

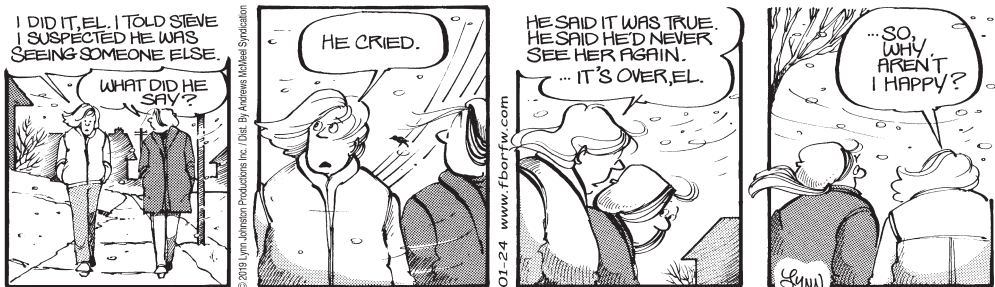
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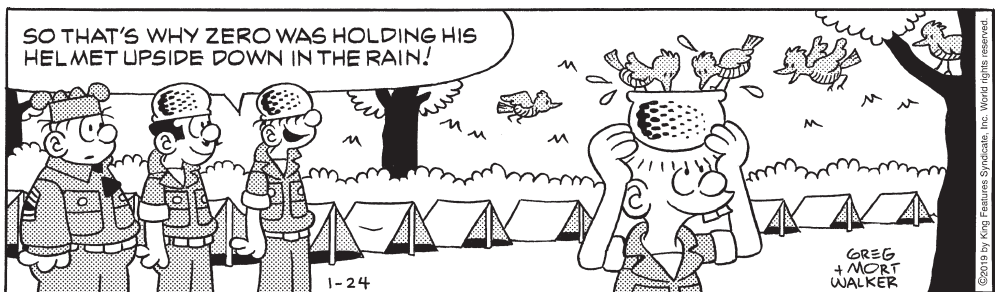
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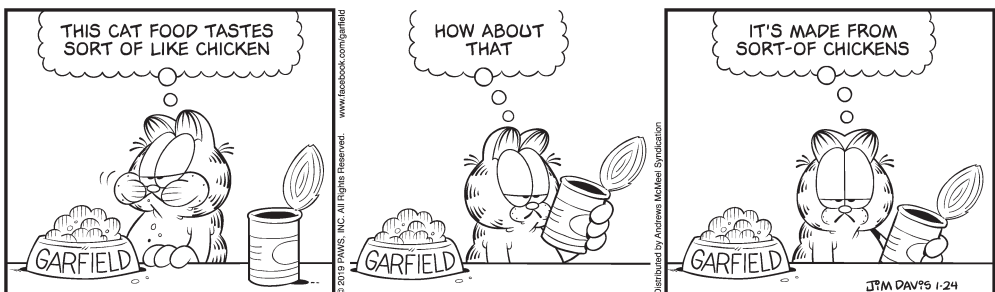
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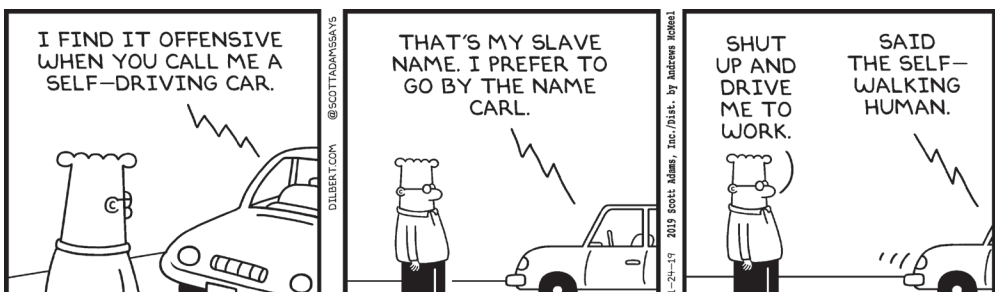
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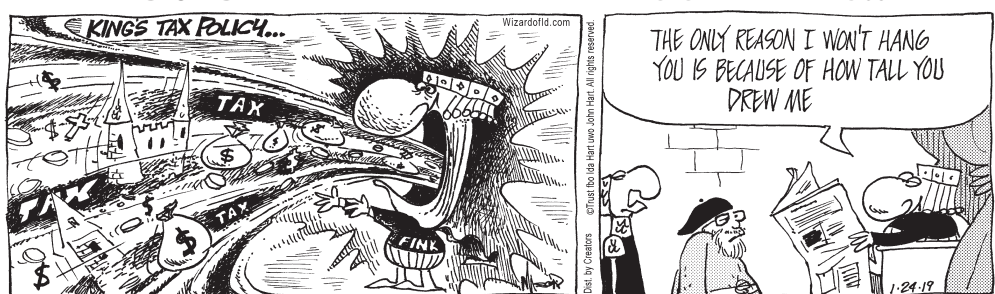
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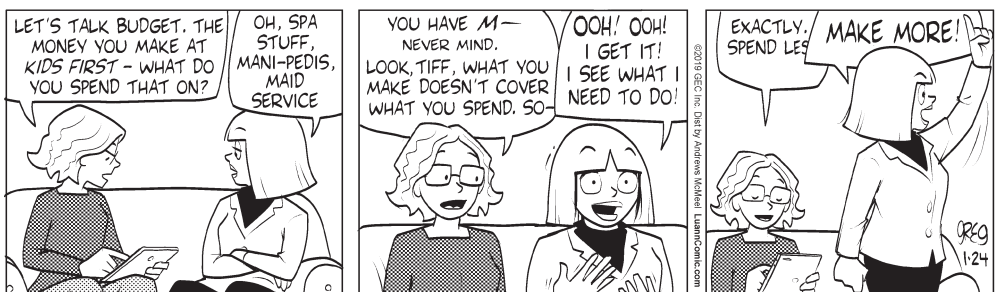
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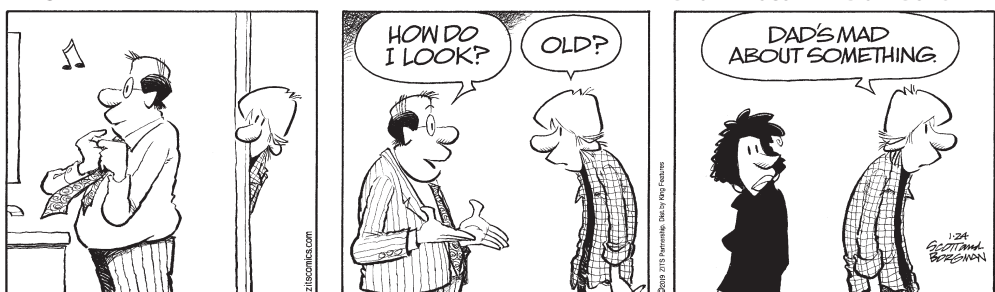
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DEAR ABBY

