

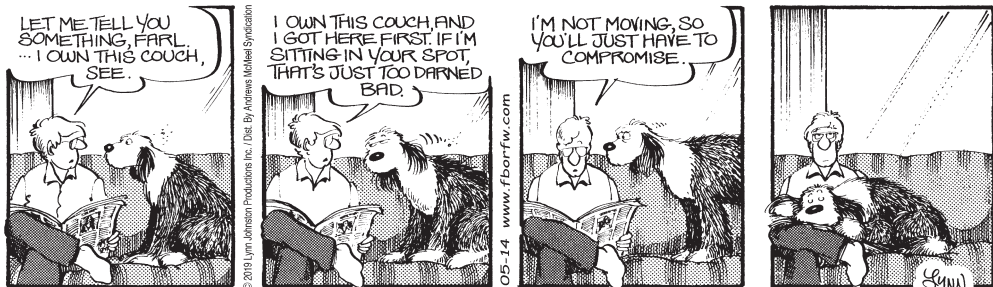
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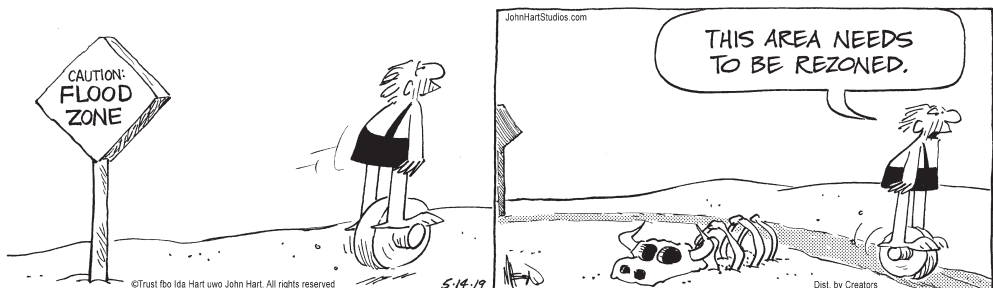
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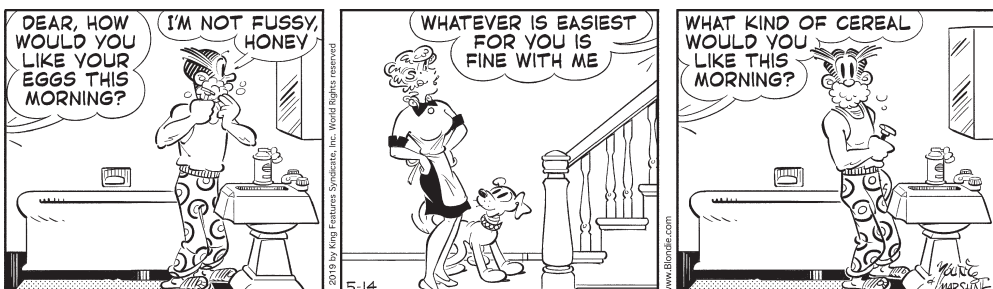
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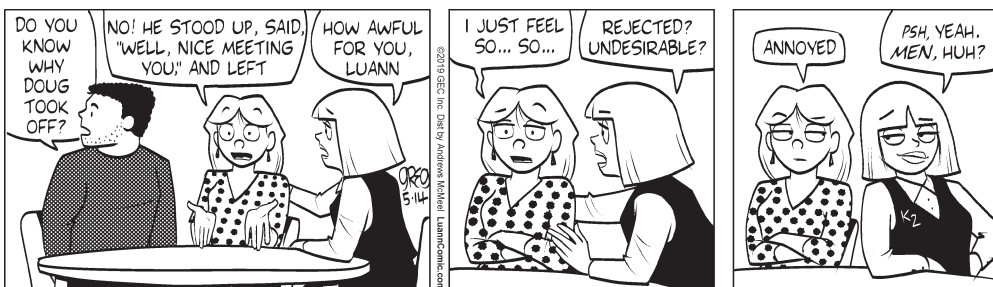
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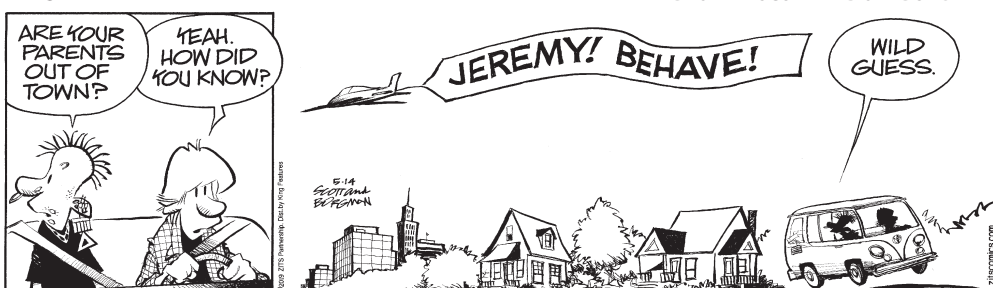
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DEAR ABBY

