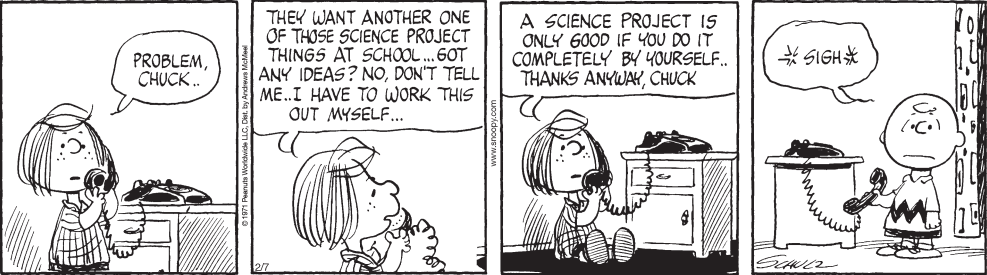


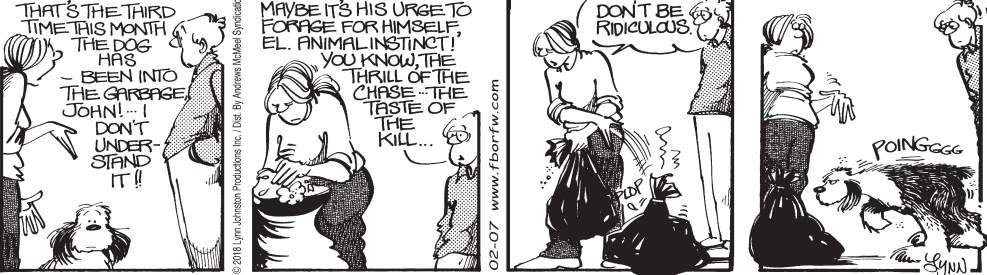
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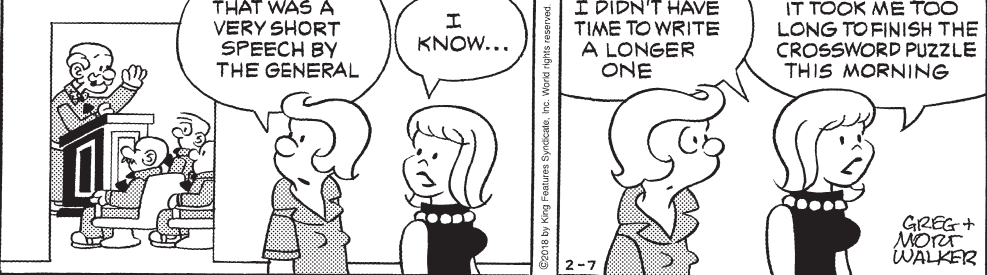
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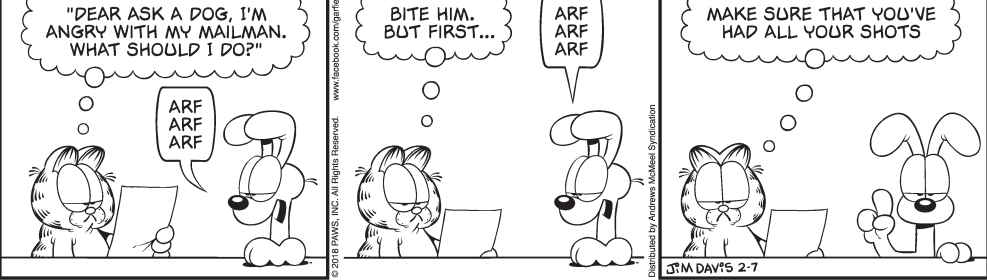
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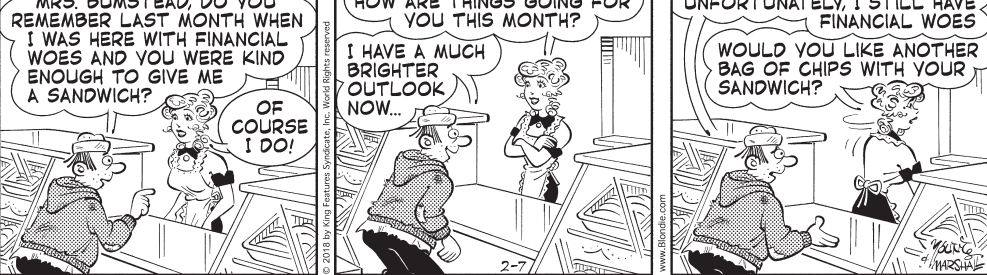
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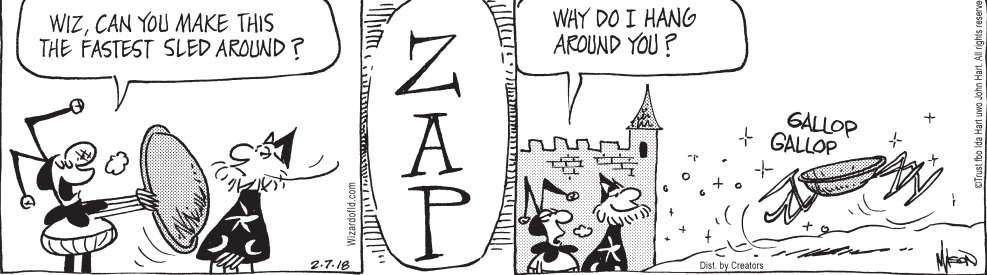
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DEAR ABBY

Wife of man with Parkinson’s wants to start dating others

Dear Abby: I’m a 72-year-old married woman. My husband has atypical Parkinson’s and can no longer talk or walk.

