

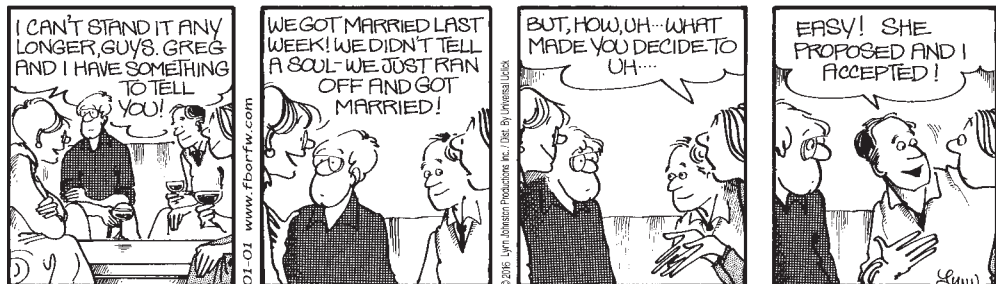
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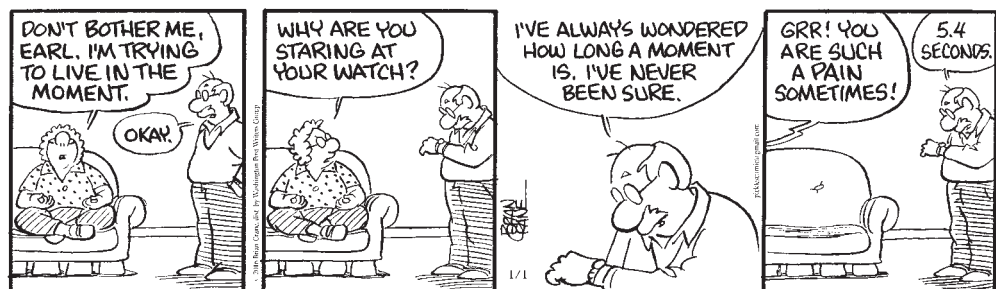
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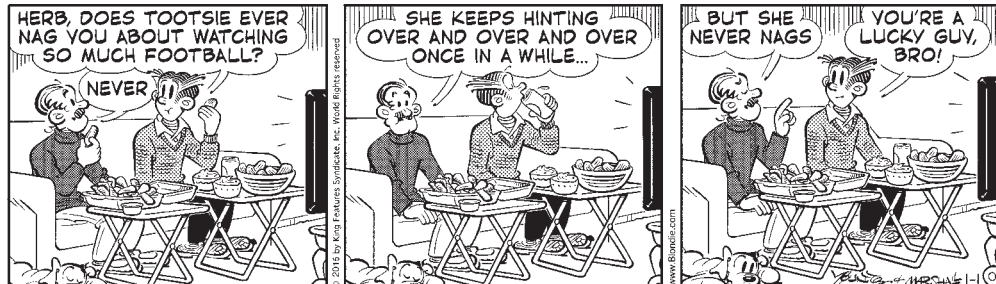
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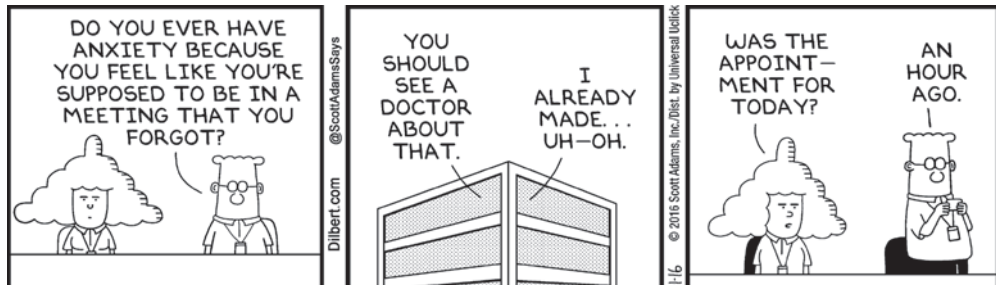
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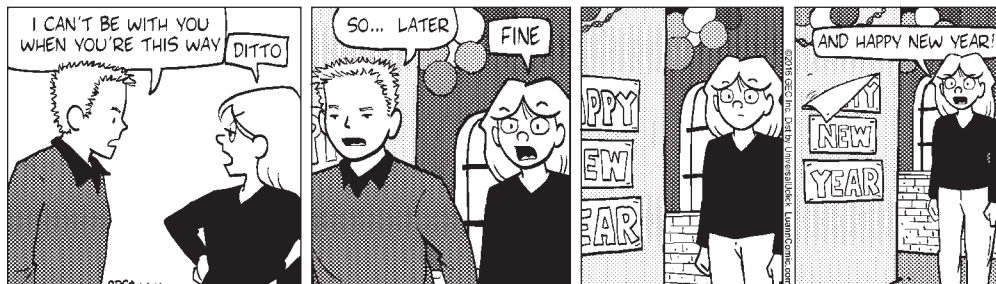
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DEAR ABBY

New year is opportunity to set a fresh course for the future



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Readers: It's 2016! A new year has arrived, bringing with it our chance for a new beginning.

