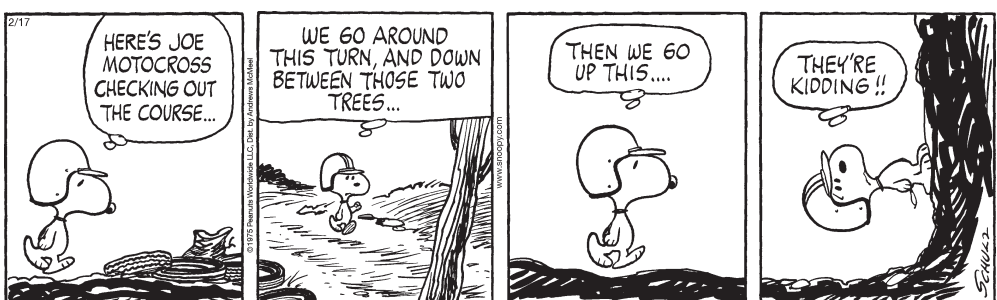


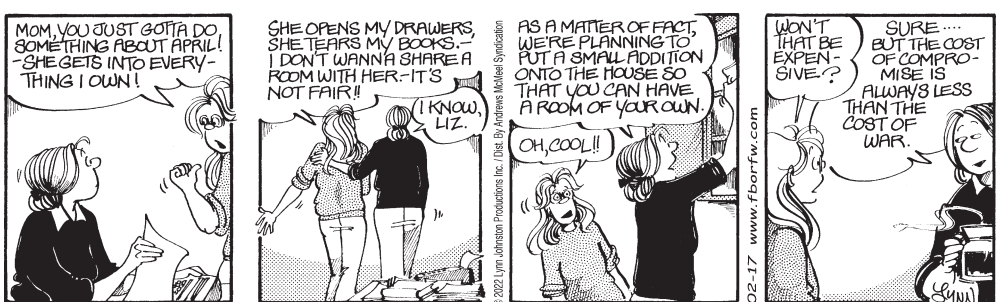
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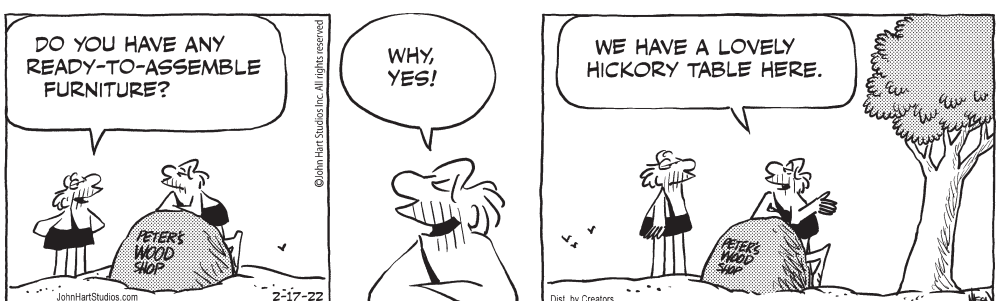
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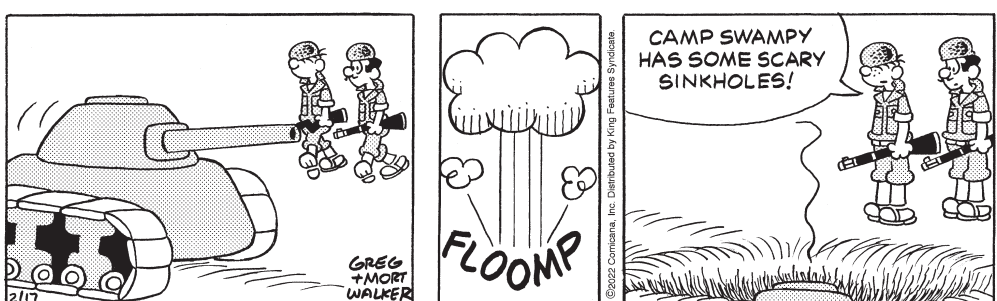
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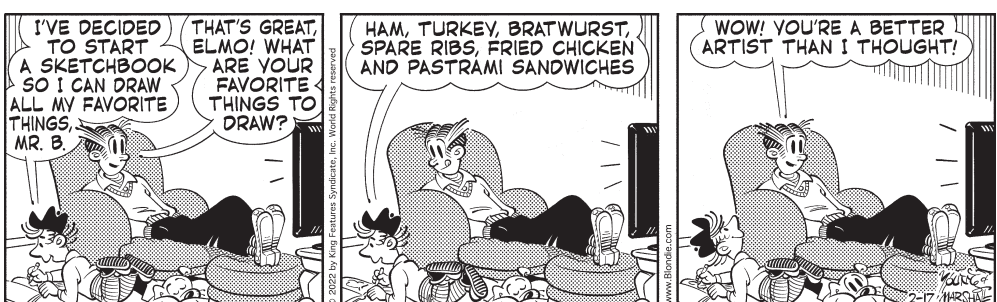
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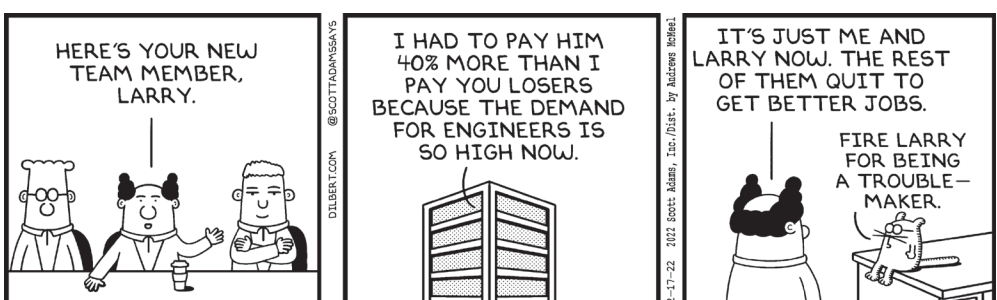
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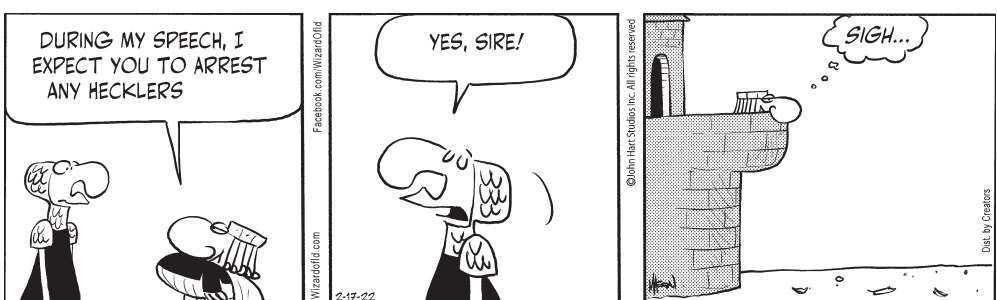
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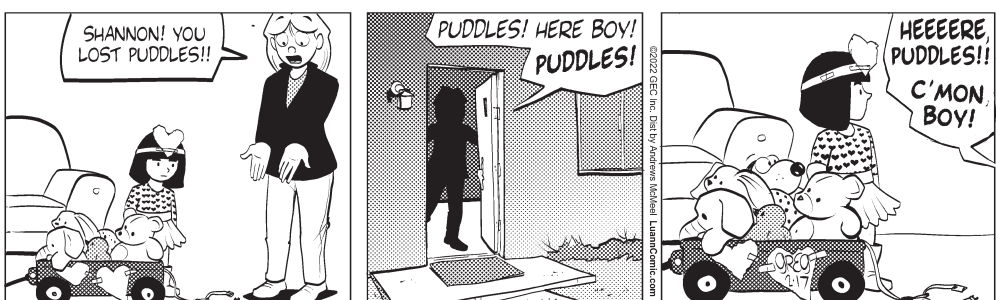
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DEAR ABBY

