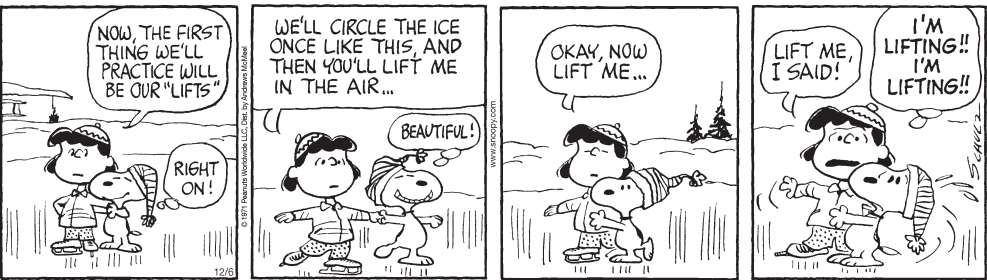


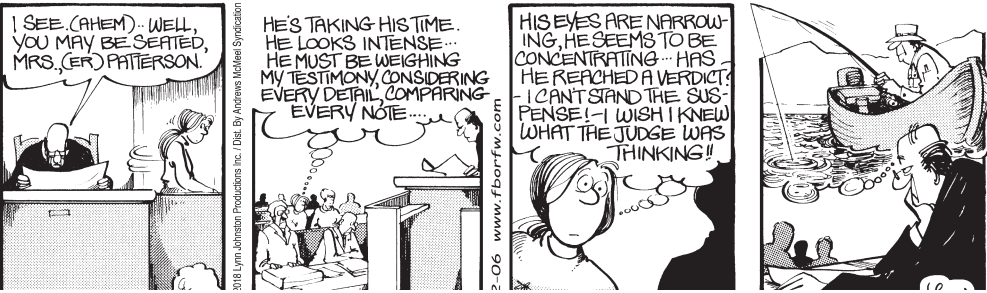
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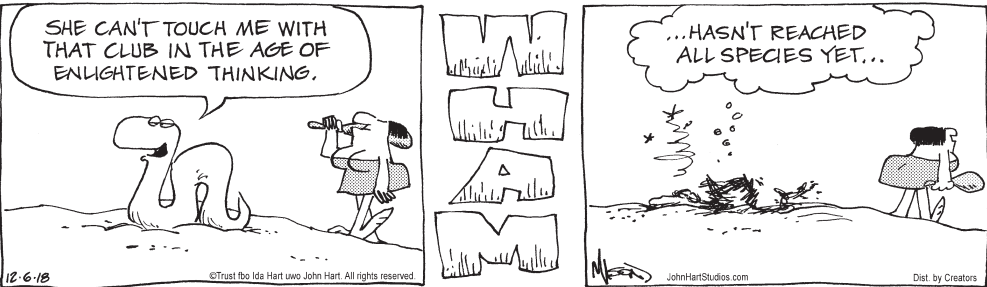
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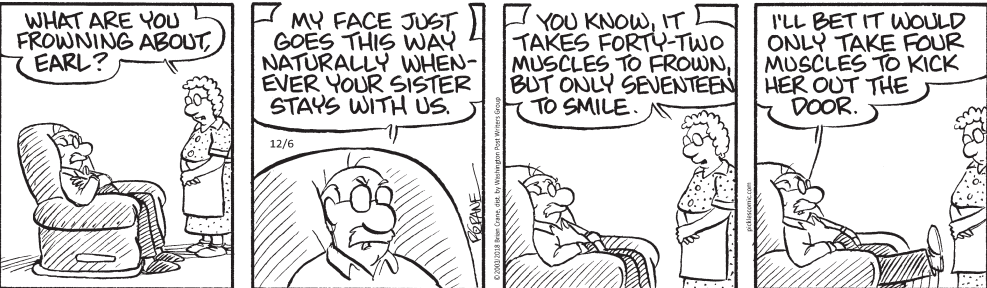
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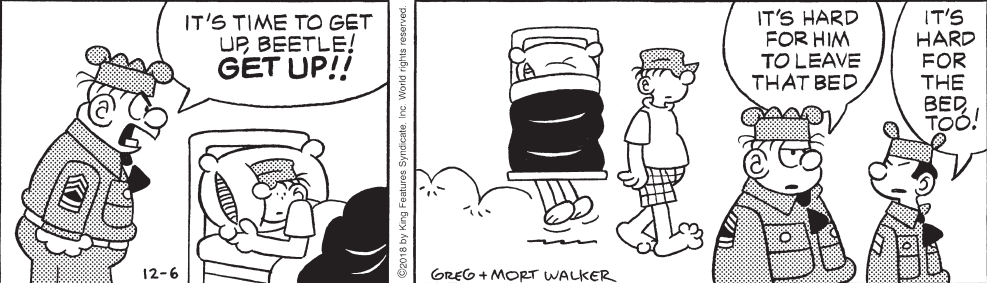
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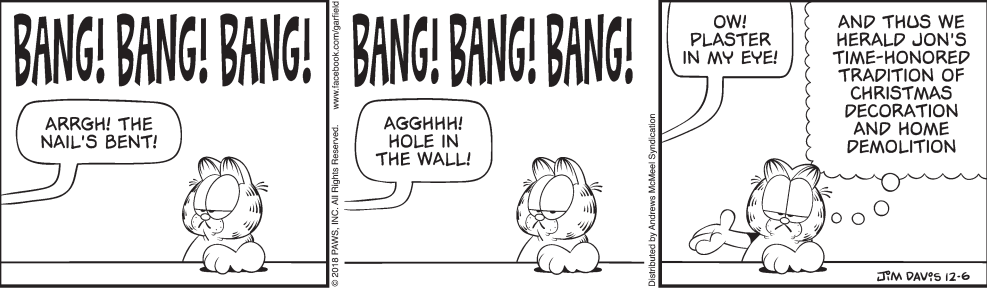
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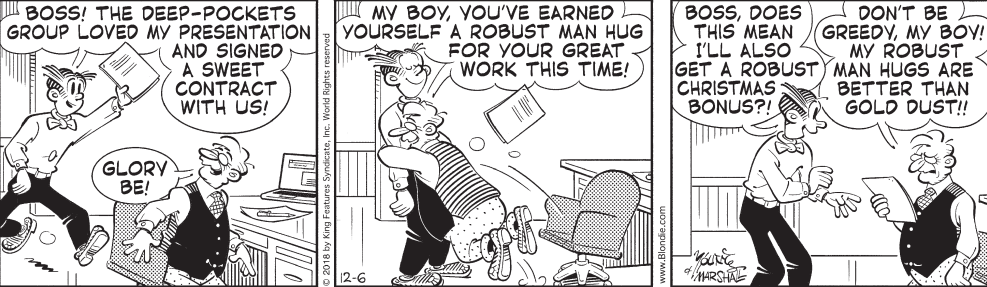
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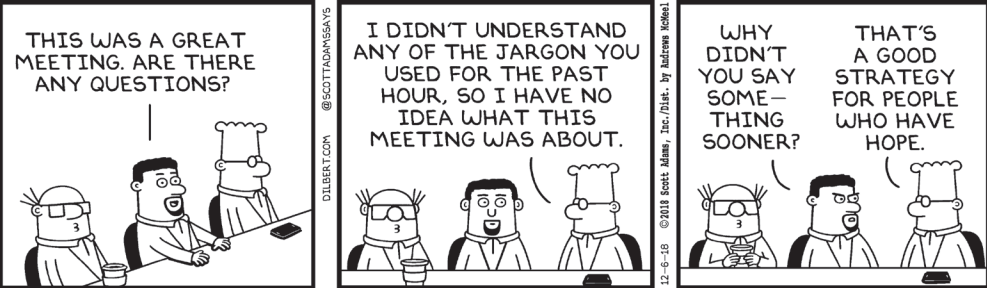
