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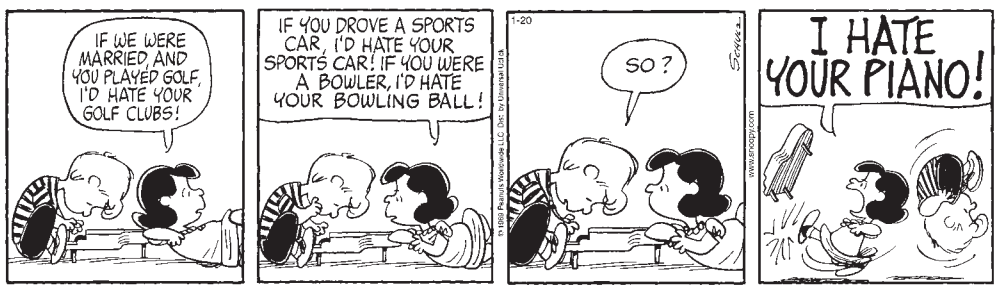

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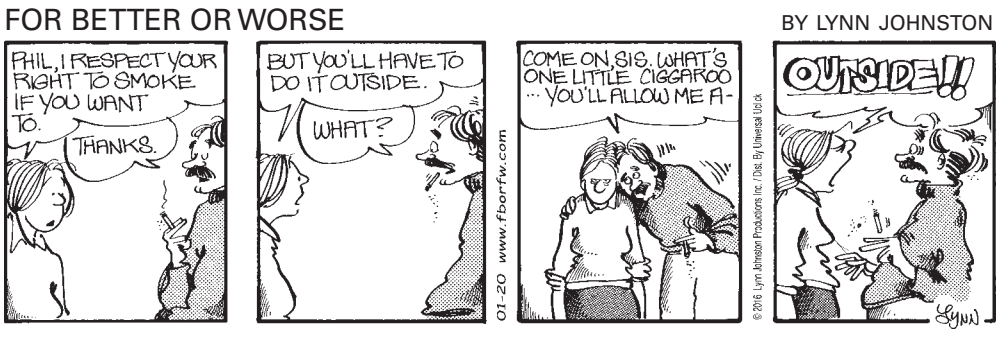

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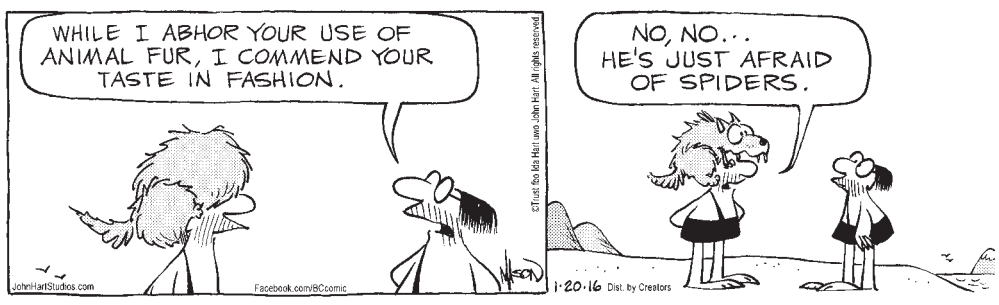

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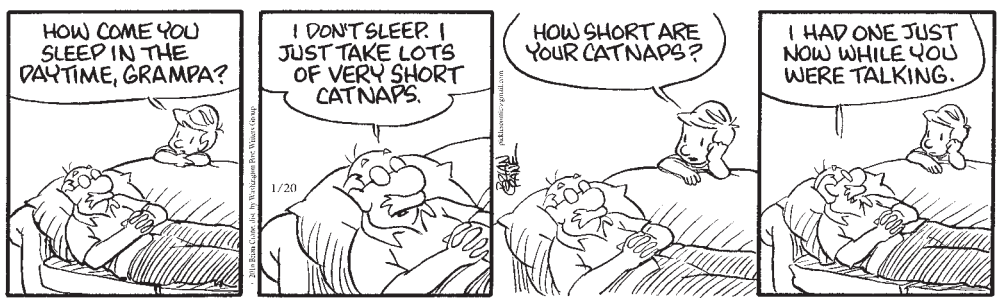