Cousin desperate to help with an abusive romance



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have always been extremely close to my cousins. The problem I'm having is with the boyfriend of one of them. They have been dating for almost 10 years.

For the first few years we were all close. The past three years, however, have been heart-breaking. He's rude to her and her mother and belittles and ridicules everything she says and does. We all walk on eggshells when he's around.

They recently moved hours away for his job. I feel he has purposely isolated her from all of us, and is mentally and emotionally abusing her. She used to want to get married and have a family with him, but now she is calling me selfish for being pregnant. He's dragging her down and has bought himself more time by getting her a dog.

Even if they did get engaged, I'd feel sad she's spending her life with this man. If he treats her like this in front of all of us, what is he doing behind closed doors? My cousin is very prideful and shuts down any criticism. How can I explain to her that I'm worried about her without risking our relationship? — Scared For Her In The East

Dear Scared: Tell your cousin you love her dearly and will be saying this only once, so you want her to remember it. Then repeat to her what you have written to me. Explain that abusers erode the self-esteem of their "love object"

through constant criticizing and belittling. Say you realize she has invested 10 years of her life in that relationship, but if she ever has doubts or changes her mind about living away from the family, you will be there for her. Then give her the contact information of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800-799-7233; thehotline.org) if there have been and instances in which he has hit or threatened her — or the dog — when he's angry.

