PEANUTS







I'D BE SATISFIED UST TO SLOW DOWN MY DUMBNESS!

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ

FOR BETTER OR WORSE









BY JOHNNY HART THANKS! SHE'S MY WOW, JANE! THAT'S .. YOU'RE NOT EMOTIONAL SUPPORT . QUITE A PET YOU ANIMAL FOR ANXIETY HAVE THERE.

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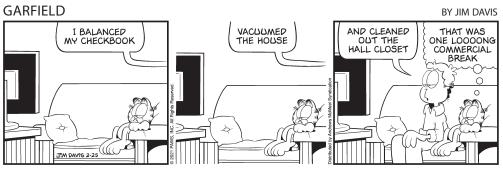


BY MORT WALKER

BEETLE BAILEY

ABSOLUTELY I GOTTA TURN NOTHING MY LIFE AROUND. OUTSIDE





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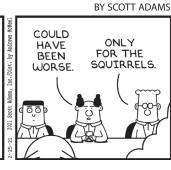




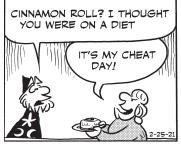
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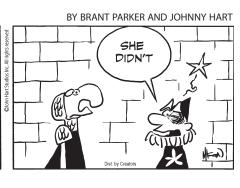




THE WIZARD OF ID







WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BERNIE:





BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Only grandchild announces transition to living as a boy

Dear Abby: My granddaughter just informed me she has decided she would be happier living as a boy, and she has gone so far as to legally change her name. I want to be supportive, but I admit I'm having a lot of trouble accepting it, or at least figuring out how to deal with it.

She's my only grandchild and most likely the only one I'll ever have. I loved my granddaughter with all my heart, and I don't know how to shift gears to a grandson. I keep

stumbling when I try to use the new name. I would welcome any suggestions you could make, including information about support groups you might know of. — Grandma In

Dear Grandma: Gender reassignment is not something that someone does on a lark. There are many steps involved, and the journey, while liberating, can be challenging both physically and emotionally. I am sure this is something your grandchild has given much

Yes, coming to terms with it can be as much of a journey for family as it is for the transgender person, and it can take time and understanding on all sides. A group called PFLAG can help you through this. It has been mentioned in my column for decades. It has helped countless families to build bridges of understanding between themselves and their lesbian, gay and transgender loved ones. Please don't wait to contact them. You will



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find PFLAG at pflag.org, and their phone number is 202-467-8180.

Dear Abby: I am a 50-year-old man. My whole life, my relationship with my father has been strained. When I was in my teens and 20s, when he bought presents for my two siblings and not for me, he would say things to me like, "I forgot I had you."

In spite of this, I became very successful in life. I had a great career and am now retired. My father

recently announced to me that he had made only two mistakes in his life — marrying my mother, who has put up with him for more than 60 years, and having children.

My dilemma is, he is now 90 with many health problems. He is in the hospital now for a heart problem. I know he won't last much longer. I feel nothing for him, and I am not sad. When he dies, I know I won't care. Is this normal? I feel guilty for feeling this way. -**Don't Care in Tennessee**

Dear Don't Care: Please don't feel guilty for feeling no regret at the prospect of "losing" a cruel and withholding parent who made it his business to make those around him feel "less than." Do not be surprised if, rather than feel a sense of loss, you feel at peace, as though a weight has been lifted from your shoulders. You should not feel guilty for that, either. Comfort and emotionally support your mother as best you can when he dies, but don't be shocked if she, too, feels some relief. Their union could not have been the happiest.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 25, 1921

The new coyote poison introduced this winter by the Biological Survey is proving to be sure death to the sheep-killing pests. This is the report made by Stanley G. Jewett, the predatory animal inspector for the Oregon-Washington district. For years the survey has been experimenting with different kind of poison and different methods. The new poison is called "Piper's Special" in honor of Stanley E. Piper, who perfected the new poison. Strychnine is the basis, which is combined with other ingredients through a heating process to conceal the bitter taste. Jewett says the poison is not being used on any range used by stockmen without their consent. It is being furnished free to all stockmen who must agree to use it according to instructions and report results to Jewett's office. About 50 percent of all animals killed by the new poison are found. Stockmen have reported the finding of 25 dead coyotes as the result of one day's efforts.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 25, 1971

A baby girl was born Tuesday in the front seat of a car in the parking lot of Pendleton Community Hospital. "Congratulations," a state police officer told the father, Shane Allen, Milton-Freewater, and handed him a traffic citation for violation of the basic rule. Lt. Tom Taylor said the officer had clocked Allen at 92 miles an hour in the 40-mile zone entering Pendleton on Highway 11. He said

the officer had pursued Allen for several miles at "very high speeds." When the officer stopped Allen, Taylor said, and found that Mrs. Allen was in labor, he told Allen, 'Get her to the hospital. I'll catch you later' and followed Allen to the hospital. Nursing instructor Kathleen Herrett delivered the baby. The birth was the first in the hospital parking lot, according to hospital administrator Sam Loewen. "Everybody's fine," he said of Mrs. Allen and her baby.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 25, 1996

There's no such thing as a free lunch. That lesson flew home to roost last week when wild turkeys along the upper Umatilla River took the bait and met with the surprise of their feathered lives — a rocket-powered net trap. The device snared 51 turkeys in one shot during a trap-and-transplant operation near Thornhollow. Part of an on-going effort to improve on the introduction of wild turkeys, the department traps the wild birds and releases them elsewhere in similar habitat, but where their numbers are fewer. Responding to a damage complaint by a landowner, who insisted that too many turkeys were scratching out a living on his land, led to the wild scene of turkey muggings and the not-so-easy task of untangling 15-pound birds from the net. The wild turkeys originated from stocks of Rio Grande turkeys from Texas that were introduced to southwest Oregon and eventually transported to northeast Oregon after their numbers rose steadily in the Southwest.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 25, 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aguino assumed the presi-

dency. In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at 1 cent per gallon.

In 1950, "Your Show of Shows," starring Sid Caesar, Imogene Coca, Carl Reiner and Howard Morris, debuted on NBC-TV.

In 1954, Gamal Abdel Nasser became Egypt's prime minister after the country's president, Mohammed Naguib, was effectively ousted in a coup.

In 1964, Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York

hotel suite; he was 71. In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a

U.S. barracks in Dhahran,

Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worship-

In 2010, in Vancouver, the Canadian women beat the United States 2-0 for their third straight Olympic hockey title.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ann McCrea is 90. Actor Diane Baker is 83. Former talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 79. Rock singer-musician/actor John Doe (X) is 68. Actor Tea Leoni is 55. Actor Sean Astin is 50.

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HA! TARA!

I KNEW IT!







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