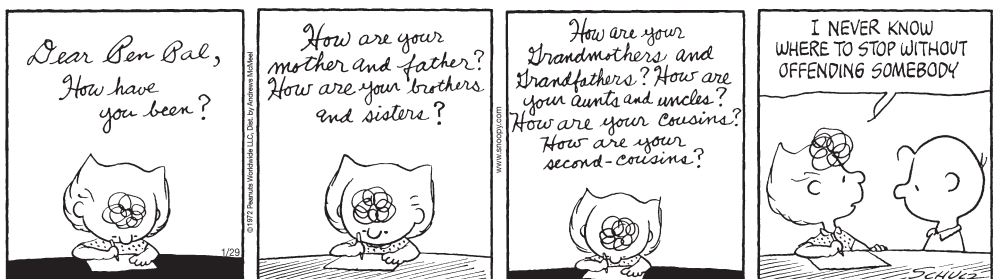


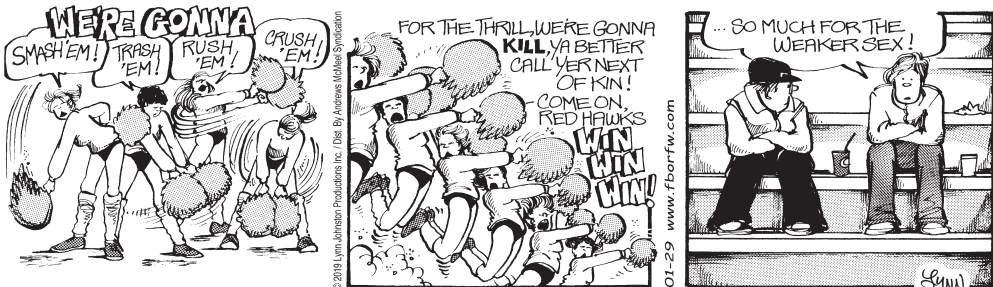
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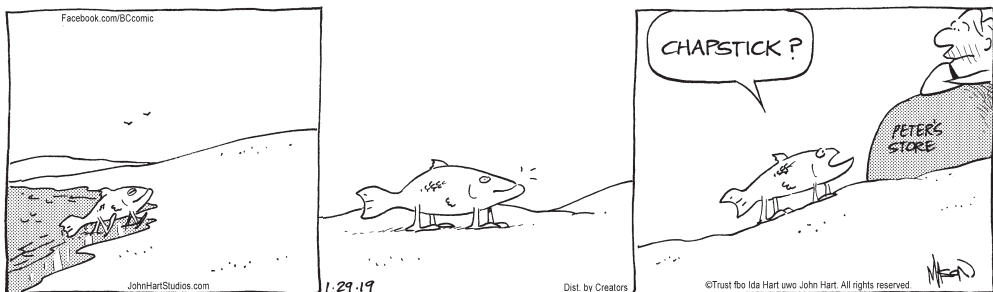
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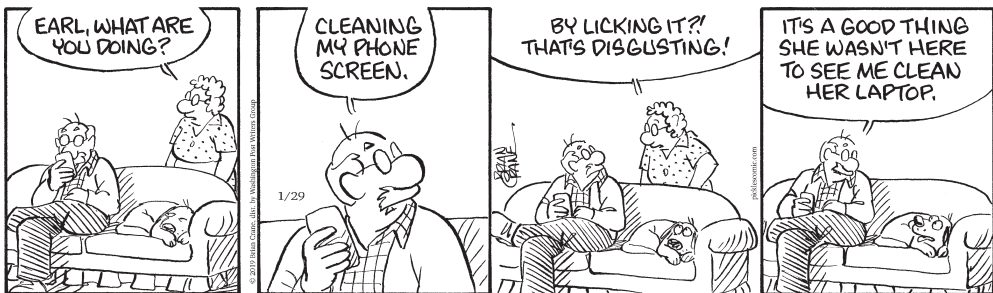
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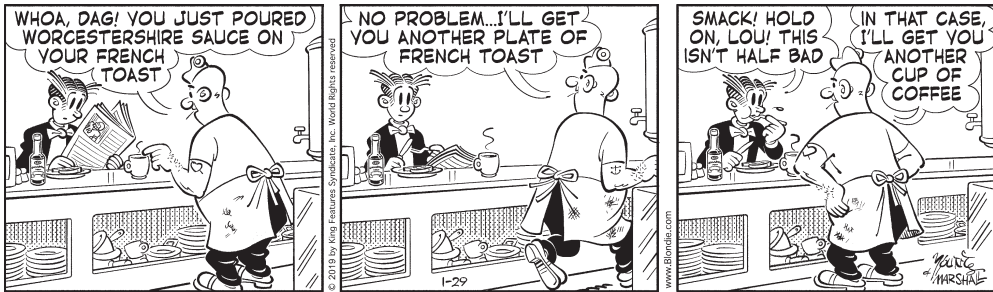
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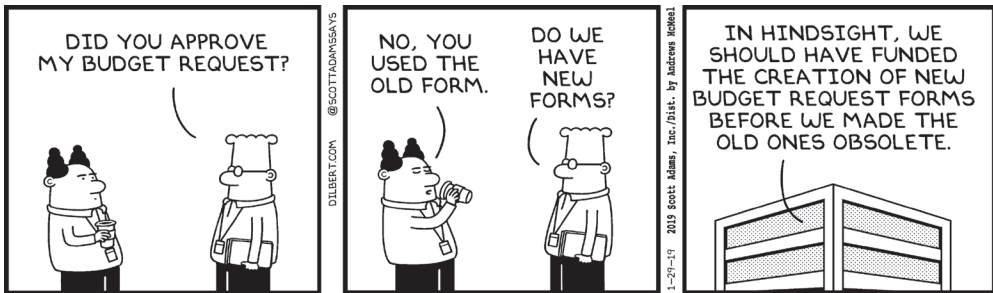
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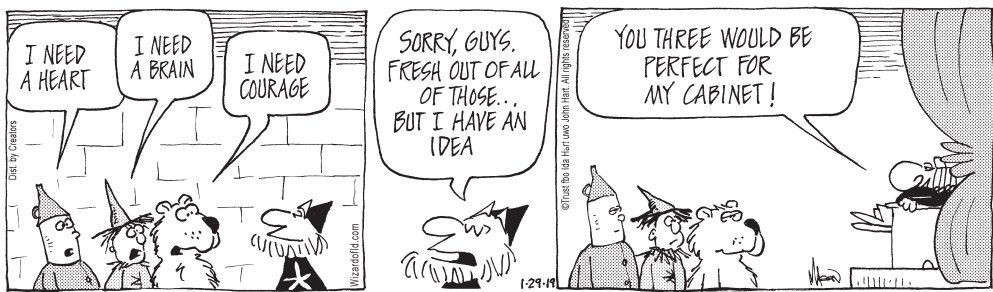
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DEAR ABBY

