

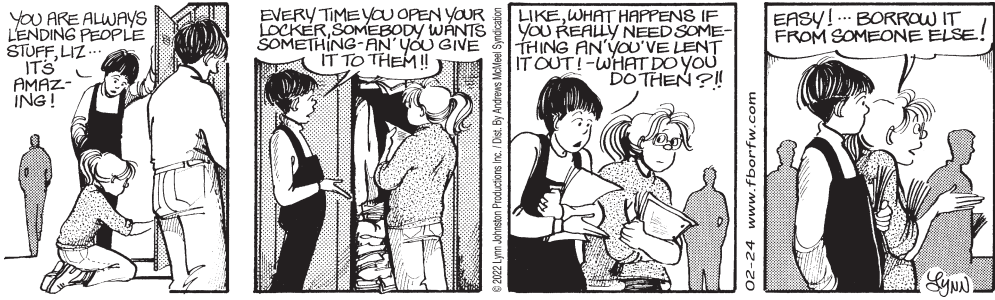
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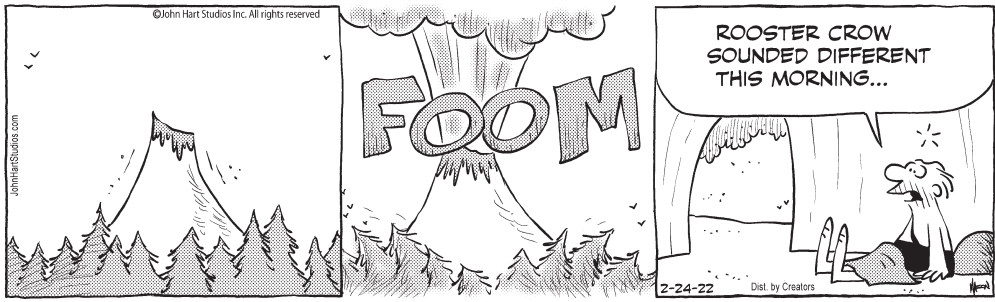
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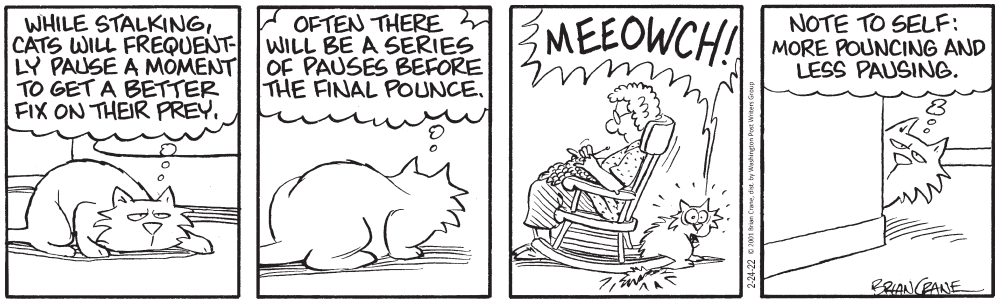
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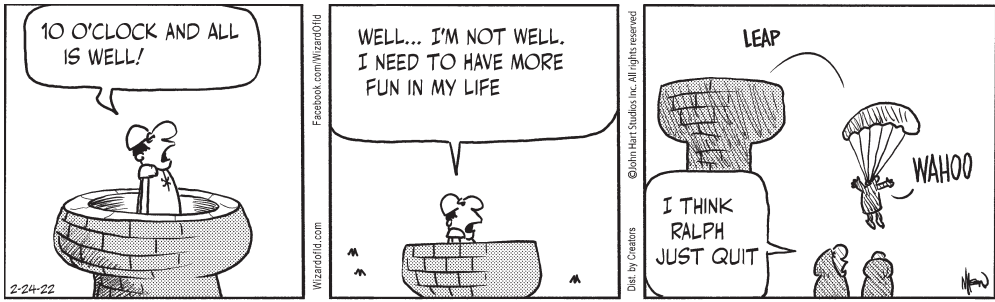
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DEAR ABBY

Brother's dying wish has become one-sided effort



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am one of six adult siblings. Our youngest brother, "Clark," died of cancer five years ago. He was my best friend. As he was dying, Clark asked me to keep his wife, "Liz," and his children in the family. I have tried my best.

Every year, I have a large family Christmas party. Liz and her children attend and seem to have a good time. I call or text her monthly, but I rarely receive a reply. She did text me happy birthday. I was OK with this until I heard from my nephew (Clark's son) that there was a memorial service for him. It really hurt because I wasn't informed, nor were any of my siblings.

I want to respect Clark's wishes, but even before this, Liz didn't seem to respect my nuclear family. I don't know what to do going forward because I have such sad and angry feelings over not being invited to his memorial. — **Conflicted Sis In The East**

Dear Sis: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your brother. What you should do is call your former sister-in-law and ask her WHY you and your siblings were excluded from the memorial, which is a shocking oversight. Then, if her apology is not satisfactory, consider yourself relieved of that deathbed promise, which clearly hasn't been appreciated.

