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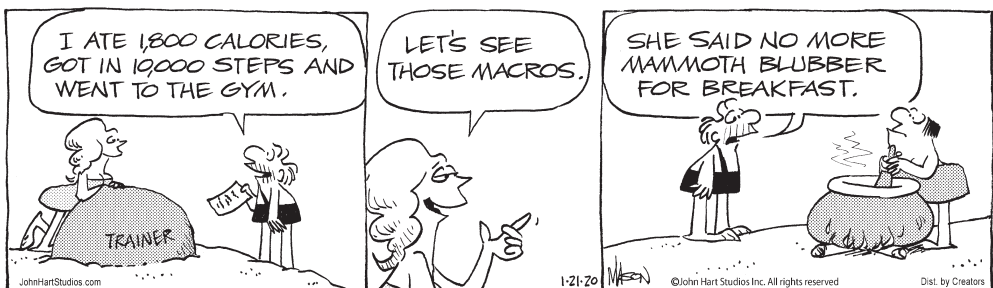
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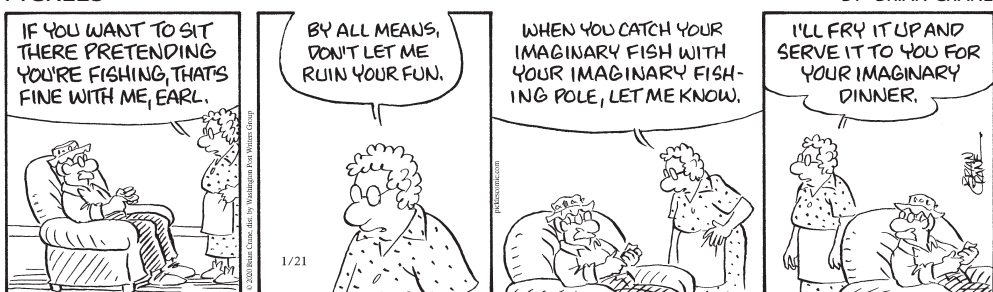
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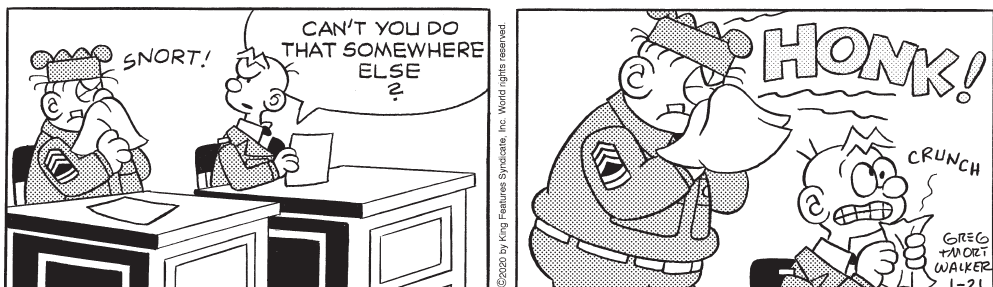
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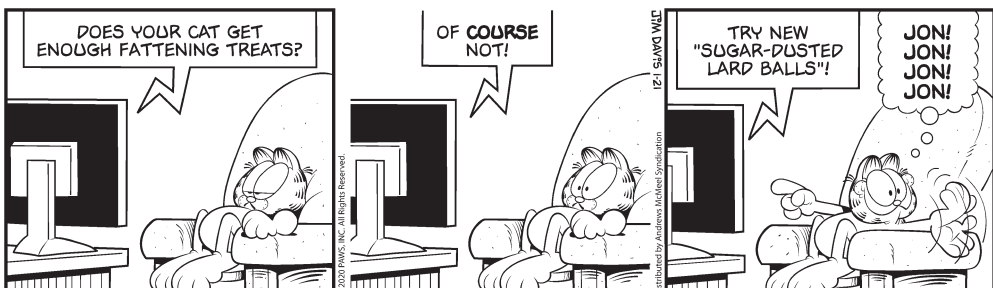
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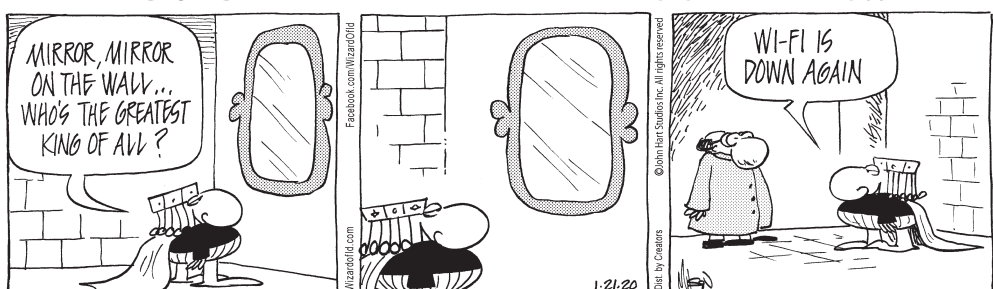
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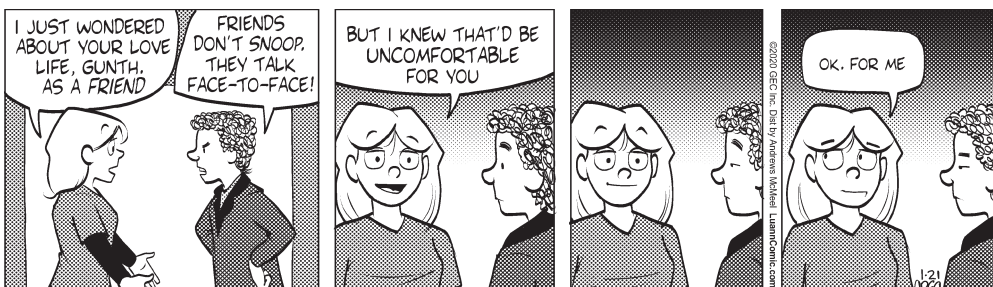
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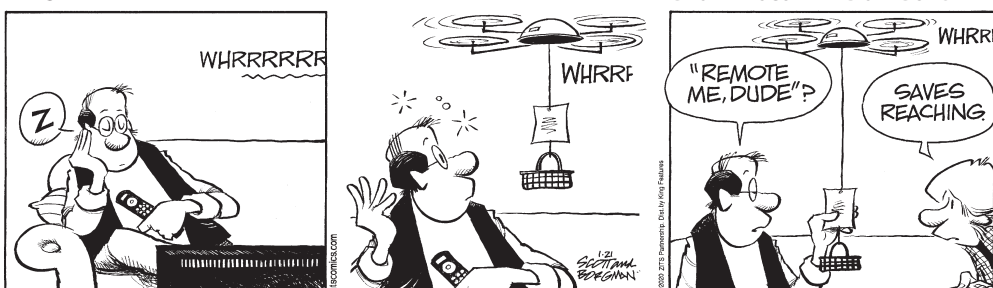
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DEAR ABBY

