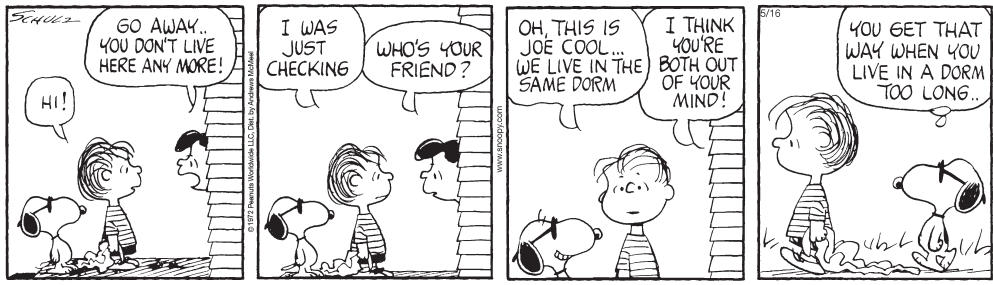


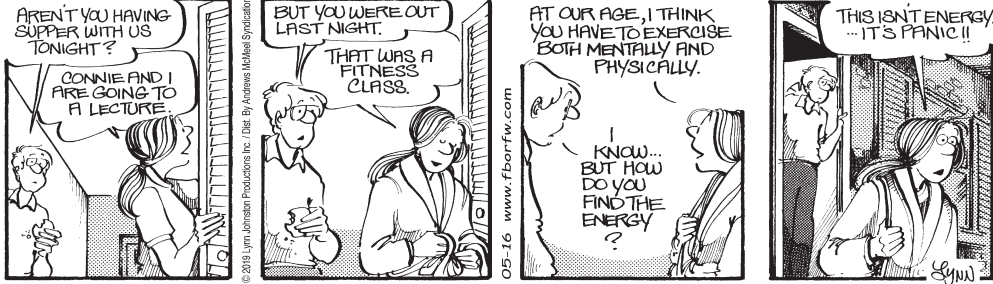
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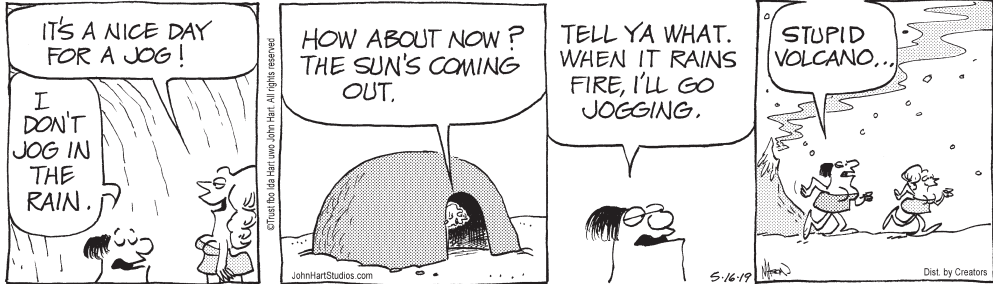
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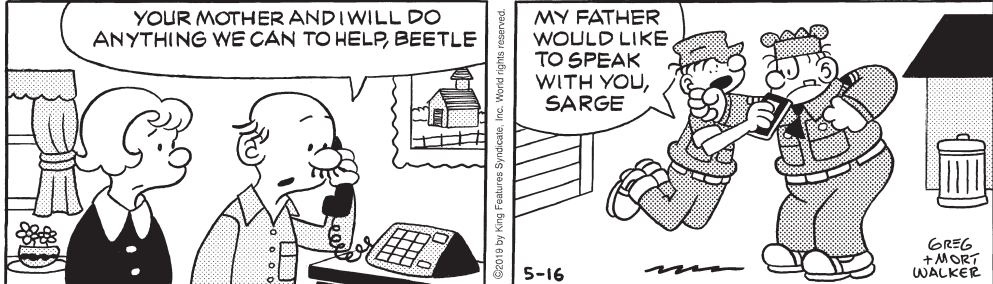
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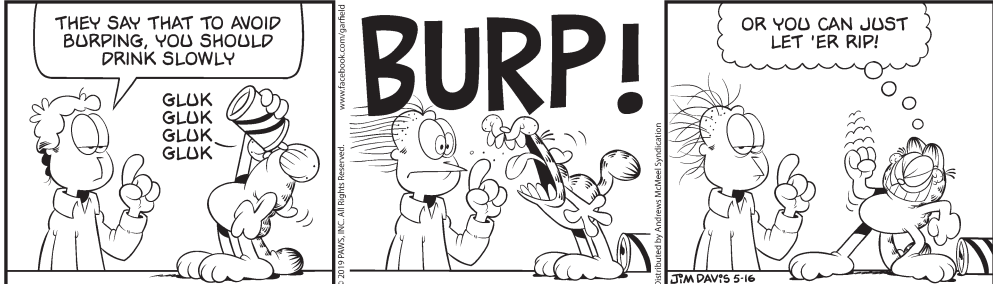
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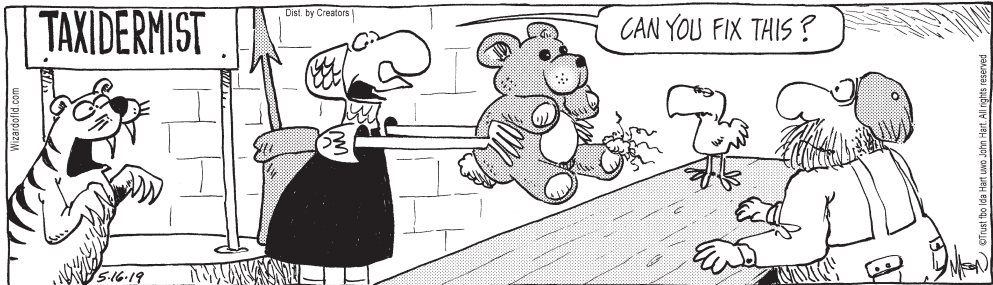
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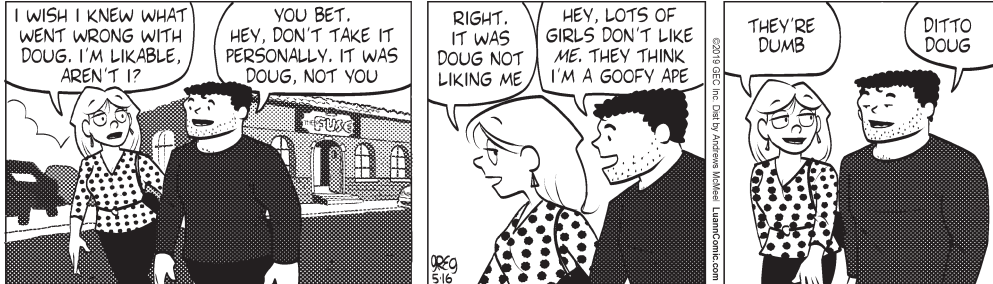
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DEAR ABBY

