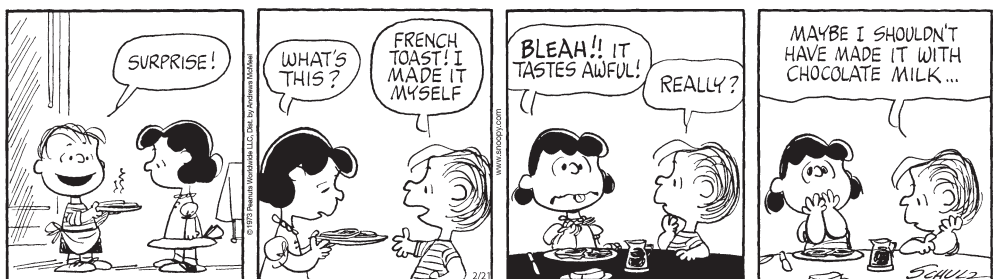


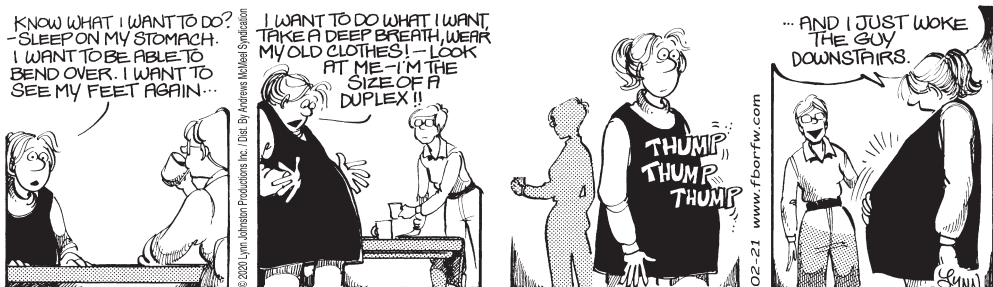
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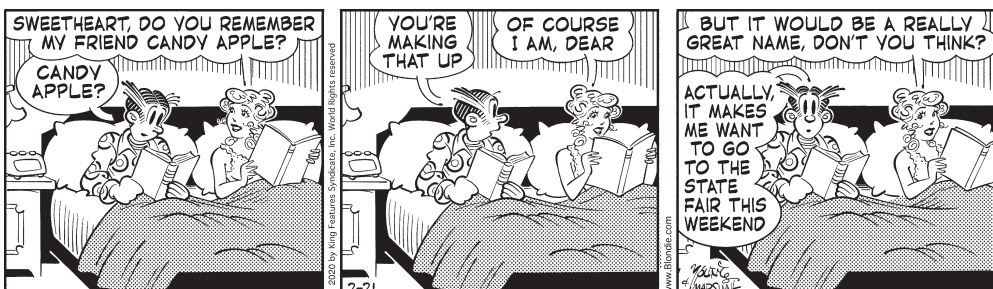
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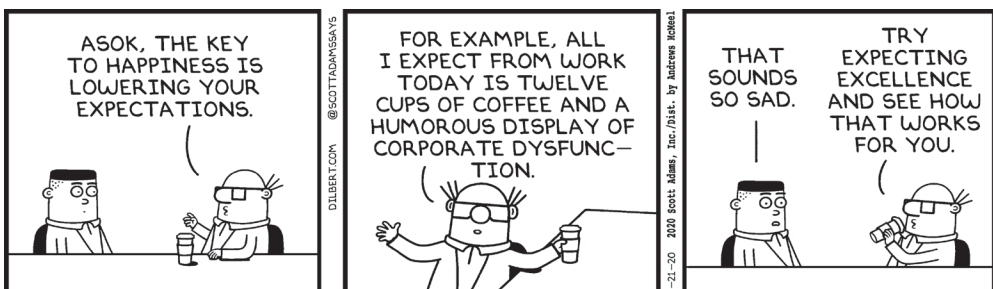
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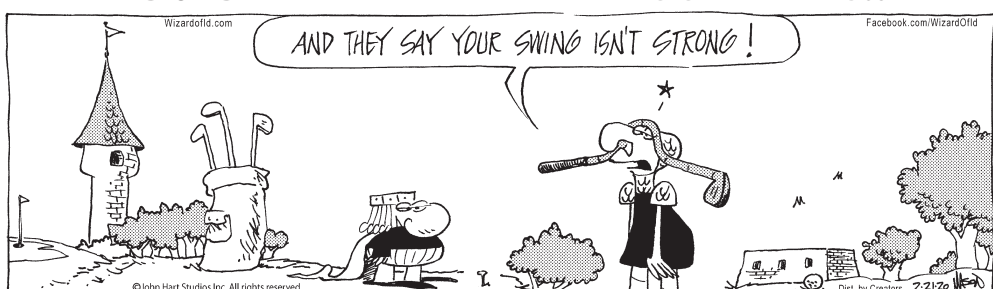
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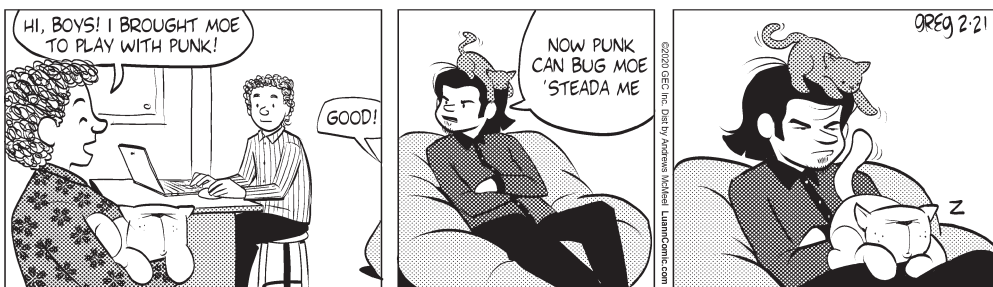
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DEAR ABBY

