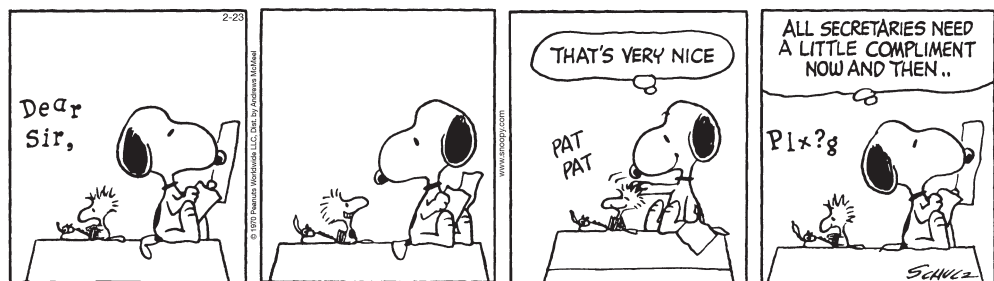


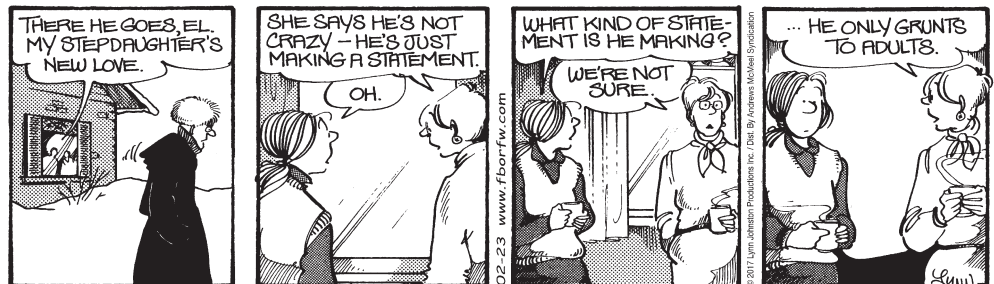
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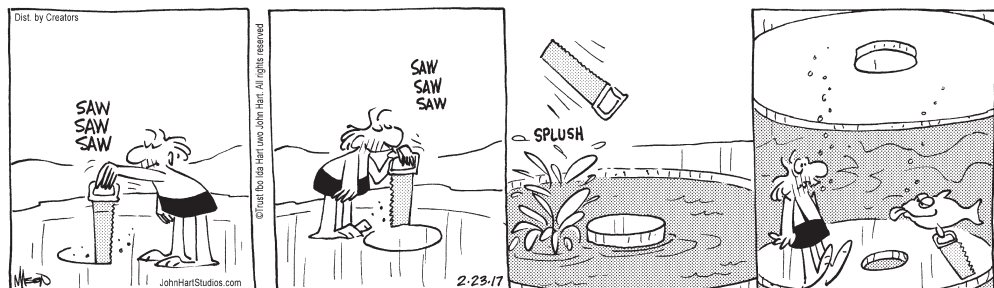
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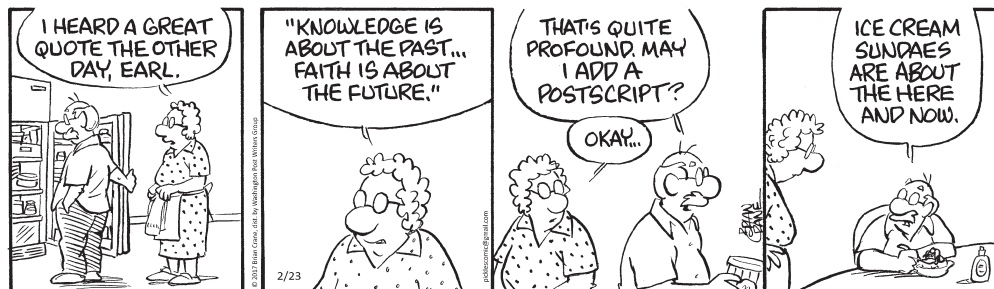
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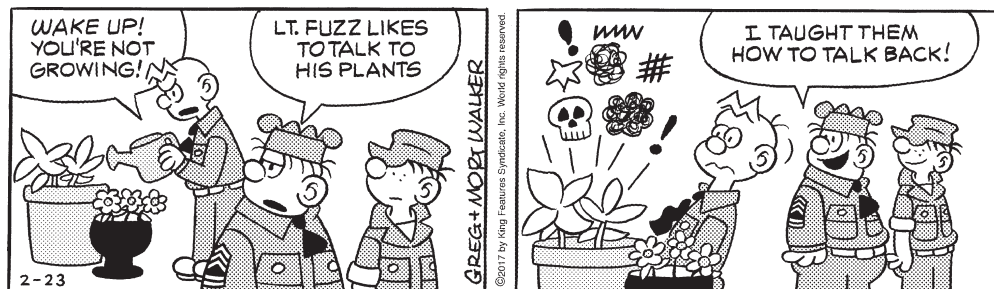
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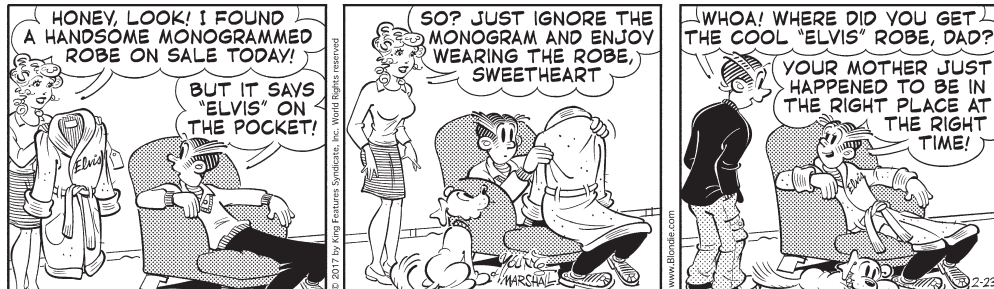
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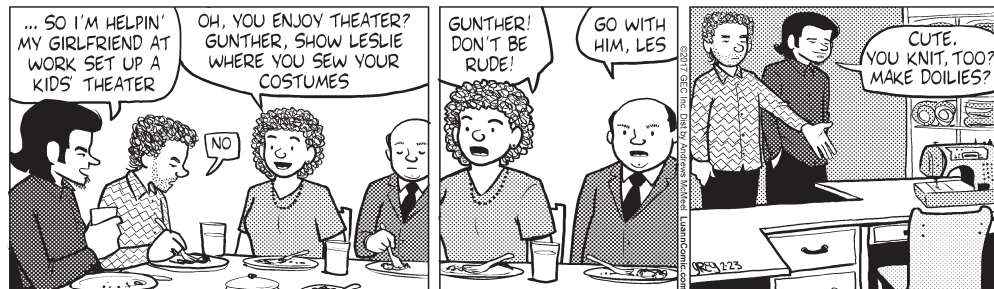
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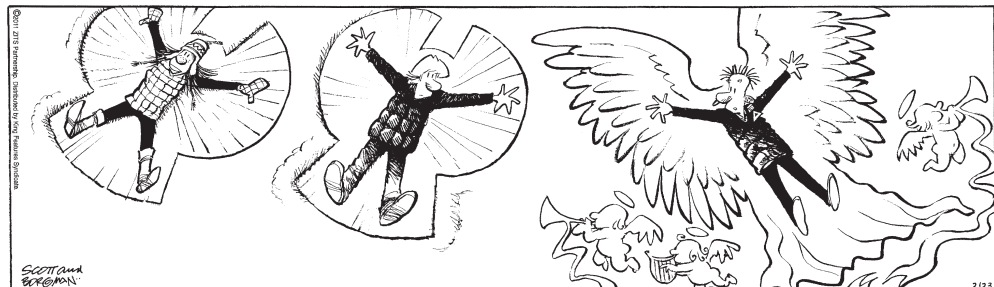
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DEAR ABBY

