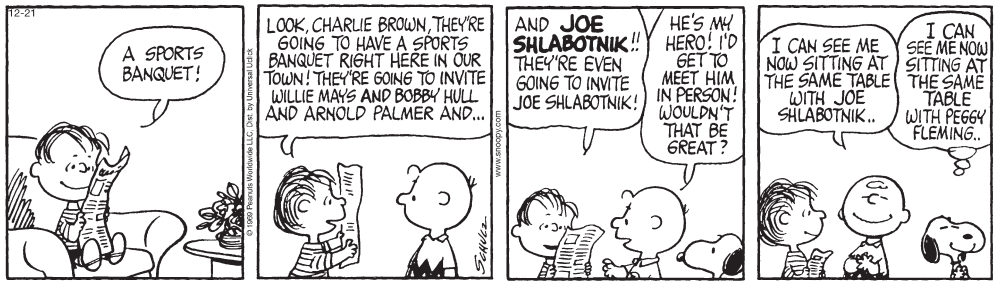


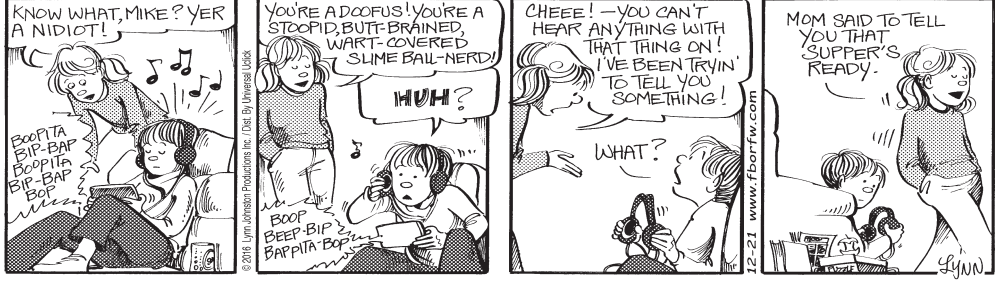
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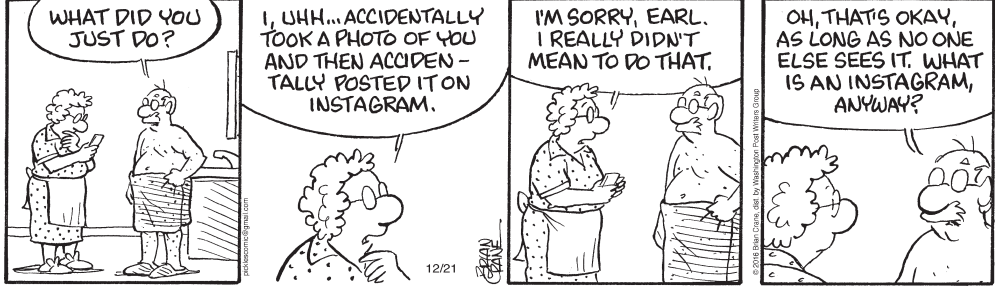
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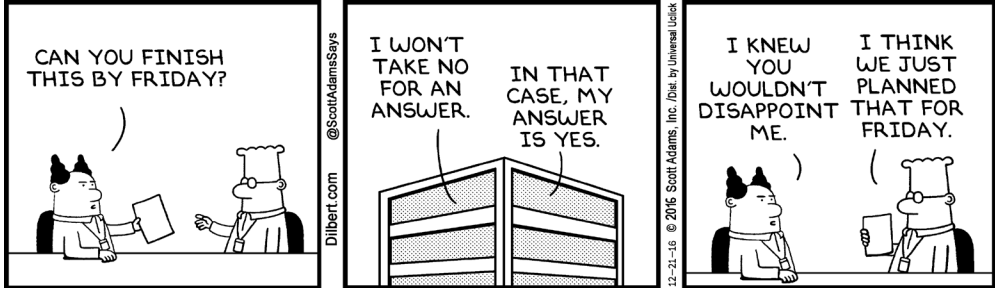
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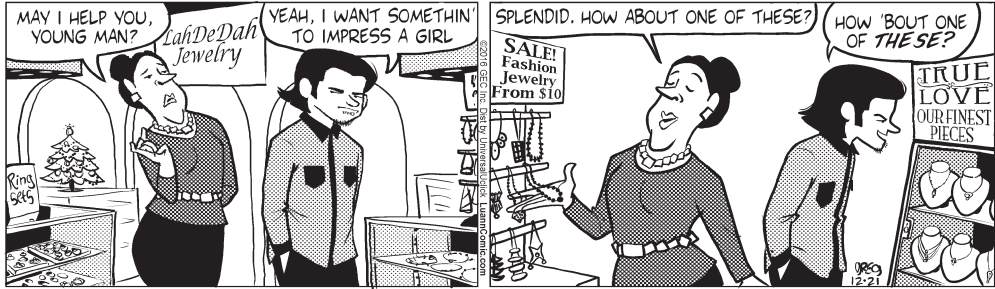
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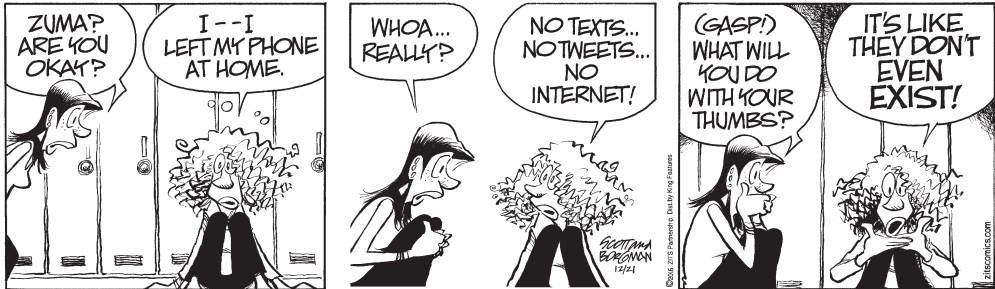
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DEAR ABBY

