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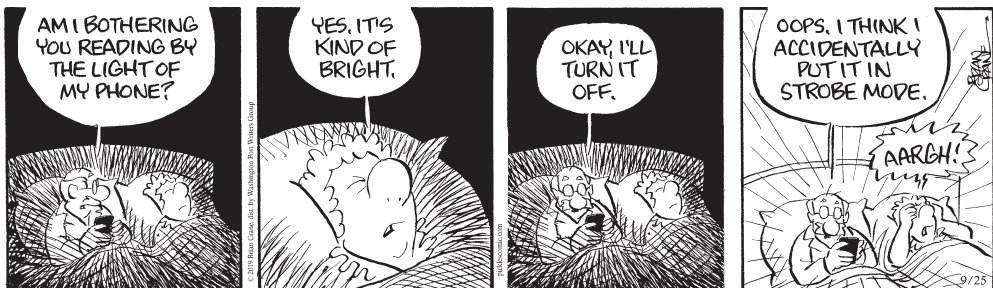
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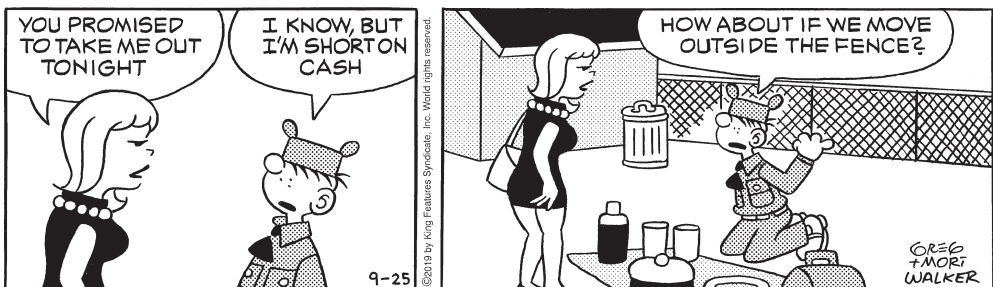
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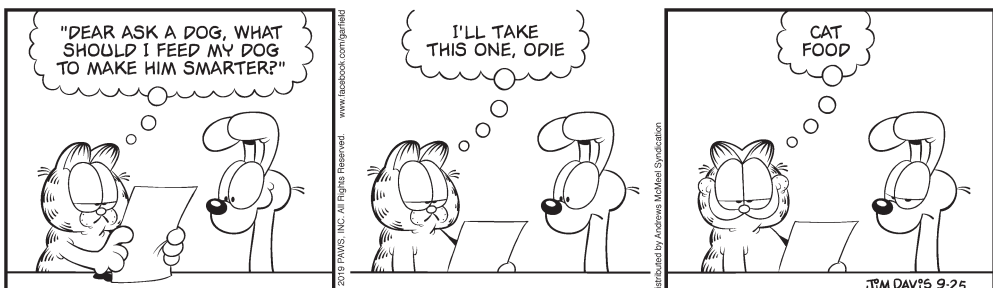
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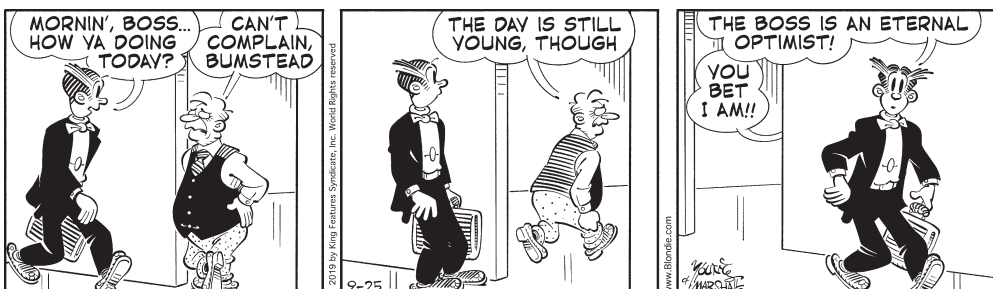
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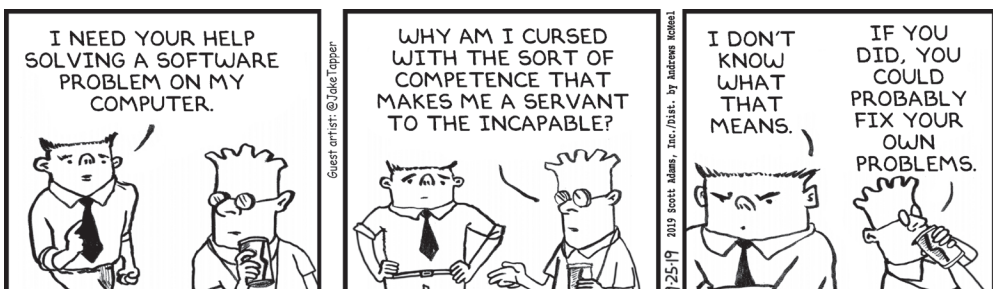
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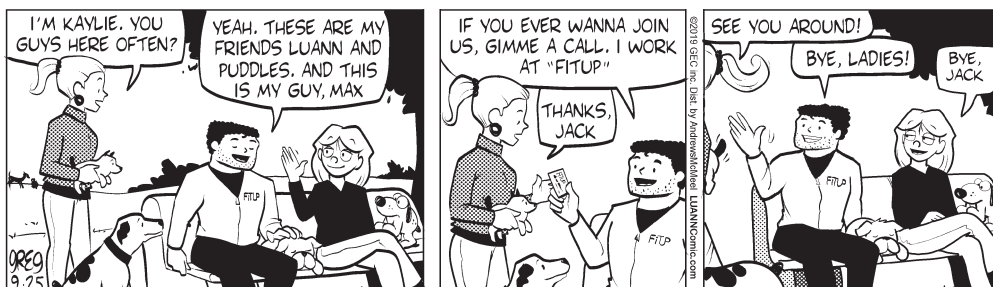
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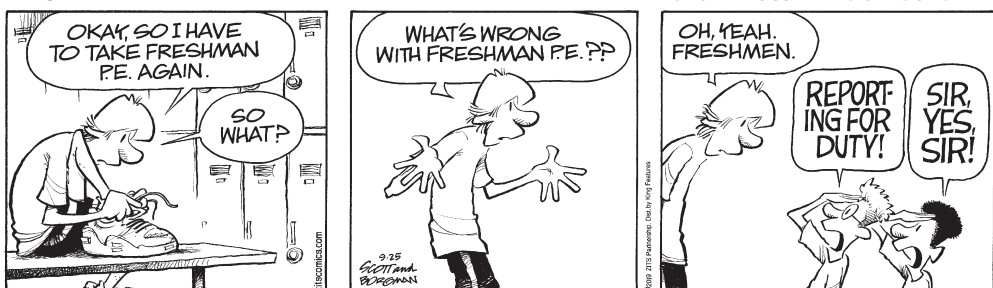
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DEAR ABBY

