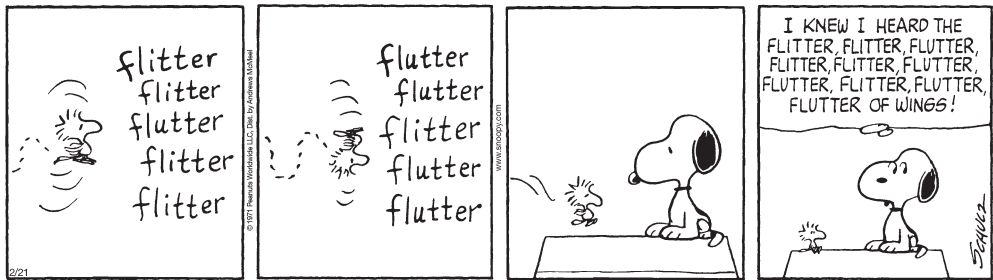


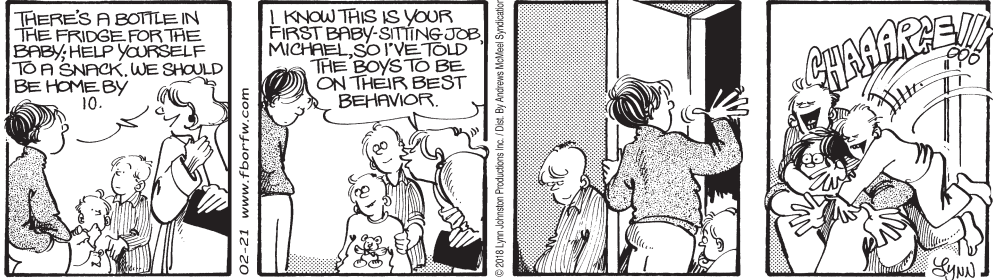
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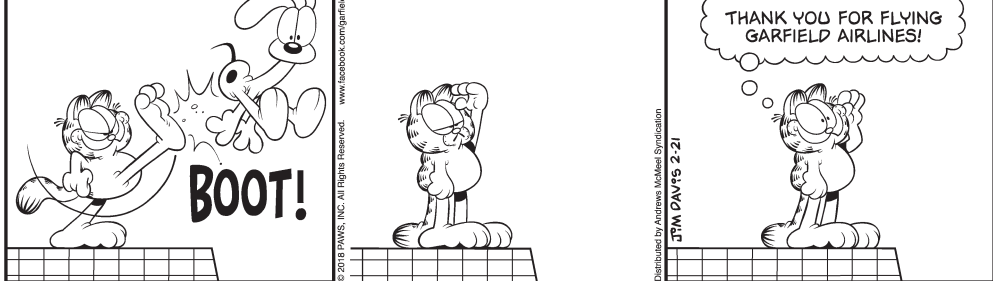
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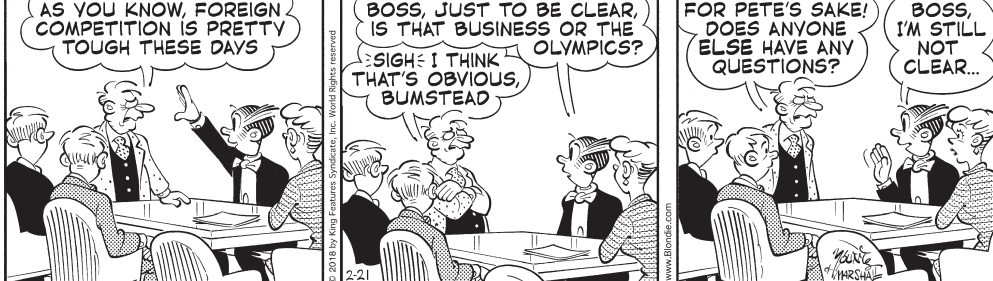
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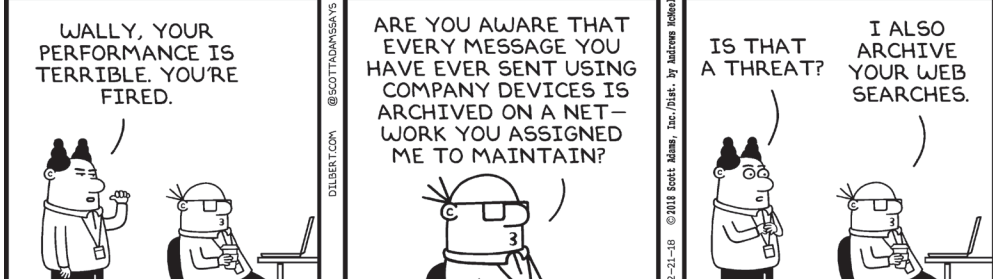
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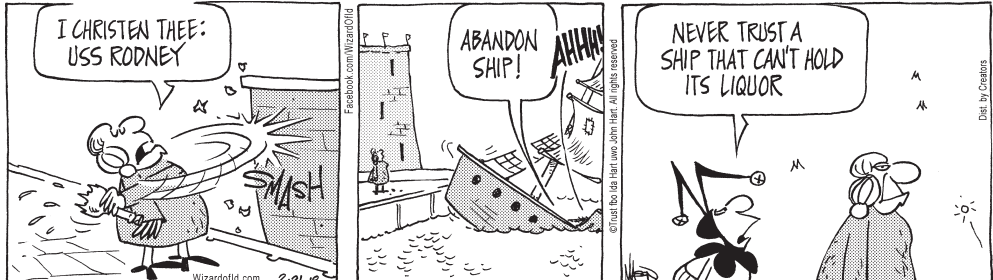
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DEAR ABBY

