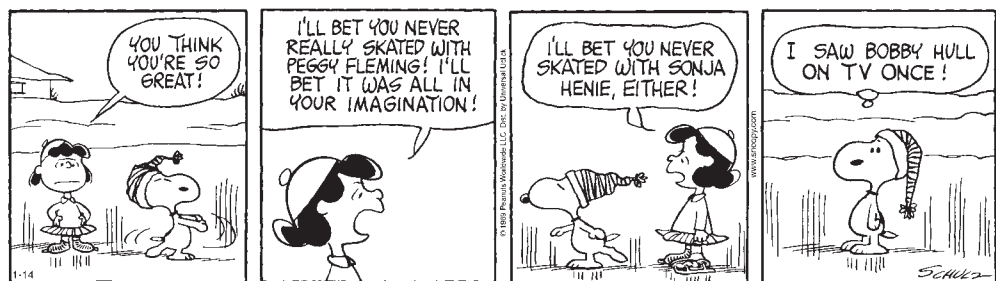


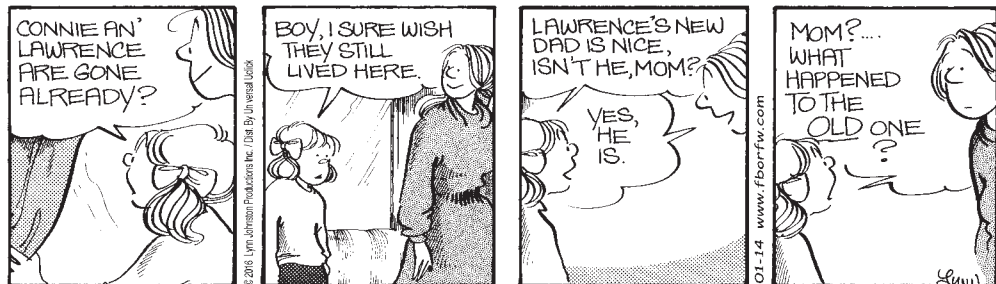
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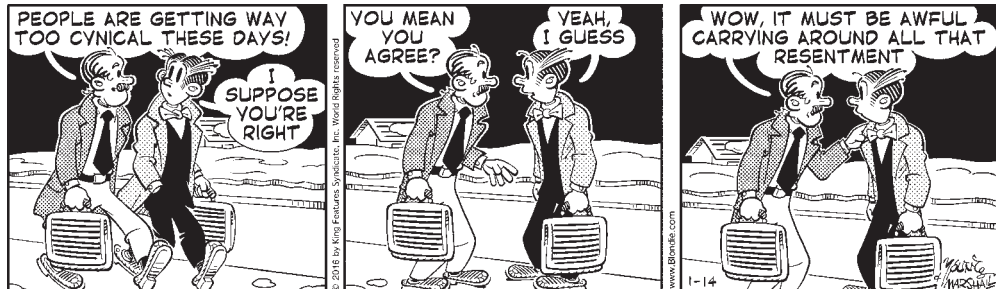
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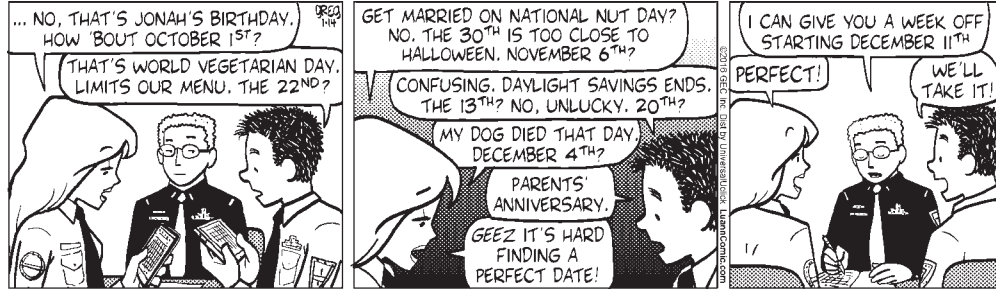
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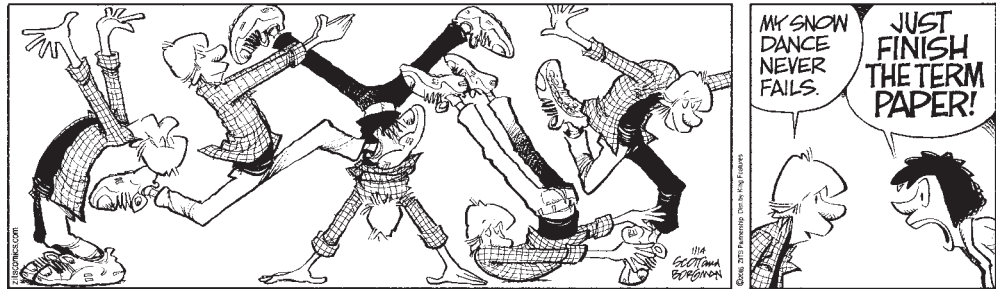
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DEAR ABBY

Gulf separating mother, son grows greater than distance



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

**Dear Abby:** I moved overseas for work when I was 18. My father divorced my mom around the same time. I used to come back to the U.S. for two weeks every year to visit and stay with Mom. However, for the past eight years she has sent me emails "suggesting" in a roundabout way that I was not totally welcome. Because of this, I haven't been back in six years.

hater worse than the person at whom it is aimed. At this point your mother has lost her son and now she's losing her home. I'd say that's a large dose of punishment for her lack of hospitality. If you can't mend fences, then dwell on the positive things you have in your life rather than wasting time wishing her dead.