Overserved party guest hides mishap on sofa under pillows



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: We need some advice. Recently we hosted our annual holiday party and invited all of our neighbors and friends. Our invitation stated that the party would run between 5 and 11:30 so our guests could also attend other parties that might be going on at the same time. As our party was winding down, it was noticed that one of our guests — who had been at a previous party — had wet themselves on our sofa and covered the spot up with throw pillows. We served wine, punch, etc. at our party, but this couple arrived pretty tipsy already. In the future, should we just not invite these neighbors? We are very distressed about this. What do you suggest? — Oops! in the Midwest

ents understand? — Away From Everything

Dear Abby: You stated that you worked hard to get into this school, but you miss being with your friends back home. The quality of education you are now receiving will prove very important when you are getting ready for college. It's possible that with some help you can make new friends at this school. Stop crying alone and talk about your feelings with a trusted teacher or administrator. I'm sure it won't be the first time the person has heard something like this, and the input you receive could prove helpful.

Dear Abby: I work at a job that requires I call several businesspeople each day. Often I need to leave a voicemail message. It has become more and more common for voicemail greetings to say, "I will call you back at my earliest convenience." I find this very off-putting and rude, as if my call is an intrusion and they will call back "when-ever." I think the word "convenience" is best used when offering it to someone else, as in, "Call me at your earliest convenience." I always try to return phone calls promptly, whether it's convenient or not. Am I just old-fashioned or what? — Not So Convenient in Sacramento

Dear Abby: I am a boarding school student, and I absolutely hate it here! I worked hard to get in, and I realize how lucky I am to have been accepted, but I just want to go home and go to school at my public high school with all of my friends and my brother. My friends understand, but my parents think I'm over-exaggerating. I am sad all the time, and I cry at least once a day. How do I approach this to help my par-

Dear Oops!: The guilty party should have owned up to what happened and offered to pay for having your couch professionally cleaned rather than try to cover it up. If you are 100 percent sure it was one particular couple, not inviting them to more gatherings would absolutely guarantee that it won't happen again. P.S. Covering your furniture in waterproof slipcovers when you entertain a crowd may be something you might want to consider in the future.

