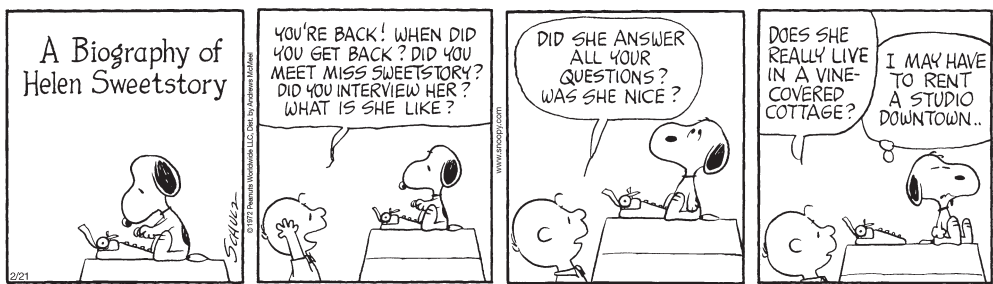


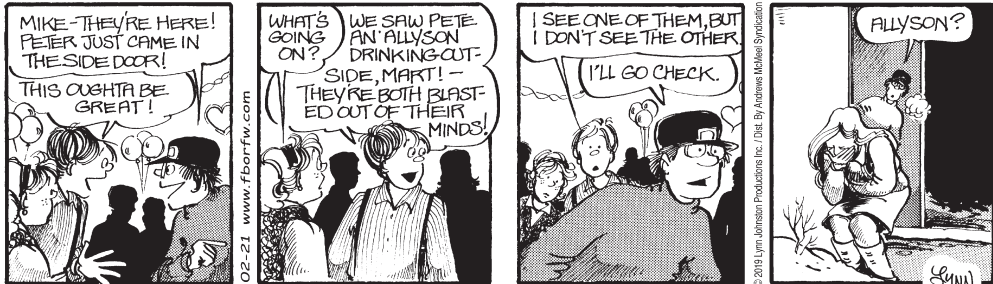
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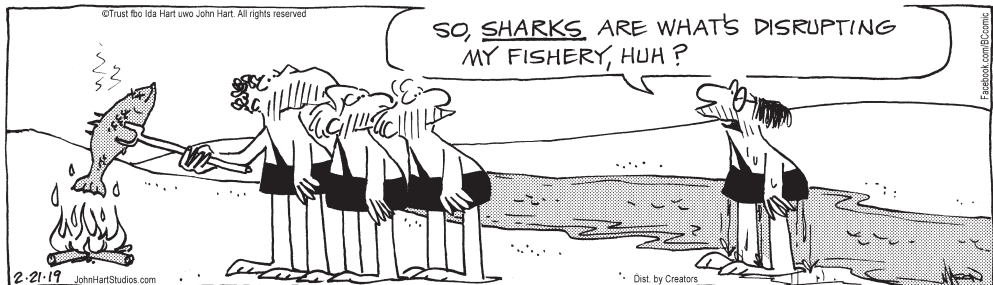
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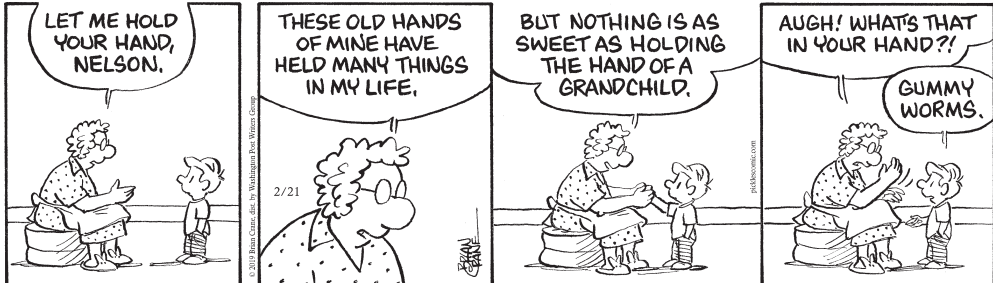
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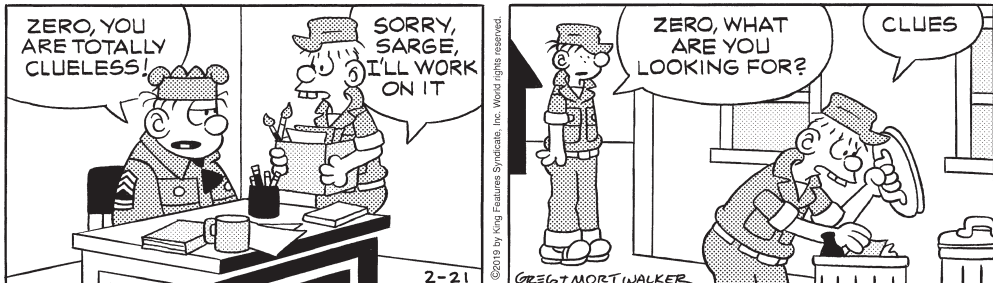
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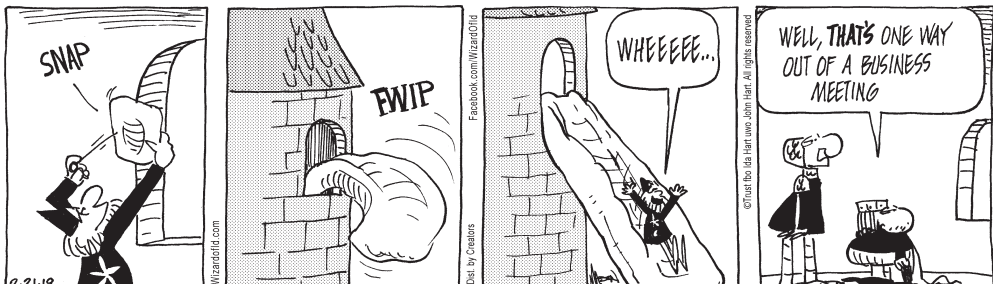
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DEAR ABBY