Mother fears past abuser has now targeted her son

Dear Abby: I have a son from a previous relationship, and have been in a relationship with a man I'll call Bryan for a year. Not long ago, Bryan confided to me that he and his brother had been molested by a female relative. I don't know her. I have only met his parents.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

This female relative has been asking about my son on social media because she has seen him in pictures with Bryan's family. I want to tell her to back off, but so far, I have held off. I'm afraid if I do, I will cause problems because his parents don't know what I know.

My protective instinct has become very alert. I may be wrong, but I feel like she sees my son as a future target. What should I do?

— Mama Bear
Dear Mama Bear: Listen to your protective instinct. Talk with Bryan and tell him the woman's questions are of concern to you, that you don't want her to have any information about or contact with your child, and then make sure your wishes are respected. If she receives any message to back off, it should come from him, not you.

Dear Abby: On behalf of all new moms, please help with this question. Why does every woman in the world, it seems, feel entitled to ask new moms if they are breastfeeding their babies? How should new moms respond politely to this question? If you say yes, you may or may not be lying. If you say no, you will be judged. If you give an evasive answer, people will assume you are not and

you will be judged as well. It seems to me that all substances excreted by the body should be off limits in social situations. — **My Business In Texas**

Dear My Business: Judgmental people can get to you only if you allow it. While there are valid reasons why babies should be breastfed, it isn't always possible, and women should not be quizzed by strangers about whether they are.

My mother used to advise readers who were put off by prying questions to say, "If you will forgive me for not answering that question, I'll forgive you for asking." Even though you asked for a polite retort, in a situation like this, MY response would be, "If that were any of your business, you would already know the answer!"

Dear Abby: A couple years ago, when we moved to a home with more privacy than our previous home, my husband decided to walk around naked all the time. It's not that I'm a prude, but I don't find his furry 60-year-old body attractive in broad daylight. Quite the opposite, in fact.

