

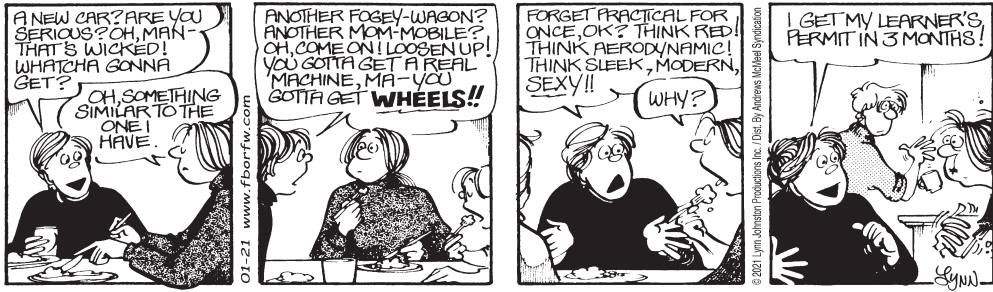
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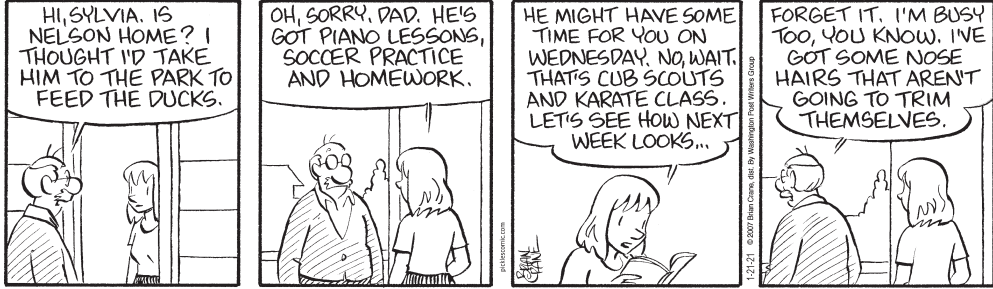
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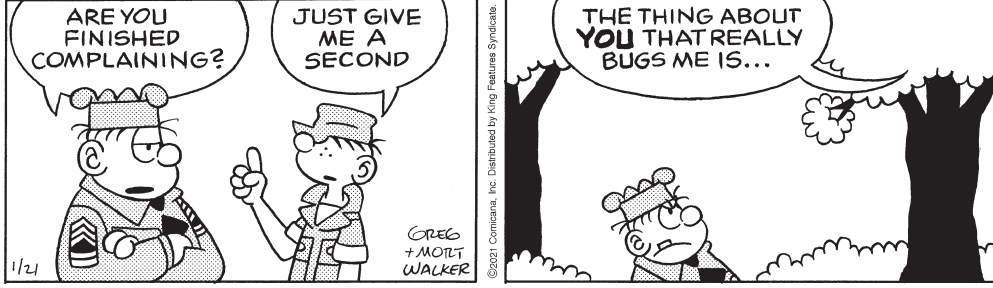
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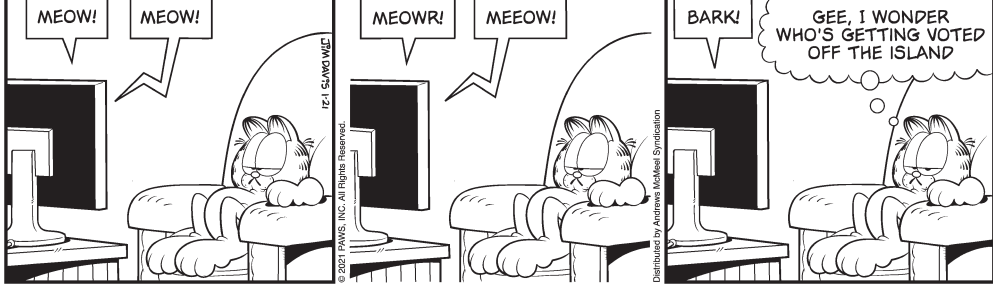


