

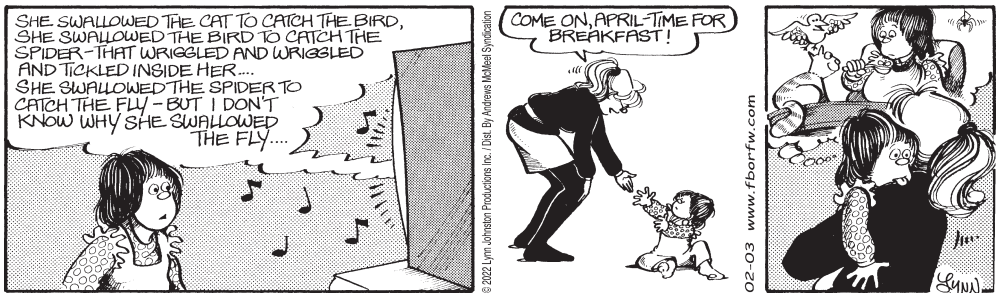
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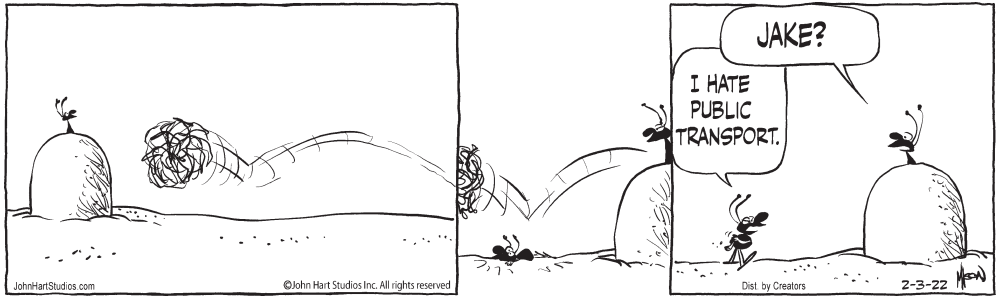
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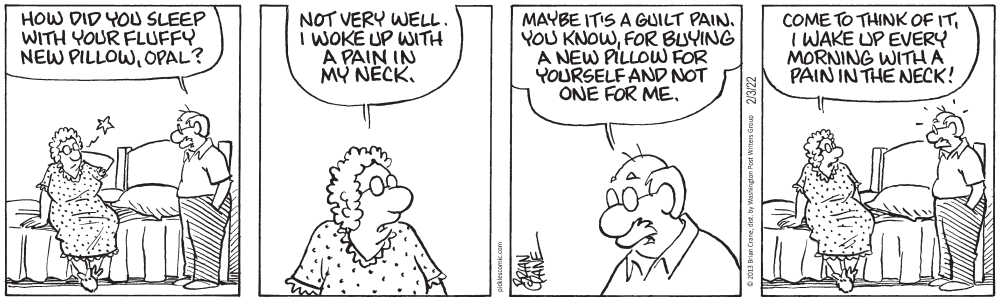
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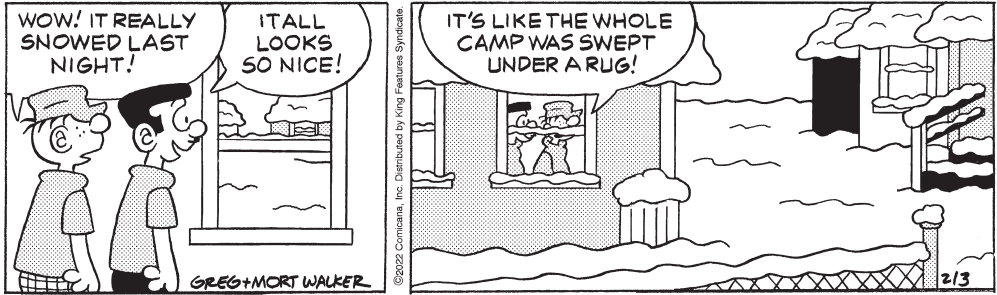
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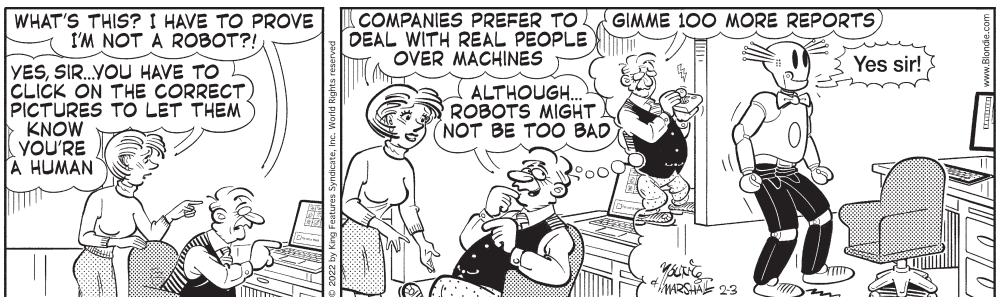