Woman abused as child needs help to overcome her hang-ups

Dear Abby: I am a 46-year-old woman with PTSD due to a history of physical abuse, mental abuse and incest that I experienced as a child.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

When I was a teenager he struck me once during a visit. He is also manipulative and sometimes does hurtful things.

My childhood history has made me want sex only if I am in control or if I am role-playing rape. It has caused a big problem with my fiancé.

I love him very much and don't want to mess up this relationship because of my sex issues.

Dear Role-Playing: If you haven't discussed the reason for your sexual issues with your fiancé, you need to explain the reason for them.

Dear Abby: I'm a woman in my 30s. My father has been in prison since I was a tot. I was raised by my mother who, in my opinion, did a great job.

He has said he's convinced he will die within five years because he's nearing the ages when his parents died.

Dear Cautious: Your father made terrible life choices, and he's spending the rest of his life paying for them.

When people are incarcerated, their ability to reach out is severely limited, as I am sure you know all too well.

Whether or not your father is dying is beside the point. I think on some level you know you have to treat him with more compassion than you have.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 21, 1916

Lou Rayburn, night officer of the police force, is a crack shot and a number of families in meager circumstances have reason today to be thankful for that fact.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 21, 1966

A livestock "leash law" slipped the loop Tuesday night and will be at large until Jan. 3 when it will again be placed in the Pendleton City Council's bucking chute.

we will have 35 or 40," a spokesman said, in support of the proposed law.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 21, 1991

Garlic — renowned for its effect on food and renowned for its effect on breath — may soon be sweetening the wallets of farmers in northeast Oregon and southeast Washington.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 356th day of 2016. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 5:44 a.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 21, 1891, the first basketball game is believed to have been played at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts; devised by James Naismith, "Basket Ball" involved the use of a soccer ball and two peach baskets, with nine players on each team.

On this date: In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman concluded their "March to the Sea" as they captured Savannah, Georgia.

In 1879, the Henrik Ibsen play "A Doll's House" premiered at the Royal Theater in Copenhagen.

In 1937, Walt Disney's first animated feature, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 1940, author F. Scott Fitzgerald died in Hollywood, California, at age 44.

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Today's Birthdays: Country singer Freddie Hart is 90. Talk show host Phil Donahue is 81. Movie director John Avildsen is 81.

Actress Jane Fonda is 79. Actor Larry Bryggman is 78.

Singer Carla Thomas is 74. Musician Albert Lee is 73. Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas is 72. Actor Josh Mostel is 70. Actor Samuel L. Jackson is 68.

Movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg is 66. Actor Dennis Boutsikaris is 64. Singer Betty Wright is 63. International Tennis Hall-of-Famer Chris Evert is 62. Actress Jane Kaczmarek is 61.

Country singer Lee Roy Parnell is 60. Entertainer Jim Rose is 60. Former child actress Lisa Gerritsen is 59. Actor-comedian Ray Romano is 59.

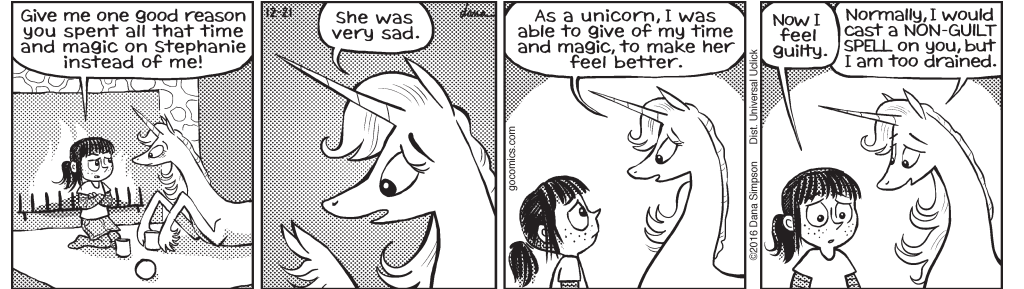
Rock musician Murph (The Lemonheads; Dinosaur Jr.) is 52. Actor-comedian Andy Dick is 51. Actor Kiefer Sutherland is 50.

Thought for Today: "Many human beings say that they enjoy the winter, but what they really enjoy is feeling proof against it."

— Richard Adams, English author.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

