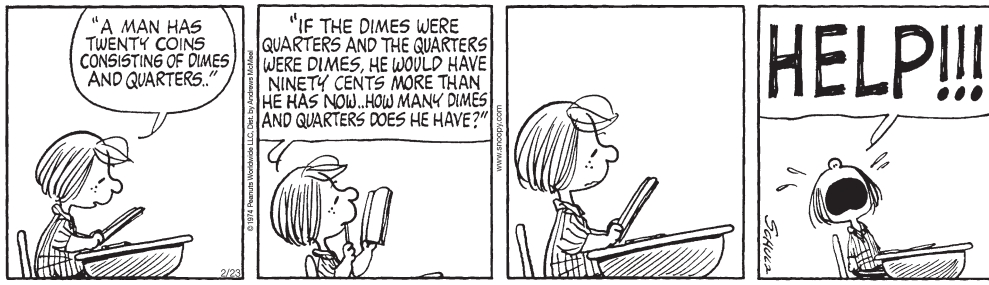


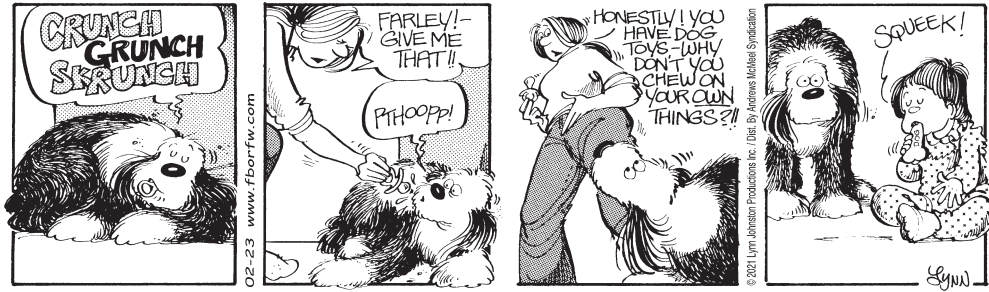
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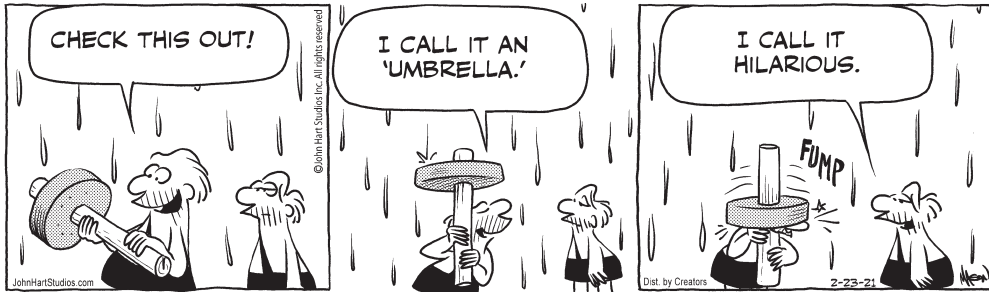
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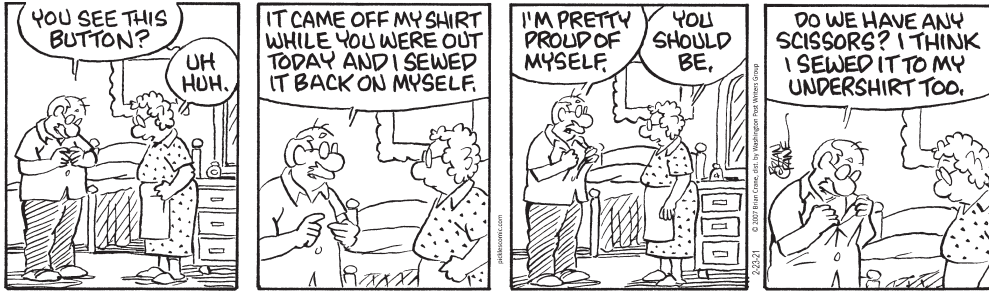
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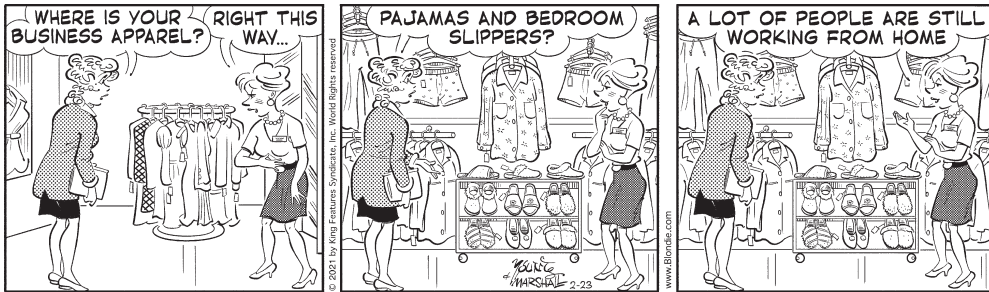
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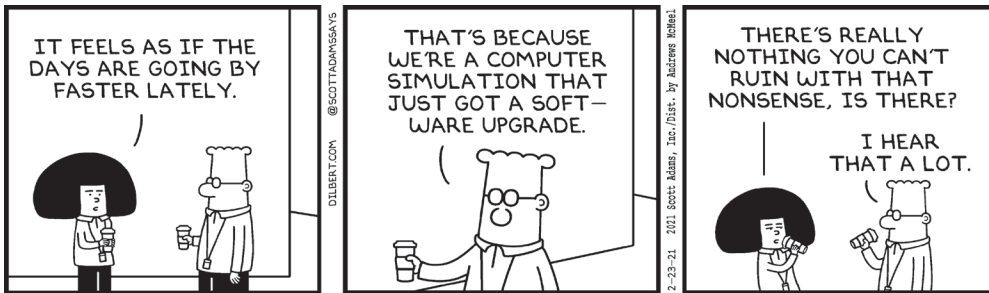
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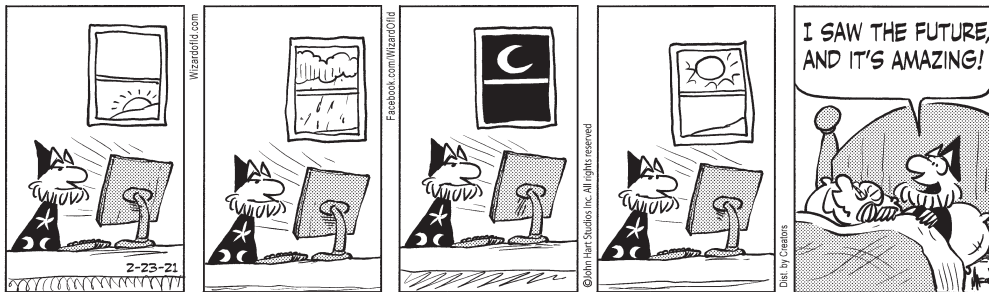
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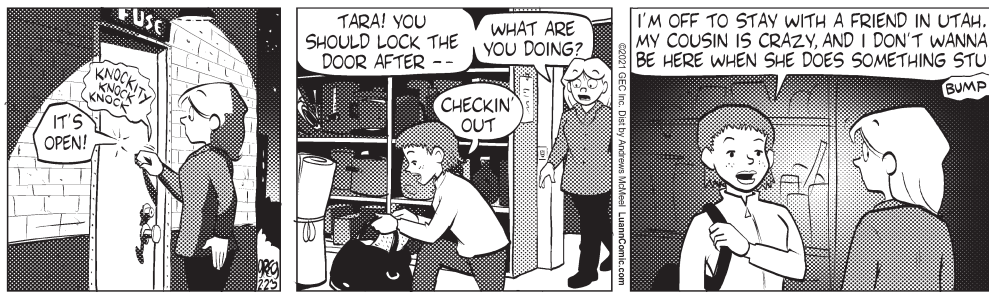
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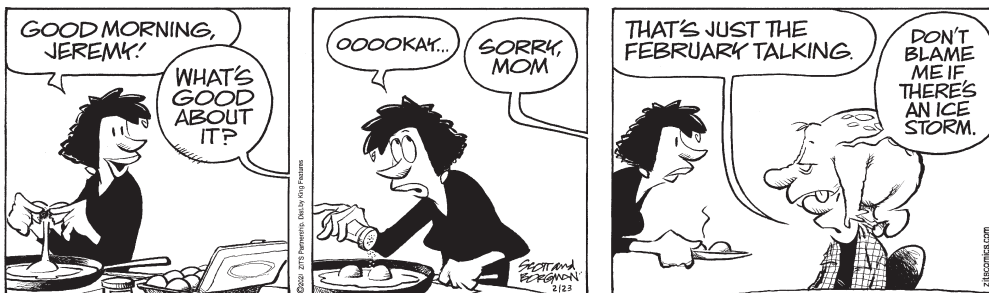
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DEAR ABBY

Sunny personality turns dark in the wake of a miscarriage

Dear Abby: My husband and I suffered a miscarriage five months ago, in the 12th week. I'm still not doing well. I have put on a facade to get by, but I'm just starting to realize how deeply this is affecting my life.



these feelings, because the doctor can refer you to someone who can help you work through this. It will take time, but I assure you it is doable.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been together for close to a year now. In the beginning, we were crazy about each other and everything was great.