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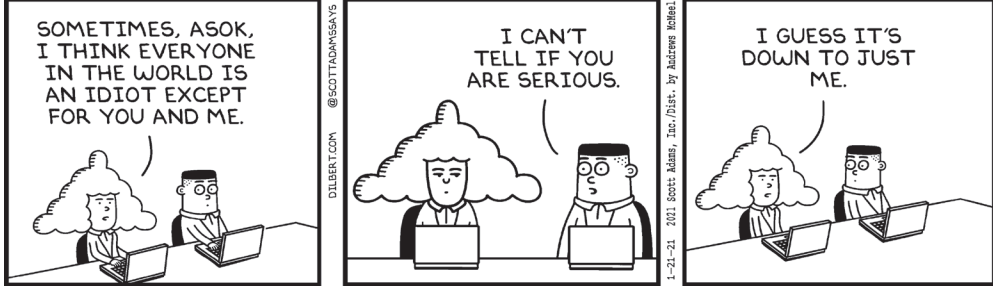
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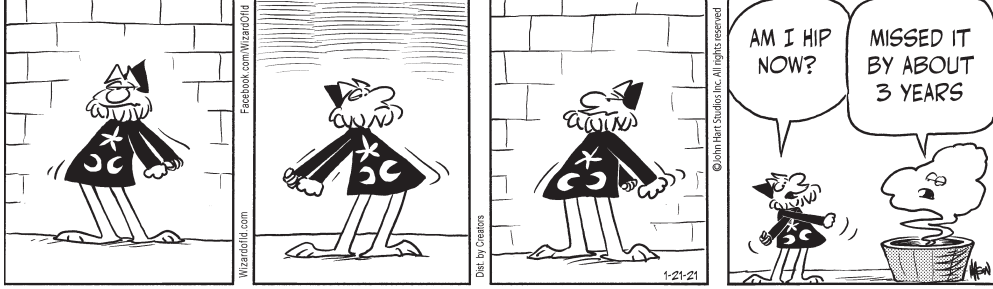
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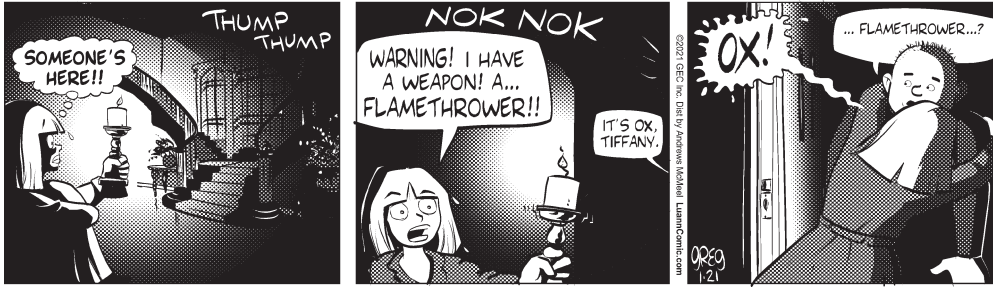
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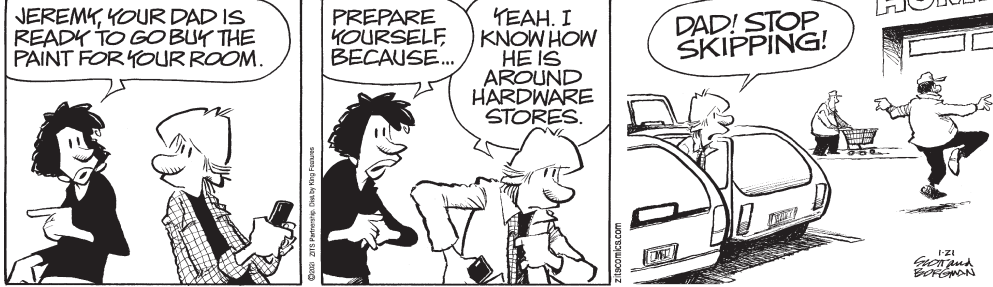
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BY GREG EVANS



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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Colleague refuses payment for help above and beyond



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My colleagues and I were recently notified that our company is closing next month. My work partner and I have collaborated closely for four years, and he's an expert at the software I need to know to get a job in my field. When I asked if he would give me a couple of lessons via Zoom, I was thinking it'd be about a three-hour commitment for him. But he was enthusiastic and designed a 20-plus-hour curriculum for me.

He keeps saying he doesn't want me to pay him, but I want to find an appropriate way to express my gratitude. What would be an appropriate amount to compensate him without getting too steep (which is why I didn't do the full-price software training in the first place. It was \$2K)? Thanks for any advice. — **Thankful in Illinois**

Dear Thankful: If you know of any interests, hobbies, a sport, etc., your partner has outside the workplace, consider going online to see if you can find something connected to that activity he would enjoy that's within your budget.

Dear Abby: Every year on Facebook's "National Daughter's Day," my daughter's mother-in-law professes her love, respect and admiration for her own daughter, but never acknowledges her daughter-in-law (my daughter). Yet, on "National Son's Day," she posts glowing tributes not only to her sons, but also to her son-in-law.

We all live within miles of each other, and this recurring slight makes it difficult to act like everything is fine when, in truth, this is hurtful to my daughter and to our family.

Should I address this issue with the mother-in-law or continue to bite my tongue? — **Dismissed in Texas**

Dear Dismissed: If you are smart, rather than address the issue with your daughter's mother-in-law, who either has the emotional intelligence of an oyster or really doesn't care for your daughter, mention it to your son-in-law and point out to him that being slighted is hurtful. There may be a better result if he brings it up to his mother.

