

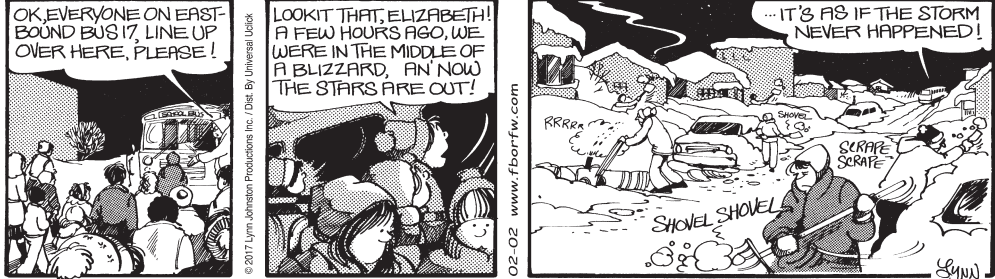
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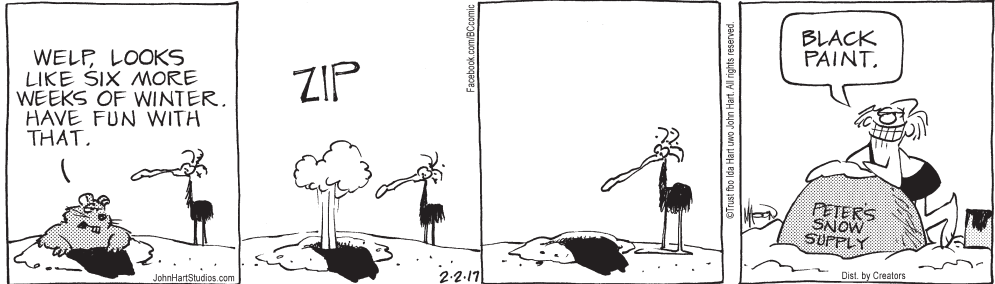
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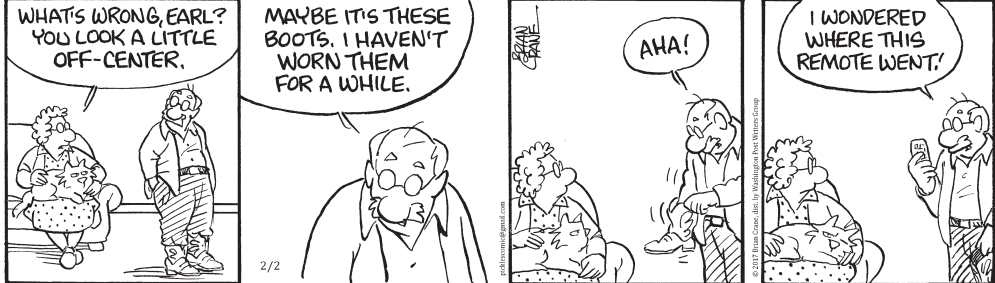
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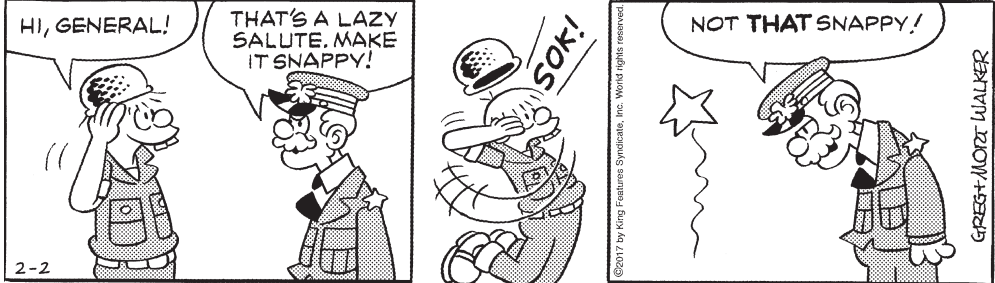
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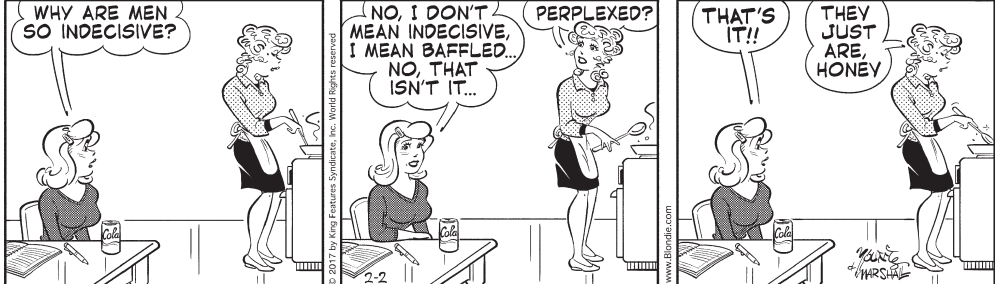
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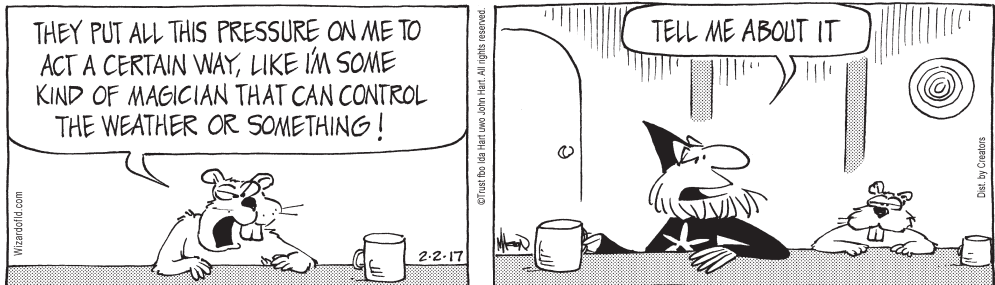
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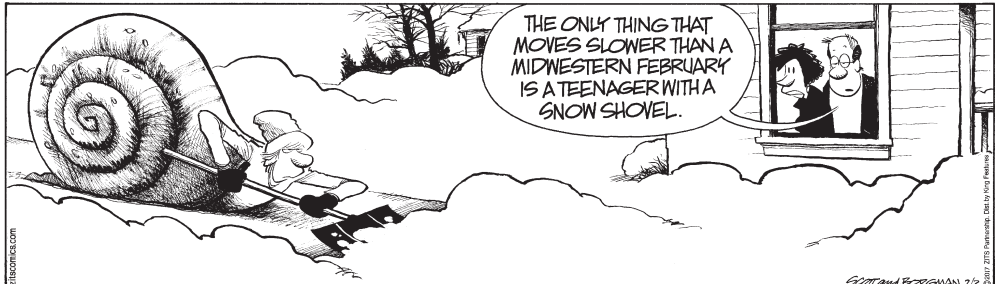
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BY GREG EVANS