Transgender woman strives to preserve marriage to wife



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a transgender female who is working on my marriage to my wife of 41 years. I started my transition in 2011.

We have had our ups and downs during the course of our marriage. We have two sons and eight beautiful grandchildren. All of them know about my transition to womanhood, and my family also knows. What I need now is some advice to help our marriage. We are strongly committed to working on it. — Real Me in Ohio

Dear Real You: Many couples choose to stay together and keep their marriage intact when one partner transitions. You and your wife can find help — and support — at the nearest LGBT center that offers couples counseling. If there isn't one in your community, check the nearest large city to where you live.

You and your wife should also reach out to the Straight Spouse Network, which has been mentioned in my column before. This group was started in 1986 by Amity Pierce Buxton, Ph.D., and its mission is to build bridges of understanding for couples of mixed sexual orientation or gender variance. The contact information is straightspouse.org.

Dear Abby: I have two adult children who are divorced and both live out of state. My son has no children, and my daughter has two who are now adults. I'm close to my son but have been estranged from my daughter and grandchildren for almost 20 years. (There is no possibility of a reconciliation.)

I have not explained the details about this situation to anyone. My close friends know I have no contact with them and, thankfully, to their credit, they haven't asked. My co-work-

ers, however, want to know about my family. I have tried giving them generic information, such as "they live out of state," but a few keep asking for more details, such as when are they coming to visit, what do they do, etc. Some are being friendly, but a couple of them are busybodies. What can I say to deter them and their questions without being rude?

— Complicated in Virginia

Dear Complicated: This situation is more common than many people realize, and the best way to stop nosy people from repeatedly asking questions would simply be to say, "We are estranged." Period. If someone is so insensitive as to question you about why, you are free to say you prefer not to discuss it — now or ever.

Dear Abby: What would you say about a married man who cultivates online friendships with young women? He is in contact with one of them every hour, calling or texting. Mostly it is innocent, but there are very warm texts that include "kisses" icons ("just pictures, nothing more!")