Dear Abby: I was recently in a restaurant with a friend who is deaf. (I can

hear.) We were using American Sign Language to communicate. A group walked past us, saw we were using sign language and assumed neither of us could hear. One of them told her friends we were deaf and dumb. When the server came to my table to take our order and they realized I could hear, they were visibly surprised.

The speaker did not appear to be embarrassed by what she had said. The woman's back was turned to my friend, so my friend was unaware of it. (Thank heavens, because my friend can read lips.) I didn't say anything at the time and let it go.

Should I have? I didn't because their table was near ours, and I was afraid the woman would have gotten ruder and made the whole dining experience bad. Should I have said something to the manager or server and sat at another table? If the manager had said something to her, I doubt she would have admitted what she said. — **Not Right In Ohio**

Dear Not Right: You were right not to challenge the woman who said that. If she wasn't embarrassed when it turned out you could hear clearly, little you could say would have shamed her. There was nothing the restaurant manager could do about this woman's breach of etiquette. You, however, could have asked to change your table if you were no longer comfortable seated next to that party.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Monsieur La Grippe is an unwelcome guest at many houses in Pendleton and Umatilla county, and because of his presence, there are a great many persons who are unable to be at their desks or in their offices to transact business as usual. Men and women alike are feeling the effects of the disease, but so far it has been in a mild form, and sufferers from the winter complaint have not been seriously ill. James H. Sturgis, Pat Lonergan, Roy Ritner and C. I. Barr, local men who planned to attend the meeting of the Baker Chamber of Commerce were prevented from going on account of illness.

50 years ago — 1972

Two Umatilla county undercover narcotics agents have been arrested in Spokane, Wash., and charged with the strongarm robbery of an 18-year-old youth. As a result, Umatilla County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Jones has charged the pair with unauthorized use of a vehicle that he loaned them for their undercover work. The pair have also been charged with possession of amphetamines. The complaint Jones filed against them in Umatilla County District Court says they had agreed to use the car only in Umatilla County for transportation while investigating narcotics traffic. The two men

were financed in their narcotics undercover work by \$200 obtained for them by Jones from the Umatilla County Court. The money came from the budget of Dist. Atty. R. P. Smith who said it was done without his approval.

25 years ago — 1997

Jack Palmer was an employee of Boardman rather than an independent contractor the entire time he worked as city manager, the Public Employees Retirement System concluded after an investigation was launched when a newspaper reporter contacted PERS about Palmer's employment status as part of a follow-up to a grand jury indictment. A Morrow County grand jury indicted Palmer on 18 counts of theft and official misconduct Dec. 11, alleging he used city employees and equipment to further a personal project. The Boardman City Council suspended Palmer on Dec. 24 but voted to use him as a consultant for ongoing city affairs while continuing to pay his \$3,700 monthly salary. He is scheduled to enter a plea in Morrow County Circuit Court on March 7. The city could owe as much as \$50,000, or up to 15% of Palmer's earnings since he began working there in 1993. Boardman's city attorney, M. D. Van Valkenburgh has said the city will fight the PERS decision classifying Palmer as an employee.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 24, 1942, the SS Struma, a charter ship attempting to carry nearly 800 Jewish refugees from Romania to British-mandated Palestine, was torpedoed by a Soviet submarine in the Black Sea; all but one of the refugees perished.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson by a vote of 126-47 following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1981, a jury in White Plains, New York, found Jean Harris guilty of second-degree murder in the fatal shoot-

ing of "Scarsdale Diet" author Dr. Herman Tarnower.

In 1986, the Supreme Court struck down, 6-3, an Indianapolis ordinance that would have allowed women injured by someone who had seen or read pornographic material to sue the maker or seller of that material.

In 1988, in a ruling that expanded legal protections for parody and satire, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned a \$150,000 award that the Rev. Jerry Falwell had won against Hustler magazine and its publisher, Larry Flynt.

In 2002, the Salt Lake City Olympics came to a close, the same

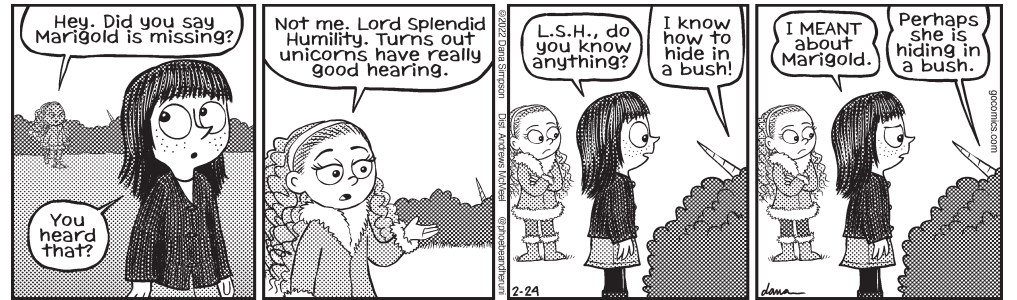
day Canada won its first hockey gold in 50 years and three cross-country skiers were thrown out of the games for using a performance-enhancing drug.

In 2011, Discovery, the world's most traveled spaceship, thundered into orbit for the final time, heading toward the International Space Station on a journey marking the beginning of the end of the shuttle era.

In 2015, the Justice Department announced that George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Trayvon Martin in a 2012 confrontation, would not face federal charges.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