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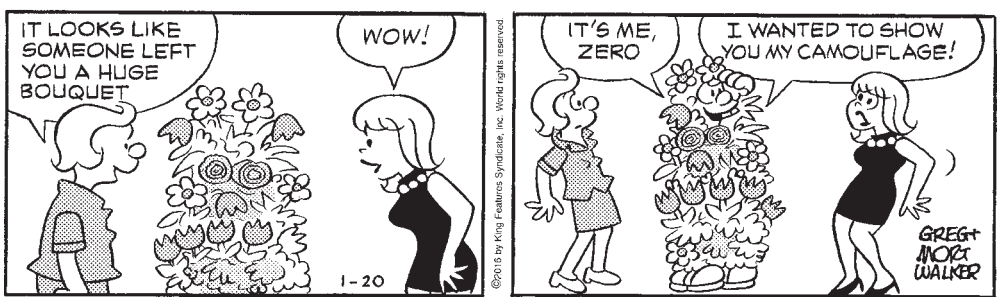

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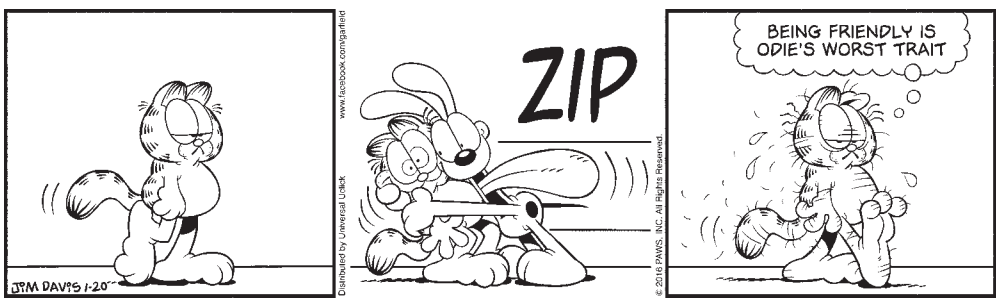

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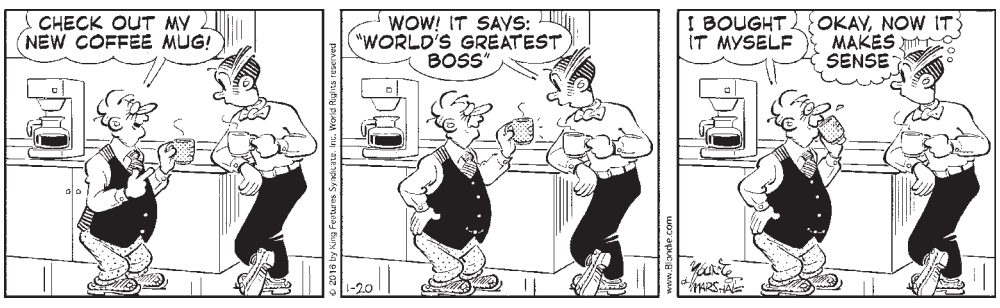

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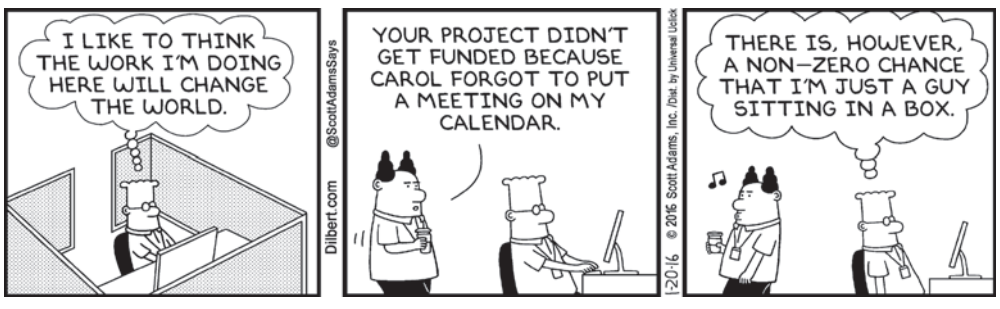