For the last 20-plus years I have given my mother about \$7,000. Because I'm not welcome in her home, I told her I won't give her any more. She is now showing regret for her previous emails, but for me it's too late. Since I'm no longer sending money, she will have to sell her condo.

**Dear Abby:** I've been married to my wife for nine years. She is addicted to Ambien and pain meds. I love her with all my heart, but the constant trips to the hospital and emergency rooms have left me feeling numb. The episodes are all pretty much the same "Groundhog Day" scenario. I'm in so much pain emotionally.

She's getting old and doesn't have much time left, and I can't wait until she passes on. I despise her. For me it is unacceptable for a mother to not welcome her son into her home for two weeks a year. Am I overreacting? Is my level of hate valid? — **Rejected Son In Thailand**

They treat her because she claims to have lupus. The real story is her addiction. My question is, what do I do? She has been to the hospital at least 30 times in our nine years of marriage. Please help me help her. Thank you. — **Tired In Texas**

**Dear Rejected Son:** Not knowing your mother's reason for implying you weren't welcome to stay with her, your question is hard to answer. I understand why you would feel hurt, even angry. But looking forward to the day she's no longer on this earth strikes me as an overreaction.

**Dear Tired:** You say the people at the hospital are unaware that your wife is a prescription drug addict. Why haven't you told them the truth and revealed where your wife is getting all those pills? For too long you have tolerated a situation that is destructive for both of you.

From what I have read on the subject — as well as personal experience — I have concluded that hatred is like acid. It hurts the

You may love your wife and want to be supportive, but you can't save her from her addiction. Only she can do that by admitting she's out of control, seeking help and sticking to a program.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 14, 1916

Pendleton has had 18.25 inches of snowfall since the first of January and the snow breaks all records for many years past. The snowfall already this month exceeds by four inches the fall of January, 1912, the time of the last previous heavy snow. Whether or not the present snowfall is heavier than the fall during the cold winters six and seven years ago is not clear as those records are not available. It is reported from Walla Walla that the snowfall in this section is heavier than any for 12 years past.

County Court by the Oregon Highway Department. The new two lanes will be on the north side of the existing highway from Stanfield junction to just east of the Echo cutoff, and from there to Pendleton on the south side.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 14, 1966

Five interchanges — plus an overpass — are planned for the Stanfield Junction-Pendleton section of Interstate 80 North, a final plan for the freeway revealed here today. I-80N will utilize existing Highway 30 for two of its four lanes in the 20-mile stretch. A sketch map of the final routing was delivered Thursday afternoon to the Umatilla

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 14, 1991

Art Bowman hopes his efforts will somehow help his students stay away from the MacLaren School in Woodburn, the "big house" of the Oregon juvenile corrections system. Bowman runs the school program at the Northeast Oregon Regional Treatment Center in Pendleton. The treatment center is funded by Umatilla County and the state, but Bowman is a bonafide employee of the Pendleton School District. The reading and mathematics studies are making a difference with most of his students, he says, pointing to a list of impressive before-and-after test results. Many of his students have finished their mandatory stays at the center with math and language skills several grades higher than the ones they entered with.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 14th day of 2016. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

**On Jan. 14, 1966,** Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue in Manhattan were converted from two-way to one-way streets to improve traffic flow. (To this day, vehicles head south on Fifth, while traveling north on Madison.)

Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

**In 1952,** NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator."

**In 1954,** Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married at San Francisco City Hall. (The marriage lasted about nine months.)

**In 1963,** George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation forever!" — a view Wallace later repudiated. Sylvia Plath's novel "The Bell Jar" was published in London under a pseudonym less than a month before Plath committed suicide.

**In 1969,** 27 people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, off Hawaii, were killed when a rocket warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions.

**In 1989,** President Ronald Reagan delivered his 331st and final weekly White House radio address, telling listeners, "Believe me, Saturdays will never seem the same. I'll miss you."

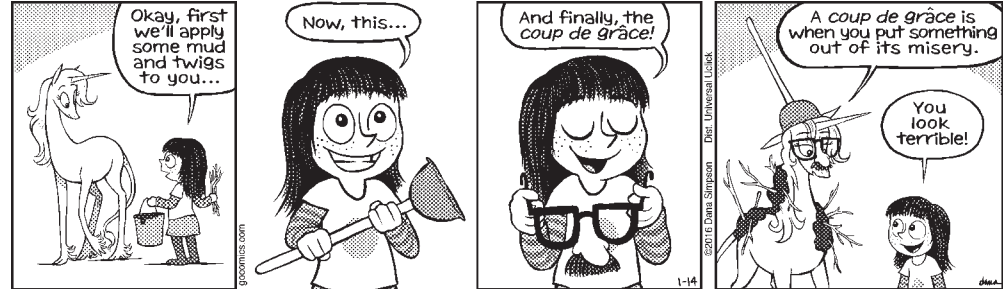
Today's Birthdays:

Blues singer Clarence Carter is 80. Singer Jack Jones is 78. Actress Faye Dunaway is 75. Actress Holland Taylor is 73. Actor Carl Weathers is 68. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 68. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 67. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Maureen Dowd is 64. Rock singer Geoff Tate (Queensryche) is 57. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 53. Actor Mark Addy is 52. Fox News Channel anchorman Shepard Smith is 52. Rapper Slick Rick is 51. Actress Emily Watson is 49. Rock musician Zakk Wylde is 49. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 48. Actor Jason Bateman is 47. Rock singer-musician Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters) is 47. Rock singer-musician Caleb Followill (Kings of Leon) is 34.

**Thought for Today:** "If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind." — *John Stuart Mill, English philosopher (1806-1873).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