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DEAR ABBY

Teen twins are ready to take different paths in new school

Dear Abby: I am a 14-year-old identical twin. My sister and I are sick of the whole "twin" thing and want to go to separate schools. We really want to be our own people. We have wanted this for a long time now. However, I'm not sure we can because, where I live, you have to go to the school in the town you live in.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

encourage, his other three grandparents to contribute to the account by matching their contributions every year up to my \$1,000? Or would it be better to just tell them my plans and let them know they can also make deposits to the account? I don't know the financial situations of the others, and I don't want to offend anyone. Your thoughts? — About To Be A Grandpa In Arizona

Do you have any suggestions on things we can do to make new, different friends, and how we can look different from each other? We are moving this year, so next fall we will be in a new school. — The Twin Thing In New Hampshire

Dear Twin Thing: You and your sister are smart girls. What you want to do will be healthy for both of you, and I congratulate you for wanting to do it. It's important that each of you develop as individuals, and the move will give the perfect opportunity to start.

If you have been dressing alike, make a point of not doing it from now on. If you have been wearing your hair in the same style, change that too. When you enroll in the new school, join separate clubs, go out for different sports, etc. If you do, people will no longer perceive you as molded from the same cookie cutter. Good luck.

Dear Abby: As a baby shower gift for my (soon-to-be) grandson, I plan on opening up a UTMA (Uniform Transfers to Minors) account for his college education with a \$5,000 initial deposit. My idea is to add \$1,000 every year on his birthday for the first five years.

