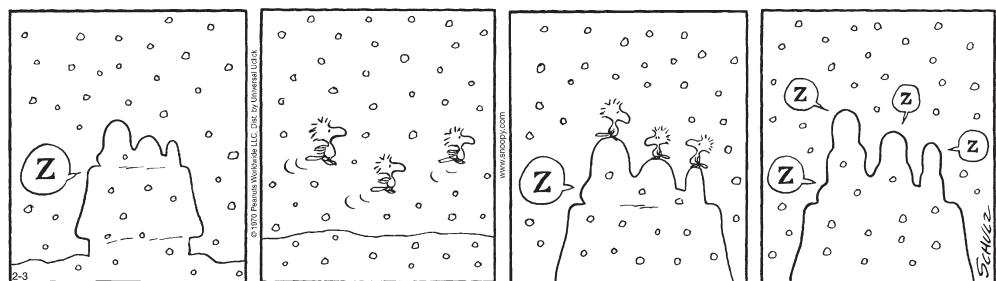


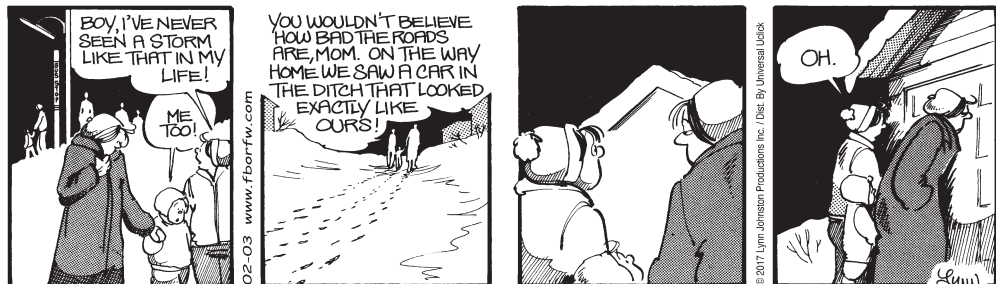
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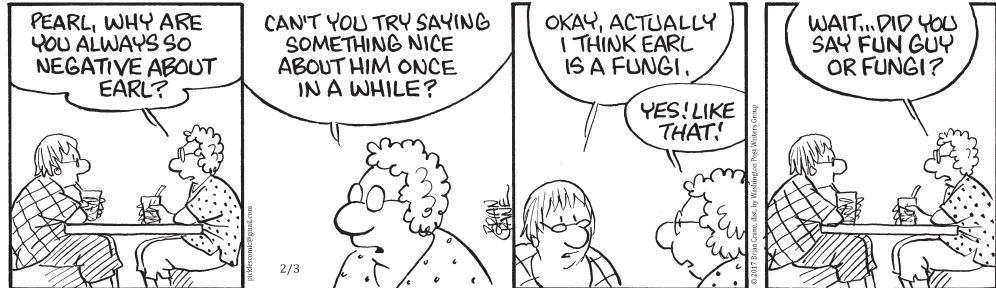
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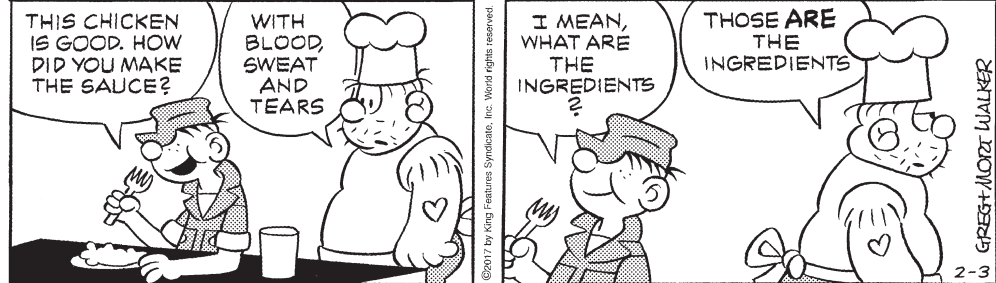
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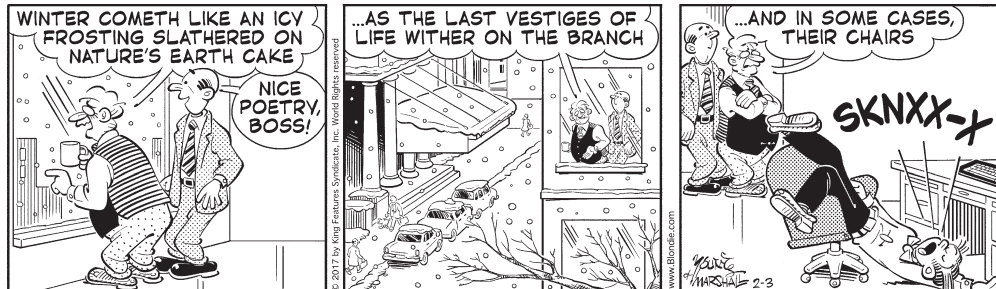
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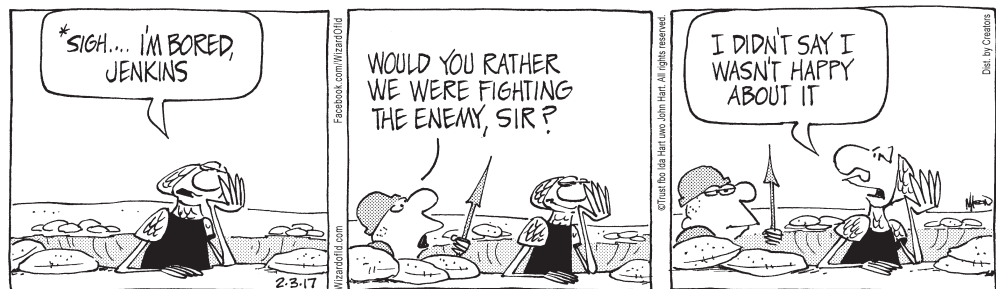
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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Boy's belief in God doesn't include belief in mom's church

