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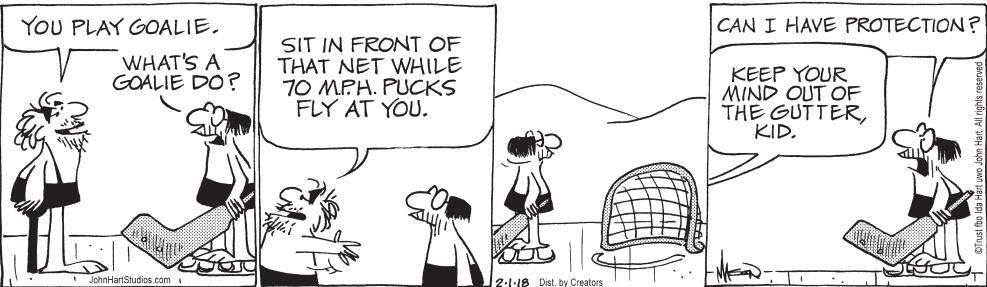
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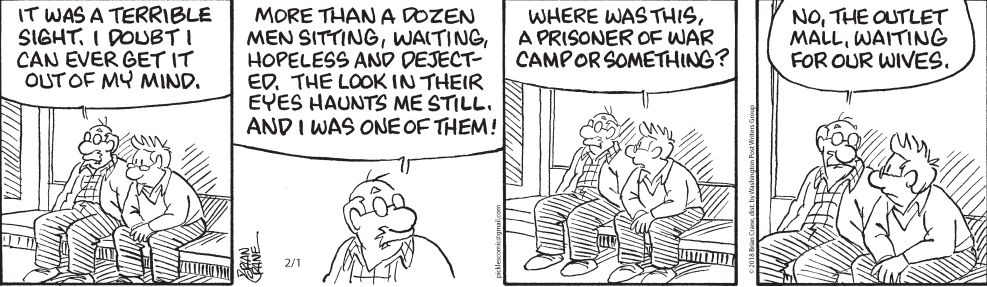
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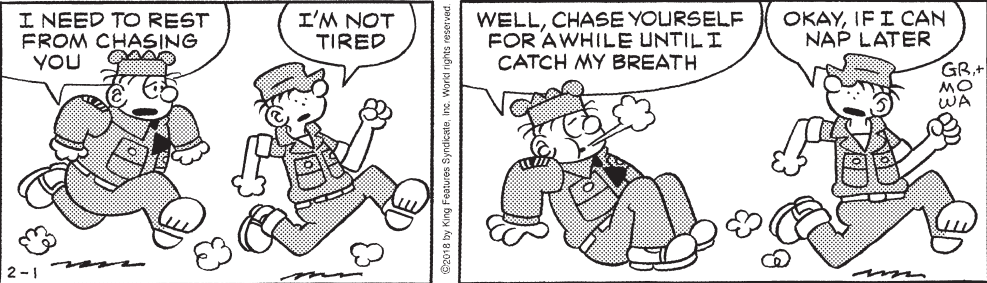
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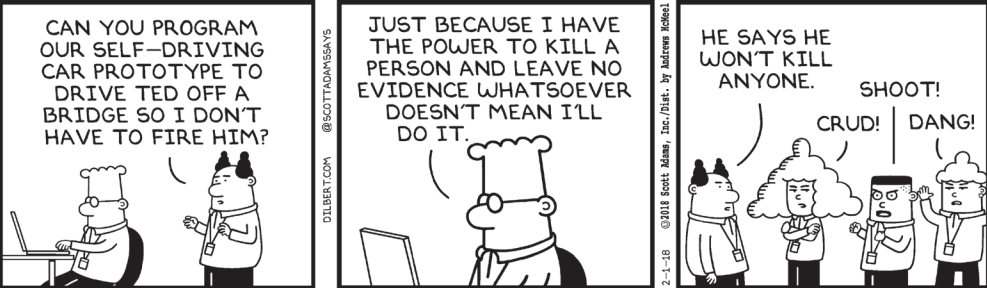
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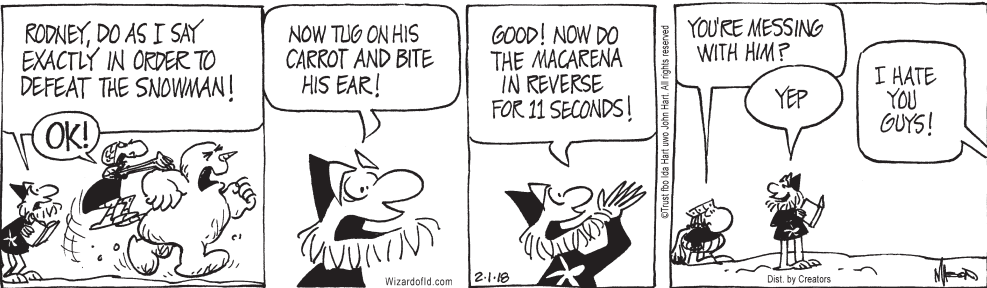
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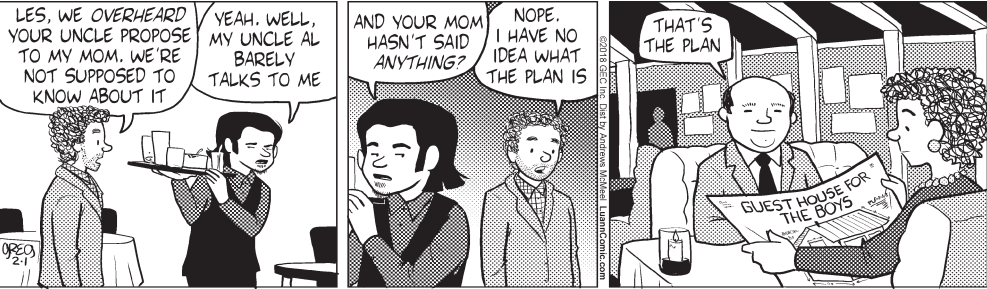
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DEAR ABBY