Today is the day we have an opportunity to discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones, and with that in mind, I will share Dear Abby's often-requested list of New Year's Resolutions -- which were adapted by my late mother, Pauline Phillips, from the original credo of Al-Anon:

Just for today: I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once.

I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today: I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

Just for today: I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today: I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

Just for today: I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking.

Just for today, I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

Just for today: I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker,

I'll quit. If I am overweight, I will eat healthfully -- if only just for today. And not only that, I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

Just for today: I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

And now, Dear Readers, I would like to share an item that was sent to me by L.J. Bhatia, a reader from New Delhi, India:

Dear Abby: This year, no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Vedas say, "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature."

The prayer of St. Francis (of which there are several versions) contains a powerful message:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

And so, Dear Readers, may this new year bring with it good health, peace and joy to all of you. — Love, Abby

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 1, 1916

With the big bonfire at the high school still blazing brightly, with the blowing of whistles, ringing of bells, shots from firearms and shouts of the hilarious, near-hilarious and the enthusiastic sober, the year 1915 passed into history in Pendleton at midnight last night and the year 1916 made its advent. Despite the fact that the state changed from the wet to the dry column with the beginning of the new year, there was no more disorder on the streets last night than on the ordinary New Year's eve. A great many drank away the last hours of the wet year and many became drunk but little "rough stuff" was in evidence. Only nineteen arrests were made by the police though others, getting under the influence of liquor, were given a kindly steer toward home. Chief Manning states that he has seen some Saturday nights almost as disorderly as last night.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian

Jan. 1, 1966

The new year was just three hours old when Umatilla County's first 1966 baby arrived. He is an 8 pound, 6 ounce boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gambill, Pendleton. Named Brent McGowan, the New Year's baby joins three brothers. Hospital attendants at Pendleton Community Hospital, where the event took place, report that the infant's father had hoped he'd arrive before midnight. He wanted the tax deduction.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 1, 1991

One year after the Columbia Ridge Land-fill opened in a canyon south of Arlington, Gilliam County has 75 new jobs that pay more than \$30,000 a year. Another 35 jobs are expected next year in a county of 2,000 residents — Oregon's second smallest — as garbage shipments hit full steam from Portland and Seattle. Gilliam County typically has one of Oregon's lowest unemployment rates. A year ago the rate stood at 4 percent; today it is 3 percent.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the first day of leap year 2016. There are 365 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states shall be "forever free."

On this date: In 1660, Englishman Samuel Pepys (peeps) began keeping his famous diary.

In 1913, the U.S. Parcel Post system went into operation.

In 1935, The Associated Press inaugurated Wirephoto, the first successful service for transmitting photographs by wire to member newspapers.

In 1945, France was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, was discovered dead in the back seat of his car during a stop in Oak Hill, West Virginia, while he was being driven to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.

Today's Birthdays:

In 1959, Fidel Castro and his revolutionaries overthrew Cuban leader Fulgencio Batista, who fled to the Dominican Republic.

In 1975, a jury in Washington found Nixon administration officials John N. Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and Robert C. Mardian guilty of charges related to the Watergate cover-up (Mardian's conviction for conspiracy was later overturned on appeal).

In 1984, the breakup of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

In 1995, the World Trade Organization (WTO) came into being, replacing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Sweden, Finland and Austria joined the European Union.

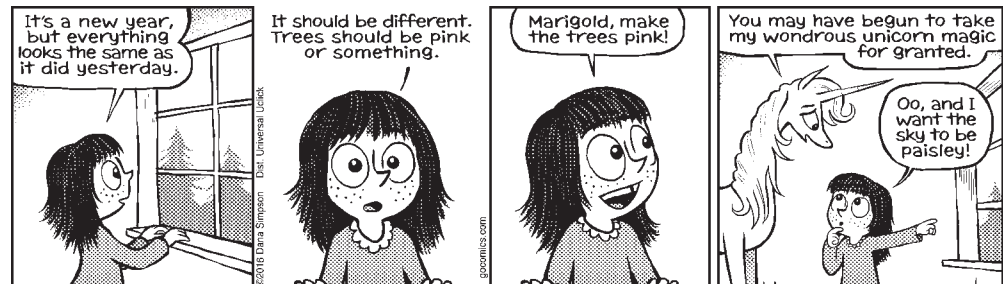
In 2014, the nation's first legal recreational pot shops opened in Colorado at 8 a.m. Mountain time.

Former Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is 94. Actor Ty Hardin is 86. Documentary maker Frederick Wiseman is 86. Actor Frank Langella is 78. Rock singer-musician Country Joe McDonald is 74. Writer-comedian Don Novello is 73. Actor Rick Hurst is 70. Country singer Steve Ripley (The Tractors) is 66. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., is 62. The head of the International Monetary Fund, Christine Lagarde, is 60. Rapper Grandmaster Flash is 58. Actress Ren Woods is 58. Actress Dedee Pfeiffer is 52. Actress Embeth Davidtz is 50. Country singer Brian Flynn (Flynnville Train) is 47. Actor Verne Troyer is 47. Elin Nordegren is 36. Actor Jonas Armstrong (Film: "Walking With the Enemy"; "Edge of Tomorrow"; TV: "Robin Hood") is 35.

Thought for Today: "A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the other." — Author unknown.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