Would it be tacky to challenge, or

gave. While the concept of an education fund for your grandbaby is laudable, making it a "challenge" might create financial stress for the other grandparents and be perceived as one-upmanship if they are unable to donate as much to the fund as you do.

Dear Abby: An older friend and I have exchanged emails since last spring. Hers have been mostly political and disparaging toward minorities. I asked her to please not send this stuff since we have opposite opinions on the subject, and I don't plan to change my mind. I enjoy our in-person talks because they are nothing like the emails she sends, which are "forwards" somebody else has put together.

I quit reading them, but is there a way to politely stop her from disseminating nasty propaganda? I have tried fact-checking and sending corrections to her and to those on the long list of people she has sent these emails. It doesn't work. — Fact Checker

Dear Fact Checker: Because someone sends you emails does not mean you must read them all. Filter your email so that the political rants go into a special folder, then delete them en masse.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 2, 1917

All traffic on the O.-W. R. & N. main line is held up today by a big snowslide at Bacon, four miles east of Union Junction, which caught the rotary plow and engine and turned it and the caboose over. Fortunately no one was hurt in the accident. Some time will be required to clear the track. There is now six feet of snow at Meacham and it is still snowing hard.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 2, 1967

A young woman from Pendleton who has been all over the world for the U.S. Department of State has been listed in "Outstanding Young Women of America." Harriet Isom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Isom, was nominated for the distinction by her alma mater, Mills College, Calif. Miss Isom worked for the Department of Defense, with assignments in a number of foreign countries, before joining

the state department. She is now en route to Niamey, Niger, Africa, where she will be economics officer at the U.S. Embassy. She is on a two-year assignment.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 2, 1992

A fight following a high school basketball game in Umatilla between Riverside of Boardman and Umatilla on Jan. 7 left the athletic directors of both schools, both longtime high school coaches, dismayed and disturbed. The fight occurred on the street outside the school gymnasium after the game was over. Riverside player Marc Andreason was knocked down and suffered chipped teeth and a cut that required three stitches. Two Umatilla players were suspended from school temporarily and from the team for the remainder of the season as a result of their involvement, Umatilla coach Curt Marschner said the Friday after the fight. One Umatilla player was charged with fourth-degree assault.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 33rd day of 2017. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

On this date: In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed.

In 1914, Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co. The musical "Shameen Dhu," featuring the song "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ral," opened on Broadway.

In 1925, the legendary Alaska Serum Run ended as the last of a series of dog mushers brought a life-saving treatment to Nome, the scene of a diphtheria epidemic, six days after the drug left Nenana.

In 1932, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra recorded "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It

Ain't Got That Swing)" for Brunswick Records.

In 1942, a Los Angeles Times column by W.H. Anderson urged security measures against Japanese-Americans, arguing that a Japanese-American "almost inevitably ... grows up to be a Japanese, not an American."

In 1959, public schools in Arlington and Norfolk, Virginia, were racially desegregated without incident.

In 1964, Ranger 6, a lunar probe launched by NASA, crashed onto the surface of the moon as planned, but failed to send back any TV images.

In 1971, Idi Amin, having seized power in Uganda, proclaimed himself president.

In 1980, NBC News reported the FBI had conducted a sting operation targeting members of Congress using phony Arab businessmen in what became known as "Abscam," a codename protested by Arab-Americans.

In 1992, longtime "Miss America" emcee Bert Parks died in La Jolla, California, at age 77.

Today's Birthdays:

Gossip columnist Liz Smith is 94. Former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing is 91. Actor Robert Mandan is 85. Comedian Tom Smothers is 80. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 75. Television executive Barry Diller is 75. Actor Bo Hopkins is 73. Country singer Howard Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 71. TV chef Ina Garten is 69. Actor Jack McGee is 68. Actor Brent Spiner is 68. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 68. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 65. The president of South Korea, Park Geun-hye, is 65. Model Christie Brinkley is 63. Actor Michael Talbot is 62. Actress Kim Zimmer is 62. Actor Michael T. Weiss is 55. Actor-comedian Adam Ferrara is 51. Rock musician Robert DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 51. Singer Shakira is 40.

Thought for Today: "Absence is to love what wind is to fire; it extinguishes the small, it inflames the great." — Bussy-Rabutin, French soldier and writer (1618-1693).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