Daughter plans a wedding without a marriage license



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My daughter, "Heidi," is 39. She is successful, owns her own business and lives with her boyfriend of five years. I'll call him Rick. They have two beautiful boys, 3 and 18 months. She has decided to tie the knot with Rick with a nice, somewhat big wedding.

As Heidi has gotten older, she has been changing into a different person. She has become self-centered and controlling, and she puts Rick down cruelly at times. I think he's a good guy, but maybe just not for her. I really don't know because I stay out of their lives.

What's making me uncomfortable is, my daughter has told only me that she's doing all this wedding stuff without getting an actual marriage license. I don't even know if Rick is aware. I looked this up and saw that some people are now having what's called "commitment ceremonies." When I tried to talk to her about it, she became defensive, cut me off, and then sent me a long, nasty email. So now I just step back.

When I think of the guests (100 to 150), I feel she should be honest and call it what it is. We are presently not communicating because I won't respond to that kind of email. I won't argue with her. But I don't know where to go at this point. I'm worried about her state of mind. She is supposedly seeing a therapist, and a few weeks back I suggested she and Rick get marriage counseling. I would love to hear your thoughts. — Traditional Mom in the East

Dear Traditional Mom: Your daughter is an adult, and if you refuse to have anything to do with this charade, I would understand. When guests are invited to a "wedding," gifts

are expected. If it's a production that's only for show, the couple is committing fraud and taking advantage of the generosity of their guests.

When couples marry, they must first take out a marriage license, which both must sign. No license, no marriage. Unless your daughter's boyfriend is completely clueless, she won't be able to slip this by him. Although people do have commitment ceremonies these days, guests should be told that is what they will be witnessing, and both partners should agree on it.

Dear Abby: I have been married to a wonderful man for 20 years. It has been a pretty good marriage. I have tolerated a few of my family members' rudeness to me, although I have no problem speaking up when I need to, and my husband always defends me as well.

My father-in-law recently passed, and I adored him. For his wake, my two sisters-in-law made a slide show of his life with hundreds of family photos. There was not one single photo of my father-in-law and me. I feel it was the final straw. I have no more room in my heart and life for them. Am I being too sensitive? My husband hasn't spoken to them since the funeral. I really need your advice on this. — Picturing It Over in Texas

Dear Picturing It: I'm glad you asked. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of someone so close to your heart. But as close as you felt to him, your sisters-in-law had just lost their father. I'm sure they were (and are) grieving and didn't use his death as an opportunity to slight you. I sincerely hope you and your husband won't allow their oversight to cause a permanent rift in the family.