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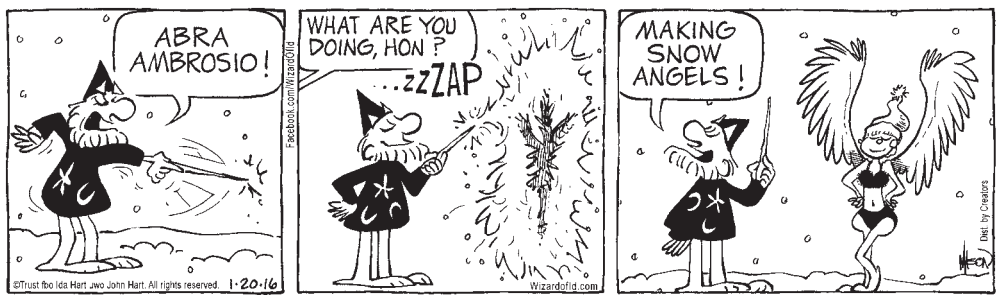

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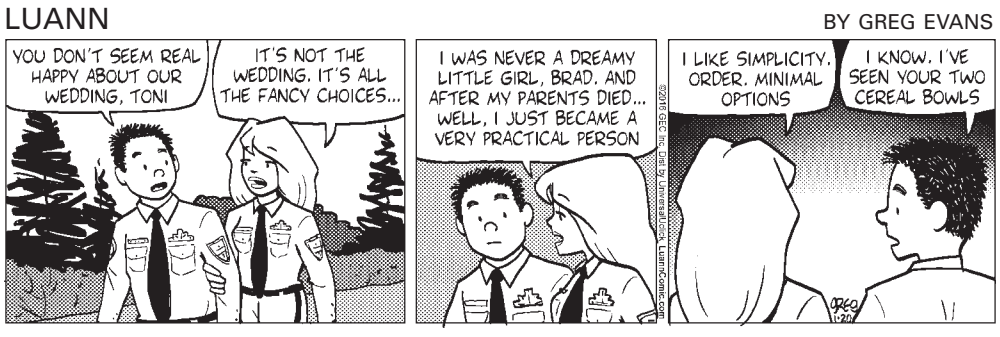

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ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

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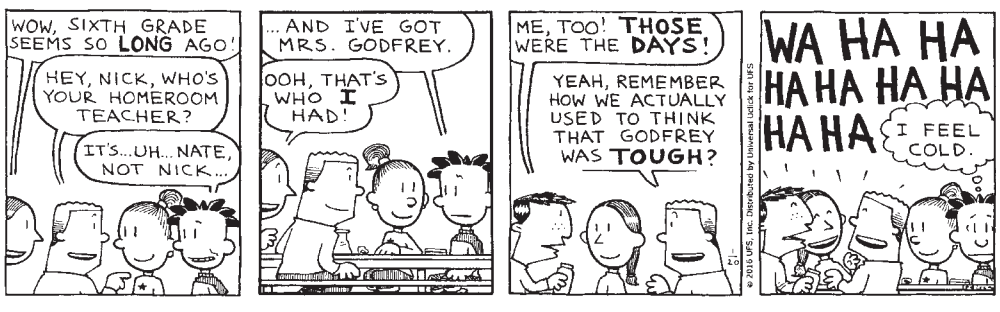

DEAR ABBY

Wife fears losing her family if she leaves them for lover

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I live in Israel, and for the past five years I've been having an affair with a great guy I'll call Yuri. I married very young to a man who is kind and very Orthodox. I love my children and grandchildren.

Yuri thinks we should leave our spouses and make a fresh start. (I'm not Orthodox and neither is he.) I am afraid if I do, I may lose my children and grandchildren. On the other hand, I can't survive without Yuri.

I have always had lovers since I discovered how Orthodox my husband is — it's a survival thing. I am going nuts. What should I do? — **In Turmoil In Israel**

Dear In Turmoil: Consider VERY carefully what a new life with Yuri will cost you, because it's going to be emotionally expensive. Right now you are part of a community, with standing in that community. If you leave it, all of that will be gone, and you will likely be shunned.

While running away with your lover may seem romantic, I would be very surprised if it didn't spell the end of your relationship with your children and grandchildren. A decision like this should not be taken lightly; it needs to be made rationally. If you are "going nuts," you are NOT thinking rationally, so please, discuss this with a counselor more familiar with Orthodox custom than I.

Dear Abby: My ex sent our children letters from prison. I didn't give them the letters because he was abusive. In one of them he asked our daughter to forgive him and not punish him forever. Abby, her father had abused her, and he's asking for her to stop punishing HIM? She was going to kill herself because of what he did to her.