Son chooses to keep his social life out of his parents' view

Dear Abby: Our 22-year-old son stays with us. He has a part-time job and goes to school part-time. He is somewhat secretive. We don't know his friends or where he goes.

One day he brought a male friend over and they hung out in our guesthouse, drinking and playing video games. This went on for several hours and then the blinds closed. My husband wasn't comfortable with that, so he knocked on the door and went in to talk to them.

We have only met one girl that he dated and the male friend who was over. The friend did say he isn't interested in our son, that they are strictly friends. I don't think my husband should have quizzed our son in front of his friend.

Our son has a chip on his shoulder and an "I don't care attitude" about many things. He blames a lot of things on his ADHD. He acts like he can't multitask or concentrate on what he's supposed to do. He tries, but if he forgets to do something, he gets an attitude from time to time. I don't know what to think. — Frustrated in Washington

Dear Frustrated: I can't help but wonder if your husband would have been as curious (and intrusive) if your son had been entertaining a woman in the guesthouse.

Your son has been honest with you about his sexual orientation. He's an adult and should be entitled to privacy regardless of the gender of his companion. He has also been honest about his limitations because

of his attention deficit problem.

Unless he is breaking some rule that you and your husband have set in your home, what you should think is that your son is working, taking classes and trying his best to become independent. Perhaps if your husband is less heavy-handed with his questions, your son's attitude may improve.

Dear Abby: I have been in a relationship with someone for 11 months. He has custody of an 8-year-old son from a previous relationship. The mother hasn't been in the child's life for two years. His son knows I am his father's girlfriend and has seen us be affectionate with each other. He has also heard us say "I love you."

Lately, the boy has been saying "I love you" to me, and I am torn about how to respond. We have a good relationship, and I do care for him and his well-being, but I don't know how to respond when he says this. Do I say "I love you" back because I care for him, or should I not respond? I don't know if he's just mimicking what he sees or hears, but I also don't want to teach him that he shouldn't be open about his feelings. — Caught Off-Guard

Dear Caught: All children want to feel loved. Because you care about the boy, give him a hug and say you love him, too, and always will.

