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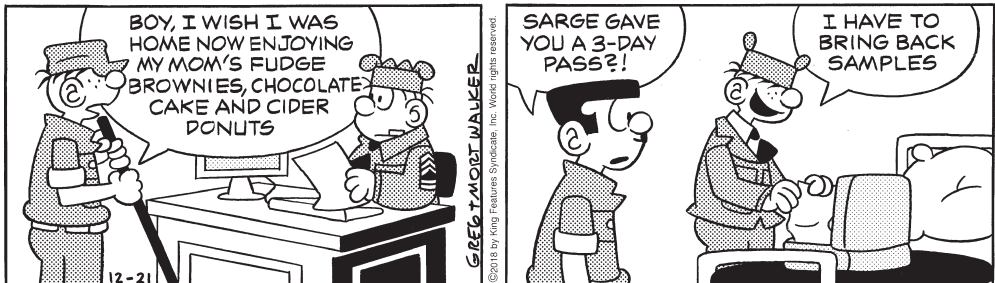
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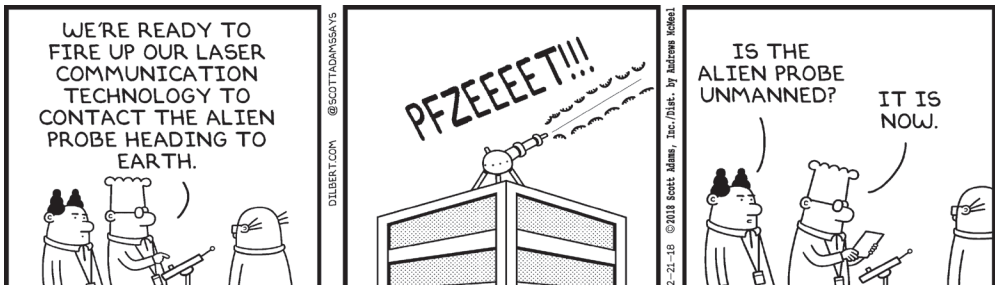
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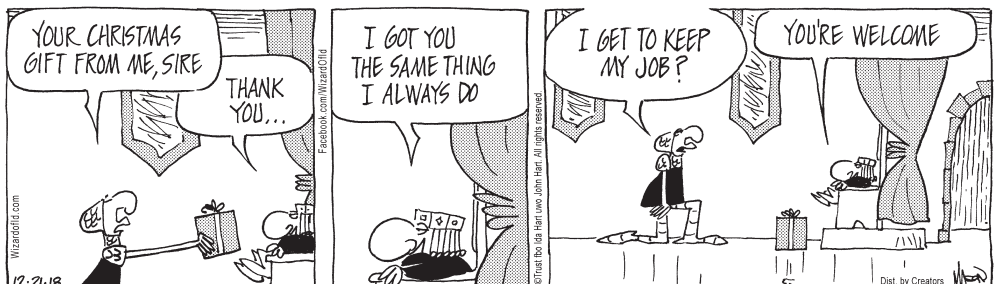
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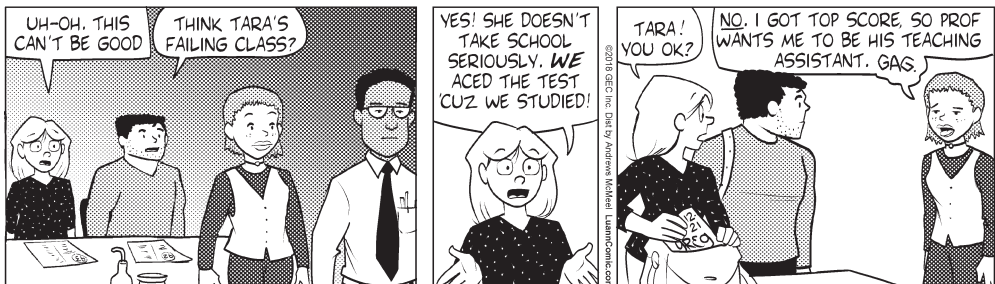
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DEAR ABBY

Transgender man has kept full story from his parents



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm a transgender male who has grown up in an area where many people discourage such things. They view what I am as a sin and me as a sinful, satanic child. My parents are against anything different, including the LGBT community.

bigger person," not give up and "just keep trying." I married recently and invited her to the wedding. She texted 48 hours beforehand to indicate she would not be there. I'm wondering, is it OK to stop trying now? I mean, how much of this should one person be forced to take? — Just About Done Trying

I have already gone through top surgery, but they don't know about it. What they do know is that I am bisexual. How do I tell them that I am male? — Sinful Child

Dear Just About Done: I see nothing to be gained by continuing to tolerate your mother's passive aggression. If you are asking for my permission to stop doing all the work in the relationship, I am pleased to give it to you now.

