

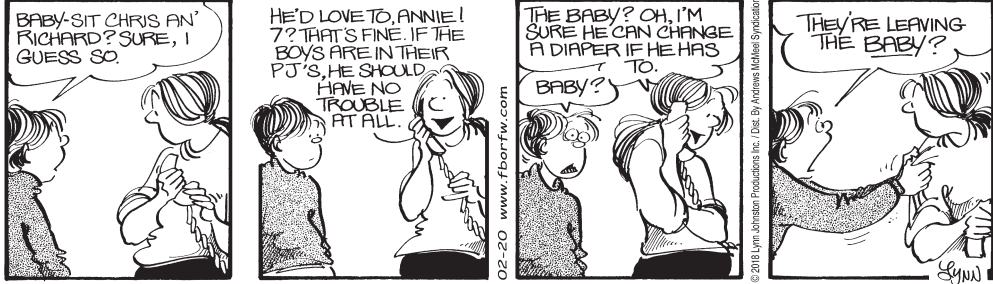
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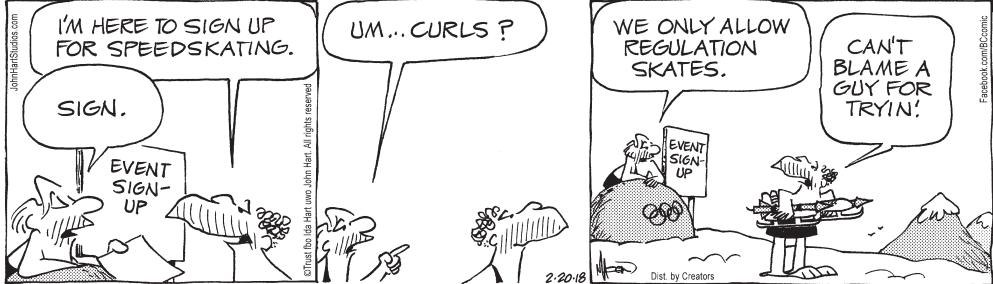
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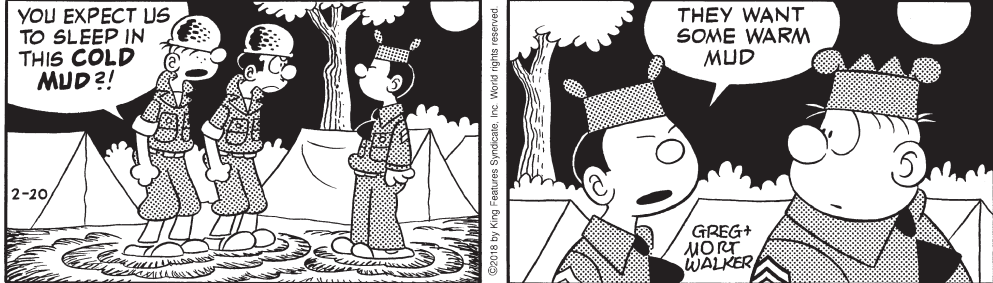
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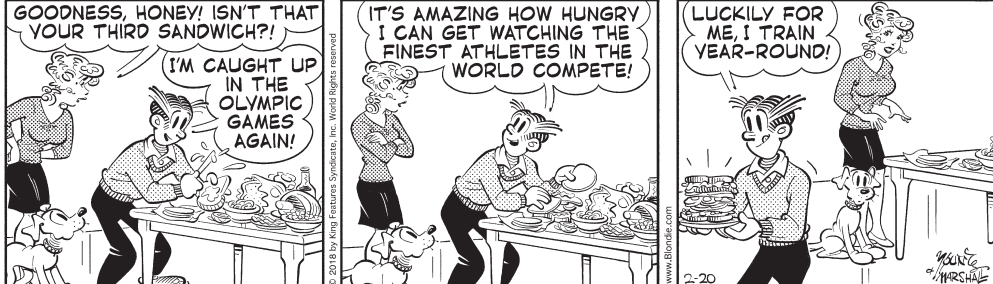
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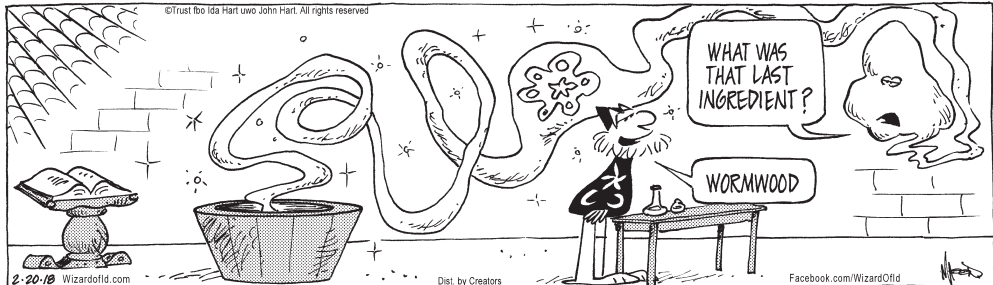
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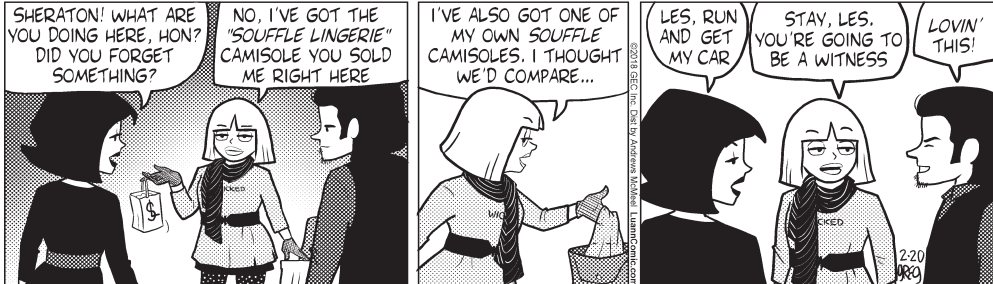
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DEAR ABBY