**Dear Abby:** I'm a 15-year-old boy. I'm happy with my life, except for one thing. My mom believes in God, and Dad doesn't. I believe in God, but I don't support my mom's religion. My friends and neighbors think I'm in that religion, but I don't believe in their beliefs. It's really uncomfortable when people ask why I haven't been in church.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
Advice

Mom signs me up for church activities, and I don't like going. I feel awkward when I try to talk to my parents about it. I'm not close to them, and I don't know what to do. I have been feeling stressed out lately. I don't want to hurt my mother's feelings. Can you help me? — **Teen In Ogden, Utah**

**Dear Teen:** I can try. What you should NOT do is allow your mother's devout faith and your lack of it to become a contest of wills or a basis for argument.

At 15, you are entering adulthood, and these are important years in your life. Thank your mother for the great foundation she has given you. Tell her you love her, and you hope she will continue to love you as you explore what your beliefs are on your spiritual journey — because it IS a journey. A wise clergyman once told me something I will share with you: The opposite of faith is not doubt; it is certainty.

**Dear Abby:** I have had one major and one minor bout with cancer. Everyone I know treated me the same and were helpful except for one longtime friend I'll call Brandy.

You see, I changed and grew as a result of having cancer. The others seemed to accept

this, but not Brandy. She still expects me to "snap back" and do everything I liked to do before. She can't accept that I want to try new things and have let go of others, sends me "gloom and doom" articles about cancer, and even tried to fix me up with someone even though I am happily married. Brandy treated me like an invalid, even after I recovered.

She does not like change and became angry when I suggested that both of us had changed — perhaps too much to sustain the friendship. I tried explaining it to her, but she didn't understand. A therapist advised ending the friendship as gently as possible, so I did.