I have asked him many times to please put something on, and he either ignores me or gets mad. I avert my eyes when he's sashaying by me. Is there anything else I can do to reason with him? — **Seen Enough Already**

Dear Seen Enough: Probably not. Since you can't change him, why not join him one day a week? You have nothing to lose but your clothes — and it might solve the problem.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 21, 1918

The heatless night for the office building is the latest thing in war economy. Notification was received this morning by owners of Pendleton office buildings that, beginning tonight, no fuel can be used to heat the buildings between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. The word, which was in the form of an edict, came from Fred J. Holmes, fuel administrator for Oregon, and is effective all over the state. This order applies regardless of the kind of fuel used or how heat is manufactured.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 21, 1968

Cecil Zerba, co-captain of the Blue Mountain Community College wrestling team, concluded the winter dual season without a defeat. Zerba, Milton-Freewater, wrestles

in the 137-pound class and is a sophomore working toward a business administration major. He was the Oregon Community College Athletic Association champion last year and participated in the NJCAA tournament, and is well on the way to a successful defense of his laurels this season.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 21, 1993

Russ Aiken is 16 but looks years younger — far too young to be telling you he is dying from AIDS. Russell, a Hermiston resident most of his life, believes he caught the AIDS virus sometime in late 1986 from infusions for the treatment of hemophilia. Since then, he has learned all he can about the disease. He tested positive in January 1987. "Ryan White was the first to come out about it," he said. "He was a fighter. I want to pick up where he left off."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 52nd day of 2018. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 21, 1965, black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. (Three men were convicted of murder and imprisoned; all were eventually paroled.)

On this date:

In 1437, James I, King of Scots, 42, was assassinated in Perth by a group of conspirators led by Walter, Earl of Atholl; his 6-year-old son succeeded him as James II.

In 1513, Pope Julius II, who commissioned Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, died nearly four months after the project was completed.

In 1613, Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France as German forces attacked; the French were

able to prevail after 10 months of fighting.

In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.

In 1947, inventor Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which used self-developing film to produce a black & white photograph in 60 seconds.

In 1958, the USS Gudgeon (SS-567) became the first American submarine to complete a round-the-world cruise, eight months after departing from Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.

In 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 1/2 to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up (each ended up serving a year and a-half).

In 1986, Larry Wu-tai Chin, the first American found guilty of spying for China, killed himself in his Virginia jail cell.

In 1992, Kristi Yama-

guchi of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Albertville Olympics; Midori Ito of Japan won the silver, Nancy Kerrigan of the U.S., the bronze.

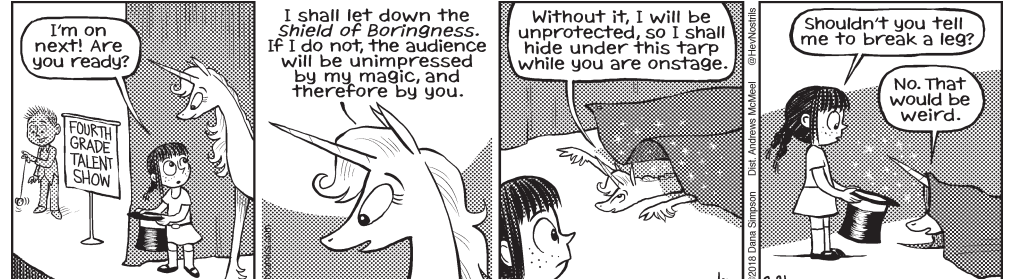
Today's Birthdays:

Former Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe is 94. Fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy is 91. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 78. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 75. Tricia Nixon Cox is 72. Former Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, is 71. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 63. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 60. Rock musician Michael Ward is 51. Country singer Eric Heatherly is 48. Musician Eric Wilson is 48. Actor Tituss Burgess is 39. Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt is 39. Comedian-actor Jordan Peele is 39. Actor Brendan Sexton III is 38. Singer Charlotte Church is 32. Actress Ashley Greene is 31. Actress Ellen Page is 31. Actor Corbin Bleu is 29. Actress Hayley Orrantia is 24. Actress Sophie Turner is 22.

Thought for Today: "In scandal, as in robbery, the receiver is always as bad as the thief." — *Lord Chesterfield, English author and statesman (1694-1773).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