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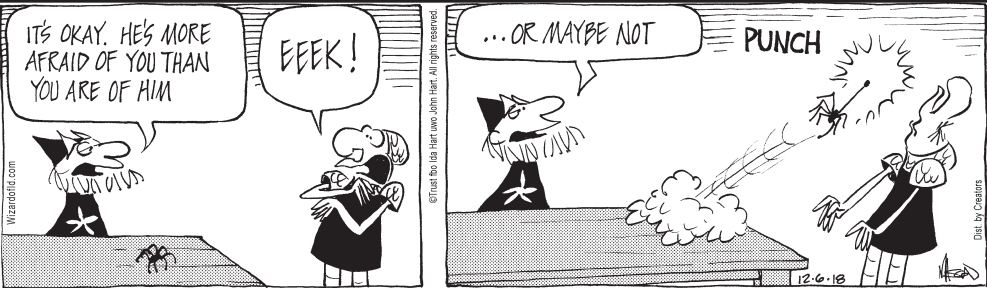
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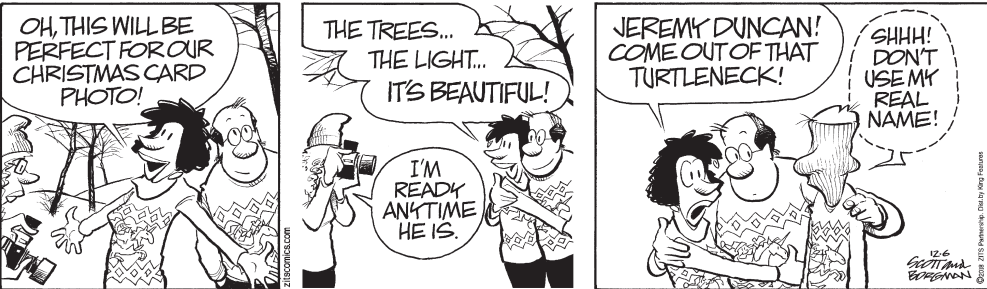
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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Mom makes travel plans without being invited to visit

Dear Abby: I gave birth to my daughter three months ago, after 44 grueling hours of labor. My mother, assuming I would want her in the delivery room, booked her flight, flew across the country and stayed at my house without asking when I'd like her to come to help me.

