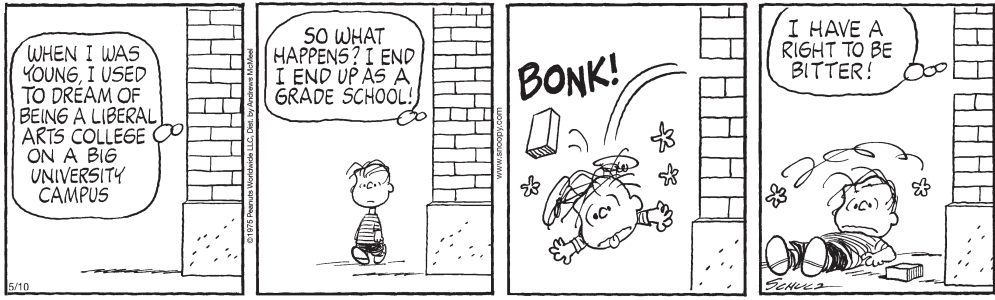


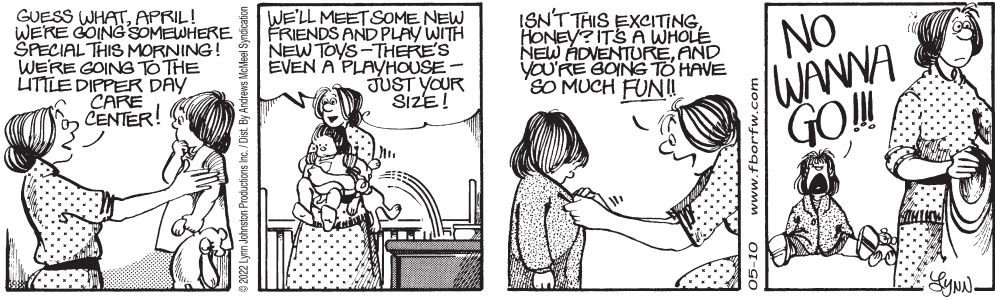
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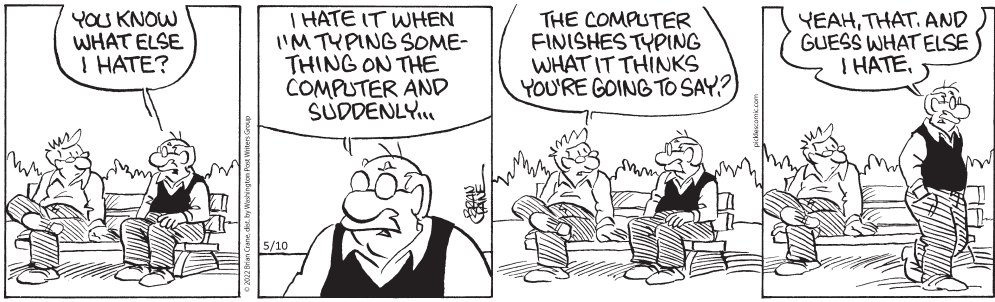
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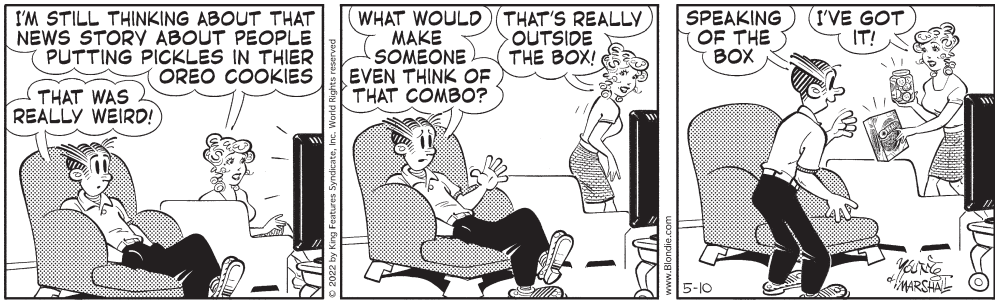
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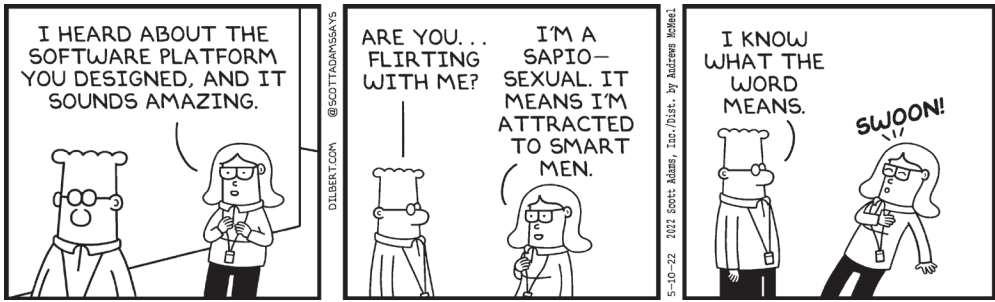
