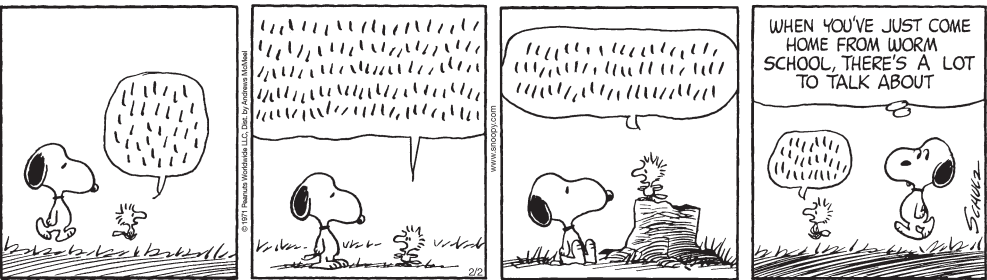


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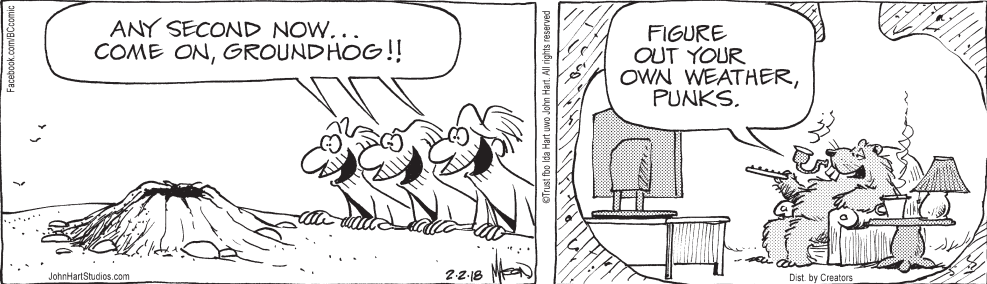
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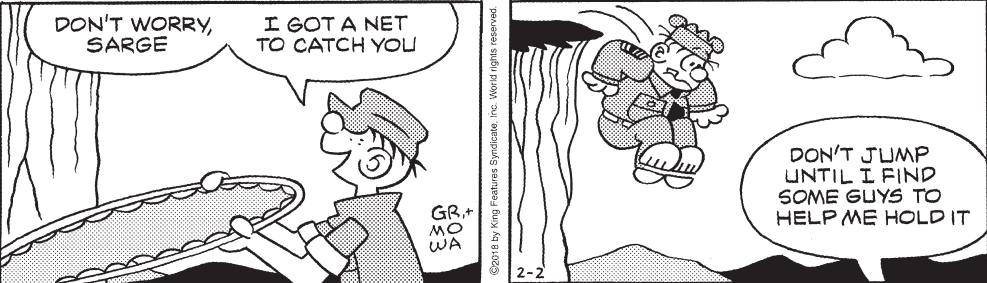
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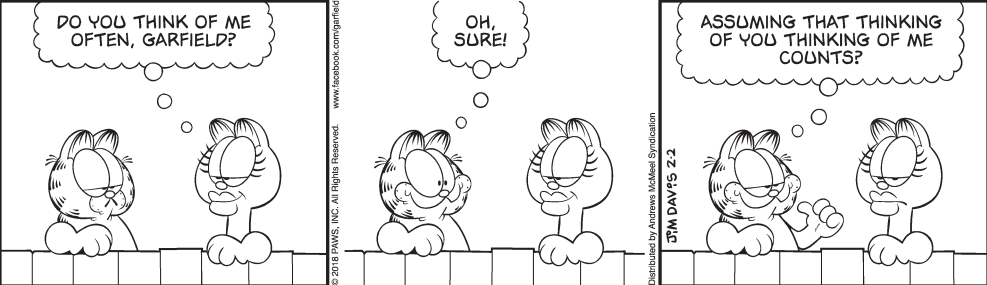