Freeloading nephew needs to get help and get going



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband's nephew, 'Jacob,' is 25 and always hanging around our house. He has had a hard time over the last four years. First, his mom committed suicide. Two years later his dad died in his sleep. My husband and I told Jacob we would be there when he needed advice about things. Well, he recently broke up with his longtime girlfriend, and he's here at my house every day — even days he's not working. He calls every afternoon to see what I'm cooking and expects to eat here every night. He also expects me to drop what I'm doing to go and clean his house and wash his clothes. I'm disabled, so it's a struggle just to feed my husband and myself. He also sleeps here on the weekends if he doesn't work. My husband and I no longer have any alone time because he's always here. I have tried to tell Jacob nicely that he needs his own life, but the message isn't getting through. I know he has issues with being alone. He has never learned to be by himself. My husband is starting to get angry about the situation and wants me to 'handle' it, but my words are not working. If my husband decides to say something, it will end up in a heated argument. How can I get through to this kid without hurting him? I do love him and try to treat him like one of my own kids. — Upset Aunt

dence on you has persisted for too long, and for everyone's sake it needs to stop. If you haven't suggested grief counseling for him, you should. Explain that you love him, but you and your husband need time to be alone together. Point out that if he's unable to do his own housecleaning and laundry, he should hire someone. Do not feel guilty for speaking up. You have done more than enough for Jacob over the last few years, and for him to expect you to cook for him every night and weekend is over the top. Dear Abby: My husband quit chewing tobacco, but now he chews gum constantly, three pieces at a time. If he's not asleep or eating, his jaw is moving. He chews it aggressively, rolls it around in his mouth while talking, so that it looks bad and is irritating. He works with the public, and I'm embarrassed for him because I believe it's bad manners to chew gum in that manner. I don't know how to approach him. Please advise as to how I can help him. — Embarrassed For Him In California

