

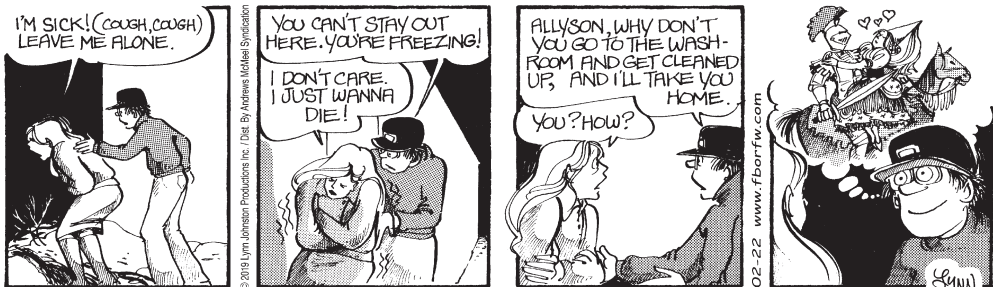
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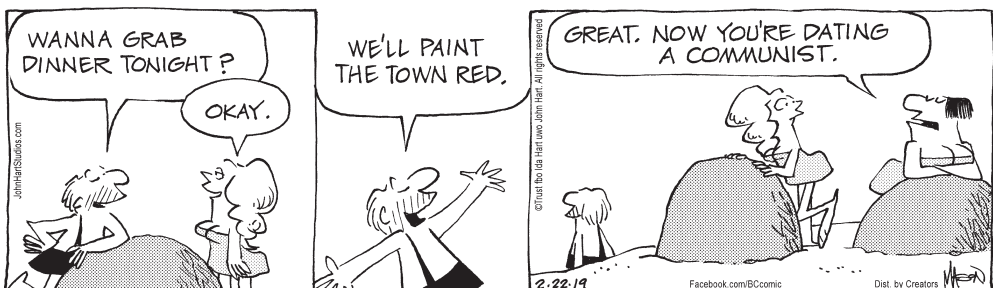
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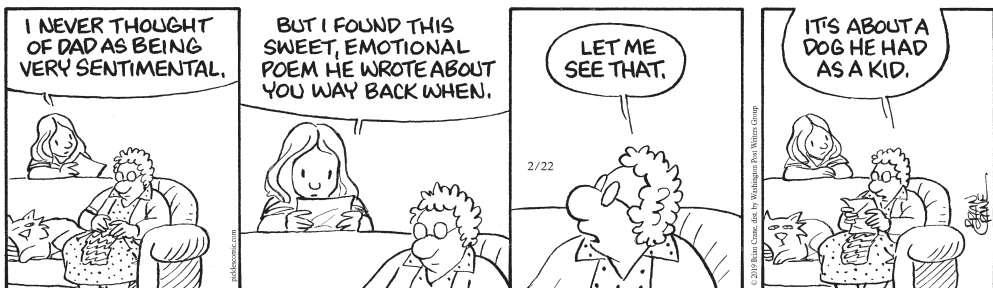
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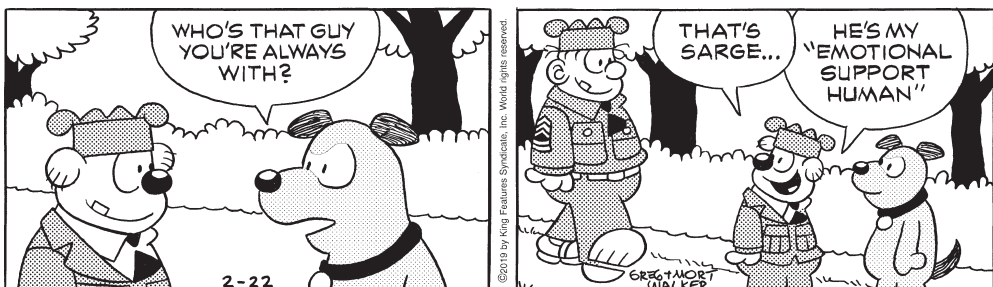
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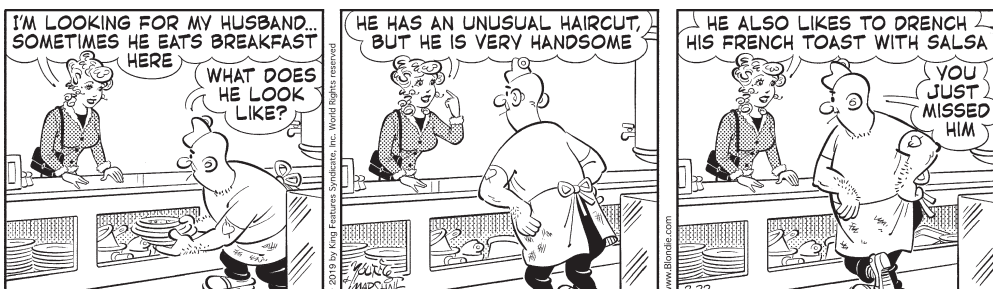
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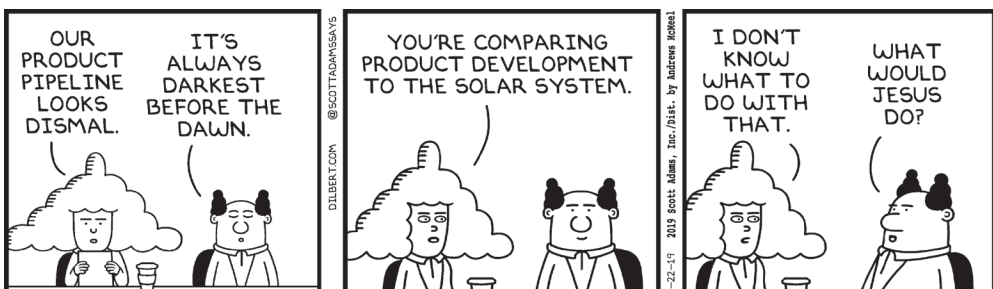
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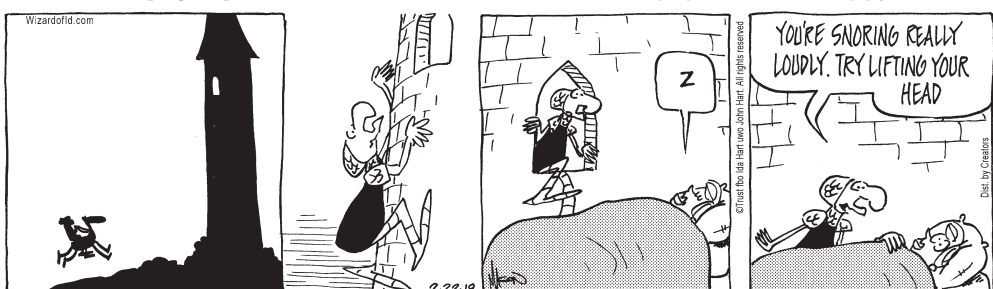
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DEAR ABBY

