

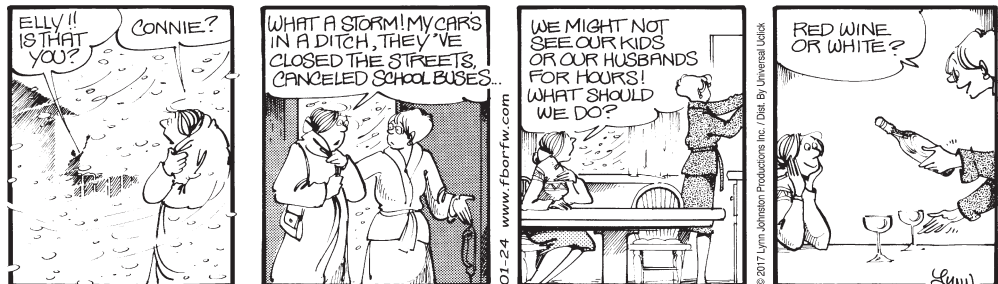
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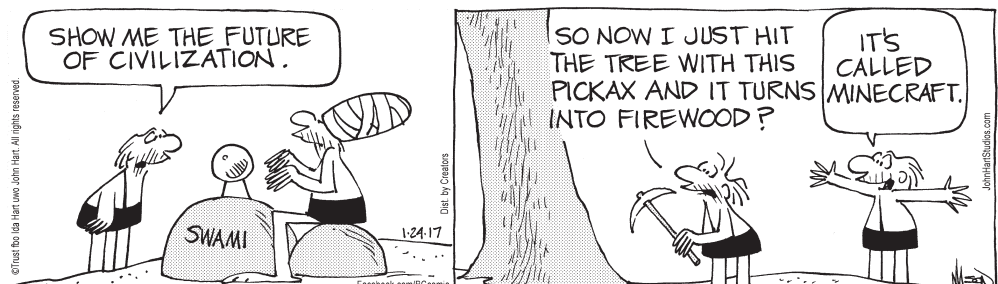
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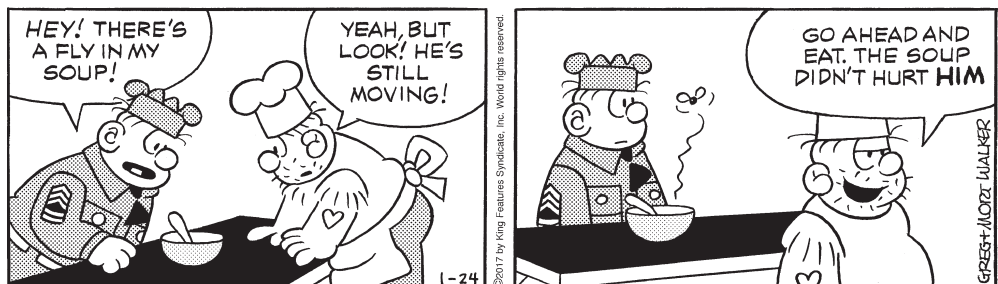
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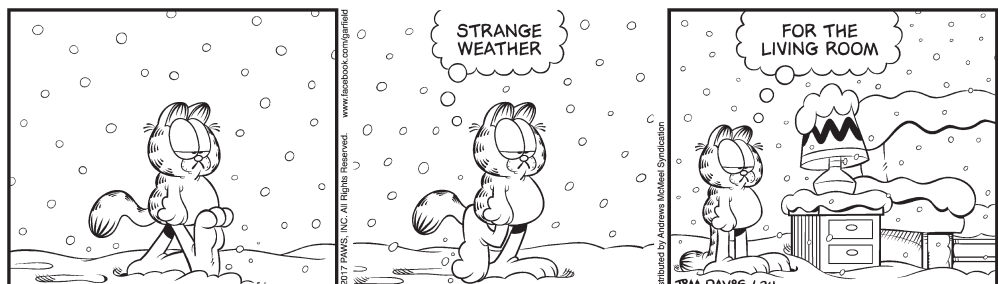
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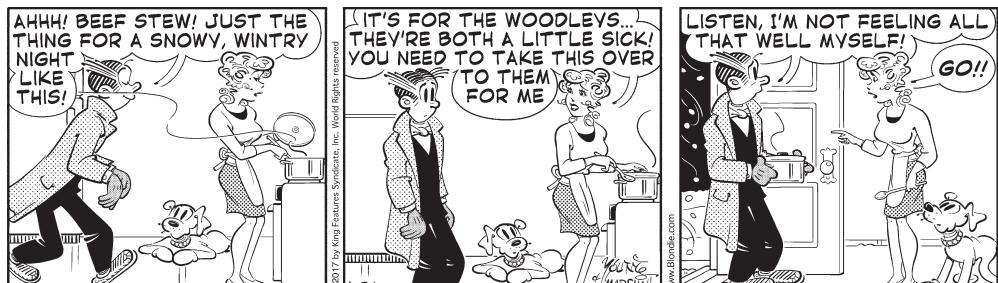
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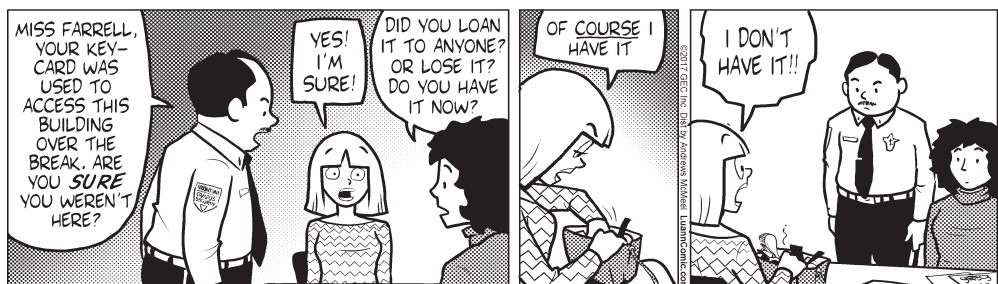
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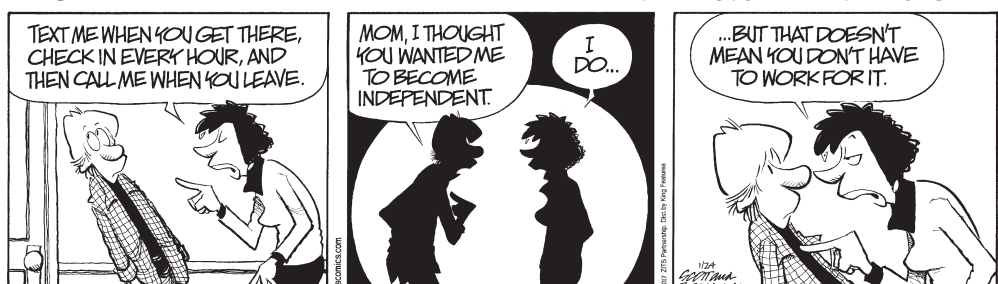
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DEAR ABBY

