

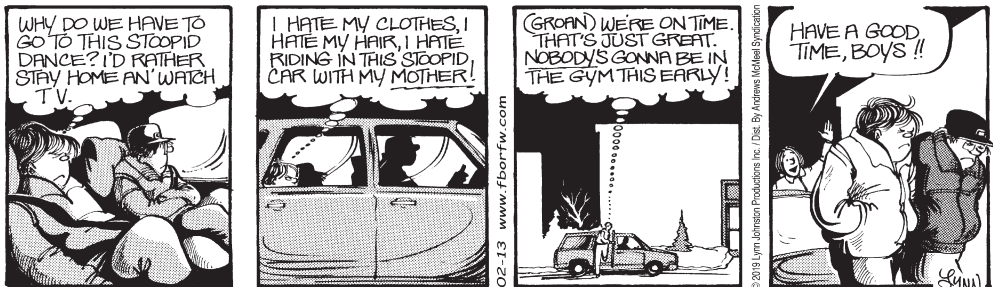
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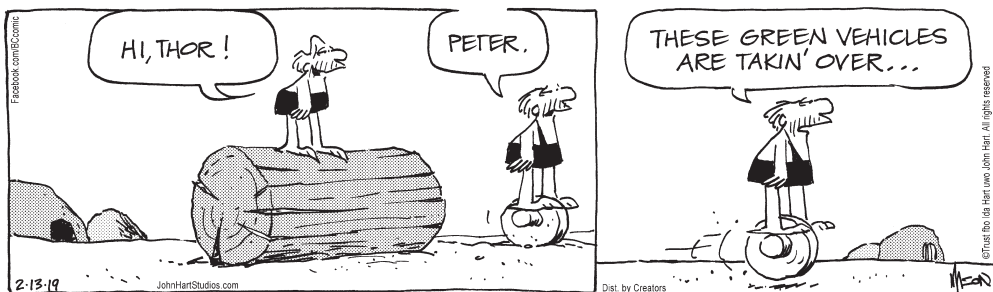
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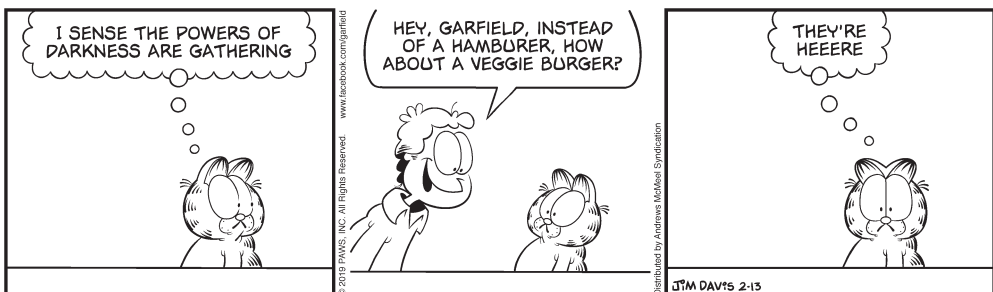
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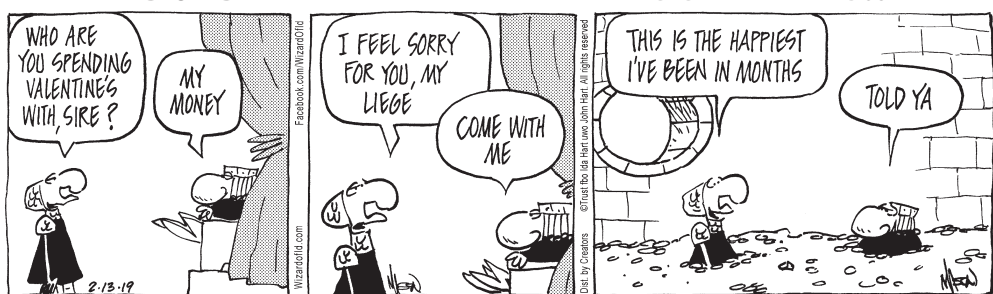
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DEAR ABBY

May-December romance trips on question of having children

Dear Abby: I'm a 67-year-old single white man. My girlfriend is 21 and African-American. We have been together a year and a half and are deeply in love. We have lots of fun together and go out and do things.



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When we are out together, people often stare at us. She's very attractive and turns heads. I tell her everyone is looking at her because she is so beautiful, but that's probably not totally true.

We want to be together, but I'm reluctant. The love feels good and true, but the rest is scary.

We would like to have children, but she wonders if there is any risk in having a child with me. We have tried to break up, but we missed each other so much we got back together. We have a very active sex life. Do you have any advice? — Uncertain in Ohio

Dear Uncertain: People may stare because of the large discrepancy in your ages or because they aren't used to seeing interracial couples. Because you are concerned about how things will play out if the two of you decide to start a family, it would be wise to get genetic counseling because of your age. While 67 isn't over the hill, the decision to embark on starting a family at that age may depend upon your overall health and the life expectancy in your family.