Longtime employee is irked by colleagues' work ethics

Dear Abby: I am almost 62 and struggling to get through the day at work. It's not because of the work itself, but I am extremely unhappy in the work environment.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I have been here more than 20 years, and I have a real problem with the work ethic of the younger employees. They come in to work anywhere from a half-hour to two hours late.

One of them takes hourlong breaks, two-hour lunches and then leaves early. Another comes to work and complains nonstop about her drive, her ex and all her aches and pains. (She just turned 40.) I go home every night frustrated and so stressed out I snap at my poor husband.

I really want to retire. It wouldn't be a financial burden, although we would have to cut back on a little spending. My husband won't offer an opinion, but I know I'd be much happier and healthier if I did. Any advice? — Stressed And Tired

Dear Stressed: You might be happier and healthier if, rather than retire early, you talked to a licensed mental health professional about how to manage your stress. You can't control the behavior (or misbehavior) of your younger co-workers. That's your boss's responsibility. If their lack of punctuality and poor attendance doesn't bother your employer, you should not be letting it affect you.

And as to the woman who complains about her aches, her pains and her ex — why are you listening to that garbage? You have only a few more years until you reach an age at which you can retire with all the benefits you

have earned — and without having to cut back. Please consider what I have said and ride it out.

Dear Abby: I recently had a phone conversation with a cousin who lives on the other side of the country. We talk once a month. She has always been judgmental and negative about our cousins, aunts, uncles, etc., who — for the most part — she rarely communicates with. In the past, when she would put them down, I'd cut the conversation short because I didn't want to listen.

During our last chat, she started in on my brother. That's when I lost it. I gave her a piece of my mind and hung up. Since then, she has texted and called a few times, but I haven't responded.

I feel bad for what happened, but at the same time, I refuse to listen to her talk badly about and judge other family members. How should I handle this? Should I respond to her? In one of her texts she said she "didn't mean to upset me," but I don't consider that an apology. — Hates Judgment In Ohio

Dear Hates Judgment: Yes, you should respond to your cousin. She needs to understand that you are changing the rules regarding further conversations with her.