During her stay, she made comments about how she had flown 2,000 miles to "dog-sit" for me, that she knew she wasn't wanted, and had she known my daughter wasn't going to come on time (I was induced), she wouldn't have "wasted her vacation" to fly in early. The entire visit was miserable.

Without consulting my husband and me, she has now booked a flight to come and stay with us for Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday, and I'm dreading the thought of her being here and worried this visit will be just as awful as the last. I'd like my daughter's first Christmas to be a happy occasion.

I asked my mother to change her flights and come in after the holiday, only to be met with the accusation "you're being selfish" from her and my stepfather. How do I tell them that I don't want them here for Christmas while minimizing hurt feelings?

— Pushed Too Far In Pennsylvania
Dear Pushed: It appears you not only have a pushy mother, but also one who has no filter. When she made the comments she did when she came to "help" after the delivery, did you tell her how offended you were? Or were you so weak from the struggle to give life that you wilted? If you didn't tell her how you felt, you have a



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

communication problem. Give your mother one more chance. Welcome her and your stepfather at Christmas and, if she makes a demeaning or unkind comment, call her on it! And when you do, tell her that in the future you and your husband prefer to invite your houseguests rather than have them descend upon you.

Dear Abby: Because my husband and I are reaching advanced years, we know we will soon have to downsize to a senior living facility. In anticipation, we have begun distributing keepsakes we have accumulated over the years. Many were gifts with special meaning. Some are heirlooms that have been passed down from previous generations.

When I helped my son with his garage sale recently, I was shocked to discover several of the keepsakes on display. I didn't know how to react, but I did speak to him about it. Apparently, he doesn't value them! How should I handle future distribution of keepsakes, as there are more of them, some of which I had intended for him and his family? Apparently, his wife and son also have no interest in them. — **Sentimental In Wisconsin**

Dear Sentimental: You now have two choices. You can either give the items as gifts to other family members, after first ensuring that they will be appreciated and treasured, or sell them and use the money to cover any expenses that may come up in the future.

P.S. If they have historical value, consider donating them to a museum or your state historical society.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 6, 1918

Joe Pohl and Arthur Ulrich are in the county jail having been arrested by Sheriff T.D. Taylor charged with robbing the Charles Co. cigar store on Main street the first of the week. Both boys have made full confession of their part in the robbery, and the milk bottle for Belgian relief contributions has been recovered together with a large part of the pennies and small change that was in it. From the first Mr. Taylor considered the robbery a "boy job" and working on this theory was soon able to trace it to the above, who when confronted with the facts made their confession and told where the bottle was hid. It was found under the sidewalk at Happy Canyon by Deputy Marin where the boys said it was.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 6, 1968

A loaded logging truck plowed through a large band of sheep on the Hardman highway 15 miles south of Heppner Wednesday morning, killing 42 outright. Approximately 50 others were so badly injured that they would have to be killed, according to Mrs. Harold Wright. The sheep belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Wright. They were being

brought from the mountains where they had been for summer pasture. Exact number in the band was not known. Mrs. Wright said it could have been from 500 to 700 head. All were ewes which would have had lambs in January.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 6, 1993

A continued effort by Hermiston-area irrigators to keep water they've spread outside district boundaries is trying the patience of the Confederated Tribes. Tribal leaders think a resolution to this latest water issue can be worked out, but not at the expense of flows for fish. "We want the public and the irrigators to know that the first option is to develop a cooperative agreement, but our first priority is protection of treaty rights and fisheries," said Don Sampson, the 32-year-old fisheries biologist who was sworn in Wednesday as chairman of the Tribes' Board of Trustees. Earlier this summer, the Bureau of Reclamation ordered west-end irrigators to stop "spreading" federal water to about 17,500 acres outside district boundaries. In response, the districts asked for permission to expand their boundaries, thereby accommodating owners of cropland who have for years received federally subsidized water without a contract.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Dec. 6, 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.

In 1884, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument by setting an aluminum capstone atop the obelisk.

In 1917, some 2,000 people were killed when an explosives-laden French cargo ship, the Mont Blanc, collided with the Norwe-

gian vessel Imo at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the Canadian city. Finland declared its independence from Russia.

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

In 1998, in Venezu-

ela, former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez, who had staged a bloody coup attempt against the government six years earlier, was elected president.

Today's Birthdays: Comedy performer David Ossman is 82. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 80. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 77. Comedian Steven Wright is 63. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 62. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 57. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 51. Football quarterback Johnny Manziel is 26.

Thought for Today: "Disconnecting from change does not recapture the past. It loses the future." — Kathleen Norris, *American author (1880-1960).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