Graduate longs to distance himself from family strife

Dear Abby: I'm an 18-year-old guy who's having troubles regarding my family. My parents are divorced, and I moved out of my mom's house after I graduated.

After the divorce, I flipped back and forth between living with either Mom or Dad. I moved into my mother's after an argument with my stepmom, who insists that I call her "Mother." I don't consider her my mother. My father is an alcoholic and was completely impaired when he married her. I've never forgiven him. When I visit, I can't help but feel no longer welcome.

My mother (a hypocritical tiger mom) made my high school career so stressful it pushed me into severe depression, so I spoke to a doctor who prescribed medication for me and gave me therapist referrals. Since I moved out, I've never been happier.

My siblings and I have never been close, other than at times when we needed someone to talk to about our parental situation.

I have been thinking about disappearing and starting a new life on my own with no thought of my family past. I'm not sure if it's worth fixing the mess my family has become. Advice? — **Breaking Away**

Dear Breaking: For your stepmother to demand that you call her "Mother" was wrong. She is not and never will be your mother. (Besides, you already have one of those.) For your mother to have pushed you to succeed academically is normal when a parent thinks her child has potential that isn't being realized. That she was so heavy-handed



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Advice

that it had the opposite effect is very sad.

If you would like to move away and start a new life, no one can stop you. At 18, you are considered an adult. But I do NOT think it would be healthy for you to do it in anger and without mending fences, if that's possible. Running away will not have the effect you're looking for because your family will still be living in your head.

Dear Abby: I believe my wife is egocentric. She has five framed pictures of herself around the house. Even the wall-paper on her tablet is of herself. If we have a disagreement about anything, she won't talk to me for days unless I break the ice. It's ruining our 2 1/2-year marriage. Any suggestions? — **Mystified In The South**

Dear Mystified: Yes, be less quick to judge her because of the photos she keeps around the house. The reason may have less to do with egocentricity than insecurity.

