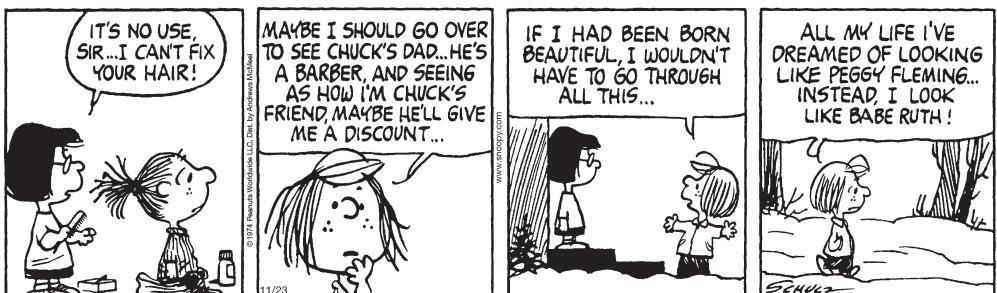


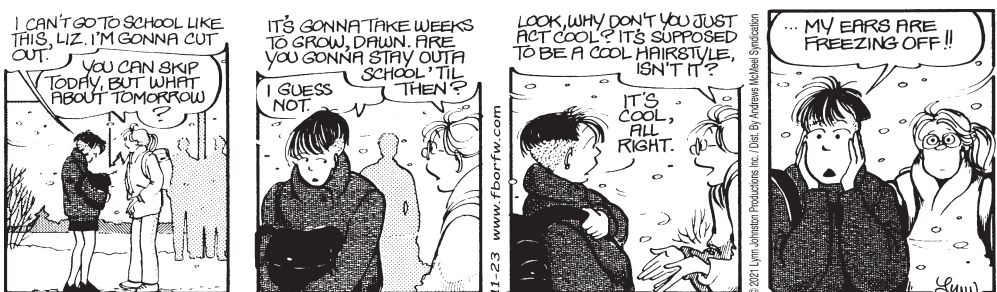
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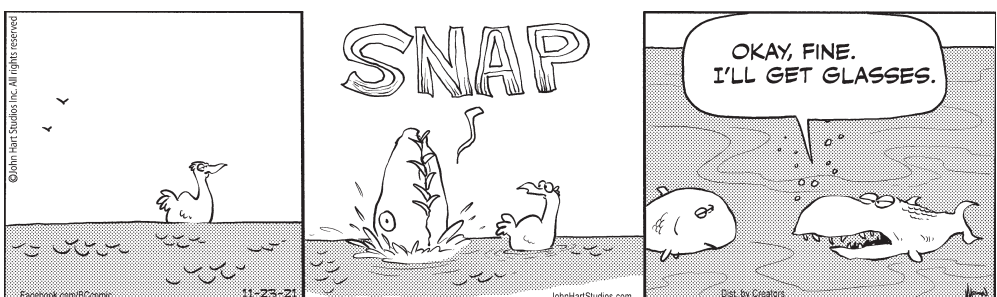
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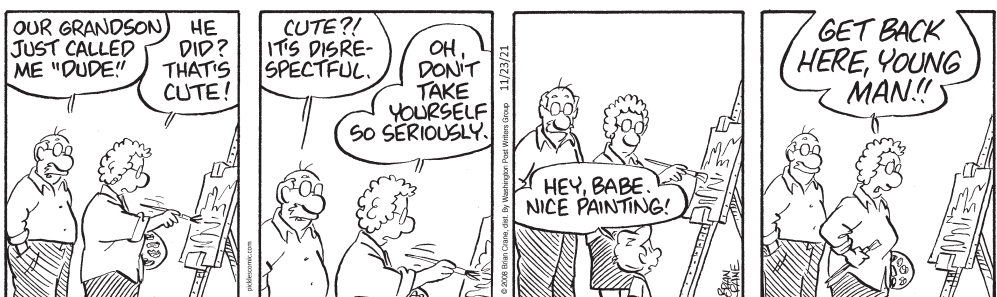
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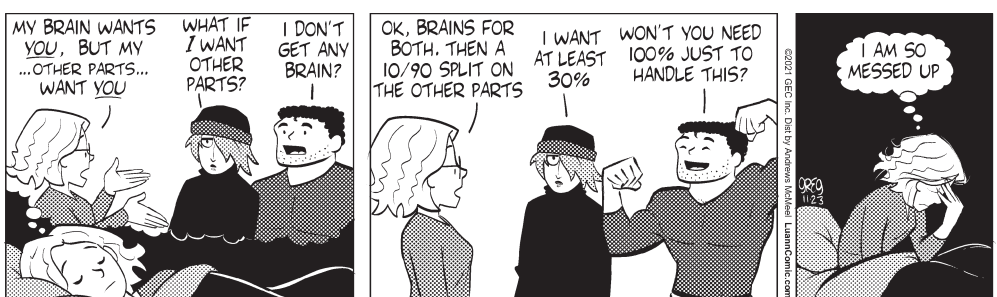
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# DEAR ABBY

## Boyfriend is descriptive when identifying women

**Dear Abby:** When my boyfriend talks about women, he doesn't always refer to them by their name. In most cases, I don't know the individual. But even if he does refer to her by name, what bothers me is he always follows it by describing her boobs (i.e., "the one with the big boobs, she has got to be at least a 42D, they stick straight out," or, "she's petite with a very small waistline"). Yet, he says he loves my figure and always expresses he loves the way I'm built.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
ADVICE

**Dear Abby:** On two occasions, I have given my girlfriend money (several thousand dollars) to help her cover medical expenses. Both times her father promised to pay me back. He made good on his promise the first time, but it has been almost two months since I fronted the money and he hasn't paid me back. He promised to do it when he got paid, but he has "gotten paid" several times since.

