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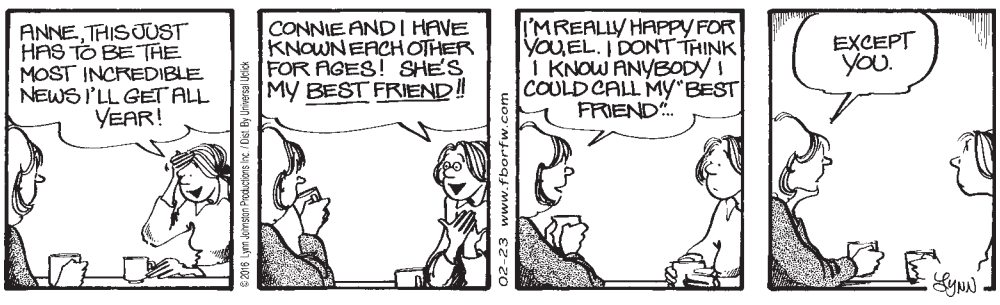

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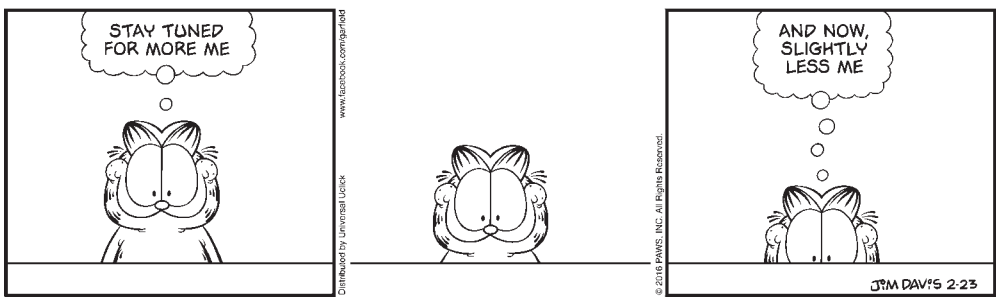

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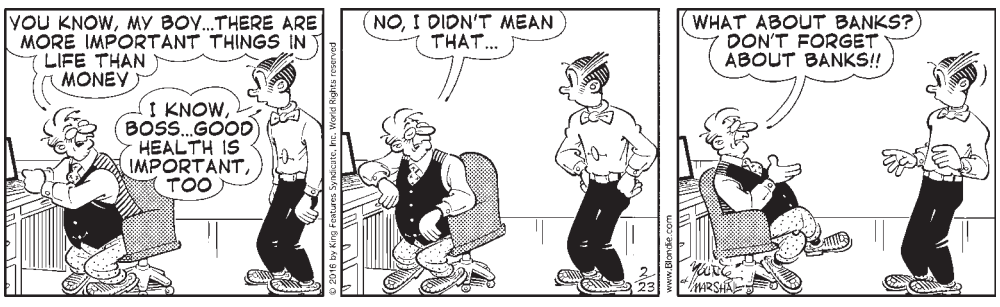

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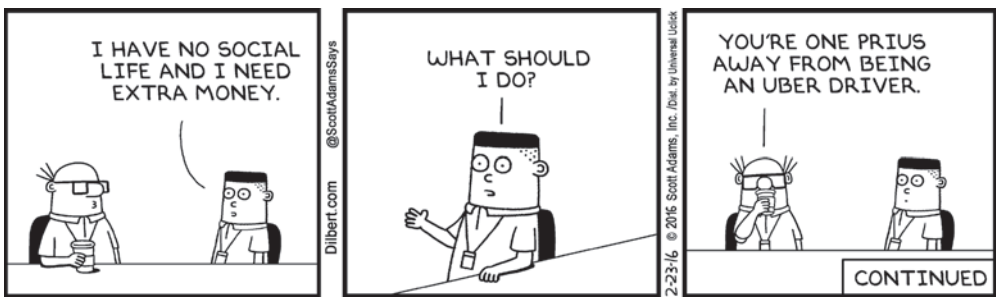

