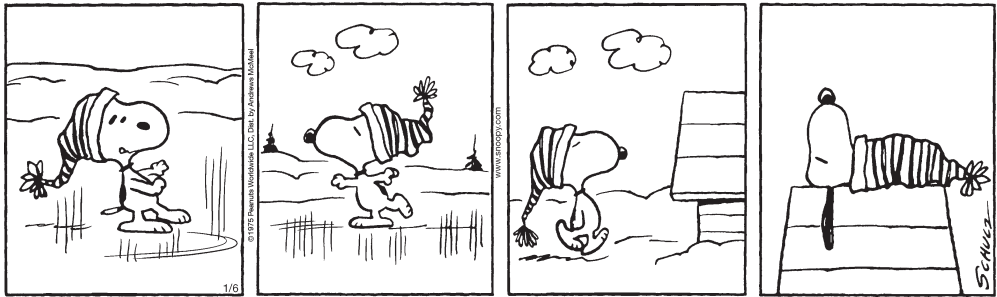


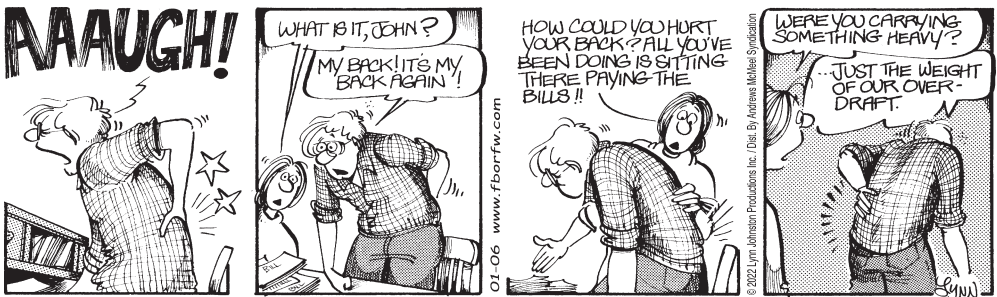
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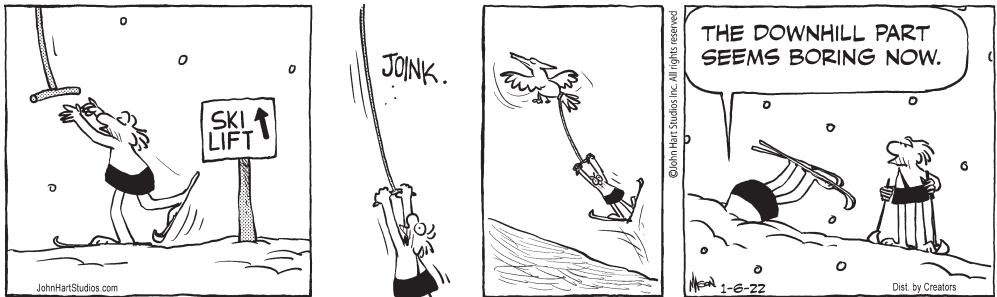
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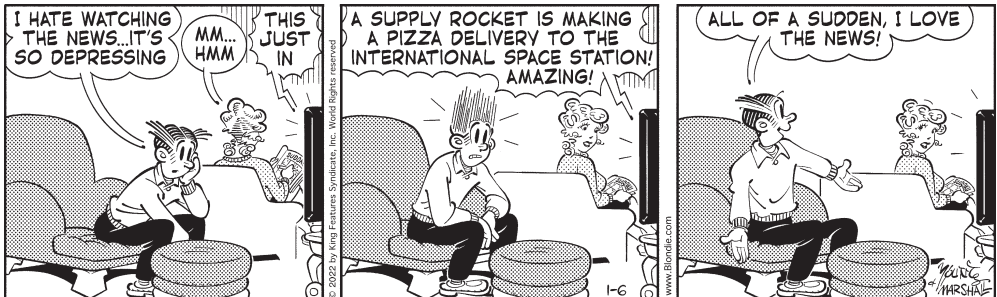
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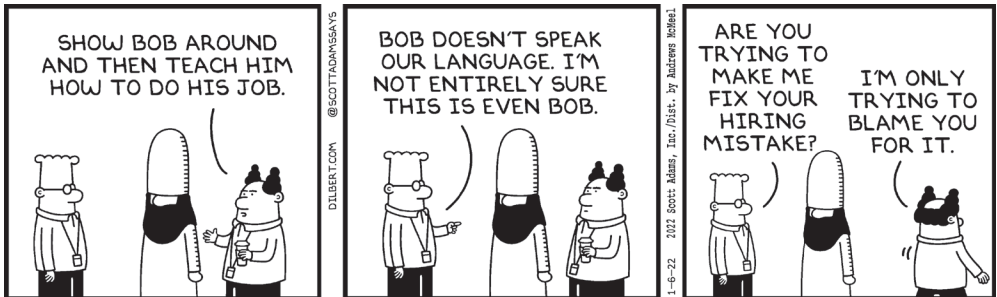
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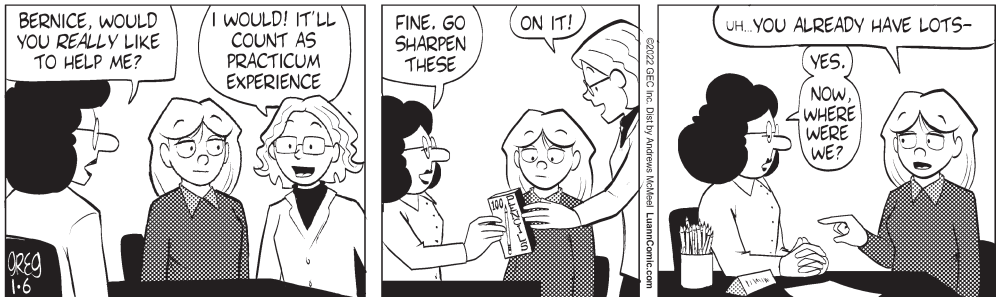
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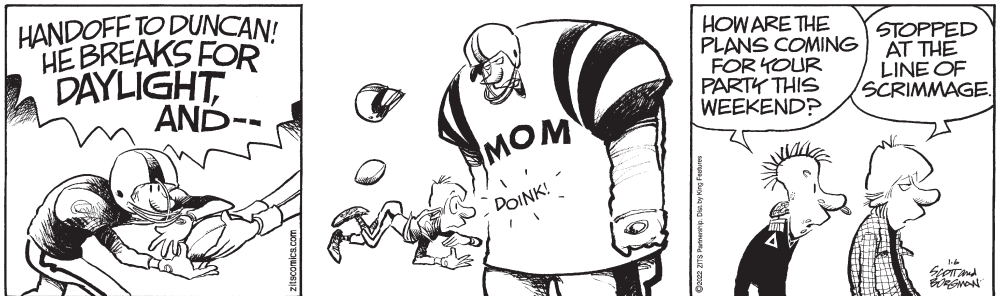
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DEAR ABBY

