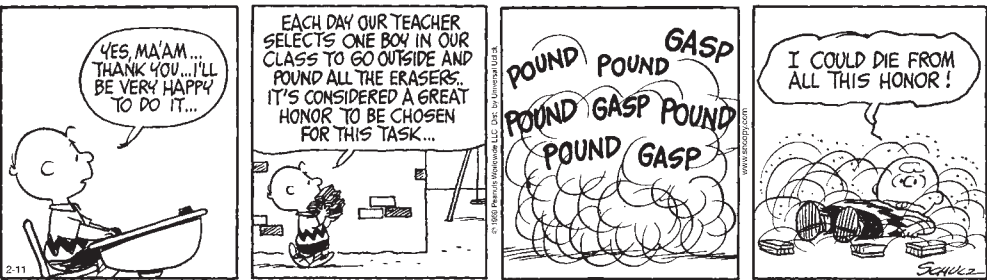


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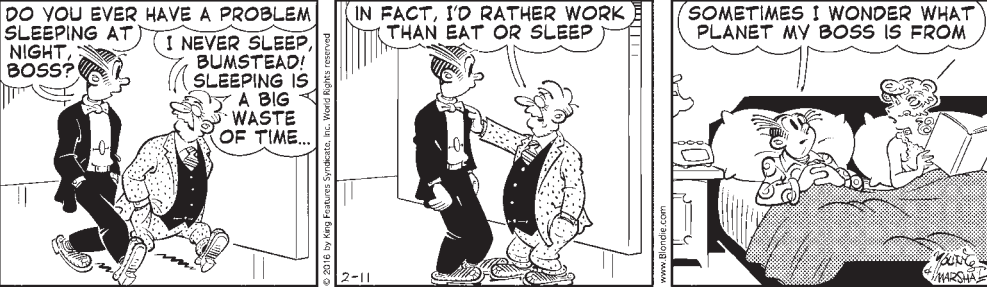
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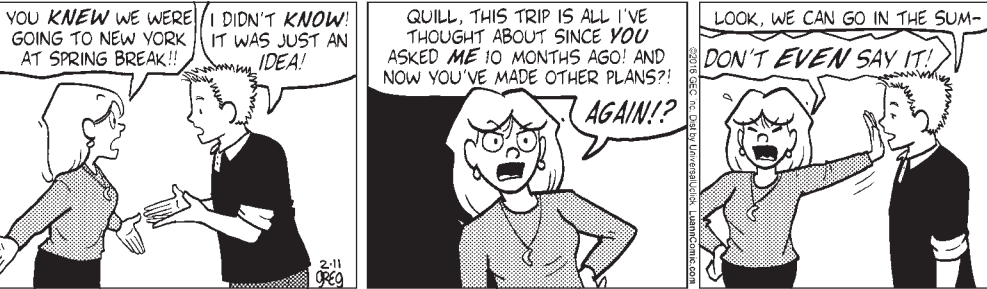
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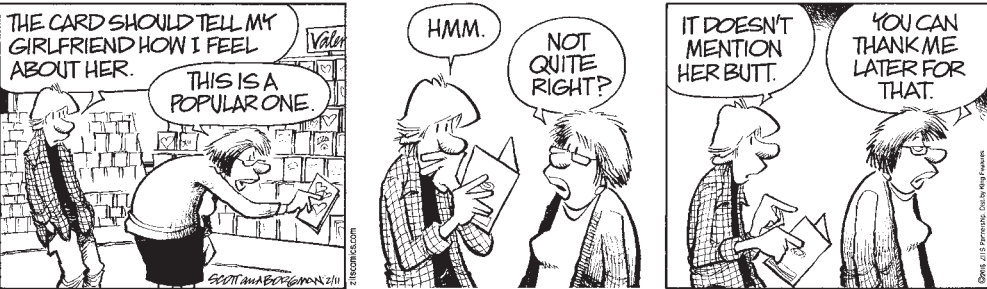
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DEAR ABBY

Best friend is ready for more than a simple kiss goodnight

Dear Abby: “Roger” and I have been seeing each other for two years. (We are both 50.) He is very handsome. We go to movies, ride our bikes together, work out at the gym and attend other events. He calls me every night, sends emails during the day — even calls me when he’s on a break from work.

He never asks me to pay for anything and sends me flowers on special occasions. He will kiss me goodnight, but he has never held my hand or been affectionate in any other way. People we see think we’re married or seriously dating and have asked about it. He tells them we just “hang out” and that he’s just a friend.

Roger says he’s seeing only me, but he’s on a dating website every night instant messaging younger women and talking to them for hours. I know it because one of my girlfriends is on the same site and checked it out for me.

My friend says Roger is a good companion and I should stay with it. But I’m attractive and accomplished. I think I deserve a fuller relationship with someone who is less platonic. Abby, what do you think? — **Hanging Up On Hanging Out**

Dear Hanging Up: Roger has made it no secret that he’s comfortable with the relationship as it is and doesn’t intend for it to progress. It appears the two of you are best friends. (Nowhere did you mention that you are in love with him.)

I do think that after all this time you should ask him why the relationship hasn’t become sexual. The answer may be that Roger is impotent, asexual or he’s just not interested in you that way. If that’s OK with



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you, then continue what appears to be a pleasant relationship. However, if you need more — and I think you do — then it’s time for you to move on.