I exercise six days a week, but I need someone to talk to, to share life with. I tell my husband what I do each day, but of course, there is no feedback. He’s at home, and we have 24-hour care.

Can I date? If I explained to him how I need companionship, he might agree. But am I being selfish? This has been going on for six years. I figure I have only 10 productive years left — maybe fewer. I feel like my life is over. Please help me. I feel like I’m dying. — **Requires Companionship**

Dear Requires Companionship: I think it would be not only selfish but cruel to tell your husband you need companionship and want to seek another relationship. How would you feel if you were in his position, unable to walk or talk, and he said that to you?

If ever I heard of a person who needs to join a support group, it is you. The American Parkinson Disease Association (apdaparkinson.org) can help you locate one. The toll-free phone number is (800) 223-2732.

As to my giving you permission to date, that’s something that should be between you and your conscience or higher power, not Dear Abby.

P.S. Couples who face this kind of diagnosis should have this conversation in advance.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married 35 years, and I’m not sure how to respond to some recent developments in our relationship.

Ever since our wedding, I have tried to persuade him to attend church with me, but

he always declined, preferring instead to stay home and catch up on his sleep. Both of us are Protestants, so I don’t think my denomination was an issue. However, when his older brother moved back to our area a few months ago, my husband decided to attend church services regularly with him and his family. On top of that, he now wants us to have separate Facebook accounts and separate email addresses.

For the most part, I have kept my feelings to myself, but I am worried that my needs are no longer important to him. Do you think I have a reason to be concerned? — **Worried Wife In Wichita**

Dear Wife: Yes, I do. Any drastic change in a spouse’s behavior is cause for concern, and his sudden desire to separate his internet activity from yours is another red flag.

Stop keeping your feelings to yourself and speak up. He may be doing something on Sunday mornings besides going to church with his brother.

Dear Abby: I was convicted of a crime and did three years on a six-year sentence. My daughter was 2 when I was incarcerated. I was released last year and am currently on parole.

I tried contacting my ex-wife about seeing our daughter and being a part of her life, but I only made things worse. Now she’s trying to hide my girl from me. I’m trying my best, but she refuses to put me on child support. What do I do? — **Troubled Father**

Dear Troubled: You may have to take your ex-wife to court. If you’re able to afford it, seek advice from an attorney about your options.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 7, 1918

Organization of a Junior Red Cross with auxiliaries in as many schools in the county as possible will be undertaken at once, in conformance with a nation-wide plan outlined by the American Red Cross and approved by President Wilson. Judge G.W. Phelps, who was appointed by the county chapter of the Red Cross as chairman of the chapter school committee, will have charge of the organizational work and will announce his committee members soon. The activities of the Junior Red Cross will include the making of surgical bandages and supplies, courses in first aid, home nursing and dietetics for older pupils, instruction in the history and purposes of the Red Cross, instruction in how to save and above all the teaching of those things which develop good citizenship.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 7, 1968

T. Sgt. James P. Bouchey of the 636th Radar Squadron has been nominated as a candidate for the Air Force Association’s Outstanding Airman of the Year Award.

Bouchey has been a member of the squadron since Dec. 30, 1966, and served as radar operations crew chief and operations training NCO. Since his recent assignment to the duty of squadron unit training NCO, this unit has received the Fourth Air Force On-the-Job Achievement Award each of the three quarters. Sgt. Bouchey has been the recipient of several cash prizes as a result of military suggestions he has made.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 7, 1993

Charles Rochat can speak his mind all over the world. The Blue Mountain Community College foreign language instructor is fluent in four languages, easily switching among French, German, English and Spanish. He also understands and reads Italian. Born in Switzerland to a French-speaking father and a German-speaking mother, Rochat grew up tied to two tongues. Both languages are spoken in the small European country, as are Italian and the low-Latin dialect of Romanche. He became a full-time instructor at BMCC in 1971 after traveling and teaching in other parts of the U.S., Europe and off the coast of Africa. Rochat, 62, is scheduled to retire at the end of the school year.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 38th day of 2018. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1943, the government abruptly announced that wartime rationing of shoes made of leather would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person per year. (Rationing was lifted in October 1945.)

On this date:

In 1497, “The Bonfire of the Vanities” took place in Florence, Italy, as followers of Dominican friar Girolama Savonarola burned a huge pile of items considered to be sinful distractions, such as books, artwork, fine clothing and cosmetics.

In 1795, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states’ sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1817, America’s first

public gas street lamp was lighted in Baltimore.

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel “Madame Bovary.”

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as U.S. Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.

Today’s Birthdays:

Author Gay Talese is 86. Former Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., is 83. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 59. Comedy writer Robert Smigel is 58. Actor James Spader is 58. Country singer Garth Brooks is 56. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 56. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 56. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 53. Actor Jason Gedrick is 51. Actress Essence Atkins is 46. Rock singer-musician Wes Borland is 43. Rock musician Tom Blankenship (My Morning Jacket) is 40. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 40. Actress Tina Majorino is 33. NBA player Isaiah Thomas is 29.

Thought for Today:

“Do not read as children do to enjoy themselves, or, as the ambitious do to educate themselves. No, read to live.” — *Gustave Flaubert, French author (1821-1880).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