Politics strain friendship that's lasted for decades



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: A friend of 40 years got mad at me after the last presidential election. I told her I didn't want to talk politics, since we voted for different candidates. She then emailed me saying she thought we should take a break from our long-distance phone calls.

Because it has now been more than a year, I emailed her, texted her and finally left a message on her answering machine asking if she was still mad. Then I got worried, since she's in her 80s. I finally called her daughter and was told she was in the hospital recovering from heart surgery. When her daughter told her I was trying to get in touch, I received a text that read, "Not mad. Just don't want to talk."

I hate to give up on a long friendship. Her birthday is coming up. Should I send her a birthday card, or respect her wishes and give up? — Old Friend In Florida

Dear Old Friend: People in the early stages of recovery from major surgery may not feel up to long discussions until they are stronger. By all means, send your friend a birthday card and include in it that you treasure your friendship and wish her a speedy and complication-free recovery.

Dear Abby: I have been married to a lovely woman for 40 years. I recently found out that five years into our marriage she had an affair with a friend of ours. It lasted several weeks, during

which they would meet at our house over the lunch hour.

My wife does not know this friend has confessed to me. Should I tell her I know or go on as though nothing happened? — In The Know In Illinois

Dear In The Know: I cannot guess what justification this "friend" has given for trying to clear his conscience by telling you something that could destroy your marriage. The punishment for his guilt should have been the burden of carrying it to his grave without sharing it with you. If his confession will erode your relationship with your wife, tell her what you were told so you can talk it through.