Dear Abby: My mother won’t stop nagging me about marriage. She insists that I “must” be married by the age of 22 and have kids by 25, which I think is inconceivable. Abby, I’m only 17. Marriage and boys are the last things on my mind.

I have told her that her “talks” make me uncomfortable and I don’t plan on getting married anytime soon (if ever), but she won’t let up. She keeps saying she knows she’s right, and that when I’m 22 I’ll thank her, which I know isn’t going to happen. Other than this, she’s great and we don’t have any other problems.

She has been saying this a lot recently because I’m going off to college this year, and that’s where she thinks I’ll find a husband. How can I get through to her? — **Virgin Territory**

Dear Virgin Territory: It would be interesting to know why your mother feels this way. Could she have been born and raised in a culture in which early marriage and motherhood are expected of women?

With her mindset, I don’t think you will “win” an argument with her over this. Be patient with her and when she raises the subject, point out that women of your generation are expected to complete their education and be able to support themselves financially before they marry in case the need arises later (i.e. divorce or widowhood). It’s a fact. Women in the United States — particularly college-educated women — are now marrying and having children later than they did a generation ago.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 11, 1916

With “How Dry I Am” serving as a funeral dirge, old J. Barleycorn was cruelly executed this morning in front of the office of Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes on Court street, Sheriff Taylor and his deputies acting in the capacity of executioners. Some fifteen minutes before the fatal hour, the body of John Barleycorn, represented by 514 quart bottles of beer, 21 pints of beer, 63 small bottles of whiskey, six quart bottles of whiskey, 5 1/2 pints of Edgewood whiskey and three quarters of a gallon of blackberry brandy seized in the recent raid was brought down the stairway. One of Penland Bros. trucks served as the slaughter pen, and later served as the dead wagon to haul away the broken bones and dripping blood of the deceased. A big crowd of men, some sad and some glad, witnessed the fulfillment of the law’s decree and the triumph of dry justice. Many were the cracks made at the expense of dying John, and wit that would have been better had it been wetter flowed almost as freely as the life liquid of the uncorked king.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 11, 1966

Is there room for the Boy Scouts in this swinging generation of with-it teens? You bet. There are still a lot of kids who think “camp” is

a place to go in the summer, not a sociological phenomenon. This week the Scouts celebrate their 56th anniversary. If was marked here Tuesday, when representatives of each troop “took over” several city departments for the day. Many Cub Scout troops prepared window displays for downtown stores. Uniforms have changed, from khaki and forest green to blue blazers and gray trousers. New merit badges — space exploration, atomic energy, automotive safety, electronics, world brotherhood — have been added. But the basics are the same. “Do a good turn daily” is still meaningful.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 11, 1991

Tucked away in a basement room of the Umatilla County Courthouse is a reference library for disaster planning. The materials lining the room’s cinderblock walls carry labels of unpleasant subjects that few people want to think about: “Mass Casualty,” “Morgue Disaster Plan,” “Earthquake,” and “Terrorism-Riots-Bomb Threats.” But they are subjects emergency planners in Umatilla County have thought about a lot. And recent state and federal legislation has required local planners to take on more responsibility in emergency preparedness. In the past four years or so, local governments have developed an emergency response system designed to handle any emergency.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 42nd day of 2016. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Feb. 11, 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his Democratic-Republican Party — giving rise to the term “gerrymandering.”

On this date:
In 660 B.C., tradition holds that Japan was founded as Jimmu ascended the throne as the country’s first emperor.

In 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, reported the first of 18 visions of a lady dressed in white in a grotto near Lourdes. (The Catholic Church later accepted that the visions were of the Virgin Mary.)

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Fort Donelson began

in Tennessee. (Union forces led by Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant captured the fort five days later.)

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937, a six-week-old sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

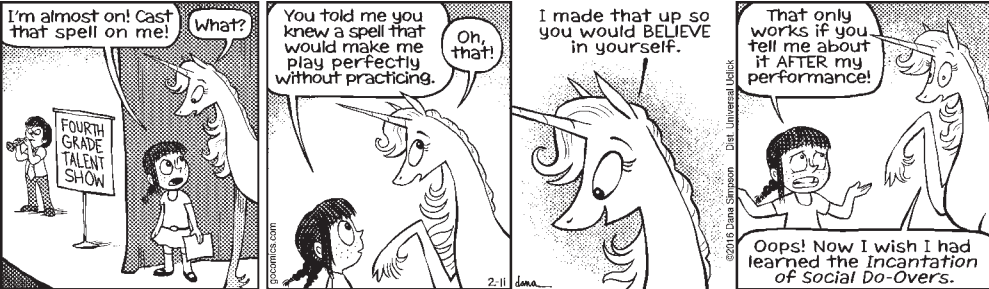
In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor Conrad Janis is 88. Fashion designer Mary Quant is 82. Actor Burt Reynolds is 80. Actress Tina Louise is 78. Actor Sonny Landham is 75. Actor Philip Anglim is 64. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is 63. Actress Catherine Hickland is 60. Singer Sheryl Crow is 54. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is 52. Actress Jennifer Aniston is 47. Singer D’Angelo is 42. Rock M-C/vocalist Mike Shinoda (Linkin Park) is 39. Singer-actress Brandy is 37. Country musician Jon Jones (The Eli Young Band) is 36. Actor Taylor Lautner is 24.

Thought for Today: “We had better live as we think, otherwise we shall end up by thinking as we have lived.” — *Paul Bourget, French author (1852-1935).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

