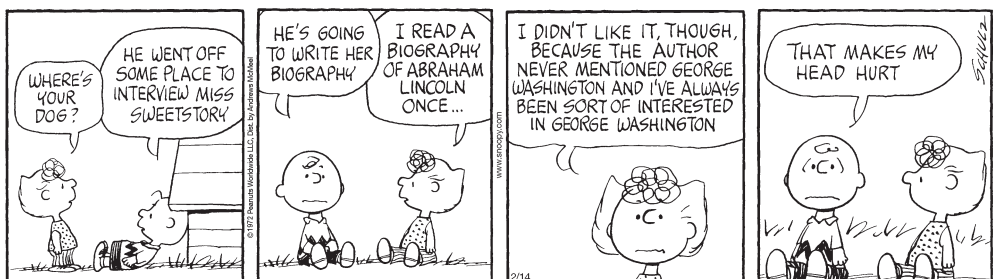


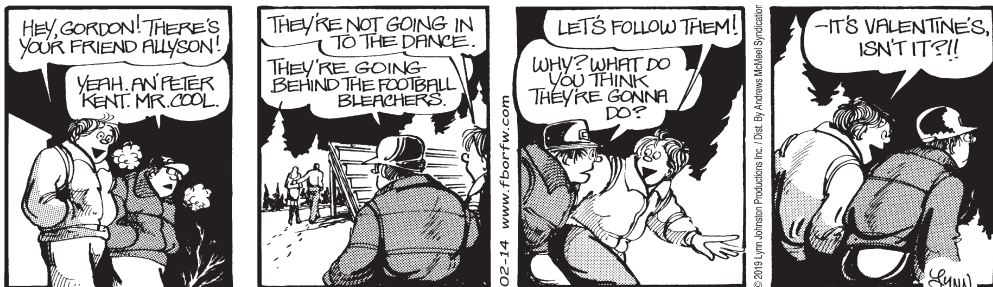
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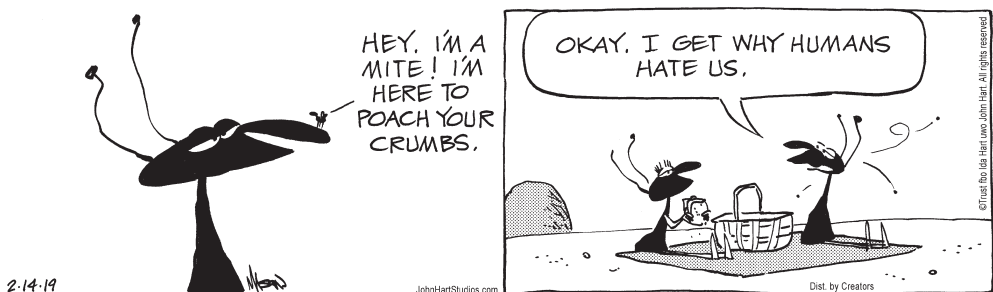
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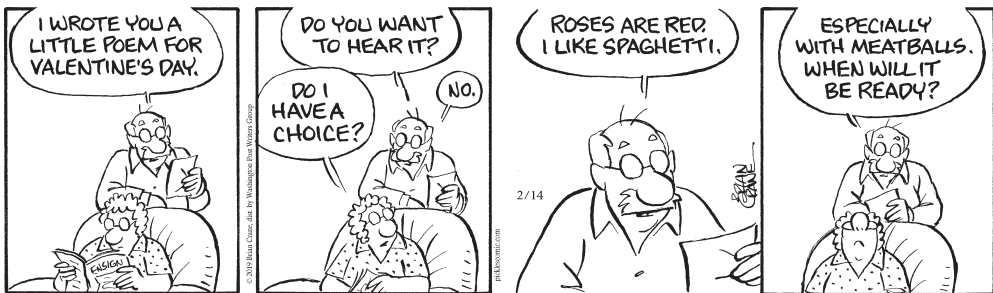
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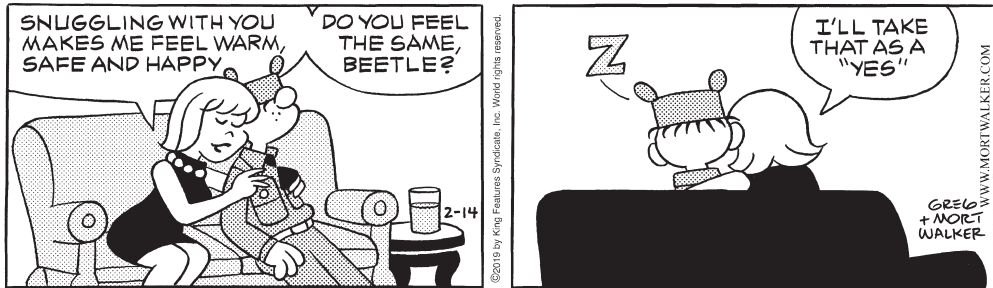
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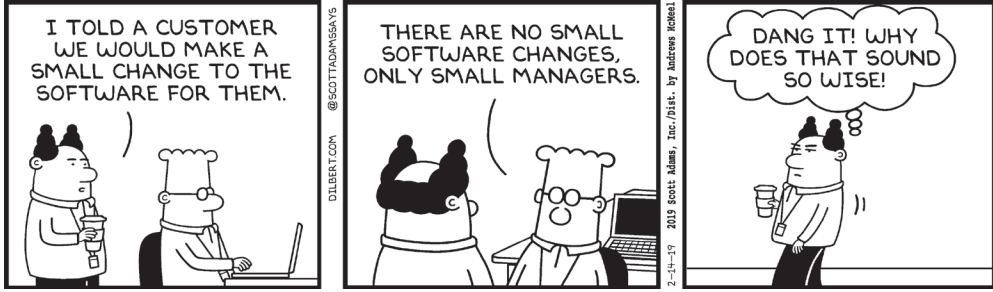
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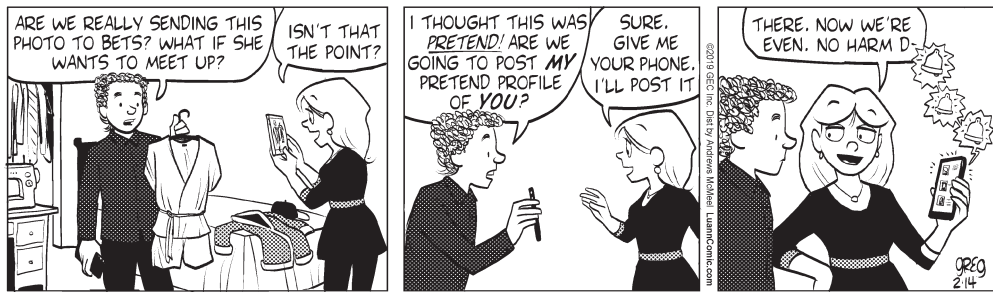
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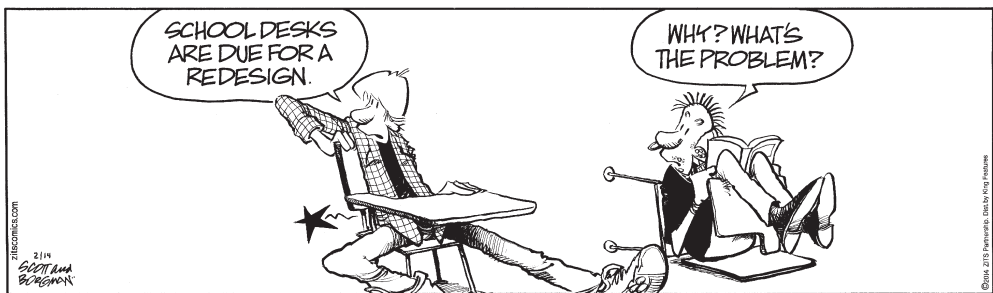
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DEAR ABBY

Lovers aren't the only ones who celebrate Valentine's Day

Dear Abby: Valentine's Day is here and, to be honest, I don't know much about St. Valentine. So I wonder if he meant the day to only be about lovers.

Is there any reason I shouldn't send valentines to my friends? Why should anyone feel bad because they're not "with" someone? If you love and/or care about a person, can't you send them a box of chocolates, a card or some flowers? It seems to me this should be a time of year you can let a buddy know you appreciate him, or let your brother, cousin, sister, neighbor or co-worker know you care.

It doesn't have to be mushy. Happy Valentine's Day to you, Abby! — Tim in Syracuse

Dear Tim: Valentine's Day may have started as a celebration of romance and romantic love, but it has broadened to acknowledge other kinds of love and affection. There's absolutely no reason you cannot celebrate the way you described.