Do you think I did the right thing? We used to have so much in common. — **Nothing's The Same In New York**

**Dear Nothing's:** Although you used to have a lot in common with Brandy, your cancer changed you. Someone who sends "gloom and doom" articles about the disease and tries to destroy your marriage by fixing you up is not a friend but a saboteur. You absolutely did the right thing by following your therapist's suggestion.

**Dear Abby:** My girlfriend pins me up against a wall to kiss me every chance she gets. What does this mean? — **Lip Locked In L.A.**

**Dear Lip Locked:** I don't know what it means to her, but to me it means she may have seen it in a movie and is trying to show you how passionate she is about you. If you don't like it, speak up and say so — and if you do like it, speak up and say so.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Feb. 3, 1917

The local office of the Western Union was almost swamped yesterday with rush orders for eleventh hour shipments of liquor. With the announcement in the morning that Governor Withycombe would sign the bone-dry law at 4 o'clock and that orders sent up until that hour could be filled, many hurried to the telegraph office to put their final two-quart orders on the wire. So many were received that Manager Dalrymple of the local office had to get additional help to send the messages.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Feb. 3, 1967

Wheat farmer Leonard Lorenzen said he did a triple take Thursday morning when he looked out his kitchen window toward the swimming pool and saw a yearling steer's head sticking up through the pool's cover. After he had collected his thoughts, Lorenzen, who farms about 15 miles northwest of Pendleton,

went out to rescue the critter. "I took the cover off. The steer had his front feet on the safety ledge, but his back feet were treading water at the eight foot level." Lorenzen shooed him to the shallow end where the steer promptly scrambled out. "Outside of being mighty cold I think that steer enjoyed his morning dip," Lorenzen said.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
Feb. 3, 1992

A vehicle owned by Michele A. Burns of Stanfield is a complete loss after burning Monday afternoon in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 west of Pendleton. Burns was flagged over by passing motorists, who told her the vehicle was ablaze. Oregon State Police reported Burns escaped without injury. After almost reaching the scene, firefighters from Pendleton discovered they could not respond. The burning car was located just outside the department's jurisdiction. The Echo Fire Department responded, but the 1986 Oldsmobile was a total loss.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 34th day of 2017. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 3, 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare, the same day an American cargo ship, the SS Housatonic, was sunk by a U-boat off Britain after the crew was allowed to board lifeboats.

On this date: In 1783, Spain formally recognized American independence.

In 1867, Crown Prince Mutsuhito became Japan's 122nd emperor at age 14 four days after the death of his father, Emperor Komei. (Emperor Meiji, as he's posthumously known, oversaw Japan's transition from a feudal state to a capitalist world power.)

In 1877, the song "Chopsticks," written by 16-year-old Euphemia Allen under the pseudonym Arthur de Lulli, was deposited at the British Museum under the title "The Celebrated Chop Waltz."

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. (He died just over a month later.)

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo; of the more than 900 men aboard, only some 230 survived.

In 1959, rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a small plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa. An American Airlines Lockheed Electra crashed into New York's East River, killing 65 of the 73 people on board.

In 1966, the Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first manmade object to make a soft landing on the moon.

In 1972, the XI Olympic Winter Games opened in Sapporo, Japan.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian Shelley Berman is 92. Former Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., is 84. Football Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton is 77. Actress Bridget Hanley is 76. Actress Blythe Danner is 74. Singer Dennis Edwards is 74. Football Hall of Famer Bob Griese is 72. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 70. Singer Melanie is 70. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 67. Actress Pamela Franklin is 67. Actor Nathan Lane is 61. Rock musician Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth) is 61. Actor Thomas Calabro is 58. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 56. Actress Michele Greene is 55. Country singer Matraca Berg is 53. Actress Maura Tierney is 52. Actor Warwick Davis is 47. Actress Elisa Donovan is 46. Reggaeton singer Daddy Yankee is 40. Human rights activist Amal Clooney is 39. Singer-songwriter Jessica Harp is 35. Actress Rebel Wilson is 31.

Thought for Today:

"We are never prepared for what we expect." — James Michener, American author (born this date in 1907, died 1997).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

