

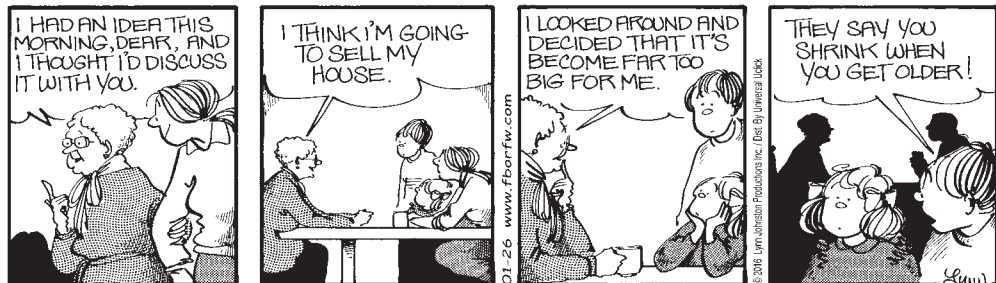
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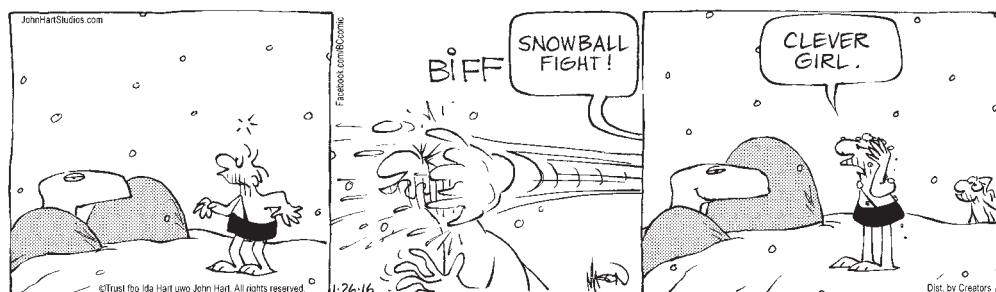
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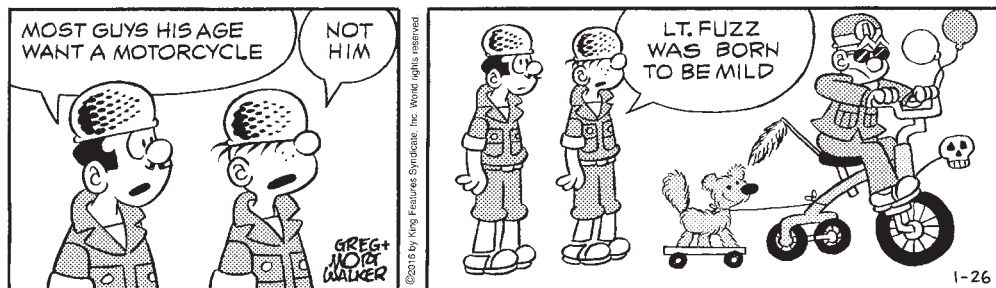
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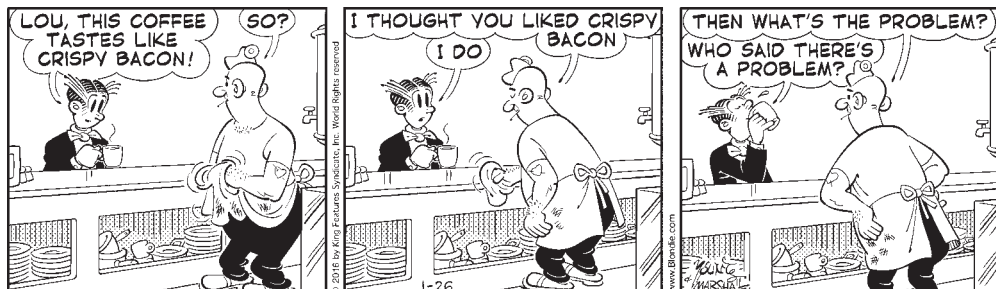