Mother-in-law's pop-ins make angry wife pop off



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law has begun doing the "pop-in." My husband passive-aggressively hinted that he wished he had known she was coming over. Her response was, "I'm your mother; I don't need to let you know when I'm coming over." I regard this as total disrespect.

In his room playing Xbox with his buddies. He is loud and obviously has fun, by the sound of it. However, when he comes out for meals, he doesn't communicate or answer questions like, "How was school?" or "What do you think of that?"

She has done this plenty of times — including popping in when I was having a dinner with my parents and children, which made her mad because she and my father-in-law hadn't been invited.

My fiancée and I don't live together. We see each other three times a year for two to three weeks at a time. My fiancée says Jason acts the same way whether I'm here or not. He isn't close with his dad, either.

She did the pop-in again last week. My husband, four children and I were about to sit down to a family dinner when she rang the doorbell. I didn't have enough food for her and my father-in-law, which made us all uncomfortable. She made a sarcastic comment, "Gee, I guess I shouldn't have come over," then she sat in the living room staring at us as we ate.

Is this a phase that he will grow out of, or does he need professional help? We get along, but there is never much conversation. I ask questions to encourage interaction, but it hasn't been successful. — **Frustrated In Montana**

I have begged my husband to say something, but he says it would be disrespectful. I said it is disrespectful that she comes over without checking with us first. What's your take on this? — **No Pop-Ins, Please**

Dear Frustrated: Whether Jason's going through a phase or not depends on whether he has always had poor verbal skills and ignored questions he was asked. He might be reluctant to answer because he's having problems socially or academically in school, or because the opinions you're asking for concern things he has never given much thought to.

Dear No Pop-Ins: You have my sympathy. Your mother-in-law is a handful. Your husband may be so cowed by his mother that he's afraid to assert himself. You are under no obligation to entertain anyone who pops in, including her. The next time she shows up unannounced, remind her to call first and suggest that she come back some other time.