Sister suspects fiance caught flirting has much more to hide



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My youngest sister started dating a man and they quickly moved in together. Six months into their relationship she got pregnant and they got engaged. Their wedding is planned for this summer.

to pick up the chair, he began asking me about my dad's belongings. He wanted to look through Dad's tools and such. After making no attempt to contact Dad while he was alive, now that he's gone, my uncle had the nerve to ask to look through Dad's things?! I politely shut him down.

Recently she discovered he has been video-chatting with someone he met online. He admitted to flirting, apologized and promised that was the end of it. I have a strong suspicion that there have been other "situations" my sister is unaware of.

Since then, my aunt has been bad-mouthing me all over town, telling everyone "I dropped them" and "don't want anything to do with them." I suppose that's true under the circumstances, but what should I say to set the record straight without appearing as the bad guy? — "Orphan" in the South

Should I express my concerns to her and suggest postponing the wedding? Or should I keep my gut feelings to myself? I'm afraid she will get married and then find out what's really going on. — Big Sister in Massachusetts

Dear Orphan: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your parents, and the uncomfortable situation in which you now find yourself. Memorize the first paragraph of your letter to me and recite it verbatim when the subject of your relationship with your aunt and uncle comes up. Because it's a small town, the message will spread quickly, and you won't have to repeat it often.

Dear Big Sister: Be honest with your sister. Although I suspect that your gut feelings are accurate, whether she will believe it is debatable, but at least she will have been warned. If she does decide to stay with him, refrain from any "I told you so's." Recognize that whether she marries her fiance or not, she will forever be linked with him because of the baby.