Dear Not So: The individuals you are calling have the right to put any message they wish on their voicemail greeting. He or she may be on another business call or away from the office. The voicemail message is not being addressed to you personally. You are old-fashioned. You also appear to be overly sensitive, and I think, for your own sake, you should get over it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 28-29, 1919

Many of the Troop D men who left Pendleton early in the fall of 1917 are now sojourning on the river Rhine in Germany, being stationed at Coblenz, as members of Battery D, 148th field artillery. A letter received at Patriotic Service League headquarters from Eddie Lannings, who left Pendleton with the troop, says most of the Troop D boys are together, excepting those in the hospital with influenza. The people of Coblenz seem glad the American soldiers are there and treat them well.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 28-29, 1969

Serious drifting in some places caused the closure of Pendleton public schools today. Drifting snow on some hills in Pendleton and especially in the Despain Gulch and Holdman areas resulted in the closure. Some problems were encountered getting students home last night. Thirty to 50 children made it home from school Monday

thanks to parents and other people with four wheel drive rigs. Some Pendleton school buses, unable to get through roads north of Highway 395, turned around and took the children to the Hawthorne multi-purpose room. As to when schools would open again, Superintendent Ellis "Bud" Neal said, "I guess we'll just have to wait and see what conditions are like in the morning."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 28-29, 1994

Michelle and Frank Rios like the fact that house payments on their new home are going toward building a home for another family under the Habitat for Humanity program. They moved into their home on Southeast Sixth Street in Hermiston a week and a half into the new year. Before then, Michelle, her two children and her brother, Frank, and his two children lived with family in cramped rentals. The Rios' new home was the first built in Hermiston by the Oregon Trail Chapter of the International Habitat for Humanity. The program also has completed a home in Pendleton.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 29, 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1820, King George III died at Windsor Castle at age 81; he was succeeded by his son, King George IV.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's famous narrative poem "The Raven" ("Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary...") was first published in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1863, the Bear River Massacre took place as the U.S. Army attacked Shoshone in present-day Idaho.

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which

launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1963, poet Robert Frost died at age 88.

In 1975, a bomb exploded inside the U.S. State Department in Washington, causing considerable damage; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility.

In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, killing a security guard and critically injuring a nurse. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

In 2002, in his first State of the Union address, President George W. Bush said terrorists were still threatening America.

Today's Birthdays: Writer-composer-lyricist

Leslie Bricusse is 88. Feminist author Germaine Greer is 80. Actor Tom Selleck is 74. Rhythm-and-blues/funk singer Charlie Wilson is 66.

Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 65. Actor Terry Kinney is 65. Rock musician Johnny Spampinato is 60.

Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis is 59. Rock singer-musician Roddy Frame (Aztec Camera) is 55.

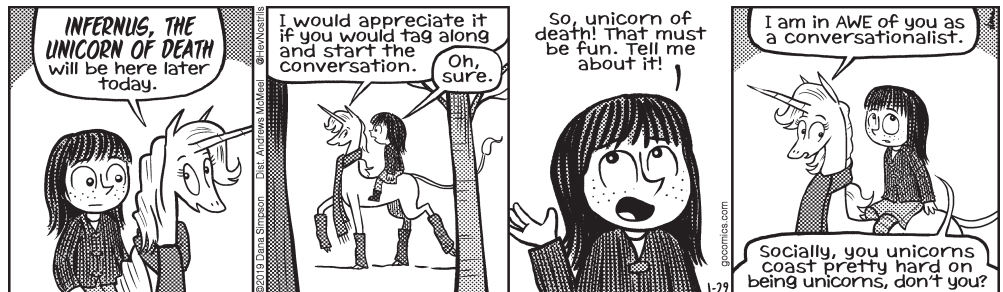
Actor-director Edward Burns is 51. Actor Sharif Atkins is 44. Actor Sam Jaeger is 42. Writer and TV personality Jedediah Bila is 40.

Actor Andrew Keegan is 40. Pop-rock singer Adam Lambert ("American Idol") is 37.

Thought for Today: "Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired." — Robert Frost, American poet (born 1874, died this date in 1963).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