Dear Aunt: Talk to Jacob again. This time do it in plain English. Your nephew's depen-

Dear Embarrassed: Your husband chews the way he does because he is trying to ease the pangs of withdrawal from his nicotine addiction. Because what he's doing is unsightly, suggest he discuss it with his doctor to see if there are other options such as a nicotine patch to help him over the hump. And be sure to tell him how proud you are of his determination to quit.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23, 1917

The entire east end of Umatilla County has been placed under quarantine by the state livestock sanitary board to prevent the spread of rabies which has been so prevalent there, and all dogs within the district must be muzzled or restrained. The quarantined district includes the towns of Helix, Adams, Athena, Free-water and Milton. The district attorney and all peace officers have been called upon to assist in enforcing the quarantine. Any interference or violations punishable by a heavy fine.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23, 1967

The Helen McCune Junior High School student body's goal to help build a school house for students in a less-developed part of the world has switched from South America to India. Students at the Pendleton school raised \$400 last year as their part to finance the construction of a school building through the Peace Corps School Partnership Program. Originally, Helen McCune had hoped to help

students in a remote village of Columbia, where former Pendleton Peace Corpsman Jerry Cronin was stationed. However, just as the project was in its planning stages, the Columbian government came to the school's aid and provided the funds for a building. The Peace Corps found another area for the Pendleton school to help, Kailancha, Mysore State, India.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23, 1992

Children troubled by domestic violence will have a soft teddy bear to call their own, thanks to a church group. Pendleton-based Domestic Violence Services, which shelters and assists domestic violence victims, received 35 stuffed toy bears from the Women's Relief Society, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. About 40 women from the Pendleton LDS Second Ward made the bears as part of an ongoing project. Domestic Violence Services will give a bear to each child who visits the agency's office or stays at the shelter home, said Vicki Rodriguez, child youth advocate.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 54th day of 2017. There are 311 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 23, 1942, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing little damage.

On this date: In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

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

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 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 1992, the XVI Winter Olympic Games ended in Albertville, France.

In 1997, a 69-year-old Palestinian teacher opened fire on the 86th-floor observation deck of New York's Empire State Building, killing one person and wounding six others before shooting himself to death.

Today's Birthdays:

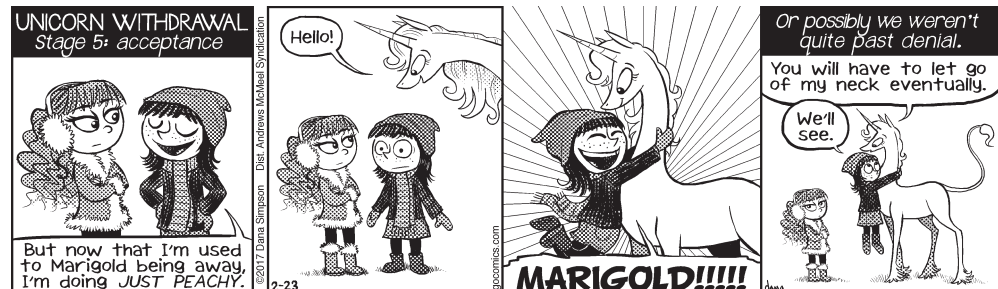
Actor Peter Fonda is 77. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff is 74. Author John Sandford is 73. Country-rock musician Rusty Young is 71. Actress Patricia Richardson is 66. Former NFL player Ed "Too Tall" Jones is 66. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 65. Singer Howard Jones is 62. Rock musician Michael Wilton (Queensryche) is 55. Country singer Dusty Drake is 53. Actress Kristin Davis is 52. Tennis player Helena Sukova is 52. Actor Marc Price is 49. TV personality/businessman Daymond John (TV: "Shark Tank") is 48. Actress Niecy Nash is 47. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 46. Country singer Steve Holy is 45. Actor Josh Gad is 36. Actress Emily Blunt is 34. Actor Aziz Ansari is 34. Actress Dakota Fanning is 23.

Thought for Today:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead, American anthropologist (1901-1978).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