Man's gender transition jolts couples' longtime friendship

Dear Abby: My longtime friend of 30 years, "Charlotte," lives across the country. I have just learned that her husband, "Harold," is transgender and is now transitioning to become "Helen."

When they come, they always stay with us for several days because they can't afford a hotel. My husband is now very uncomfortable with them staying here or being seen out in public with them. Is there a way to tell Charlotte to come alone and still save the friendship? Or should I let them come and deal with my husband's feelings, which I think are unjust? — Unjust in the West

Dear Unjust: Talk to your husband and explain that he doesn't have to socialize more than he is comfortable with if your friends visit. If he still refuses, why don't you and he visit them this year? You could stay in a hotel while you adjust to the adjustment Harold is making.

I assume that your husband and Harold were friendly before. Perhaps if he and Harold have a chance to talk, your husband can get past his discomfort. It could be a valuable learning experience for him. Your support at this time would be a tremendous gift to this couple.

Dear Abby: My 22-year-old sister is unhealthy fixated on a particular cable TV channel. She will only watch this channel and is obsessed with the love stories and relationship movies. This goes far beyond a simple "like" for something, and I'm afraid she's using it as a way to avoid developing real relationships. She has few friends and has never been in a relationship. I have tried to get her to stop watching it, but it never ends well. How can I help her move away from the television set and into the real

world? — Fantasy vs. Reality in Florida

Dear F. vs. R.: Watching romantic movies with guaranteed happy endings (if only life were really like that!) is your sister's "safe" way of vicariously enjoying idealized relationships. Continue encouraging her to take some risk and join the real world by inviting her to join you in social groups. But until she realizes for herself that she needs to do it, it won't happen.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Counseling could help her, but she won't accept it until she admits to herself that she needs help to develop the social skills she lacks and is willing to reach out for it.

Dear Abby: I have been dating my boyfriend for six months, and in many ways he's a great guy. One thing that irks me, though, is his tardiness.

This man can't show up on time to save his life. I have arrived at his house for a date only to find he has not even arrived at his own home yet. He is usually 30-plus minutes late for our get-togethers.