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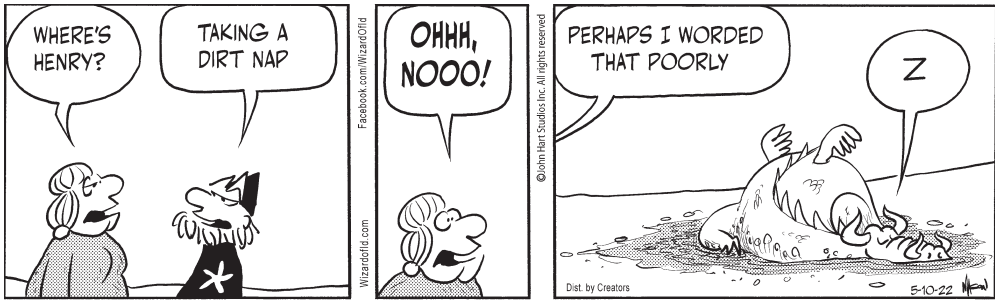
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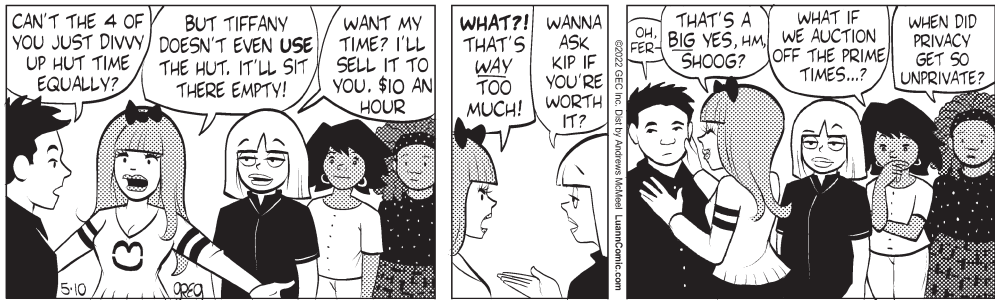
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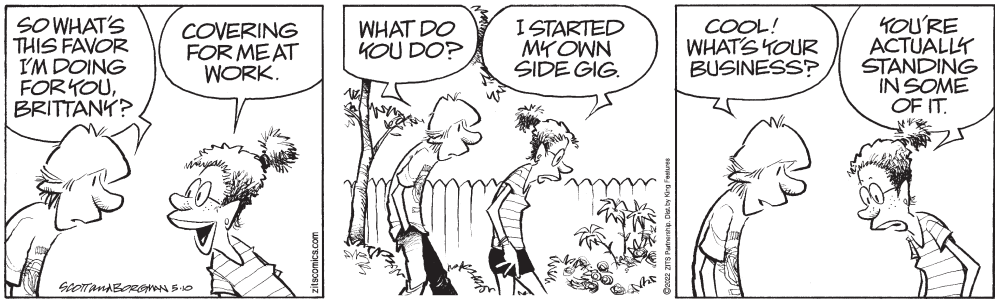
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DEAR ABBY