Man's low ambition casts shadow on couple's future



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have been dating a great guy for a year and a half. He's funny, smart, and when he comes to my house, he washes my dishes and plays with my son. He is attentive, and he cooks for me. He is always buying me little things like a desk coffee heater because he knows I love hot coffee, or smart bulbs that create cool colors in the living room. He's a super fun guy, and he often leaves sweet little notes around the house for me.

It appears that while the two of you care for each other, he simply cannot summon up the motivation to make the effort to better himself financially. Could you accept this in the long run? Is the status quo what you want forever? Bear in mind, if this man moves in, it will prevent you from finding a partner who is your equal in all ways.

The downside is, he has zero ambition, zero motivation and no life goals. We are in our early 30s, and I'm a professional with my own home. He lives in a small room in a house with two housemates. His job pays very little, but although he has few responsibilities, he has been very slow to look for other jobs.

sent thank-you notes to anyone. Some of our friends and family took time off work, traveled across the country, spent a lot of money on airfare, hotels, meals, as well as wedding gifts. I am mortified.

Abby, I have talked to him about our future. We both want to be together, but I told him I am not going to support him. We want to move in together, but he needs to be more financially stable. He needs to be my equal.

Abby, there were only 60 guests, so there were fewer than 30 thank-you notes to send. When I asked my son about it last week, he said they hadn't sent them because so much time had passed and it was too late. I told him it was inexcusable, and they need to get those notes written now because this is definitely a case of better late than never.

When we spoke, he agreed with me and the fact that he can do better. He promised he would be looking, but I have been waiting months to see a change in him and — nothing. Should I wait for him? Should I talk to him again? I want so much more, and I am not sure he can deliver. I don't want to stay just because my son loves him so much. What should I do? — Hopelessly Vexed

If they don't do it within the next week, I intend to contact my friends and family and thank them myself and apologize for their rudeness. My son was not raised to be ungrateful and rude. What do you think? — Furious in Arizona

Dear Hopelessly: I understand your position. You seem to want the whole package, and from what you have written, this person is not it. You should not have to support him, and he shouldn't expect it.