He does not hide this from his wife. He tells her he is enjoying very much the communication with a young, beautiful woman. He says it is just a game for him, he has no feelings for them, he loves his wife and only her (and she feels it strongly). Do you think this kind of communication is acceptable? — Trivial Flirt in Russia

Dear Trivial Flirt: I don't think so. The husband may not be cheating on his wife in the classic sense, but calling and texting is not only disrespectful to the wife he says he loves, but also to the young women who may not understand that it's "just a game."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 25, 1919

The largest building permit issued this year in Pendleton was written for Pendleton lodge No. 288, B.P.O.E this morning for \$130,000. The permit is for the erection of the new lodge home for the Elks and was taken out by Judge G.W. Phelps, trustee and chairman of the building committee. Excavation work for the new building, which will be located at 200 West Court, at the corner of Garden street, has been under way since Sept. 2. The contractors, Parker and Banfield, of Portland, will be ready to commence building as soon as the ground is completely excavated. The permit is one of the largest ever issued in Pendleton and the only one this year in excess of five figures. The permit places the date of completion of the structure at April 1, 1920.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 25, 1969

Heppner High School athletic department will go along with redistricting as made up by the Oregon School Activities Association. The decision was reached at a school board meeting in Lexington Monday and followed recommendation of the coaching staff of Hep-

per High. This means the local teams will be meeting teams of smaller schools next year. Redistricting was done by OSAA on a geographic area basis. Heppner will remain in the 11-man football area. They will meet Wasco County, Sherman County, Condon and Pilot Rock in all sports. In football Stanfield, Umatilla and Athena will be added. In other sports Culver, Dufur, Cascade Locks, Arlington and Wheeler County will be added.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 25, 1994

The owner of a saddle formerly owned by convicted murderer Claude Dallas said he has no intentions of selling it after all of the commotion it has caused. Dr. Millard Ickes of Caldwell, Idaho, said he is the sole owner of the saddle that was on sale for \$10,000 at the Working Girls Gift and Antique Shop in Pendleton, where it remains. Ickes said Dallas is a friend and worked for him when he owned a ranch in Oregon. The saddle caused much concern when newspapers in Oregon and Idaho reported that the saddle was for sale during the Pendleton Round-Up. Gift shop owner Jerry Severe was selling the saddle as a favor for a friend, she said, and the proceeds would go toward Dallas' legal fees.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 25, 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

In 1911, ground was broken for Boston's Fenway Park.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colorado, during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable officially went into service with a three-way ceremonial call between New York, Ottawa and London.

In 1957, nine black students who'd been forced to withdraw from Central

High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

In 1965, the first installment of "In Cold Blood," Truman Capote's account of the 1959 murders of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kansas, appeared in The New Yorker. (The work was published in book form the following year.)

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1992, NASA's Mars

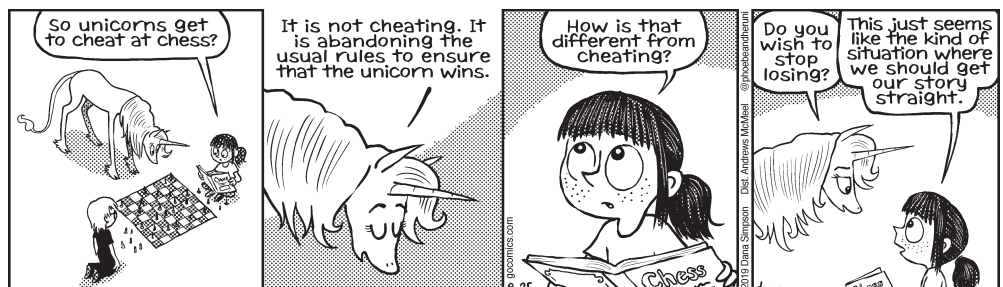
Observer blasted off on a \$980 million mission to the red planet (the probe disappeared just before entering Martian orbit in August 1993).

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Barbara Walters is 90. Model Cheryl Tiegs is 72. Movie director Pedro Almodovar is 70. Actor Michael Madsen is 61. Actor Will Smith is 51. Actress Clea DuVall is 42. Actor/rapper Donald Glover (AKA Childish Gambino) is 36. Actor Zach Woods is 35. Olympic silver medal figure skater Mao Asada is 29.

Thought for Today: "It is as fatal as it is cowardly to blink @ facts because they are not to our taste." — John Tyndall, English physicist (1820-1893).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