I do have one caveat, however. If your relationship with his father doesn't work out, it is very important that you and the child's dad talk to him and tell him that the breakup has nothing to do with him, that it is not his fault, and he (the boy) will always have a special place in your heart.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 21, 1919

Saving the lives of 100 men was one of the little things which Fred Geissell, of this city, did while in France instructing members of the 116th Engineers in the use of hand grenades, according to Sergeant Don Fisher, who returned from overseas this morning. Fred was giving instructions in grenading when someone accidentally dropped a grenade, timed to explode in two seconds, into a box of 50 others. All the men began a useless flight except Geissell, who seized the grenade and threw it to where it exploded harmlessly. Fisher says that Geissell is now in line for decoration for bravery.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 21, 1969

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer will start a series of four sex education classes for adults Tuesday, beginning in the parish hall at 7 p.m. "As parents who have been giving this whole matter some honest thought in the last three weeks," commented

Father Richard L. Payne, rector of the church, "we have concluded that we exercise considerable influence on our children, and that we need to get better prepared to do a better job. We believe that sex education is a part of our responsibility as Christians."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 21, 1994

The inmate who jumped from a third-floor stairwell at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution Friday was still hospitalized this morning, but a report on his condition was unavailable. Martin Maldonado, 30, is reportedly cooperating better with hospital staff and his injuries are not serious, according to EOCI Capt. Don Jackson. The extent of his injuries was unknown Friday at about 5 p.m. because Maldonado was being uncooperative and combative with hospital staff, according to George Baldwin, EOCI superintendent. Maldonado is the third inmate to jump from a stairwell at EOCI since last June. The other two inmates were both killed by their jumps.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 21, 1972, President Richard M. Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Beijing.

In 1613, Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.

In 1945, during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.

In 1958, the USS Gudgeon (SS-567) became the first American submarine to complete a round-the-world cruise, eight months after departing from Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

In 1965, black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot

to death in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. (Three men were convicted of murder and imprisoned.)

In 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up.

In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Albertville Olympics.

In 2000, Consumer advocate Ralph Nader announced his entry into the presidential race, bidding for the nomination of the Green Party.

In 2013, Drew Peterson, the Chicago-area police officer who gained notori-

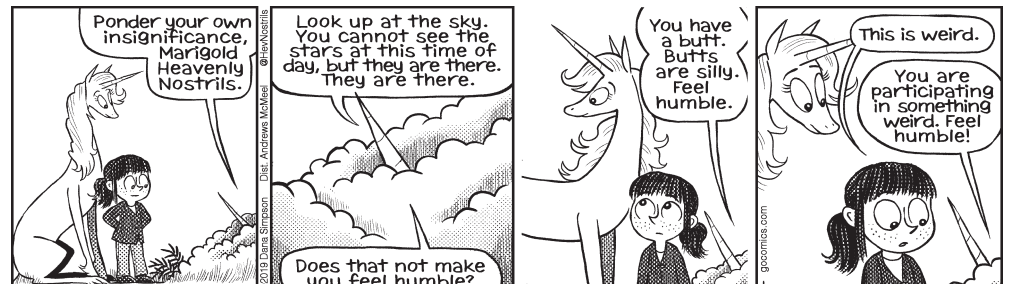
ety after his much-younger fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, vanished in 2007, was sentenced to 38 years in prison for murdering his third wife, Kathleen Savio.

Today's Birthdays: Former Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe is 95. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 86. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 79. Actress Tyne Daly is 73. Tricia Nixon Cox is 73. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 64. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 61. Singer Rhiannon Giddens (Carolina Chocolate Drops) is 42. Singer Charlotte Church is 33. Actress Sophie Turner is 23.

Thought for Today: "You owe it to us all to get on with what you're good at." — W.H. Auden, Anglo-American poet (born this date in 1907, died 1973).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