Dear "Sinful" Child: Why do you want to make an announcement? You know what will happen the minute you do. If you feel you must say something, say that you have discovered your true self, which is male, and that you are happier now than you have ever been.

Dear Abby: I have socialized with a group of women for the past 20 years. Our connection has always been our children. Now the children are grown and gone, one woman in our group keeps trying to include spouses each time we get together.

After you do that you will be free. You can then start building a family comprised of people who are understanding and accepting, which will be healthier for you than the one you were born into.

My husband works long hours. He doesn't enjoy being with these men, and he doesn't want to go on these outings. I have sympathized with him because I don't like the changes either. I'd prefer these events stay girlfriends-only. I have gone solo a few times and stayed away a few times. But my friends are commenting now, and I feel stuck and uncomfortable. Do you have any suggestions? — No Fan in Minnesota

Dear Abby: My mother and I have been estranged for many years for multiple reasons. She has bad-mouthed me in emails to other relatives and then denied having done it, invited my ex-husband to family birthday parties knowing I wouldn't show up if he was there, and gone months, sometimes years, without speaking to me over things she has perceived as slights.

Dear No Fan: Yes, be honest. Level with your women friends and say you prefer socializing with them without the husbands. You are entitled to your feelings, and you do not have to elaborate further.

I have tried many times to walk away and let the situation go, but I continue being urged by other family members to "be the

DAYS GONE BY

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

The past 24 hours has shown the greatest number of influenza cases yet reported since Pendleton started enforcing the quarantine, and the total number of homes under quarantine in the city has jumped to 65. The new cases number 20, while but three have been released from quarantine in the same time. Fortunately with the large increase in the disease it seems no severe cases have developed, as Quarantine Officer Breach reports all seem to be mild, and by care it is hoped there will be no deaths resulting.

Hallowe'en mask over his face, pointed a nickel plated or chrome revolver at him, and forced him to reopen the store. Inside, another man who had apparently hidden in the store before it was closed for the night joined the robber, but kept in the back-ground, and shielded his face. The money was placed in an egg carton and then the man forced Perry to go into the locker.

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

Two robbers, one of them armed and possibly both, held up Ron Perry, assistant manager at Albertson's Grocery at 8:20 p.m. last night, forced him to open the safe and the cash registers, locked him in the produce cooler, and escaped with about \$3,000 in cash. Perry said he locked up for the night, glanced at his watch and noted it was 8:20, and was accosted by a masked man outside the store before he had gone 10 feet. The man, wearing a grotesque

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

The Morrow County School District voted to consolidate junior high and high school students in Heppner but won't be returning a high school to Irrigon. When the district announced plans to put a bond issue before the voters in March to pay for enlarging schools in Boardman and Irrigon and improving aging buildings in the south end, Irrigon residents pushed for the return of their high school. Since the Irrigon High School closed more than 20 years ago, junior high students in the two towns have attended in Irrigon and high school students have attended in Boardman. The school board voted on Monday to continue that arrangement, but it was a difficult decision.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 355th day of 2018. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 5:23 p.m. Eastern time.

On this date:

In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

In 1969, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1913, the first newspaper crossword puzzle, billed as a "Word-Cross Puzzle," was published in the New York World.

In 1969, Vince Lombardi coached his last football game as his team, the Washington Redskins, lost to the Dallas Cowboys, 20-10.

In 1937, Walt Disney's first animated feature, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere at the Carthay Circle Theater in Los Angeles. The first Dr. Seuss book, "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," was published by Vanguard Press.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

In 1945, U.S. Army Gen. George S. Patton, 60, died in Heidelberg, Germany, 12

In 2002, President George W. Bush received a smallpox vaccination, fulfilling a promise he'd made when he ordered inoculations for about a half-million U.S. troops.

70. Rock singer Nick Gilder is 68. Movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg is 68. Actor-comedian Ray Romano is 61. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is 56. Country singer Christy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 56. Rock musician Murph (The Lemonheads; Dinosaur Jr.) is 54. Actor-comedian Andy Dick is 53. Rock musician Gabrielle Glaser is 53. Actress Michelle Hurd is 52. Country singer-musician Rhea (rehn) Boyer (Carolina Rain) is 48. Contemporary Christian singer Natalie Grant is 47. Actor Glenn Fitzgerald is 47. Singer-musician Brett Scallions is 47. Country singer Luke Stricklin is 36.

Thought for Today: "Winter comes but once a year, And when it comes it brings the doctor good cheer." — Ogden Nash, American humorist (1902-1971).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