Guests glued to cellphones can wear out their welcome



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My husband and I live in a nice home in the desert Southwest with an in-ground pool and guesthouse. Our friends and relatives from back east have an open invitation to visit whenever they please. We enjoyed these visits until recently.

sidering rolling up the welcome mat, explain to your guests that you have given them an open invitation so you can enjoy each other's company, and you are hurt that they spend so much time on their electronic devices. Nobody gets something for nothing, and it seems the "quid" has gone missing from the "pro quo" you have been offering.

The problem is their ever-present compulsion to be connected to an electronic device. We are not yet retired, but in the past we didn't mind taking a few days off work to spend time with folks who came all the way out here to spend a few days with us. But it seems like nowadays our guests have their noses pointed at a phone or computer most of the time they are here. They have actually missed the beauty of our area, which we are missing work to show them, because they are otherwise engaged.

Recently, my boss informed my crew that a convicted pedophile will be working on a trial basis on our shift. The moment he said it, it started setting off triggers in my head, and I am very angry about it.

Is there a pleasant way to ask them to disconnect for a bit while we are enjoying their visit, or should I just get in the grumpy old lady line? I want our visitors to have a good time, but I find this behavior especially rude.

When I told my boss about my childhood experience, he acted like he didn't want to hear it. Do I have any rights in this matter? I really can't work with a man who has hurt another child like I was. — **Troubled Victim**

— **Almost Done in the Southwest**

Dear Almost Done: It's possible that your guests don't realize how much time they're spending on their computers and cellphones. Because you are so turned off you are con-

Dear Troubled Victim: You absolutely do have rights. You have the right to request a different shift, if that's possible. If it isn't, you also have the right to look for another job. If that's the case, it will be interesting to know how many of the other employees will follow you out the door.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 17, 1919

Birds of a feather flock together? No, not always. A staid, old Plymouth Rock hen strutted proudly into the front yard of her home at Mrs. J.E. Troxell's dairy ranch near Havana this morning with a pair of tiny China pheasant chicks. She clucked and she chided, just as mother-lovingly as any hen to her chirping offspring, for she had raised them from eggs she found in the field. Mrs. Troxell is feeding the hen and her adopted young ones in hopes that the little pheasants may be domesticated. So far there is complete domestic tranquility in the peculiar little family and Mrs. Troxell is wondering if the birds will return to their natural haunts when they grow older.

leadoff batter. After walloping La Grande 11-1 and 11-0 Tuesday to clinch the subdistrict title and with everyone in good condition, Lady Luck made an unwanted appearance Wednesday. David Michael, junior pitcher, became ill and won't be available for action tonight, and Victor Gehling, who usually is top man in the batting order, injured his shoulder in a fall during a physical education class.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 17, 1969

The Pendleton Buckaroos will go into the district 7-A-1 best of three baseball playoff with the Redmond Panthers here at 8 tonight without the services of one of its top pitchers and its