My daughter went through several years of intense counseling and still battles depression, so there is no way I'll permit him to have contact with her or my other children. I have had no contact with him since we split up several years ago. My lawyer mailed the divorce papers and that was that. Should I write him a letter and tell him what I think? — **Nowhere In Texas**

Dear Nowhere: No, your lawyer should. One of the hallmarks of abusers is that they tend to blame their victims for their actions. The statement in your ex's letter accusing your daughter of "punishing him" with her silence is troubling. She's under no obligation to forgive her abuser.

When he is finally released from prison, one of the conditions may be that he must have no contact with minors. And if by then your children are no longer minors, one can only hope that they have become mature enough to protect themselves emotionally — and physically, if necessary — from their father.

Dear Abby: I'm 13, and a girl in my grade likes me — REALLY likes me, but I think I'm too young. All my friends say I should go for it and have her as a girlfriend, but I'm not sure I should. I need professional help. — **Not Quite Ready In Georgia**

Dear Not Quite Ready: Determining when a person is "ready" for a romantic relationship isn't something other people can or should decide. If you're not sure you want a girlfriend right now, the fact that she likes you — REALLY likes you — isn't as important as what YOU think and YOU feel. You appear to have a good head on your shoulders. Let it be your guide and don't allow your well-meaning friends to push you into anything.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 20, 1916

Because of an ice jam in the Columbia between Umatilla and Irrigon the water in the river rose six feet on Monday and though no damage was inflicted the situation caused uneasiness and speculation as to what the future held in store. The alarming feature of the situation is the fact there is another jam in the river a short distance above Umatilla, probably at the rapids. In the event this jam should give way first and thus let the water through swiftly while the lower jam held fast there would be danger of a very swift rise in the river with some damage inevitable. However, a phone message to the *East Oregonian* this afternoon from H.N. Dryer stated the river was then falling, thus relieving the tension.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 20, 1966

Rudy Enbysk resigned as Pendleton's mayor Tuesday night and moments later was appointed city manager pro-tem by the city council. The action followed the recommendations of a special council committee on administrative procedures, which was appointed two weeks ago. Enbysk will be paid the same salary as several other department heads — $710 a month. He will serve as city manager only until a replacement for Mel Gardner is hired, and, according to the recommendations of the committee, will be appointed by the council then to succeed himself as mayor.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Jan. 20, 1991

The threat of terrorism in Europe canceled a 10-day ski trip to Austria for more than three dozen Pendleton-area skiers Friday. Mike Donnelly, vice president of the Starbottle Ski Club, said the start of war and the threat of terrorism, particularly in Germany, led to the group's decision not to fly out of Portland. The group — 36 from Pendleton and six others from the surrounding area — planned to stay in a small village called Ingles, about two miles outside of Innsbruck where the Olympics were held in 1976. From there, the group was to tour other major resorts in the area, including Kitzbuhel and another Donnelly described as the "home of the world's toughest downhill course." Since the airlines refunded all the flight costs, many of the skiers have made other plans for the week.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 20th day of 2016. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 20, 1936, Britain's King George V died after his physician, Lord Dawson of Penn, injected the mortally ill monarch with morphine and cocaine to hasten his death; the king was succeeded by his eldest son, Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne 11 months later to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

On this date:

In 1265, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time; the gathering at Westminster was composed of bishops, abbots, peers, Knights of the Shire and town burgesses.

In 1649, King Charles I of England went on trial, accused of high treason (he was found guilty and executed by month's end).

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Jews.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.

In 1954, "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," a play by Herman Wouk based on part of his novel "The Caine Mutiny," opened on Broadway.

In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States.

In 1975, several former William Morris talent agents, including Michael Ovitz, founded Creative Artists Agency (CAA).

In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Arte Johnson is 87. Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 86. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 76. Singer Eric Stewart is 71. Movie director David Lynch is 70. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 69. Israeli activist Natan Sharansky is 68. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 64. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 64. Comedian Bill Maher is 60. Actor James Denton is 53. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 51. Actor Rainn Wilson is 50. TV personality Melissa Rivers is 48. Rap musician ?uestlove (The Roots) is 45. Rock musician Rob Bourdon (Linkin Park) is 37.

Thought for Today: "Whatever people in general do not understand, they are always prepared to dislike; the incomprehensible is always the obnoxious." — *Letitia Landon, English poet (1802-1838).*