New mom opts for day care instead of Grandma's care

Dear Abby: I gave birth a month ago to a wonderful baby boy. My husband and I originally planned to put him in day care when I go back to work. I carefully researched and eventually found one I was comfortable with. When my mom found out, she said she had assumed she would be watching him, so I eventually told her she could.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

"Breezy" was 12, and his owner had died. Gladys was fostering Breezy until a new home could be found. I told her I'd take him if she couldn't find another good home. She ended up finding one.

Breezy was living with his new owners for about a month when they called to tell Gladys the dog "wasn't feeling well." When she went to check on it, she decided the placement wasn't working out and asked if I would take him. I agreed and told her I would give him a good home.

A couple days later, Gladys called saying the previous owners had taken Breezy to a veterinarian and expected her to pay the vet bill because she had taken the dog back.

Now she's expecting me to reimburse her for the \$319 vet bill because I have him! I don't think I should be responsible for the bill but offered to pay half. Gladys doesn't agree, and it has turned into a huge fight between friends. Am I responsible for that bill? Please help. — Dog Lover

My parents watch my sister's young children seven days a week. The children are very ill-behaved due to an absent, immature mother and absent father. I do not want my son subjected to their tantrums and violent behavior, nor do I want him to think that their behavior is acceptable. I love my mom very much, and I feel she deserves time away from children, but more than that, I don't want my baby in that environment. How do I kindly tell her that I've changed my mind? I'm afraid it will hurt her feelings. — At A Loss For Words

Dear At A Loss: Your mother has been watching those children seven days a week for how long? If she hasn't been able to get them to behave, you are right in thinking things would not be any different with your child. Tell your mother — firmly — that you do not want your son to be around his cousins on a daily basis because these are his formative years, and you don't want him to think their behavior is normal. Your thinking is correct, so hold your ground and don't let her talk you out of it.

