of taking so many samples in a short time is to give a comprehensive look at water chemistry and quality throughout the 550-square-mile study area. Staff members from DEQ and other state agencies will be taking samples from 107 alluvial (shallow) wells previously sampled and four new alluvial wells. In addition, samples will be taken from 23 basalt wells, 74 monitoring wells and 24 surface water sites.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 20, the 171st day of 2017. There are 194 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted and was sentenced to five years in prison. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.)

On this date: In 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle.

In 1791, King Louis XVI of France and his family attempted to flee in the so-called "Flight to Varennes," but were caught.

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Massachusetts, found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1921, U.S. Rep. Alice Mary Robertson, R-Okla., became the first woman to

preside over a session of the House of Representatives.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman vetoed the Taft-Hartley Act, which was designed to restrict the power of labor unions, but had his veto overridden by Congress. Gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, California, home of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1966, the Beatles album "Yesterday and Today" was released by Capitol Records, initially with its notorious "butcher" cover photo which ended up being replaced.

In 1977, the first oil began flowing through the recently completed Trans-Alaska Pipeline.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld a New York City law making it illegal for private clubs with more than 400 members to exclude women and minorities.

In 1990, South African black nationalist Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, arrived in New York City for a ticker-tape parade in their honor as they began an eight-city U.S. tour.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Martin Landau is 89. Actress Bonnie Bartlett is 88. Actress Olympia Dukakis is 86. Actor James Tolkan is 86. Actor Danny Aiello is 84. Blues musician Lazy Lester is 84. Actor John Mahoney is 77. Movie director Stephen Frears is 76. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 75. Actor John McCook is 73. Singer Anne Murray is 72. TV personality Bob Vila is 71. Musician Andre Watts is 71. Producer Tina Sinatra is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lionel Richie is 68. Actor John Goodman is 65. Christian rock musician Jerome Fontamillas (Switchfoot) is 50. Rock musician Murphy Karges (Sugar Ray) is 50. Actress Nicole Kidman is 50. Movie director Robert Rodriguez is 49. Rock singer Chino Moreno (Deftones) is 44. Country musician Chris Thompson (The Eli Young Band) is 37. Christian rock musician Chris Dudley (Underoath) is 34.

Thought for Today:

"Know how to ask. There is nothing more difficult for some people, nor for others, easier." — Baltasar Gracian, Spanish philosopher (1601-1658).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