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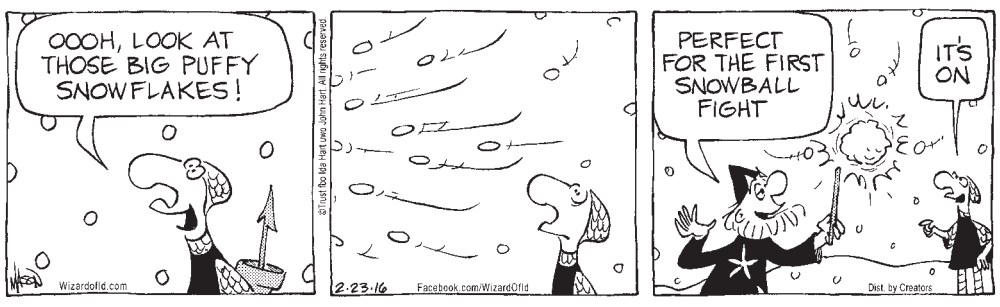

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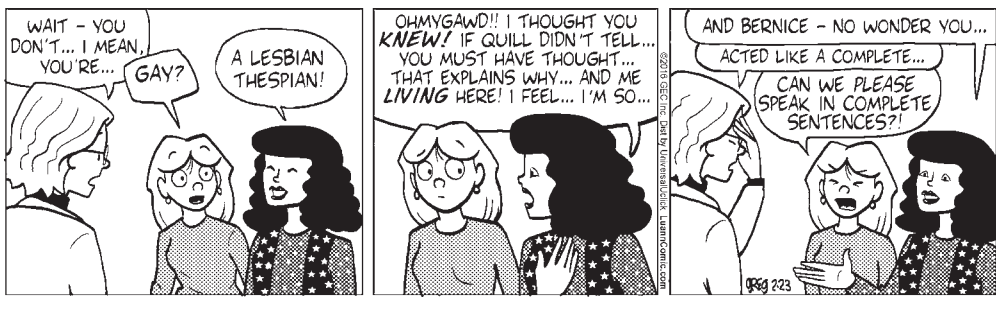

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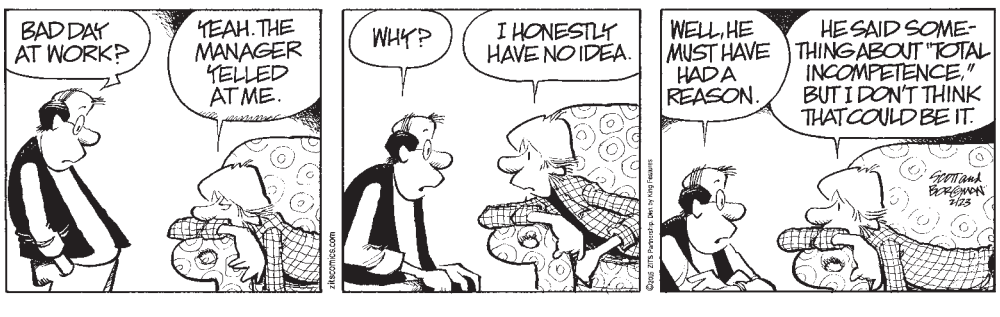

BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

DEAR ABBY

Ever-present doubt prevents man from fully enjoying life

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: No matter what I do, I am never satisfied. I have a great wife and two great kids, and yet I always feel like I could have done better with my life. I go to work and no matter how hard I work, I feel like I never get recognition for it. When I go out with friends, we have a great time, but I never feel like I am really part of the group. I feel like the outcast who gets invited just so they won't feel bad.

I don't know why I feel this way. I do suffer from depression and have spoken to a specialist. People often tell me that I spread myself too thin and never relax enough to enjoy my success. But how can I relax when I always feel unsatisfied with my efforts? — **Just Not Satisfied**

Dear Not Satisfied: A way to do that would be to start by examining why you are so hard on yourself. Whether it was caused by parents who didn't give you the validation you needed while growing up or a lack of self-esteem, until you understand why you are hurting yourself this way, your problem won't be resolved. You say you have spoken to "a specialist" about your depression. Perhaps it's time for another visit and a chat about what's really bothering you.

Dear Abby: Years ago when I was married, I bought a beautiful two-carat solitaire ring as a sign of my accomplishment at work. Now that I'm divorced, I continue to wear the ring on my wedding ring finger.

I love the ring, but my mother and friends say I am chasing away suitors who mistake it for an engagement ring. Do you agree with them? I don't want to wear this on any other finger and have no plans to give it up. — **Stubborn In Pennsylvania**

Dear Stubborn: I agree with your mother and your friends that what you're doing sends a wrong message. When a woman wears a diamond on the third finger of her left hand in this culture, it means that she's not available. Nowhere have I ever heard that it signifies that she's successful at work.