Dear Abby: My husband and I want to go to Europe this summer, but we don't want to take his mother along. We have taken her on two holidays over the last two years and didn't enjoy either one for various reasons. She now expects to go with us on our international vacations, and we don't know how to tell her we prefer to go alone. Please help. — Holiday For Two

Dear Abby: After my mom passed away, my dad lived alone for three years until his death. During those three years, Mom's family not once made contact with him or me. Dad lived in a very small town. When he would see Mom's sister and her husband out and about in restaurants and stores, they would ignore him.

Dear Holiday: What your husband should say to his mother is, "Mom, my wife and I will be going to \_\_\_\_\_ for a few weeks in early August. We need an 'adventure' alone together, so we will not be asking you to join us." Period!

After Dad's death, my aunt contacted me asking if she could have a rocking chair that belonged to my mother. I agreed they could have it. To my shock, when my uncle arrived

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 22, 1919

Omar Olinger, the owner of a small store in the Blue mountains about 16 miles south of Milton and near Tanks, was murdered by an unknown party, his body being discovered yesterday by neighbors. The store had been pillaged and the telephone wires had been cut. Sheriff Taylor has a man in custody under suspicion but requests that his name be withheld. The body of Olinger was found buried beneath a manure pile. According to one report, A.C. Sprague and two Stark brothers, the men who first found the body, alarmed at not hearing or seeing Olinger for several days, went to the store to see what was the trouble. In looking around they followed tracks through the snow which was about two feet deep to the manure pile, where a foot of the man was found protruding from the manure.

a 76-year-old Pendleton man. The death was believed to be the first because of botulism in the state in 15 years. Laboratory tests showed the food poisoning came from a pumpkin pie. Officials said the pie was made from home-canned pumpkin and apparently was not adequately cooked. Insufficient refrigeration may have contributed to development of the poison, officials said. The man's name was not announced.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 22, 1994

A National Research Council report that favors incineration of chemical weapons has drawn criticism from a local citizens advisory group. Comments from the newly formed Chemical Demilitarization Citizens Advisory Commission at Hermiston are due to the Army early this week. They will be included in a report the Army will give Congress within 60 days. The Army plans to spend \$832 million to destroy Umatilla's stockpile, with construction beginning in the mid-1990s and operation extending beyond the year 2000.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 22, 1969

The Oregon State Board of Health has confirmed botulism was the cause of death of

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 22, 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly." (Dolly, however, was later put down after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.)

In November 1861.

In 1630, English colonists in the Massachusetts Bay Colony first sampled popcorn brought to them by a Native American named Quadequina for their Thanksgiving celebration.

In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1967, more than 25,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Junction City, aimed at smashing a Vietcong stronghold near the Cambodian border. (Although the communists were driven out, they later returned.)

In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a six-year term following his election

gladesh (formerly East Pakistan).

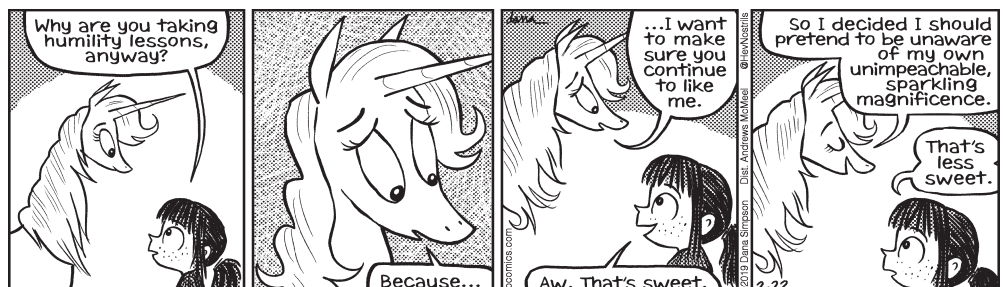
In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Paul Dooley is 91. Actor James Hong is 90. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 69. Former White House adviser David Axelrod is 64. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 56. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 53. Singer James Blunt is 45. Actress Drew Barrymore is 44.

Thought for Today: "Authority without wisdom is like a heavy ax without an edge, fitter to bruise than polish." — Anne Bradstreet, American poet (1612-1672).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