What's destroying your marriage isn't the pictures; it's your wife's inability to fight fair. Her silent treatment is emotionally abusive; it's not a healthy way to solve a disagreement. A licensed marriage and family therapist may be able to help the two of you communicate more effectively. If your wife won't agree to it, go alone.

Dear Abby: Should I marry someone who doesn't love me more than anyone in this world? — **Jim In Virginia**

Dear Jim: I think that depends on who else the person loves.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 1, 1918

A special plot for the burial of soldiers in the present war was this morning set aside at the city cemetery by Councilmen Taylor, Folsom and Phelps, composing the cemetery committee. The body of Irwin Huff, the Pendleton boy who died at Vancouver barracks, will be the first to be interred there. In setting aside the special plot for the soldiers of the present war, the cemetery committee had in mind the fact that no such place had been provided for the veterans of the Civil War and the Spanish-American War and that, consequently, their graves are scattered all over the cemetery. The plot will be used for the soldiers of this vicinity who die while in the service and also for those who die later. There is room in the plot for about 100 graves.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 1, 1968

A roadblock was thrown in the path of plans for a boys' home in Pendleton today. Twelve property owners — all those who would be neighbors to the home on Tutuilla Road — signed a petition objecting to the

location of the home. The boys' home is proposed by the Umatilla County Juvenile Advisory Commission. It would be a facility to keep in the community boys who would otherwise be sent to MacLaren School for Boys. The proposal called for facilities for six or seven boys, plus two counselors, on a one-acre lot a short distance from the Pendleton city limits. Elmer Ringering said the petition signers support a home for boys but want it to be located on a larger site.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 1, 1993

Nearly 400 tombstones in Olney Cemetery were uprooted, rolled or tipped over by vandals Sunday night. On Monday, cemetery employees found the groomed grounds littered with majestic marble slabs, many of them dating back to the turn of the century. A total of 381 headstones were vandalized and one of the mausoleum's glass doors was shattered. Parks and Cemetery Director Pat Dunham estimates the damage at about \$40,000, although many of the stones can never be returned to their original condition. Cemetery workers will try to set the stones up, Dunham said, but the city can't afford all of the repairs.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 32nd day of 2018. There are 333 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 1943, during World War II, one of America's most highly decorated military units, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

On this date:
In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)
In 1893, inventor Thomas Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, New Jersey. The opera "Manon Lescaut," by Giacomo Puccini, premiered in Turin, Italy.

In 1922, in one of Hollywood's most enduring mysteries, movie director William Desmond Taylor was shot to death in his Los Angeles home; the killing has never been solved.

In 1942, during World War II, the Voice of America broadcast its first program to Europe, relaying it through the facilities of the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1959, men in Switzerland rejected giving women the right to vote by a more than 2-1 referendum margin. (Swiss women gained the right to vote in 1971.)

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service.

In 1979, Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

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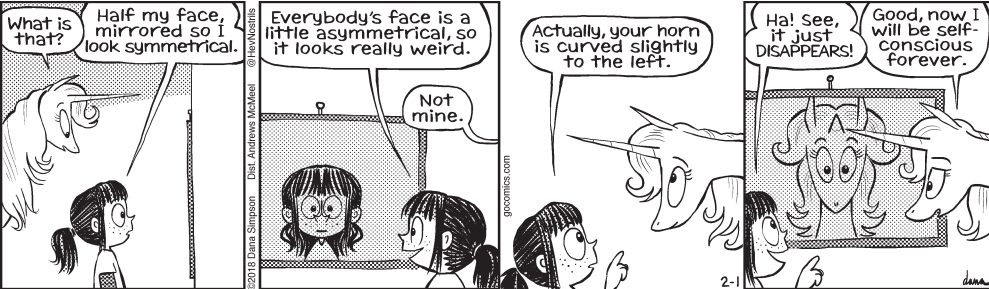
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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

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