Dear Abby: Our friend recently got engaged to someone who is, well, terrible! This is her first real relationship. They moved in together and got a dog within six months.

He's a lot older than she is, emotionally manipulative and abusive. Before they got together — a couple of months after his previous fiancée broke their engagement — she talked constantly about how desperate she was for a boyfriend. Long story short, she was looking for love, and he appeared.

We're not the only ones worried for her. We have spoken with several mutual friends. We all have the same concerns but are afraid to approach her about them. He has damaged her professional and personal relationships and essentially clipped her wings.

She was a bright, kind and ambitious person with wonderful dreams before she settled for him. She has lost herself in this relationship, and we don't know what to say to her, if we should say anything at all. Help! — Nervous in the Northwest

Dear Nervous: While it may be tempting, resist the urge to drift away from her because of him. Rather than remain silent, you and the others should point out the impact her fiancé has had on her professional relationships. If he is as you describe, she may eventually learn for herself why his previous fiancée didn't marry him. And when that happens, she may need all the support you all can give her.

Dear Abby: Five years ago, my 26-year marriage ended in divorce. I am now in a wonderful new relationship. Do I have an obligation to inform my ex of my new status? — Debbie in the East

Dear Debbie: Heck no! Let your children do it for you.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 13, 1919

Mrs. Charles F. Daniels, wife of the well known Pendleton farmer, probably holds the record for correspondence with soldier and sailor boys.

During the war she has kept up correspondence with 98 different Umatilla county boys in the service and has written more than 1700 letters to them. During the past 12 months she has written an even thousand letters and sent 898 packages.

Mrs. Daniels was prompted to take up this form of service through the fact that her own son, Francis Daniels, is in the service and had written of how letters were appreciated and of how some of the boys had no one to write to them.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 13, 1969

Plans for much needed additional parking space in the north business district of Milton-Freewater came to a halt with receipt of a letter from the State Traffic Control Board refusing to approve the proposal,

city manager Henry Schneider told the city council Monday night. In refusing permission to make Robbins Street two-way and N. Main one-way, the board said the streets were too narrow and the condition of paving was poor on both these and intersecting streets. The letter also pointed to 15 daily train movements in summer along Robbins Street.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 13, 1994

The five-year-old daughter of a missing Pendleton woman saw her father kill her mother, according to police testimony last month in a child custody hearing.

Phil Arnold, an Oregon State Police detective, testified the girl told investigators: "Daddy shot Vickie in the ditch, Vickie's dead. He put her in the ground."

Authorities have confirmed that the girl's father — LuRay Batterton — is the chief suspect in the disappearance and possible murder of his wife, Vickie Batterton, who has been missing since October of 1992. The girl told officials her father threatened to spank her if she talked about it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 13, 2016, Justice Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the U.S. Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79.

In 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy, and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots.

In 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann

guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

In 1974, Nobel Prize-winning Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov.

In 1996, the rock musical "Rent," by Jonathan Larson, opened off-Broadway.

In 2013, beginning a long farewell to his flock, a weary Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his final public Mass as pontiff, presiding over Ash Wednesday

services inside St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

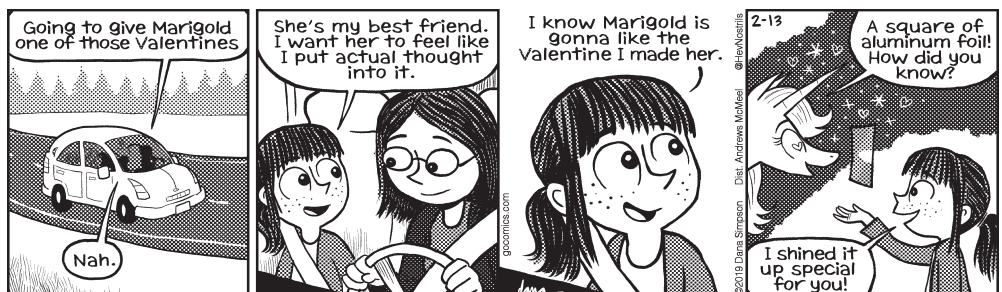
In 2017, President Donald Trump's embattled national security adviser, Michael Flynn, resigned following reports he had misled Vice President Mike Pence and other officials about his contacts with Russia.

Today's Birthdays: U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (ret.) is 96. Actress Kim Novak is 86. Actor George Segal is 85. Singer-musician Peter Tork (The Monkees) is 77. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 75. Rock singer Matt Berninger (The National) is 48.

Thought for Today: "The world has no sympathy with any but positive griefs; it will pity you for what you lose, but never for what you lack." — Anne Sophie Swetchine, Russian-French author (1782-1857).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