Dear Abby: My neighbor's husband died of COVID-related problems. About a week later, his clothing, favorite chair and other items were put on the curb in a free pile. While the pile is now gone, my concern is for the people who took the items. I will let you inform the world what might be the better solution. — Panicked In Oregon

Dear Panicked: The information is available to anyone who is interested. Go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html), where you will find a "Frequently Asked Questions" section with information about how the virus is spread and how to avoid contracting it. From what I have read, germs on surfaces are less likely to spread the virus than person-to-person contact.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922 Just what demand exists now for wheat land? Pendleton people think there will be a partial answer to this question by the action of the public at the sale of Indian lands by the government on January 18. A total of 1,289.64 acres in 20 different tracts has been advertised by Supt. E. L. Swartzlander. The highest price ever realized for Indian lands on the Umatilla reservation in government sales was \$256 the acre. The highest appraisal on the land offered for sale now is \$130 the acre. Local bankers declare that they have received very little indication of any interest in the sale. People are anxious to buy, Swartzlander states, but the ability to pay is the universal problem.

50 years ago — 1972 "As long as there are differences between people, conflict and dissension are inevitable," said Dr. David Brody, professor of psychology at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, keynote speaker at Blue Mountain Community College's Minority Awareness Seminar Tuesday. Dr. Brody added, "It isn't the conflict and dissension that is a threat to mankind. It is the manner in which we cope with it. The art of living with others is the result of constructive resolving of conflicts. Minority Awareness

Day at BMCC was designed to help faculty members and student leaders at the community college become more cognizant of minority problems, specifically the Chicanos, blacks, disadvantaged whites and native Americans.

25 years ago — 1997 While some people were ringing in the new year watching Dick Clark or celebrating with family and friends, the Boettcher family kept their eyes on Butter Creek. "New Year's Eve we spent watching the waters come up, hoping it wouldn't come up as far as the house," said Sheila Boettcher, who, along with her husband, Jari, owns Westwinds Nursery on Colonel Jordan Road right off of I-84 near Hermiston. Although it didn't reach the house or store, creek waters covered everything else on their 21-acre property, including a driveway and retail tree area. The Boettchers' barn and pasture also flooded, forcing them to put several horses, sheep and cows from their hobby farm under the care of neighbors who live on higher ground. By the weekend the water still hadn't receded. The owners are trying to keep their sense of humor. "It looks like a lake. We were thinking of putting an ad in for waterfront property," Boettcher said with a laugh.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 6, 2021, supporters of President Donald Trump, fueled by his false claims of a stolen election, assaulted police and smashed their way into the Capitol to interrupt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's victory, forcing lawmakers into hiding; most of the rioters had come from a nearby rally where Trump urged them to "fight like hell." A Trump supporter was shot and killed by a police officer as she tried to breach a barricaded doorway inside the Capitol. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, injured while confronting the rioters, suffered a stroke the next day and died from natural causes, the Wash-

ington, D.C., medical examiner's office said. (In the weeks that followed, four of the officers who responded to the riot took their own lives.) Congress reconvened hours later to finish certifying the election result. In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey. In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60. In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four Freedoms": Free-

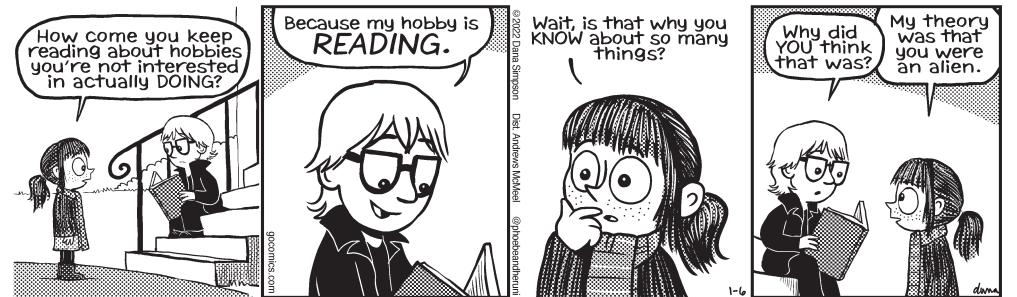
dom of speech; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution, but denied any advance knowledge about the assault.)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