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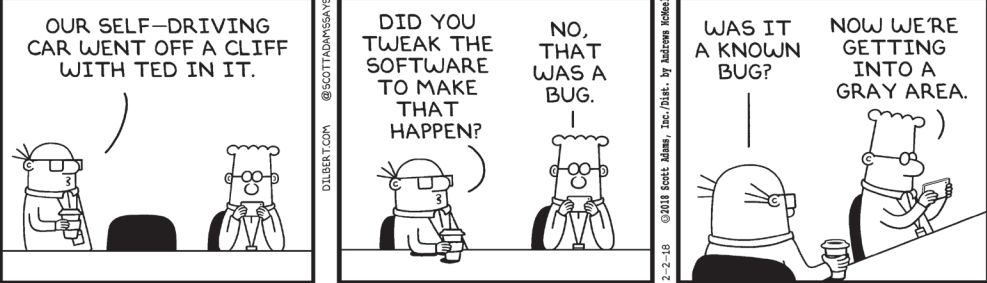
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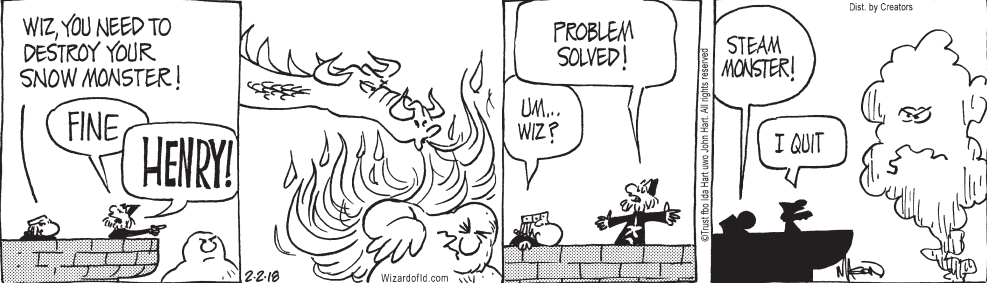
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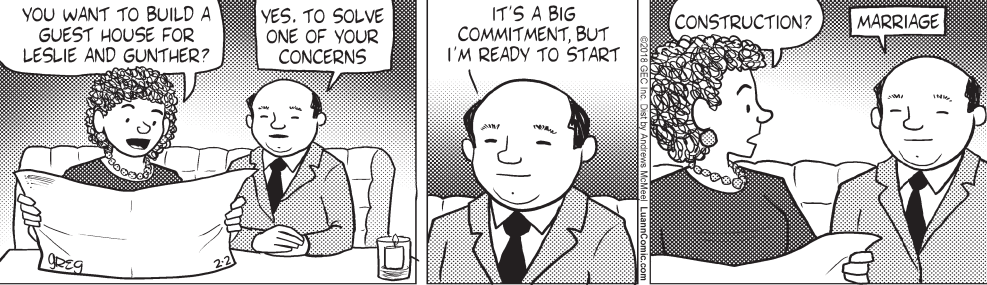
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DEAR ABBY