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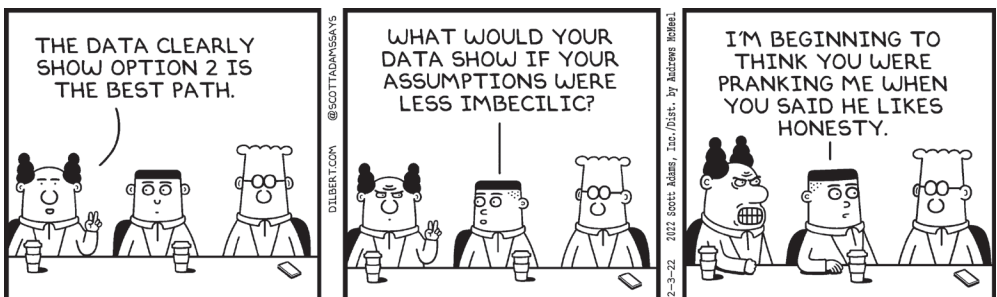
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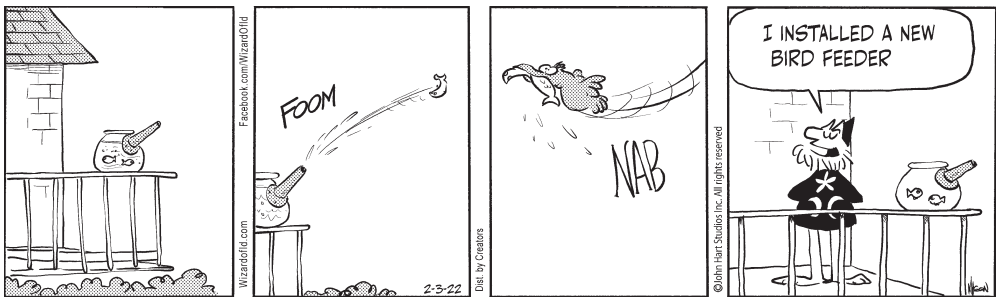
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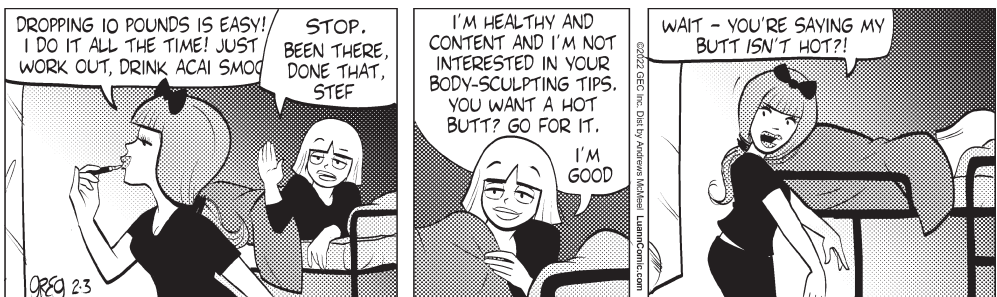
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DEAR ABBY