Dear Abby: My husband will not do things unless I "remind" him. He has a medical issue and experiences painful symptoms if he forgets to take the medication his doctor prescribed. He'll then have a flare-up, take his medicine and not take it again until another flare-up happens.

Also, he'll need to have an important doctor's appointment for a procedure and he won't even think about making the call to schedule it. I'm not his mother. I'm his wife. Please help. — Not His Mother

Dear Not His Mother: It's hard to believe someone who has a chronic condition that brings painful flare-ups would forget to take a medication that would avert them, which makes me wonder about your husband's mentation. Doctor visits can sometimes be uncomfortable, which may be why he hesitates to schedule them. If you love him, please shoulder that responsibility.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

"You stepped on my toes the last time we played together so I'm not coming over to your house!" That is the pouty, little-boy attitude of the Walla Walla high school toward Pendleton in regard to a return basketball game. Defeated to a nice brown turn earlier in the season by a score of 23 to 13, Walla Walla has been hedging ever since. The return game on the Pendleton floor, originally scheduled for Wednesday night, which was postponed until tonight was cancelled early this afternoon. On the surface, the cause of the rupture came over selection of a referee, but local sport followers are laughing up their sleeves at what they call Walla Walla's lack of courage.

50 years ago — 1972

J. Joseph Barnes pleaded guilty in Umatilla County Circuit Court to nine felony counts involving his fraudulent operation of Skyview Memorial Park. Judge Henry Kaye gave him a suspended five-year prison sentence and ordered him to pay back \$15,000 to the business. No provision was made for repayment of money to any individual. Skyview, a cemetery a few miles south of Pendleton

near McKay Reservoir, is now in the hands of a bankruptcy trustee. Judge Kaye said "the desirable thing to do that's most beneficial to the community and investors" is to salvage the Memorial Park so that it can be sold and redeveloped. According to Deputy Dist. Atty. Dennis Doherty, Barnes' sales scheme "was based on pure misrepresentation of almost every conceivable fact."

25 years ago — 1997

This is how it should end every year — the top two teams in the Columbia River Basin Conference meeting in the final game of the season to decide the championship. At least that's how the Umatilla Vikings liked it this year. The Vikings trounced Weston-McEwen 71-56 to win the CBC boys championship. Umatilla finished with an 11-1 record and the TigerScots ended 10-2. It was a close game through three quarters. In the final quarter, the Vikings went off for 29 points, breaking the game open with a 13-2 run in the first two-and-a-half minutes to gain a dominating lead. The streak started and ended with Lee Lafferty draining two from long range. First, he popped a 17-footer and 30 seconds later nailed a 3-pointer from the right corner.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 17, 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1815, the United States and Britain exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

In 1863, the International Red Cross was founded in Geneva.

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Union ship USS Housatonic was rammed and sunk in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, by the Confederate hand-cranked submarine HL Hunley in the first naval

attack of its kind; the Hunley also sank.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces invaded Eniwetok Atoll, encountering little initial resistance from Imperial Japanese troops. (The Americans secured the atoll less than a week later.)

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite that carried meteorological equipment.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in Wesberry v. Sanders, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed the White House

with his wife, Pat, on a historic trip to China.

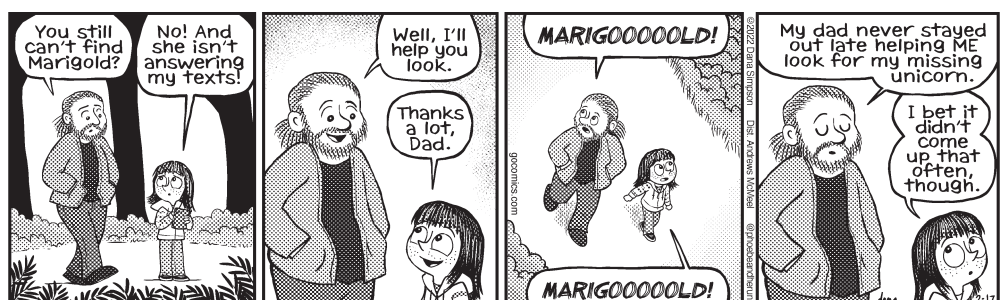
In 1988, Lt. Col. William Higgins, a Marine Corps officer serving with a United Nations truce monitoring group, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon by Iranian-backed terrorists.

In 2014, Jimmy Fallon made his debut as host of NBC's "Tonight Show."

In 2015, Vice President Joe Biden opened a White House summit on countering extremism and radicalization, saying the United States needed to ensure that immigrants were fully included in the fabric of American society to prevent violent ideologies from taking root at home.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