I used to be a happy, friendly person. Always a smile on my face and laughter to be shared and hugs for my loved ones. Since the miscarriage, I put on a fake smile and try to be who I once was, but I can't keep doing it. Every day there is a moment from that day or the aftermath that floods my mind. I'm angry, bitter, mad at the unfairness, and I no longer have compassion or sympathy for others.

This isn't me. I don't want to be this way. My happiness has been replaced with tears and sadness. The hopefulness is replaced by emptiness. I'm very lost, and I don't know how to get out of this funk.

I no longer want to try to get pregnant again because the fear of the physical and emotional pain of another miscarriage has me paralyzed. Any advice you might give would be greatly appreciated. — Broken in Missouri

Dear Broken: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your child. Your depression and the fear you have about another pregnancy are not unusual after a tragedy like the one you have experienced. You are grieving, and the emotions you are feeling are to be expected.

Please schedule an appointment with your OB/GYN and tell your doctor about all of

Our hometowns are two hours apart so, to make it work, he bought us a house right in between. It was an hour each way to our parents' houses. I thought it was the perfect compromise. But now he's telling me he isn't happy here in our new town, and he needs to sell the house and move back home.

He says he still wants to be with me and that we are going to make it work, but I can't help but be scared that this is gonna be the end of our relationship. Should I tough it out and see if we can actually make it work? Or do I call it quits and let go because maybe it is just not meant to be? — Mixed Up in Massachusetts

Dear Mixed Up: You left out one important fact in your letter to me. Why does your boyfriend need to sell the house you share and move back home? Is he so closely tied to his parents that being an hour away is too far? Is it work-related? Is he dissatisfied with your relationship? Ask him these questions because the answers will tell you what you can expect. My advice is to let things play out a bit more before making any decision other than to put the house on the market.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23, 1921

Sheriff Houser was the host for a large gutter party at 10 o'clock this morning. Approximately 15 gallons of booze were sacrificed to satisfy the demands of the law and the curiosity of a large and thirsty audience. The intoxicating liquors of many colors were poured in the gutter. It was brought from the court house vaults in the original containers. These varied from small bottles to gallon jars. The amateur distillers had even made use of glass tobacco jars to hold their products. Judging from the odors that arose from the gutter, some of the liquor contained little more than one half of one per cent while other containers gave forth odors that suggested a regular kick. In color it ranged from pure white to a deep red and the odors varied as greatly. All of the liquor destroyed had been collected in the several raids conducted on moonshine places.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23, 1971

Unemployment in Umatilla County rose significantly last month due to seasonal factors and a sluggish economy, reported G. S. Clutter, manager of the Pendleton office of the Oregon Employment Service, from 8 percent in December to 10.5 percent in January. Employment in the manufacturing segment of the economy varied little from December, Clutter noted, but all nonmanufacturing industries recorded losses. The end of the holiday and inventory periods brought

employment in trade down 120. Government employment fell 40. Rogers Construction, the prime contractor on the freeway bypass of Pendleton, terminated employment of approximately 40 during the month. The civilian labor force contracted as the total number of occupied jobs in Umatilla County dropped to 17,290.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 23, 1996

Pendleton's economic future is set to soar in the coming years thanks to new business and industry, increased tourism and rising real estate values. That was the conclusion of speakers addressing the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce's 11th annual Economic Outlook Breakfast held at the Red Lion Inn. The early morning meeting drew an audience of close to 150. Paul Gerola, city of Pendleton economic development specialist, said the city's assessed value, which takes in land and the buildings within the city limits, rose from \$325 million in fiscal year 1991-92 to \$454 million in 1995-96. Building permit valuations for private development jumped from \$3.5 million in 1992 to \$12.2 million in 1995. The city also is benefiting from the economic expansion of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, whose casino draws visitors to the local area each day. The tribes' Wildhorse Hotel, scheduled to open in March, and its planned cultural center will contribute even more to the city's overall tourism strategy and add to the diversification of the region's economy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 23, 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of a possible assassination plot in Baltimore.

In 1942, the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing little damage.

In 1954, the first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students

were vaccinated.

In 1965, film comedian Stan Laurel, 74, died in Santa Monica, California.

In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)

In 1995, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 4,000 mark for the first time, ending the day at 4,003.33.

In 1998, 42 people were killed, some 2,600 homes and businesses damaged or destroyed, by tornadoes in central Florida.

In 2007, a Mississippi grand jury refused to bring any new charges in the 1955 slaying of Emmett Till, the Black teenager who was beaten and shot after being accused of whistling at a white woman, declining to indict the woman, Carolyn Bryant Donham, for manslaughter.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Patricia Richardson is 70. Former NFL player Ed "Too Tall" Jones is 70. Rock musician Brad Whitford (Aerosmith) is 69. Actor Kristin Davis is 56. Rock musician Jeff Beres (Sister Hazel) is 50. Actor Emily Blunt is 38. Actor Dakota Fanning is 27.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