Couple reconnects but can't rekindle the past



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I met a man, "Gabe," 30 years ago. We had a very good time together. We dated some and even traveled occasionally. I liked him a lot but, when we met, I was divorced and looking for marriage. He was not. I moved for my job, and met and married someone else. Gabe did call to keep in touch for several years, but the calls stopped. I never forgot him.

one to "nest" with, you will have to look elsewhere.

Dear Abby: I am contemplating asking my wife for a divorce. Her 86-year-old mother lives with us. After she moved in, I quickly realized that her mother is a bigot, nosy and has little to no respect for my wife. Agreeing to her mother moving in was the worst mistake of my life. I avoid her like the plague now.

My husband passed away four years ago, and then COVID hit. Feeling the loneliness of lockdown, I wrote letters to people I hadn't heard from in years. Gabe's was one such letter. He called me after he received it, and we reconnected. We have enjoyed each other's company off and on since then.

I can work from home full time, but prefer to drive 75 miles a day to get out of the house. Her mother needs more care now than can be provided at home. However, my wife wants to bring someone in a few days a week, since I no longer work from home. She's just delaying the inevitable.

I would love to have a deeper relationship with him. Unfortunately, he regards me as nothing more than a friend. He is intelligent, quick-witted, well-traveled and still very handsome. I enjoy his company very much. I've wanted to tell him how I feel, but I don't want to jeopardize what we have together. So here I am, now in my 60s, feeling lost and not knowing how to handle my desire to be with him. What do you think? — Long History In Florida

I believe her mother is more important to her than I am and, if that's the case, I can't change her mind. Aside from this, we have a great marriage. I don't want to lose what I have, but I am prepared to walk away. Advice? — Hates The Houseguest

Dear History: If you are looking for more than you already have with Gabe, you are wasting your time. Gabe is satisfied with the relationship just as it is. If he wasn't, believe me, he would have mentioned it. If what you need is some-

Dear Hates: I do have some. If assisted living is in your mother-in-law's future, it would be kinder to have her take up residency soon, while she's capable of adjusting to it rather than postponing it until there is an emergency. You are long overdue for a frank and not very pleasant conversation with your wife about how you feel you rank on her list of priorities. Feeling as you do, it may be your only chance of saving your marriage.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Milton City's new engine arrived Wednesday from the factory at Beloit, Wis. It is a Fairbanks-Morse, of the semi diesel type, three hundred horsepower and weighs thirty tons. The gigantic machine is about twenty feet long by six feet in width, and is one piece of solid iron, with the exception of the shafting, pulleys, etc. It was no small task to move the huge thing from the car to the foundations, a distance of about one hundred feet. The job was accomplished by means of blocking made of railroad ties and other heavier timbers, over which it was moved on rollers, Gilbert Thomas using his Fordson tractor in the place of a capstan. Any kind of fuel oil, from gasoline to crude oil, can be used to run it.

to be in violation of the student dress code. Last fall a code was reviewed by faculty and students. Teacher Jack Williams, one of the members of the Milton-Freewater student-faculty committee, was asked to define the word "grubby." "It wasn't easy," said Williams. "But we finally decided grubbies are clothing that is ragged, dirty or unkempt, and clothing which is disruptive in school." Lee Monthie, president-elect of the student body, said that a school poll showed 89.5 per cent consider muscle shirts "not disruptive," and 92.5 don't think blue jeans on girls is disruptive. The students, said Monthie, propose that the school administration leave the matter of dress to the students and their parents.

25 years ago — 1997

After almost 20 years of service, Amtrak's Pioneer trainline decided to shut down its Chicago to Seattle run. Originally, it was supposed to cease to exist Nov. 10, 1996, but a six-month reprieve was granted by Amtrak, which agreed to let states affected by the shut-down search for ways to win additional money for the line. It didn't work. In March, the company announced that without state support, the Pioneer line would stop running May 10, and this time, there would be no stay of execution.

50 years ago — 1972

Muscle shirts on boys, and blue jeans on girls. Are these grubbies? No, said a McLoughlin High School committee from the student council which attended the regular meeting of District 3 school board Tuesday night. The committee was accompanied by more than 50 students. The student protest began last week, said school Supt. Edward Miller, when four students were sent home for wearing apparel the school principal considered

TODAY IN HISTORY

On May 10, 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem ended with 13 suspected militants flown into European exile and 26 released into the Gaza Strip.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, New York.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was named acting director of the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or FBI).

In 2013, the Internal Revenue Service apologized for what it acknowledged was "inappropriate" targeting of conservative political groups during the 2012 election to see if they were violating their tax-exempt status.

In 1818, American patriot Paul Revere, 83, died in Boston.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela took the oath of office in Pretoria to become South Africa's first Black president. The state of Illinois executed serial killer John Wayne Gacy, 52, for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

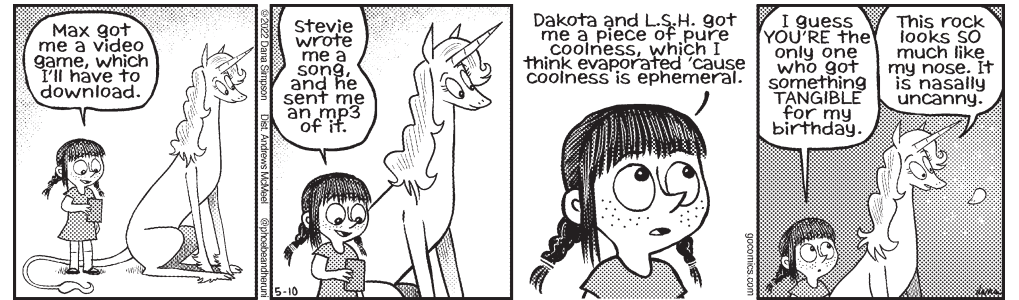
In 2014, Michael Sam was picked by the St. Louis Rams in the seventh round of the NFL draft, becoming the first openly gay player drafted by a pro football team. (Sam retired after an unsuccessful stint with the Rams and the Dallas Cowboys.)

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.

In 2002, a tense 39-day-old standoff between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen at the

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