Pregnant worker fears reprisal from ‘boys club’ management

Dear Abby: A few months ago, I informed my bosses I was pregnant. Within a week, they were trying to fire me and blame it on other things at work that made no sense and hadn't been issues before. They made me sign a letter of reprimand in our first meeting about the "issues."

I spoke with a co-worker who told me she had a similar experience when she announced her pregnancy. I work for a company with a "boys club" mentality, so I didn't try to speak to HR because I was afraid for my already threatened job.

A couple weeks later, I miscarried and everything at work went back to normal. I actually got a raise a month later. Last week, I learned I'm pregnant again. My husband and I are excited about it, but I'm scared to tell my bosses for fear I'll have a repeat of last time.

When should I tell them about my upcoming arrival? And is there anything I can do to protect my job? I have been looking for employment elsewhere, but haven't found anything yet. I need this job or else I would have already left it. — **Scared In Utah**

Dear Scared: Pregnancy is a natural condition and you should not be punished for it. The first thing you should do is document everything that happened during your first pregnancy. Be sure to include what your co-worker told you happened to her, and how — after your miscarriage — all your prob-



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

lems at the office disappeared. Then schedule an appointment with an attorney to ask how you can protect yourself in the months to come.

Dear Abby: I have cheated, lied and more. I have made a lot of changes in my life for the better since then, but we all know I'm still a sinner. I have gained a lot of weight over the years, and I hear about it often from my husband and two boys, mostly my sons. My boys are rude and disrespectful to me, and my husband says nothing. They make me feel ugly and worthless.

I know I haven't been the best wife or mother. I thought I was doing better, but I guess not. I'm tired of the name-calling and disrespect. I know I have made mistakes, but must I be put down all the time? One day I feel OK, the next I'm down again. Please help me. — **Feels Ugly In Texas**

Dear Feels Ugly: It appears that although your marriage is ongoing, your husband is still punishing you for your "sins" and has enlisted the help of your sons in doing it. I urge you to look into family counseling for all of you. The environment in which your boys are growing up is unhealthy because they are being encouraged to disrespect women. If it's allowed to continue, they will have relationships and marriages just like your own — ugly and contentious. If you won't seek counseling for yourself, please do it for them.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 2, 1918

Calling her team off the floor during the second half of the game, Miss Louise Bailey, coach of the Pendleton high school basketball team, refused to continue playing the Weston girls' team at Weston last night after it was evident to her that the Weston players and principal did not intend to play the game under girls' rules. Exhausted, bruised and considerably the worse for the rough playing of their opponents, the Pendleton team left the floor when the Weston principal, Mr. Fitzpatrick, continued to interfere in the game, and assert his assumed right to act as a floor official. Miss South, who refereed the game, asked the principal to stop coming on the floor, and when he repeatedly took charge of the ball, Miss Bailey thought her girls had had enough. Prior to the contest, the Weston team agreed to play without an umpire, and without floor limits. Miss South, as referee, incurred the displeasure of the crowd by trying to enforce playing under the girls' rules. Her efforts resulted only in incensing the Weston crowd, which apparently preferred the rough game their team was playing.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 2, 1968

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 2, 1993

A Umatilla woman police believe shot and killed her boyfriend during a domestic dispute early Tuesday was released from Umatilla County Jail today. The release comes in the midst of an investigation that revealed the victim was living under an assumed name and may have abused the woman. A spokesperson for the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office said no charges have been filed against Tammy L. Gallegos, 28, of Umatilla, but the investigation will continue.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 33rd day of 2018. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 2, 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

On this date:
In 1536, present-day Buenos Aires, Argentina, was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

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 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

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 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 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

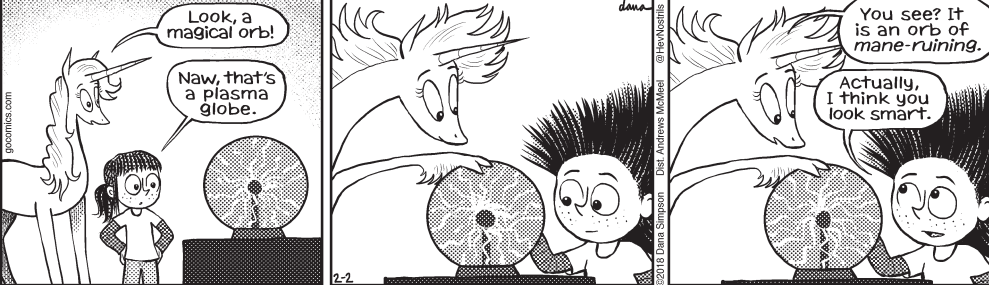
Today's Birthdays:

Former French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing is 92. Actor Robert Mandan is 86. Comedian Tom Smothers is 81. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 76. Television executive Barry Diller is 76. Actor Bo Hopkins is 74. TV chef Ina Garten is 70. Actor Jack McGee is 69. Actor Brent Spiner is 69. Rock musician Ross Valory (Journey) is 69. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 66. The former president of South Korea, Park Geun-hye, is 66. Model Christie Brinkley is 64. Actor Michael Talbott is 63. Singer Shakira is 41.

Thought for Today: "It was naive of the 19th century optimists to expect paradise from technology — and it is equally naive of the 20th century pessimists to make technology the scapegoat for such old shortcomings as man's blindness, cruelty, immaturity, greed and sinful pride." — *Peter F. Drucker, Austrian-born American business management consultant (1909-2005).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