Happy Valentine's Day to you, Tim, and to all my readers, for whom I have great appreciation and affection.

Dear Abby: My brother is a 59-year-old widower. He has dated a few women over the years, and he's very afraid of being alone.

The woman he is with now has made it clear that she is with him because he can provide financial security for her. She's pushing him to move in together and get married, but only after he sells his house and buys a new one. She said she could never live there because his deceased wife lived there. However, she is unable to contribute anything financially, so this would all be out of his pocket. He looks past all of this.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

I have told him I'm worried about her using him for his money, but he doesn't want to hear it. How can I get through to him? — Wise Sister in Pennsylvania

Dear Sister: You obviously can't. However, his lawyer might be able to deliver that message more effectively than you. This is why you should strongly encourage him to have a talk with his lawyer before he sells his house or formalizes his arrangement with this lady, who has made her objectives crystal clear.

Dear Abby: My father passed away after a long illness four months ago. I lived in the same building as my parents, but a different apartment. (I still do.)

Obviously, I encounter other tenants in the public areas of the building. Since my father's death, most of them have asked me how my mother is doing. However, no one has ever asked me how I am doing.

Frankly, it's very hurtful. Dad was getting hospice care at home, so I experienced his decline and finally the loss. Why does no one care to offer me any words of sympathy? — Still Grieving

Dear Still Grieving: When there is a death, many people are uncomfortable. They don't mean to be insensitive; they simply don't know what to say to the grieving relatives.

I assume that your mother and father are/were elderly. The death of a spouse after many decades of marriage can be so traumatic that the partner goes into a decline. Your neighbors may assume that because you are younger and stronger, that you are more resilient and therefore are doing fine. Please don't hold the fact that they haven't asked how you are doing against them.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 14, 1919

In the "double-header" basketball game held yesterday afternoon at the high school the class honors were evenly divided, the girls of the sophomore and senior classes defeating those of the junior and freshman classes by a score of 13 to 4, while the boys of the two latter classes defeated the seniors and sophomores with a score of 16 to 13. The girls' game was refereed by Miss Margaret Crim and was an easy victory for the seniors. The game was fast and Miss Marjory Ireland of the senior class was the star hooper. The first half of the boys' game was refereed by Mr. Crewes, head of the commercial department, while during the second half, Holman Ferrin acted in the same office.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 14, 1969

Charles Kik, Hermiston, has announced the sale of the Umatilla Speedway, Inc., to Jim Anderson, owner of an auto race track in Lewiston, Idaho, known as Banana Belt Racing, Inc. Anderson said this week that

he plans to operate both facilities. The new Umatilla Speedway owner is a former race car driver, and he says he owned the first race car in Lewiston, purchased in 1951. He competed through 1958, and bought the Lewiston quarter-mile track in 1966. Kik opened the Umatilla Speedway in 1967, which he rates as the finest and largest facility of this kind in Eastern Oregon.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 14, 1994

On the verge of retiring from a 23-year career in law enforcement, Umatilla County Sheriff Jim Carey looked back last week on the improbable beginning of a career he discovered late but loved completely. Carey, 58, is retiring on doctor's orders before his term expires in 1996. Two heart bypass operations in 1991 failed to repair a clogged artery in his heart, and recently he has felt its effects again. A few weeks ago, his doctor told him that under no circumstances can his heart rate exceed 90 beats a minute — an order that Carey knew would be impossible to follow if he continued to live in a world of jail escapes, bomb threats and fatal car accidents at 2 a.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 14, 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Eliza Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

In 1913, labor leader Jimmy Hoffa was born in Brazil, Ind.; college football coach Woody Hayes was

born in Clifton, Ohio; sports broadcaster Mel Allen was born in Birmingham, Ala.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

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In 1984, 6-year-old Stormie Jones became the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh (she lived until 1990).

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is

98. Actor Andrew Prine is 83. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is 77. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 71. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 71. Actress Meg Tilly is 59. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 59. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 58. Rock musician Ricky Wolkling (The Nixons) is 53. Former NFL quarterback Drew Bledsoe is 47. Actress Danai Gurira is 41. Actor Matt Barr is 35. Actress Stephanie Leonidas is 35. Actor Freddie Highmore is 27.

Thought for Today: "To find a man's true character, play golf with him." — P.G. Wodehouse (1881-1975)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