Dear Furious: What you have in mind may be well-intentioned, but it won't make up for your son and daughter-in-law's lack of courtesy. If they fail to contact the guests who made such an effort to attend their wedding, do not speak up on their behalf because it will only make them look worse.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 21, 1920

The sheriff last night captured five gallons of red wine at the residence of Albert Lacoti. This wine was securely placed under the floor, as if it had been a string of pearls of great price. The sheriff and his posse, however, have become experts at finding the ruby-colored liquor. No divining rod ever held by a water-witch ducked more promptly toward water than the official wand ducks toward the wine. It is a matter of \$150 with the judge.

against Bill Mayberry at 2:15 of the second round. Diminutive Henry Aslett set the fans hollering with his display of strength in his 117-pound bout with Pendleton's Scott Hudson. Aslett gained a 12-0 decision.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 21, 1970

The Republic of South Africa man-handled Pendleton High School for a 9-0 wrestling win Tuesday night. Grappling before about 300 fans in the Pendleton Armory the South Africans set the trend when Johnnie Van Der Walt, who wrestled twice, measured the Bucks' Pat Murphy 8-1. The only pin of the match went to South Africa's Jannie Tajaard, 109 pounds,

Students will have longer classes next year as Pendleton High School slices class time into 85-minute blocks instead of 48-minute blips. The proposed block schedule gives students nearly an hour and a half in each class, but classes meet only half as often. Like many local schools, Pendleton is trying out longer class periods as part of Oregon's Educational Act for the 21st Century. Although the act does not mandate stretching class time by alternating days, it has become popular in recent years as a way to accommodate an in-depth emphasis on education. Block schedules are of particular benefit to lab classes such as science and shop. More difficult is math.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 21, 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners whose states had seceded from the Union resigned from the U.S. Senate.

Henry Abbott was found guilty in New York of first-degree manslaughter in the stabbing death of waiter Richard Adan in 1981. (Abbott was later sentenced to 15 years to life in prison; he committed suicide in 2002.)

Dungy became the second when his Indianapolis Colts took the AFC title over the New England Patriots, 38-34.

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1994, a jury in Manassas, Virginia, found Lorena Bobbitt not guilty by reason of temporary insanity of maliciously wounding her husband John, whom she'd accused of sexually assaulting her.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jill Eikenberry is 73. Actor-director Robby Benson is 64. Actress Geena Davis is 64. Sen. Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 57. Actress Charlotte Ross is 52. R-and-B singer Marc Gay is 51. Actor John Ducey is 51. Actress Karina Lombard is 51. Singer-songwriter Cat Power is 48. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 44. Actor Jerry Trainor is 43. Actress Izabella Miko is 39. Actor Luke Grimes is 36. Actress Feliz Ramirez is 28.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1997, Speaker Newt Gingrich was reprimanded and fined as the House voted for the first time in history to discipline its leader for ethical misconduct.

Thought for Today: "I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate." — George Burns, American comedian (1896-1996).

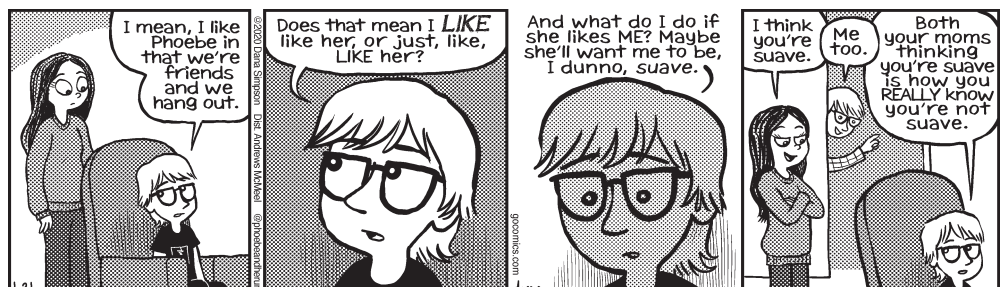
In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who proclaimed his innocence, served less than four years in prison.)

In 2007, Lovie Smith became the first black head coach to make it to the Super Bowl when his Chicago Bears won the NFC championship, beating the New Orleans Saints 39-14; Tony

In 1982, convict-turned-author Jack

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