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian May 17, 1994

From the look of things, the Umatilla Army Depot's 53-year-old mission to store ammunition is coming to an end. In a burst of flame and smoke, thousands of pounds of old rocket propellant vanished Monday as part of the depot's stepped-up efforts to clear out the conventional ammunition. Already, about 700 of the 911 concrete bunkers known as "igloos" that store conventional ammunition have been emptied of their contents, thanks to the Base Closure Act of 1988. By Sept. 1, the depot's conventional ammunition will be gone for good.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On May 17, 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to allow same-sex marriages.

In 1536, Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn invalid after she failed to produce a male heir; Boleyn, already condemned for high treason, was executed two days later.

In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange had its beginnings as a group of brokers met under a tree on Wall Street and signed the Buttonwood Agreement.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying — but not preventing — a threatened strike by engineers and trainmen.

In 1954, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional.

In 1968, nine men and women, including brothers Daniel and Philip Berrigan, entered the Selective Service office in Catonsville, Maryland, seized several hundred draft files and burned them outside to protest the

Vietnam War before being arrested. (The "Catonsville Nine," as they came to be known, received federal prison sentences ranging from 24 to 42 months.)

In 1973, a special committee convened by the U.S. Senate began its televised hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

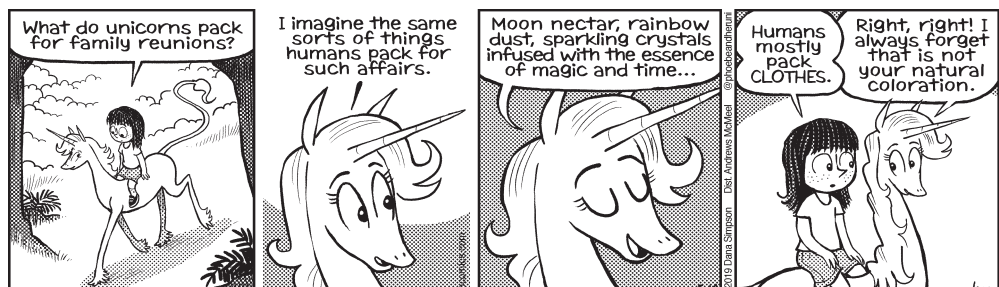
Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Gerety is 79. Singer Taj Mahal is 77. Rock musician Bill Bruford is 70. Singer-musician George Johnson (The Brothers Johnson) is 66. TV personality Kathleen Sullivan is 66. Boxing Hall of Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 63. Actor-comedian Bob Saget is 63. Sports announcer Jim Nantz is 60. Producer Simon Fuller (TV: "American Idol") is 59. Singer Enya is 58. Actor-comedian Craig Ferguson is 57. Rock singer-musician Page McConnell is 56. Actor David Eigenberg is 55. Singer-musician Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) is

54. Actress Paige Turco is 54. Rhythm-and-blues musician O'Dell (Mint Condition) is 54. Actor Hill Harper is 53. TV personality/interior designer Thom Filicia is 50. Singer Jordan Knight is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Darnell Van Rensalier (Shai) is 49. Actress Sasha Alexander is 46. Rock singer-musician Josh Homme is 46. Rock singer Andrea Corr (The Corrs) is 45. Actor Sendhil Ramamurthy is 45. Actress Rochelle Aytes is 43. Singer Kandi Burruss is 43. Actress Kat Foster is 41. Actress Ayda Field is 40. Actress Ginger Gonzaga is 36. Folk-rock singer/songwriter Passenger is 35. Dancer-choreographer Derek Hough is 34. Actor Tahj Mowry is 33. Actress Nikki Reed is 31. Singer Kree Harrison (TV: "American Idol") is 29. Actress Leven Rambin is 29. Actress Samantha Browne-Walters is 28. Actor Justin Martin is 25.

Thought for Today: "Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself." — William Faulkner, American author (1897-1962).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