I'm considering taking him to small claims court. It wouldn't be his first time in that situation. Am I cheap? Or am I right for wanting to be repaid? If I'm right, how should I proceed? — **Unpaid In Pennsylvania**

**Dear Unpaid:** You were kind to front the money for your girlfriend's medical treatment. Her father should not have promised to repay you if he didn't intend to follow through. Contact him again and see if you can't agree on a payment plan that will be easier for him than paying you a lump sum. But if that doesn't work, I hope you got the promise he made IN WRITING. If you didn't, and you take him to small claims court, you will have no proof to show a judge.

That said, if you DO have something in writing, proceed by contacting the county clerk in the small claims court district closest to where her father lives, fill out a "statement of claim" form at the clerk's office and pay the filing fee. I wish you luck!

I have ignored the "big boob" comments because (I'm guessing) he gets some kind of satisfaction from making them, so I have gone along with it. However, it is becoming increasingly annoying. How can I get him to stop these comments and either refer to the women by name, or "Jerry's wife," "the woman" or "the lady"? Frankly, I'm not interested in the description; her name will suffice. Also, can you explain why he always slips in the description of the woman's anatomy? — **More Than A Body**

**Dear More:** A direct way to get your boyfriend to cut it out would be to tell him in plain English that the graphic description of these women's anatomy is a huge turnoff. As to your second question, your boyfriend does it because this is how he classifies the females he meets. He does not view them as individuals; he identifies them according to their anatomy.

## DAYS GONE BY

### 100 years ago — 1921

Several members of the city council are getting mighty dad-burned tired of wading through snow on the sidewalks in front of their neighbors' properties, and they came forth boldly last night and let the world understand their attitude on the matter. Also, they want to know why the present ordinance covering this matter of cleaning streets of snow and ice should not be enforced. As a result of the airing which the matter was given in the discussion which followed, it is probable that some citizens who have been notoriously slack in this respect may have an opportunity to bid the police judge good morning some of these snowy days. The judge also may hand them fines ranging from \$5 to \$50, according to the ordinance.

### 50 years ago — 1971

Volunteer fireman David L. Knerr, a machinist, and life-long resident of Hermiston, figured heavily in Saturday night's activities of the Hermiston Fire Department. The Eagles Lodge was the host of an appreciation dinner for firemen and their wives. At the dinner firemen presented to Fire Chief Bob Russell a portrait of the chief painted by Knerr. Following the dinner and during the

social hour came a fire alarm, and 24 of the firemen poured out of the Eagles' building and headed for the fire station. When he was on the truck, Knerr learned his home on S.E. 4th Street was the site of the fire. Mrs. Knerr, who had left the dinner early because of a baby sitter problem, said it was fortunate she was at home when the malfunction occurred in the furnace causing the fire.

### 25 years ago — 1996

The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission has agreed in principle to approve a hazardous waste permit for a proposed chemical weapons incinerator at the Umatilla Chemical Depot near Hermiston. By unanimous, but in some cases somewhat reluctant consensus, the five member board found incineration to be the best available technology for destroying thousands of weapons containing nerve and mustard gas stored at the depot. Commission members clearly agonized over the decision. Some wanted to speak were close to tears, others bowed their heads on their folded arms on the table. Commissioner Carol Whipple hedged her affirmation with doubts about the risks of continued storage of about 12 percent of the nation's stockpile of chemical weapons.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**On Nov. 23, 1971,** the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. Security Council.

**In 1889,** the first jukebox made its debut in San Francisco, at the Palais Royale Saloon. (The coin-operated device consisted of four listening tubes attached to an Edison phonograph.)

**In 1903,** Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto."

**In 1914,** the seven-month U.S. military occupation of Veracruz, Mexico, ended.

**In 1936,** Life, the photojournalism magazine created by Henry R. Luce, was first published.

**In 1963,** President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed Nov. 25 a day of national mourning following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

**In 1980,** some 2,600 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy.

**In 1992,** country music star Roy Acuff died in Nashville, Tennessee, at age 89.

**In 1996,** a commandeered Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the water off the Comoros Islands, killing 125 of the 175 people on board, including all three hijackers.

**In 2000,** in a setback for Al Gore, the Florida

Supreme Court refused to order Miami-Dade County officials to resume hand-counting its election-day ballots. Meanwhile, Gore's lawyers argued in a brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court that the high court should stay out of the Florida election controversy.

**In 2003,** five U.S. soldiers were killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan. Eduard Shevardnadze resigned as president of Georgia in the face of protests.

**In 2006,** former KGB spy Alexander Litvinenko died in London from radiation poisoning after making a deathbed statement blaming Russian President Vladimir Putin.

## PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



## BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