However, I am puzzled about one thing: Can you please explain, since you refuse to wear the ring on another finger or give it up, why you are asking me for advice?

Dear Abby: My husband talks out loud and carries on conversations with himself. Sometimes when I'm in another room, I hear him talking, and I think he must be on the phone or that someone is here.

One time he was outside and speaking so loudly I thought a neighbor had dropped by, so I asked him which one. He admitted he was only talking to himself.

Is this a brain disorder, and is there a name for it? — **Curious In The East**

Dear Curious: I don't think it's a brain disorder, so quit worrying. When I do this — and I admit that I sometimes do — and my husband mentions it, I tell him I'm talking to the person who understands me the best. (If it was something to worry about, I would probably have been certified long ago.)

P.S. If this bothers you, ask him to speak more softly.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 22-23, 1916

Bond issue or no bond issue, dirt is soon going to be flying on the construction of a permanent road between Pendleton and Pilot Rock Junction. News to this effect was made known today by Judge Marsh and Commissioner Cockburn. It is proposed to go ahead with the work by using the money collected in road tax from property in Pendleton. It is believed the sum available will be sufficient to grade and macadamize the road to the junction. The road can then be hardsurfaced as soon as funds are obtainable and it is said none of the macadam work will be lost.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 22-23, 1966

Elimination of Rieth Grade School, a general, $400-plus pay raise for all teachers and a call for a professional survey on the long range school building needs in Pendleton were some of the highlights of the annual superintendent's budget message Tuesday. Supt. Ellis Neal explained the reason for absorbing the 45 students and three teachers at Rieth into the rest of the Pendleton system was economics. He said a $30,000 direct differential in school costs could be realized if the Rieth school were closed down. The grade school students would be bussed the two miles into Pendleton. The superintendent explained that the cost per pupil at Rieth is $100 more than elsewhere in the district.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 22-23, 1991

District Court Judge Ralph Currin declined to rule on a citizen arrest made by Vic Klinger, a Lexington gas station owner and longtime critic of cardlock operations that allow drivers to pump their own gas. Klinger made a citizen arrest last week on Glenn Devin, owner of Devin Oil Company in Heppner, which operates a cardlock station there. He "arrested" Devin for allegedly violating the law prohibiting self-service public gas stations. Currin ruled that the citizen arrest didn't deserve a ruling either "for or against" Klinger because it had not been filed through the district attorney's office, as required by Oregon statute. Currin told Klinger that "if you don't like the way I operate, file a complaint."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 54th day of 2016. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23, 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

On this date:

In 1848, the sixth president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington, D.C., at age 80.

In 1863, British explorers John H. Speke and James A. Grant announced they had found the source of the Nile River to be Lake Victoria.

In 1870, Mississippi was readmitted to the Union.

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an agreement with Cuba to lease the area around Guantanamo Bay to the United States.

In 1927, President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

In 1934, Leopold III succeeded his late father, Albert I, as King of the Belgians.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised a pair of American flags (the second flag-raising was captured in the iconic Associated Press photograph.)

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students were vaccinated.

In 1965, film comedian Stan Laurel, 74, died in Santa Monica, California.

In 1970, Guyana became a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations.

In 1989, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 11-9 along party lines to recommend rejection of John Tower as President George H.W. Bush's defense secretary. (Tower's nomination went down to defeat in the full Senate the following month.)

In 1995, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 4,000 mark for the first time, ending the day at 4,003.33.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Fonda is 76. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff is 73. Author John Sandford is 72. Country-rock musician Rusty Young is 70. Actress Patricia Richardson is 65. Former NFL player Ed "Too Tall" Jones is 65. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 64. Singer Howard Jones is 61. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 54. Country singer Dusty Drake is 52. Actress Kristin Davis is 51. Tennis player Helena Sukova is 51. Actor Marc Price is 48. TV personality/businessman Daymond John (TV: "Shark Tank") is 47. Actress Niecy Nash is 46. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 45. Country singer Steve Holy is 44. Actor Josh Gad is 35. Actress Emily Blunt is 33. Actor Aziz Ansari is 33. Actress Dakota Fanning is 22.

Thought for Today: "Men are more often bribed by their loyalties and ambitions than by money." — *Robert H. Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1892-1954).*