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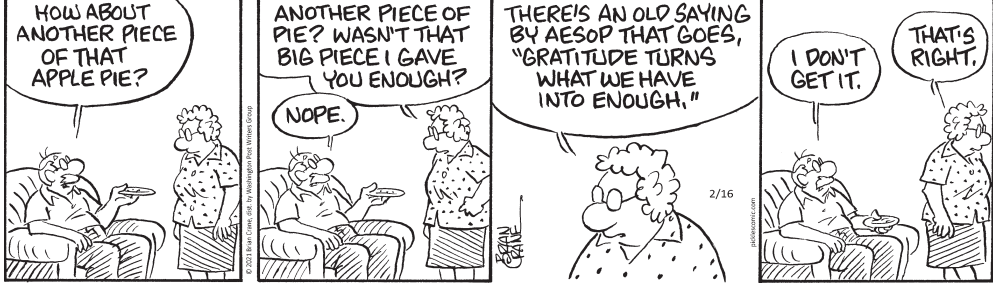
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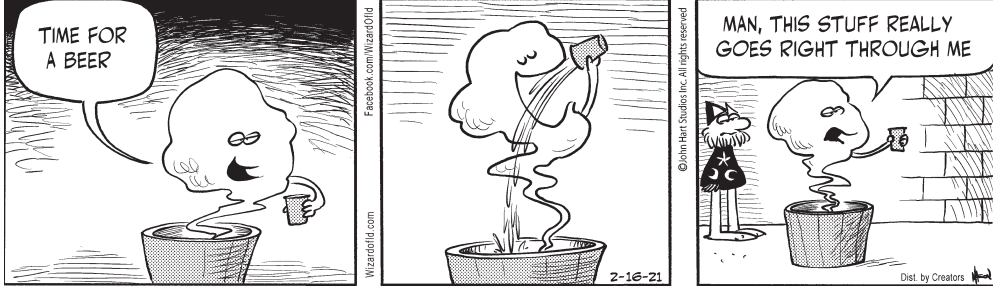
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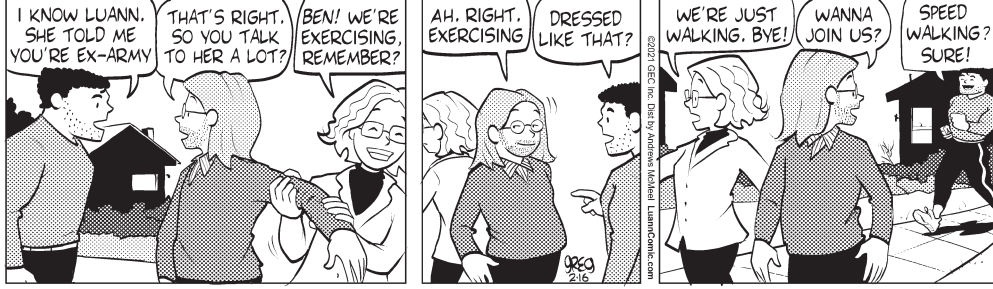
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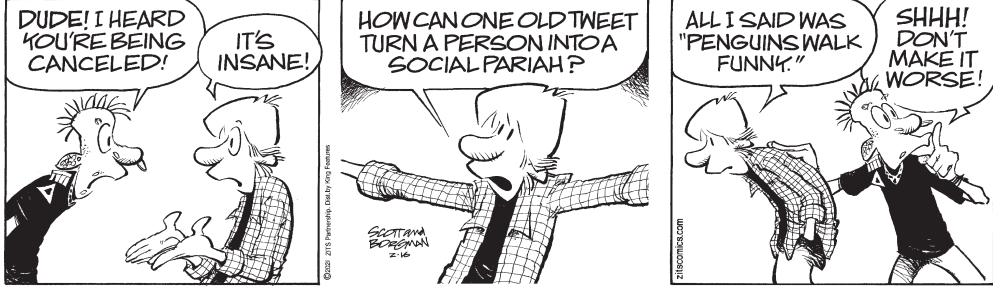
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DEAR ABBY

Surprise revelation of twins' paternity is a family bombshell

Dear Abby: My son's new wife — who has a daughter — insisted that his two children are not biologically his. After a DNA test, it turns out she was right. They aren't. My son, my husband and I are heartbroken. His twins are 10, and they don't understand what's going on.



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times — nothing sexual. Now she's moving away, and I feel heartbroken. How should I deal? I'm fighting back tears for someone I'm not even with. What do I do? — Heartbroken in the East

Dear Heartbroken: A relationship does not have to be sexual to be meaningful, and your co-worker was filling a space in your life that was empty. That you feel a sense of loss and sadness that she is moving is not surprising.

My husband and I are trying to gently remain in their lives with phone calls and limited visits. My son's wife refuses to visit with us until we stop communicating with the children, promise never to talk about them and display no pictures in our home. She's trying to convince our son to stop seeing us, as well. What to do? — Disappointed in Texas

Dear Disappointed: Those children, regardless of who their birth father is, were raised believing you and your husband are their grandparents. If you love them, do not knuckle under to your son's new wife or it will be only the beginning of how she will attempt to control you.

She does not have the right to dictate who you (or your son, for that matter) see and communicate with. She also does not have the right to order you to remove any object from your home.

If your son opts to turn his back on those children, that's a decision only he can make. If he also chooses to turn his back on you, then you raised a milquetoast instead of a man.