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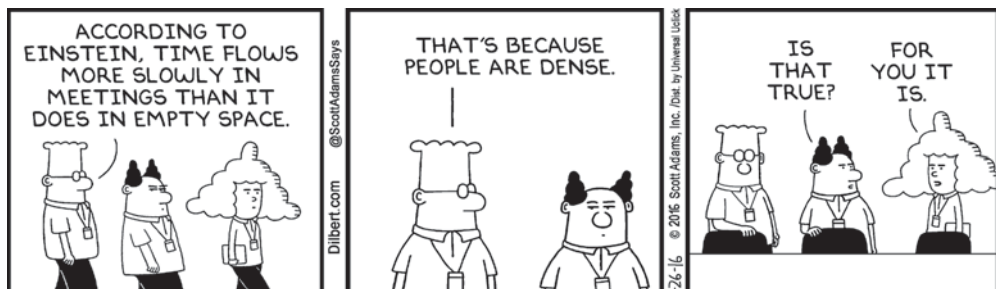
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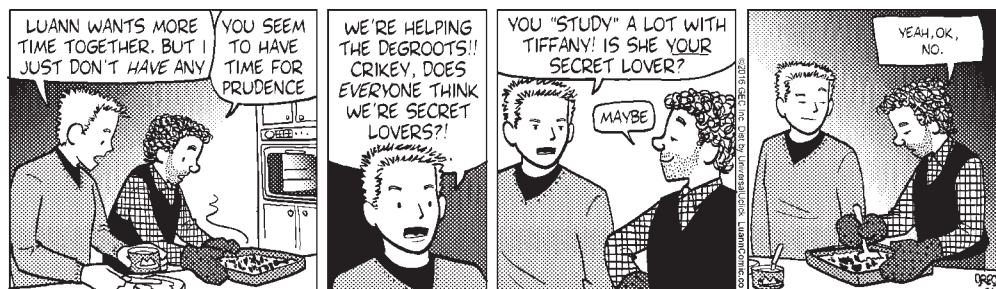
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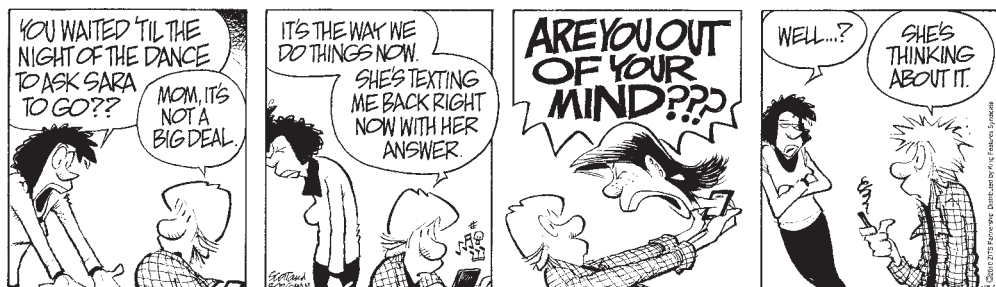
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DEAR ABBY