Food fight results in a friendship's bitter end



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: When a friend of mine "makes dinner" for invited guests, it's either take-out Chinese food or delivered pizza. Frankly, I am sick of it. Last Thanksgiving, they invited me and several others over for dinner. You guessed it! Chinese food. I told my friend I was surprised and not in the mood for Chinese food, offered my apologies and left. We didn't talk for four months.

tunate you have no regrets that your relationship with your former host has ended. I'm pretty sure the feelings are mutual.

Dear Abby: On Sunday evening, a much older woman I'd never met came to my door saying she was a neighbor and was there to recruit me to participate in a political lobbying event her church was sponsoring. This is not something I wish to do.

This past year I was again invited to Thanksgiving dinner. I declined and, when asked why, said, "I'm sick and tired of what is being offered." The response was, "Then I guess I'll stop inviting you. And I don't need your friendship." I replied, "Glad we are on the same page!"

I tried to refuse nicely. But then she said several times she required my name, email address and phone number so she could send me more information as well as opportunities to pass the information to other people. I asked for her information instead, but saying "no, thank you" and trying to excuse myself to get back to my children didn't lessen her persistence. Eventually, I apologized and closed the door on her.

Abby, this "friend" knows how to cook and could certainly order something different. Was I out of line? I have no regrets the friendship has ended.

People should not be harassed in their home, even though she may very well be a neighbor in this small neighborhood. How could I have handled this better? — No Soliciting

Fed Up In The West

Dear Fed Up: When someone accepts an invitation to someone's home, rather than criticize the menu, they should be grateful for the hospitality being extended. Were you out of line? The way you phrased your reason for declining was rude. You could have inquired about the menu and asked if you could bring something more "traditional." It's for-

Dear No Soliciting: The person who came to your door had an agenda; it wasn't a social call. In a situation like the one that was thrust upon you, good manners did not require you to offer an apology. Frankly, you should have closed your front door SOONER.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Archie McCampbell, government trapper, shot and killed the "Wild Man" of Little Butter Creek six miles west of Gurdane when he resisted arrest by a posse consisting of ranchers and McCampbell, who had traced the man from the Joe Hayes sheep camp after his theft of a gun and food. Dressed in non-descript clothing, speaking broken English and coming into the haunts of men only infrequently, the "Wild Man" had been a mystery and something of a terror to residents of the district the past three years. He had no camp of his own, but lived in deserted cabins or camped in the open. When found by the posse, the "Wild Man" turned the stolen rifle upon his pursuers, but before he could shoot he received a bullet from McCampbell's gun in his forehead.

said, "but I don't know about them." She grew up on the Deep Creek Angus Ranch at Potlach, Idaho, and she and her husband operate a 100-head Angus ranch in Northern Idaho, between Moscow and Coeur d'Alene.

25 years ago — 1997

It might not have been a Wild West rescue, but two Pendleton men whose car was swept away in a flooded ditch Friday night aren't complaining. And while Umatilla County Sheriff John Trumbo has been portrayed as a cowboy sheriff who roped the men out of the water, the truth isn't quite as colorful, he said. The adventure began when the car occupied by Mike McAllister, 33, and Jon White, 34, was swept off Stage Gulch Road at a curve flooded by a rain-swollen drainage ditch. The two men bailed out — to opposite sides of the bank. White made it to a nearby house and called the sheriff's office. Trumbo was patrolling flooded areas in a four-wheel drive and responded. White tied a piece of rope around his waist and threw it across to McAllister, who did the same. White began backing up while Trumbo pulled on the rope and McAllister eventually made it out of the water.

50 years ago — 1972

Has women's liberation entered the Pendleton Round-Up Total Performance Angus Sale? "Any woman who wants to can learn cattle judging," says Carol Thompson. She's a rarity — a woman in the field of cattle judging. There may be others, Mrs. Thompson

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 3, 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship SS Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo in the Labrador Sea; of the more than 900 men aboard, only some 230 survived.

In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, the same day an American cargo ship, the SS Housatonic, was sunk by a U-boat off Britain after the crew was allowed to board lifeboats.

with a woman, Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 2009, Eric Holder became the first black U.S. attorney general as he was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden.

In 1988, the U.S. House of Representatives handed President Ronald Reagan a major defeat, rejecting his request for \$36.2 million in new aid to the Nicaraguan Contras by a vote of 219-211.

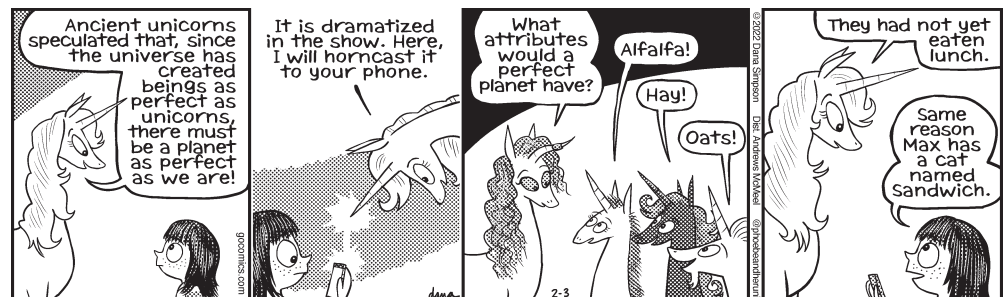
In 2020, in closing arguments at President Donald Trump's first impeachment trial, Democratic prosecutors urged senators to stop a "runaway presidency" and recognize Trump's actions in Ukraine as part of a pattern of behavior that would allow him to "cheat" in the 2020 election; Trump's defenders accused Democrats of trying to undo the 2016 election.

In 1994, the space shuttle Discovery lifted off, carrying Sergei Krikalev, the first Russian cosmonaut to fly aboard a U.S. spacecraft.

In 1995, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