Dear Abby: A friend of mine, "Gladys," was looking for a home for an old dog.

Dear Dog Lover: No, you are not responsible. You did your friend a favor by agreeing to take the dog off her hands. The folks who adopted Breezy should be paying the vet bill because they are the ones who incurred it. Further, it was very generous of you to offer to pay half so your "friend" wouldn't be stuck paying the whole thing.

You adopted an old dog. It's likely that there will be more veterinary expenses in the future. I hope you have pet insurance because you may need it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 24, 1919

A petition is being circulated in Umapine protesting against the proposed gravel road from Sunnyside to Umapine as outlined at the good roads meeting at Pendleton last week. In the petition it is asked that the county court allow about ten miles of permanent road for this end of the county starting about two miles east of Ferndale school, thence directly west to about 3 miles northwest of Umapine. This, it is conceded by every citizen in this district, is the most practicable and feasible route to build this road and by doing so will best serve the interest of the greater majority. If this is not granted no support to the proposed bonding of Umatilla county can be expected from either the Hudson Bay, Umapine, Fruitvale, Ferndale or Tum-a-Lum districts.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 24, 1969

Thirty acres of public land, once the site of a legendary battle between Indian tribes, have been conveyed by the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Hermiston for development as a public park and historic monument. The tract encompasses most of Hermiston Butte just outside the city limits

of Hermiston. Indian legend tells of a great fight that took place around the base and from the top of Hermiston Butte. The Multnomah tribe invaded the domain of the Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes to obtain control of the hunting region in the Blue Mountains. The defending tribes positioned themselves on Hermiston Butte but were surrounded. The legend describes a "tremendous rain of arrows" which drove the invaders back beyond the Cascades.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 24, 1994

It's been almost two weeks since the sudden death of Eastern Oregon Psychiatric Center patient Harold Ranslam. But the cause of death remains a mystery, despite a thorough examination by Umatilla County medical examiner Dr. Joseph Diehl. The Oregon State Police department has now been called in to begin its own investigation. Ranslam, 52, who was admitted to EOPC on Jan. 11, died less than 24 hours later. He had become extremely agitated at the mental facility and EOPC staff had to eventually restrain the 270-pound man because of his aggressiveness, according to Superintendent Evelyn Jenson. He apparently suffered from a manic depressive disorder.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 24, 2013, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced the lifting of a ban on women serving in combat.

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1965, British statesman Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1984, Apple Computer began selling its first Macintosh model, which boasted a built-in 9-inch monochrome display, a clock rate

of 8 megahertz and 128k of RAM.

In 1985, the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.

In 2003, former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge was sworn as the first secretary of the new Department of Homeland Security.

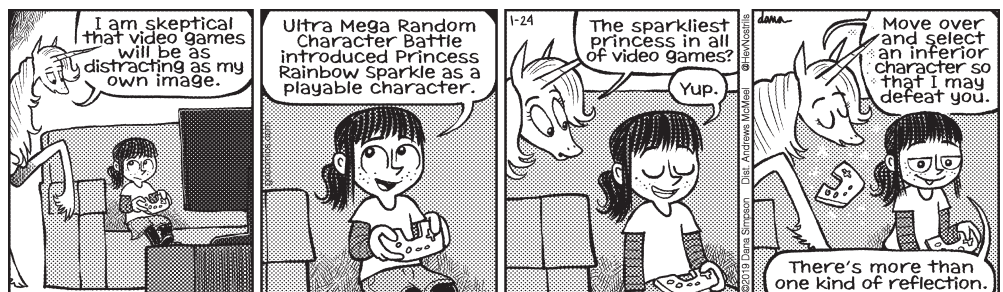
Today's Birthdays: Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 83. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 80. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 78. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 69. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 68. South Korean

President Moon Jae-in is 66. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Theo Peoples is 58. Olympic gold medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sleepy Brown (Society of Soul) is 49. Actor Matthew Lillard is 49. Actress Merrilee McCommas is 48. Blues/rock singer Beth Hart is 47. Actress Christina Moses is 41. Actress Tatyana Ali is 40. Rock musician Mitchell Marlow (Filter) is 40. Actress Carrie Coon is 38. Actor Justin Baldoni is 35. Actress Mischa Barton is 33.

Thought for Today: "To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to have changed often." — Winston Churchill (1874-1965).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