DAYS GONE BY

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

Leap year and a dozen maids last evening featured a merry affair for which Miss Lois Swaggart was hostess as a courtesy to her house guest, Miss Fay Price, of Milton. A progressive "rook" party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wheeler was shared by a dozen "beaux" whom the maids asked and escorted to the affair in strict accordance with leap year dictates. The party enjoyed a group of solos by the honored guest, who is an accomplished harpist. Adjourning from the supper tables the guests gathered for dancing. A feature of the evening was a Turkish solo dance given by Archibald Blakley in costume.

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

A delegation of 12 people including County Judge J. O. Burns and Condon Mayor Floyd LaRue were in Heppner Thursday to meet the Board of Directors of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, Inc. The meeting was an aftermath of a public meeting held in Condon last Sunday to protest the firing of Vernon Wilson, lineman-agent in Condon for the past four and one-half years. A number of questions and statements were made concerning the less than 30-hour notice given Wilson. The firing seemed to be the straw that broke

the camel's back. It brought to light a number of problems affecting consumers of the electric co-op. Among the complaints: low voltage blowing out television sets and other appliances, not enough personnel in the Condon area, and the fact that Gilliam and Wheeler counties combined only have four directors on the board while Morrow County has eight.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 21, 1995

Morrow County schools used to have more than enough. From teachers to textbooks, the rural one-country school district could count on the regular approval of levies that paid for it all. Now it has too little. Almost everything is on the line — teachers, entire academic programs — as the district struggles to keep itself financially afloat. To many it looks like the piece-by-piece dismantling of what they've worked for decades to build: a prosperous, productive school system. Morrow County has felt the state's budget knife slice through programs and personnel since the 1990 passage of Oregon's property tax limitation, Measure 5. "Our community likes our school. They want a comprehensive high school with the same opportunities and they've been willing to pay for that through property taxes," said Steve Dickenson, Heppner High School principal. "Now the state says we can't do that anymore."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 21, 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Halderman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2½ to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up (each ended up serving a year and a-half).

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 1964, the first shipment of U.S. wheat purchased by the Soviet Union arrived in the port of Odessa.

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

to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. (Three men were convicted of murder and imprisoned; all were eventually paroled.)

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

In 2018, A week after the Florida school shooting, President Donald Trump met with teen survivors of school violence and parents

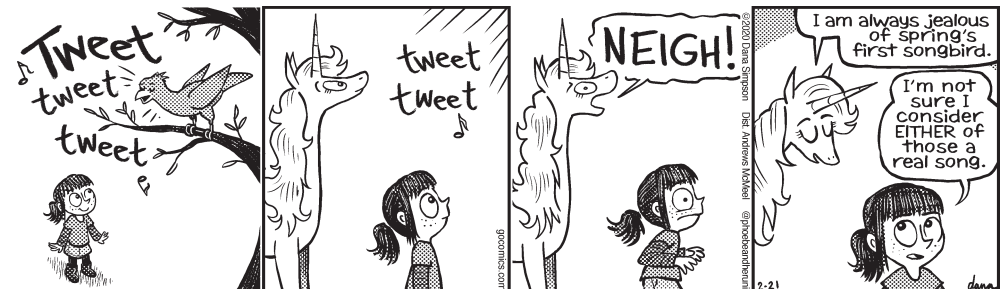
of slain children; Trump promised to be "very strong on background checks" and suggested he supported letting some teachers and other school employees carry weapons.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter McNery is 80. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 80. Actress Christine Ebersole is 67. Actor Kim Coates is 62. Actress Anjanue Ellis is 51. Comedian-actor Jordan Peele is 41. Actress Ellen Page is 33.

Thought for Today: "There is nothing more horrifying than stupidity in action." — Adlai E. Stevenson, American politician and diplomat (1900-65).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

