

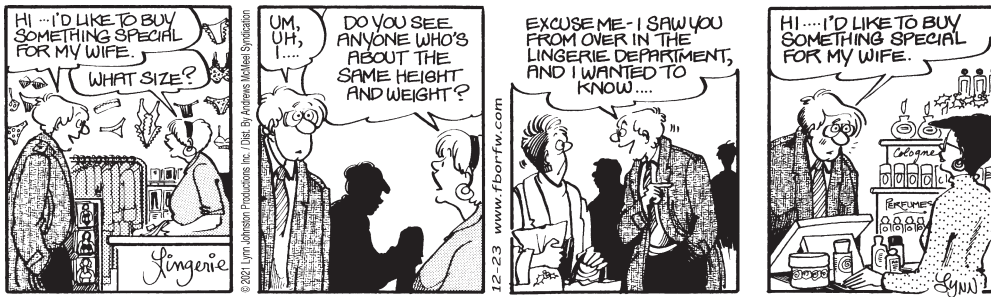
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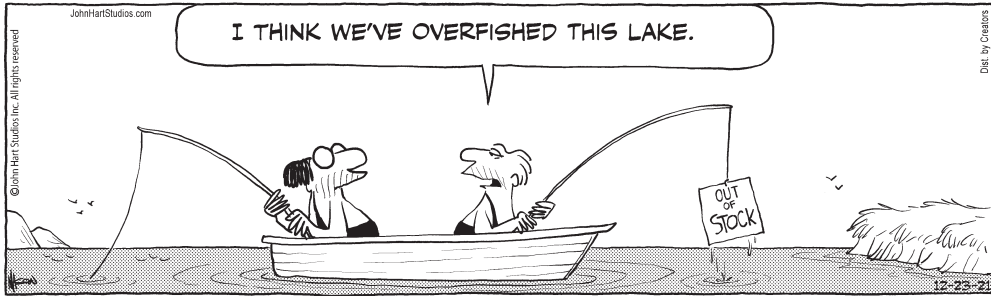
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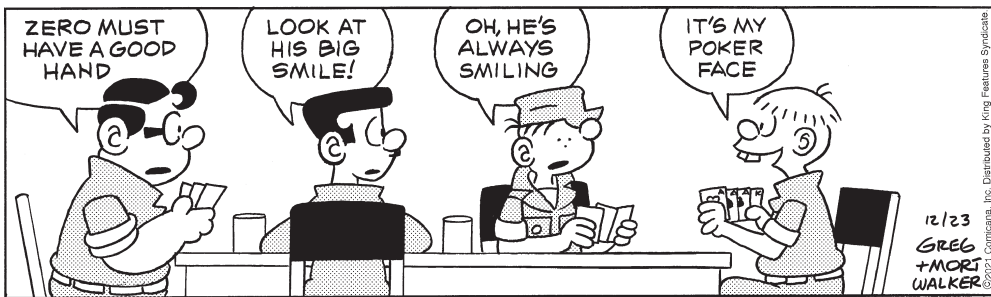
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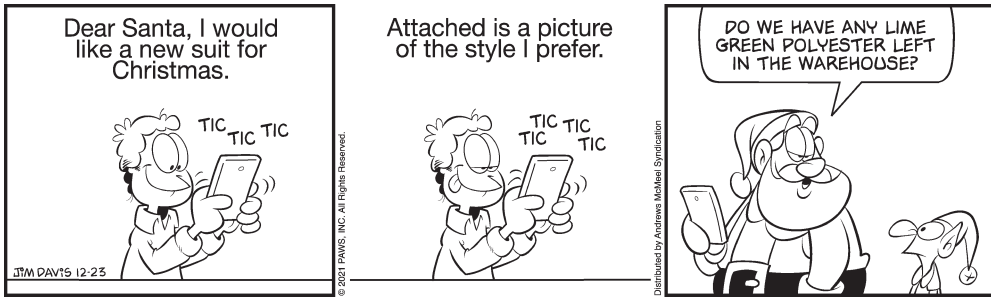
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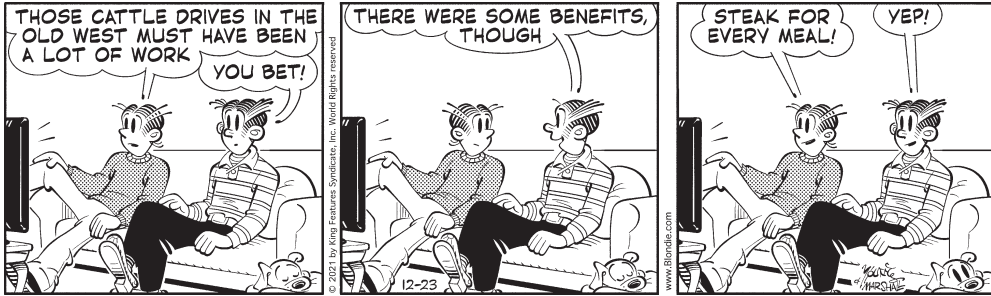
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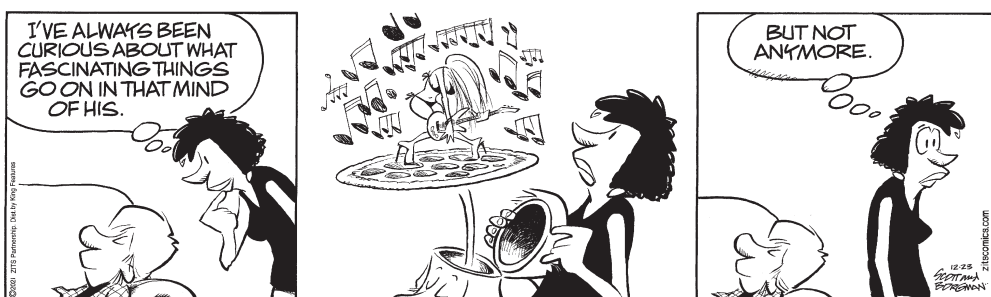
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DEAR ABBY