Boys that age are sometimes less verbal than when they are older, and their dependence on social media has contributed to it. Teens who spend most of their time in the virtual world tend to have lower verbal abilities than those who spend less.

Dear Abby: My fiancée has a 15-year-old son, "Jason," who spends countless hours

If you and your fiancée are truly concerned, she should talk about this with a counselor at Jason's school and ask if counseling or intervention of any kind is needed.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 23-24, 1917

The month of February has been designated by the National Woolgrowers' Association as poison month. During that month every sheepman in the country will be asked to put out 500 strychnine baits on his land or range. By this concerted method it is believed that an enormous number of coyotes can be killed and hundreds of dollars worth of sheep be saved. Promises have been received from enough stockmen to make sure that the practice will be general. Strychnine capsules of three grains can be secured at any drug store at an approximate cost of \$15 per thousand.

spending his time at the library, going through dusty files and viewing microfilm copies of the *East Oregonian*. He is also taking notes from old files at the newspaper office. "It takes me about two weeks to compile enough notes to form a complete mental picture of a community," said Elston in an interview. Names of prominent early-day figures are jotted down to use as background characters in the story.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 23-24, 1967

If you are a western novel fan, the name Allen Elston should ring a loud bell. He has 31 books to his credit, 14 of which are on the shelves of Umatilla County Library. This prolific writer is a visitor in Pendleton this week, doing research for a new book, the locale of which will be Umatilla County. He has been

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 23-24, 1992

Gary Edwards feels connected to the craftsmanship of yesteryear as he completes a cedar footbridge in traditional Japanese style. Dr. Steven Neal hired Edwards, a self-employed carpenter in Pendleton, to make the bridge for a new Japanese garden in his North Hill yard. Neal didn't provide a blueprint. The design is based on a 1988 photograph of Neal's wife standing on a bridge in Kukuoka, Japan. Edwards examined the photo closely, sometimes with magnifying glass, before his work began. "Most of it was in my mind. I have very few sketches, and they're just pencil sketches," he says.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 24th day of 2017. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 24, 1942, the Roberts Commission placed much of the blame for America's lack of preparedness for Imperial Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Navy and Army commanders.

In 1939, at least 28,000 people were killed by an earthquake that devastated the city of Chillan in Chile.

In 1945, Associated Press war correspondent Joseph Morton was among a group of captives executed by the Germans at the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp in Austria.

In 1961, a U.S. Air Force B-52 crashed near Goldsboro, North Carolina, dropping its payload of two nuclear bombs, neither of which went off; three crew members were killed.

In 1963, a U.S. Air Force B-52 on a training mission crashed into Elephant Mountain in Maine; seven of the nine crew members were killed.

In 1908, the Boy Scouts movement began in England under the aegis of Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924, the Russian city of Petrograd (formerly St. Petersburg) was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. (However, it has since been renamed St. Petersburg.)

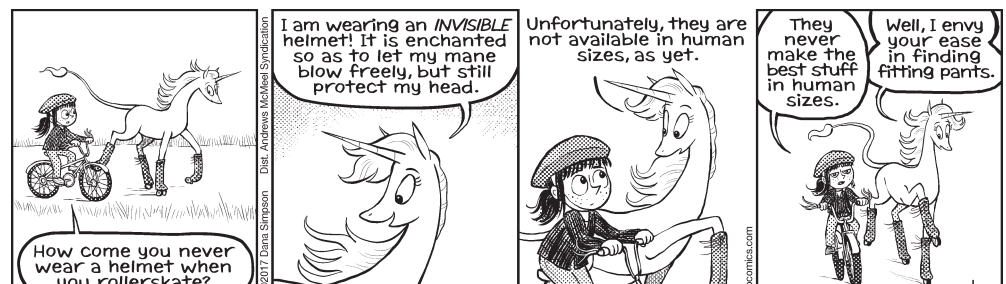
In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jerry Maren (Film: "The Wizard of Oz") is 98. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 81. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 78. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 76. Singer Aaron Neville is 76. Actor Michael Ontkean is 71. Actor Daniel Auteuil is 67. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 67. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 66. Actor William Allen Young is 63. Bandleader-musician Jools Holland is 59. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Theo Peoples is 56. Country musician Keech Rainwater (Lonestar) is 54. Obama White House budget director Shaun Donovan is 51. Olympic gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 49. Actor Ed Helms is 43. Actress Carrie Coon (Film: "Gone Girl") is 36. Actress Mischa Barton is 31.

Thought for Today: "All men wish to have truth on their side; but few to be on the side of truth." — *Richard Whately, British theologian (1787-1863).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