I have brought this up many times, and at this point I feel like a nag, but it's so disrespectful and rude to treat others this way. I'm annoyed to the point that I may break up with him for this reason only. Is my reaction well-founded? — Early in Oregon

Dear Early: Your boyfriend is either extremely disorganized or just plain rude. If he hasn't been able to change his pattern in six months, he isn't likely to do it. You can, however, change the way you react to it.

Because you know he runs late, make your plans accordingly so you won't be kept waiting. However, if you can't do that, then rather than let it continue to stress you out, end the romance.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 16, 1919

In a letter received lately from Mrs. S.J. Bower of Santa Monica, Cal., the Umatilla schools have been informed that they will probably receive a portion of the valuable collection left by Mrs. Kunzie, a former resident and old timer of Umatilla. Mrs. Bower is a sister of Mrs. Isaac, a resident of Pendleton. Both have expressed their desire to honor the Umatilla schools with a portion of the collection. As soon as the matter has been decided, the high school will place a memorial tablet in the building in honor of Mrs. Kunzie who collected the rare exhibit of Indian relics. The collection of the entire exhibit required the efforts of a lifetime and may be somewhat appreciated when it is known that the Smithsonian Institute offered \$8000 for the famous exhibition.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 16, 1969

Bill Mobley, 16-year-old Mac Hi Future Farmer, who lives with his aunt and uncle, the Dale Woods, on Tum-A-Lum Road, lost two project sows and their litters of pigs in a high school agriculture farm buildings fire

in January, the only boy to lose any livestock. Then his registered Angus cow got out of the pasture and was killed when hit by a truck. But then, in the Pea Festival Junior Show, Bill was handed the championship trophy for his Angus yearling heifer in the breed division. Then during transportation from the FFA pen to the Junior Show Sale arena, his 188-pound York Cross pig keeled over and died from the unseasonable heat. Auctioneer John Thrasher, city schools superintendent, told the sale crowd what had happened and the hat began to circulate, with everybody digging deep. When the result was counted, Bill had ended up with \$77.13 — or 41 cents a pound for his lost pig.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 16, 1994

Sunday morning thunderstorms and heavy rain showers temporarily saved area crops from being ruined, but wheat and pea farmers caution that unless they get more rain before harvest, it could be a bleak year. Even so, few are complaining about the storm that brought at least a half inch of rain to most areas of Umatilla County. Much of west Umatilla County and Morrow County saw an inch or more.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1868, at the U.S. Senate impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson, 35 out of 54 senators voted to find Johnson guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors" over his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, falling one vote short of the two-thirds majority needed to convict; the trial ended 10 days later after two other articles of impeachment went down to defeat as well.

In 1939, the federal government began its first food

stamp program in Rochester, New York.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1988, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop released a report declaring nicotine was addictive in ways similar to heroin and cocaine.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the United States Congress as she lauded U.S.-British cooperation in the Persian Gulf War.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton publicly apologized

for the Tuskegee experiment, in which government scientists deliberately allowed black men to weaken and die of treatable syphilis.

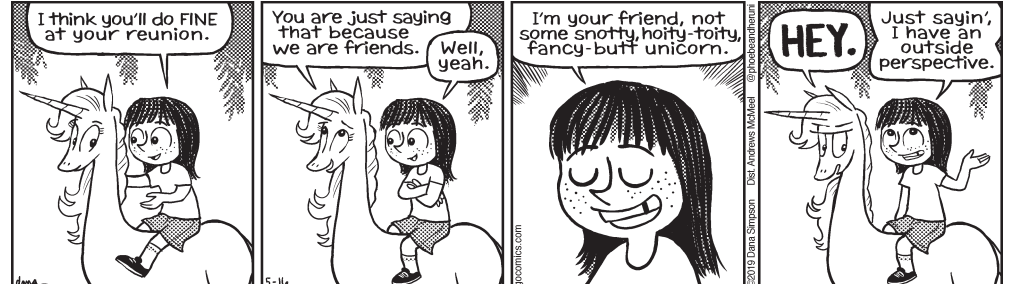
Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Rep John Conyers, D-Mich., is 90. Actor Danny Trejo is 75. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 66. Olympic gold medal gymnast Olga Korbut is 64. Actress Lynn Collins is 42. Actress Melanie Lynskey is 42.

Thought for Today: "The enemy of the conventional wisdom is not ideas but the march of events."

— John Kenneth Galbraith, American economist, diplomat and author (1908-2006).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