Friend's death cloaked in a lot of secrecy, silence



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: A dear friend of mine, "Dirk," died by suicide a couple of years ago. We were very close when we were young but saw each other only occasionally as adults.

to your mother and respect the wishes of the deceased's family, even though you do not agree.

Dear Abby: Our 26-year-old married son currently lives with us. His wife of three years was raised in a different culture and has recently started living with her parents in a city four hours away.

I found out about my friend's death from a family member after I discovered his phone number was no longer working and his Facebook and Messenger accounts had been deleted.

She doesn't work and doesn't finish anything she starts. She contributes to her family's household by using the car and money our son provides. She says she became depressed when she lived in our town but is happy with her parents and really doesn't see moving out.

I'm still having a hard time with his death. I feel like I should put an in-memoriam obituary in the paper. I also feel a need to talk about it with others.

Dear Parents: Your son knows your opinion. You can — and should — do nothing more than you already have. Because he and his wife say they are happy with the situation, keep your mouths shut and refrain from stirring the pot.

Missing My Friend In Ohio

Dear Missing: When someone takes their own life, there are usually a range of emotions experienced by the survivors. Fortunately, there are mental health programs that can help with these if the family is aware they are available.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921

Wax Wings, either Bohemians or the cedar wax wings, were seen yesterday in Pendleton. A report on the presence of birds in the north part of the city which seemed to be spending their time eating snow aroused the curiosity of citizens.

has not been heavy enough to withstand the strong wind encountered several times during the last few weeks. The only thing missing was snow, but few besides youngsters were complaining about that.

25 years ago — 1996

Pendleton has a community Christmas tree. It was believed that the Round-Up City was to be without a community tree this year because the one volunteered was too large to haul to Dorion and Main, where it was to be erected.

Short of going under cover, it's difficult to substantiate a comment that underage youths can get into a local exotic dance club. A quote by a Hermiston High School student in the Nov. 27 issue of the school newspaper, stating that he got into The Riverside because he "knows the bouncer," raised eyebrows in the community.

50 years ago — 1971

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Dec. 23, 1783,

George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the Continental Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

kidney transplant took place at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston as a surgical team removed a kidney from 23-year-old Ronald Herrick and implanted it in Herrick's twin brother, Richard.

In 1788, Maryland passed an act to cede an area "not exceeding ten miles square" for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the District of Columbia.

loted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, non-refueled round-the-world flight as it returned safely to Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1997, a federal jury in Denver convicted Terry Nichols of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing, declining to find him guilty of murder.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Company set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1962, Cuba began releasing prisoners from the failed Bay of Pigs invasion under an agreement in which Cuba received more than \$50 million worth of food and medical supplies.

In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured.

In 2001, Time magazine named New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani its Person of the Year for his steadfast response to the 9/11 terrorist attack.

In 1954, the first successful human

airplane Voyager, pi-

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