Dear Abby: I'm a married man, and I love my wife. We're not living together at the moment due to unfortunate circumstances.

Being far away from her, I get extremely lonely. I have a co-worker who became a good friend, and I have feelings for her. I have told her how I feel, and we have hung out a few

Not knowing the unfortunate circumstances that caused the separation between you and your wife, I can only advise you to start looking for a way to mend fences or change those circumstances so you can live together again, because clearly, you're not doing well on your own. If that's not possible, start giving serious thought to how you plan to live the rest of your life, because this way isn't working.

Dear Abby: The other day I was on a video conference call with our boss and two colleagues. When "Joan" came on the call, "something" was hanging from one of her nostrils. She may have had a cold. I scratched my nose and mustache a few times, trying to alert her of what was happening, to no avail. She didn't react. No one else said anything.

What would the correct protocol have been? Should I have left it alone or was I right to try to let her know? I did what I would have done in person. Should I have privately texted her? Please advise. — Telecommuting Woes

Dear Telecommuting: If the person with the leaky nose had been you, wouldn't you have wanted to know? Yes, you should have texted her.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 16, 1921

Sister Mary Ludovica, aged 75, the first sister to enter the field of service at St. Andrews Mission, died yesterday after 30 years of active work among the Indians. Her death, which was due to heart disease, occurred at St. Anthony's hospital. When Sister Ludovica went from Pendleton to St. Andrews, her primitive quarters were on a barren hillside, flanked by mountains and fronting on the wide and desolate prairie. The surroundings were made even more weird by the shrieks of roving coyotes. Here the sister's work among the Umatillas and Cayuses began, and so successful was she in her endeavor that she received the special blessing of the Holy Father in a written testimonial. Associated with her in the pioneer work was Sister Lucretia, who is still active in the field. Three of the first group sleep in the little Mission cemetery.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 16, 1971

The Port of Arlington threw its hat into the nuclear siting arena in a meeting of the Federal-State Task Force on Nuclear Plant Sitings during a day-long nuclear power educational conference in Hermiston. Arlington joins the ports of Umatilla and Morrow in the nuclear plant race, with all three seeking evaluation and approval. According to Chi Wang, director of the Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering at Oregon State University, "Considerations in choosing plant sites should not treat rural America as a place

of refuge from environmental controls, but should emphasize the opportunities that a power plant can contribute to the full development of the nation." Wang told about 350 at the conference that economic development in the state must be maintained to improve the quality of life. "In order to do this, controlled industrial growth is of primary importance to preserve environmental quality. Siting of a giant nuclear power plant appears to be one of the means to achieve these goals."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 16, 1996

For a decade now, dryland wheat farmer Larry Winn has let a portion of his land sit idle under a federal program that pays him to protect sensitive ground from erosion by not farming it. It's a program that has worked well, stabilizing his steep ground with a dense cover of grass, and providing a spinoff benefit for the deer and upland game birds that live along remote Juniper Canyon. But partisan politics in Washington, D.C., have stymied Winn's efforts to plan for the future. He needs to decide whether to keep his land in the Conservation Reserve Program or return it to production, but like so many others in the region, he's waiting for passage of the federal farm bill. That should shed light on both what's best for the land and what's best for his farm income. A new farm bill could eliminate price-support subsidies and expose farmers to a free market system. "I really don't know what I'm going to do because I don't know what the government is going to do," said Winn, who has 160 acres of CRP land.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 16, 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

In 1961, the United States launched the Explorer 9 satellite.

In 1998, a China Airlines Airbus A300 trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board, plus seven on the ground.

In 2001, the United States and Britain staged air strikes against radar stations and air defense command centers in Iraq.

In 2006, Russia's Evgeni Plushenko beat world champion Stéphane Lambiel of Switzerland by 27.12 points to win the gold medal in men's figure skating at the Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

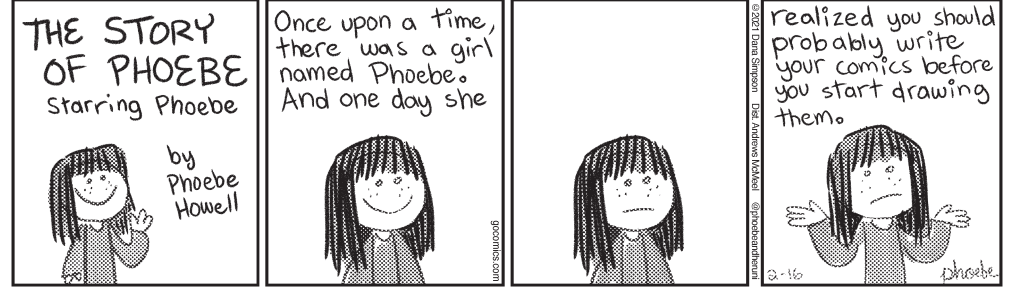
In 2019, the Vatican announced that former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, who served as arch-

bishop of Washington, D.C., had been found guilty by the Vatican of sex abuse and had been defrocked; McCarrick was the highest-ranking churchman and the first cardinal to face that punishment as the church dealt with clerical sex abuse.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz/pop singer-actor Peggy King is 91. Actor William Katt is 70. Actor-rapper Ice-T is 63. Actor Sarah Clarke is 50. Olympic gold medal runner Cathy Freeman is 48. Actor Chloe Wepper is 35.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