Dear Abby: I battle with a double chin, and I loathe it. My chin hides itself only if I am under 126 pounds. Anything over that and it's there. I'm not overweight, but my double chin makes me feel that way.

I have read that dermal fillers in the chin can discreetly get rid of this issue. The problem? My husband. He's against any type of plastic surgery. He doesn't like my double chin either, but he wants me to only get rid of it "naturally." Normally, I would agree. I have been exercising (running four times a week) without success. I don't feel comfortable looking this way.

I think I deserve this shortcut. Should I get the filler without my husband's blessing, or should I continue this struggle? — **Taking It On The Chin**

Dear Taking It: You are an adult, and it's your body. You do not need permission to do something that will help you feel better about yourself. If your husband is against any type of plastic surgery (and by the way, fillers do not qualify as plastic surgery), he should forgo having it when his frown lines begin to look like tractor furrows and he develops a wattle.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 21, 1921

Educational advantages offered in the United States are to be enjoyed by Ung Gim Poy, 14 year old adopted son of Ung D. Goey, well known Chinese merchant of this city. Ung Gim Poy arrived in Seattle and arrangements are now being made to bring him to Pendleton. Goey adopted the boy seven years ago and he has been living in China with Mrs. Goey and the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Goey. Ung Gim has attended schools in China and speaks not a word of English.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 21, 1971

The sound of basketballs glancing off hardwood thumped overhead like raindrops on the roof. Be we descended to the locker room for a reason other than basketball. A shoulder pad was kicked under a bench, remnant of a season past. We sat in a small, wrestling gear-lined office with Pendleton High School Coach Rollin Schimmel. Why, we asked, should wrestling be included in the athletic program? "It gives boys who couldn't participate in another sport a chance to compete," the coach said. "It gives boys who weigh as little at 98 pounds a chance for recognition and mental and physical development." It takes three things to be a winning wrestler, according to

Schimmel: mental attitude, physical desire and dedication. "With these attributes a boy can overcome shortness, lack of speed, or physical strength." So far, he said, wrestling hasn't drawn large crowds, but it's getting better now. Why? "Winning!" he said. "This year we've got a good team and more spectators."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 21, 1996

What's in a name? A new committee is about to find out. The Pendleton School District recently formed a naming committee made up of two board members, three junior high teachers, three students and a parent to seek opinions on what Pendleton Junior High will be called this fall when it becomes a middle school. The students will help elicit opinions on the bright yellow school, which already goes by another name — "the big yellow banana." The obvious choice, Pendleton Middle School, has already been at the butt of several local jokes for its potential acronym: PMS. The committee will choose two possible names from those submitted by community members, and the Pendleton School Board will make the final decision. A \$200 savings bond will be awarded to the person who suggested the name. So get out a pen, put on your thinking cap and imagine what kind of place, say, Mustard Bottle Middle School could be.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 21, 2020, the U.S. reported its first known case of the new virus circulating in China, saying a Washington state resident who had returned the previous week from the outbreak's epicenter was hospitalized near Seattle; U.S. officials stressed that they believed the overall risk of the virus to the American public remained low.

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

In 1942, pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

In 1977, on his first full day in office, President Jimmy Carter pardoned almost all Vietnam War draft evaders.

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.

In 2003, the Census Bureau announced that Hispanics had surpassed blacks as America's largest minority group.

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

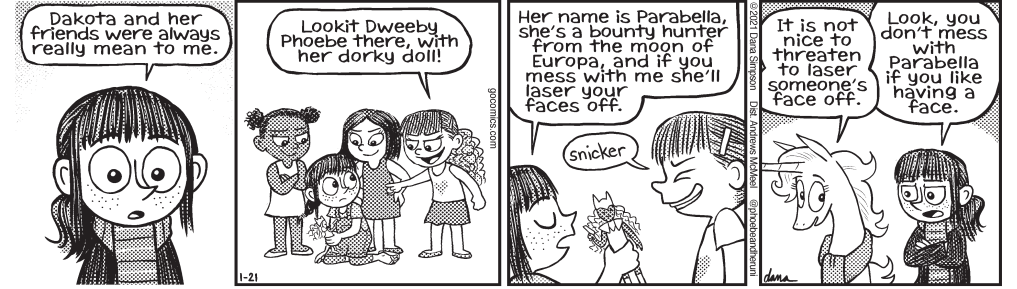
Dungy became the second when his Indianapolis Colts took the AFC title over the New England Patriots, 38-34.

In 2019, first-term senator and former California attorney general Kamala Harris entered the Democratic presidential race. (Harris would withdraw from the race in December; she would be chosen the following August as the party's vice presidential nominee.)

Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 81. Actor Jill Eikenberry is 74. Actor Geena Davis is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 58. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 49. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 45.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