Explain that it has always made you uncomfortable when she said unkind, judgmental things about family members, and that when she started in on your brother, you finally reached your limit. Tell her that in the future when you talk, it must be about positive things and not family members. After that, the ball will be in her court. See if she follows through.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 19-20, 1918

Pendleton's restaurant and eating house proprietors met yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Pendleton and pledged themselves to a strict observance of the rules and regulations approved by the federal food administrators of the northwest states. As a result of the meeting the sugar bowl was banished from the tables of all eating houses today. Sugar service will hereafter be limited to three cubelets or two medium sized lumps or an equal amount of soft sugar for each meal. Tuesdays and Saturdays will be porkless and the meal between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day will be porkless. Mondays and Wednesdays will be wheatless and the evening meal each day will be a wheatless one. Consumption of potatoes will be encouraged by low price and large quantity.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 19-20, 1968

Mobile dial telephone service is now offered by Eastern Oregon Telephone Company, Pilot Rock. Walter Karnopp, owner and manager, said it is the first all-dial mobile system in Eastern Oregon. The

equipment can be arranged easily to be used in any area of the county where such service exists. Key to the system is a 50-watt transmitter at Battle Mountain on Carney Butte. The range extends into several counties in Eastern Oregon and Washington. The mobile dial unit works like any dial telephone so far as the user is concerned: Dial the number you want, converse, and hang up. When the conversation is completed the equipment automatically transmits the base station call letters in Morse code.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 19-20, 1993

The Helen McCune Building is probably the best solution to the city's cramped and out-of-code offices, a facilities committee has determined.

Consequently, committee members decided Thursday night to ask the city council to begin talks with the school district about purchasing the Helen McCune Building, once the junior high for the community. Although the committee has not made a final decision, its discussion Thursday made it clear that modeling the Helen McCune Building comes ahead of all other options — if the price is right.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 51st day of 2018. There are 314 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft, which circled the globe three times in a flight lasting 4 hours, 55 minutes and 23 seconds before splashing down safely in the Atlantic Ocean 800 miles southeast of Bermuda.

On this date: In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever. In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feebleminded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the

United States.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

In 1998, Tara Lipinski of the U.S. won the ladies' figure skating gold medal at the Nagano Olympics while fellow American Michelle Kwan won the silver; Chen Lu of China won the bronze.

In 2003, a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

One year ago: President Donald Trump tapped Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster as his new national security adviser, replacing the ousted Michael Flynn. Thousands of demonstrators turned out across the U.S. to challenge

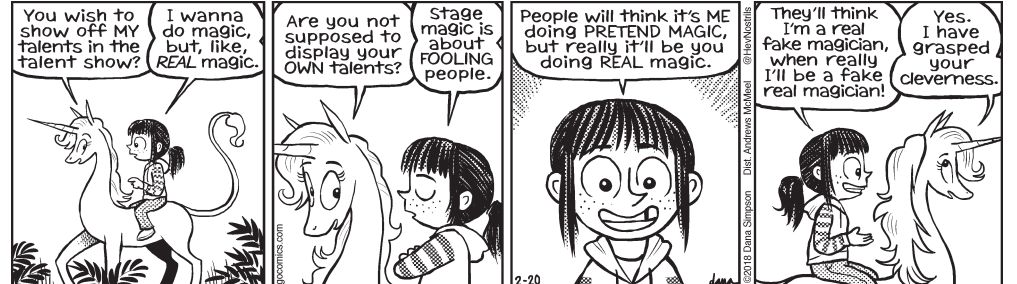
Donald Trump in a Presidents Day protest dubbed Not My President's Day.

Today's Birthdays: Socialite Gloria Vanderbilt is 94. Actor Sidney Poitier is 91. Racing Hall of Famer Bobby Unser is 84. Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 81. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 77. Hockey Hall of Famer Phil Esposito is 76. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is 76. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 64. Basketball Hall of Famer Charles Barkley is 55. Actor French Stewart is 54. Model Cindy Crawford is 52. Actor Andrew Shue is 51. Actress Lili Taylor is 51. Actress Chelsea Peretti is 40. Comedian Trevor Noah is 34. Singer Rihanna is 30.

Thought for Today: "I've always believed in the adage that the secret of eternal youth is arrested development." — Alice Roosevelt Longworth, former first daughter (born 1884, died this date in 1980).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