Unplanned pregnancy can become welcome surprise

Dear Abby: I just read the letter from "Expecting in Canada" (Sept. 8) and am disappointed in her daughters' reaction to her pregnancy, as were you.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

The little "intruder" may just be the one who takes care of them someday. I'm shocked that the parents would even entertain the idea of giving the baby away. — Judy In Louisiana

My own mother announced she was pregnant with my baby brother when she was 42 and my sister and I were in college. Now, 46 years later, I can say he is one of the best things that ever happened to our family. He took great care of both my parents as they grew older and was with them when each passed away. My sister and I are very close to him, even though we nicknamed him "the crown prince" and teased him because that's how my parents treated him.

Teenagers that age are just coming to terms with their own sexuality. They can also be somewhat selfish and self-absorbed. While it may be a family matter to some extent, it really is between the mother and father.

I hope "Expecting's" daughters will eventually embrace this great gift. If they don't, they may miss out on a wonderful experience and a lot of love. — Elder Sister Of The Crown Prince

My little brother is very close to me now and, more important, close to my children, who are nearer in age to him. I hope that mother won't let the temporary opinion of the daughters ruin a beautiful experience of a shared love. — Cheryl In California

Dear Elder Sister: Thank you for your letter. Readers wrote to share their personal experiences as you did. Most agreed that having a child with older parents and siblings can be a life-changing event. Read on:

Dear Abby: "Expecting" should ask her daughters to be a part of the baby's life, such as going to doctor's appointments, picking out clothes, decorating the room, giving name suggestions and having them participate in a baby shower. — Stephanie In Illinois

Dear Abby: I was a surprise baby. My birth mother was 40 and my birth father was 67. My sisters were 15 and 16. The older one was not happy; the younger one loved having a baby sister.

Dear Abby: When my mother was 42, my baby brother was born. I was 17 when I became his nanny and learned how to take care of a baby. It was an experience that made me more mature. After I married, I was never able to have my own children.

As fate would have it, my mother died when I was 7 years old. My father was too old to care for a child, so my older sister, the one who hadn't been thrilled with my arrival, and her husband became my "parents." Not every day was perfect, but my life was very blessed.

Please don't listen to your daughters. I know what it's like. Perhaps they are jealous that they have to share their parents. My mom and dad were the oldest parents at PTA meetings, graduations, etc., but they were proud of my younger brother. Many times people thought they were the grandparents. We shared many laughs during those years. — Eileen In West Virginia

My sister, whom I called Momma, became ill in her 60s, and my brother-in-law, whom I called Daddy for the rest of his life, also had health problems. I became their "legs" for many errands. When Daddy died I became Momma's primary caregiver. I would like those two girls to know that

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 25-26, 1916

The havoc wrought by the proverbial bull in the china-shop was scarcely greater than that created last night in the Lincoln school by some culprit who gained entrance through a window. From the desk in Mrs. Idleman's room some money, collected from the pupils for a general fund, was taken and another teacher found in her desk money that didn't belong there. The bell handle was sticky with glue and many desks showed evidence of hasty ransacking. That some mischievous boy is the culprit is the theory entertained by the teachers and, in an effort to locate him, every pupil in the school was this morning directed to write a note to their parents, telling them of the nocturnal visit to the school and requesting them to write to Principal Della Rush an "alibi" for their offspring.

\$77,200. Silvey had charged Mrs. Gerald C. McCoy with saying Silvey had lived with another man's wife for two weeks. Silvey claimed her statements cost him his job; he was fired Nov. 18, 1964, soon after Mrs. McCoy had complained to Hermiston City Manager Tom Harper about Silvey's conduct. Silvey will have to pay about \$200 in court costs and witness fees. Both Silvey and Mrs. McCoy appeared pleased at the jury's decision.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 25-26, 1991

Umatilla County's two largest cities have reached population milestones based on the 1990 census. Pendleton topped 15,000 and Hermiston exceeded 10,000 for the first time in the history of the towns. But those increases are the exception rather than the rule for northeast Oregon. Several smaller towns in Umatilla and Morrow counties dropped in population — three by more than 15 percent — while the county population totals remain nearly the same. The region's biggest population winner by percentage was Boardman, which climbed 10 percent to 1,387, or about 120 people.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 25-26, 1966

A jury awarded former Hermiston police chief William A. Silvey a total of \$2 damages Monday in a suit in which he had asked

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 26th day of 2016. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 26, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Rocky Mountain National Park Act, which created America's 10th national park.

On this date: In 1784, in a letter to his daughter Sarah, Benjamin Franklin expressed unhappiness over the choice of the bald eagle as the symbol of America, and stated his own preference: the turkey. In 1788, the first European settlers in Australia, led by Capt. Arthur Phillip, landed in present-day Sydney. In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state. In 1925, actor Paul Newman was born in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

In 1939, during the Spanish Civil War, rebel forces led by Gen. Francisco Franco captured Barcelona. In 1942, the first American Expeditionary Force to go to Europe during World War II arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland. In 1950, India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president. In 1962, the United States launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon — but the probe ended up missing its target by more than 22,000 miles. In 1998, President Bill Clinton forcefully denied having an affair with a former White House intern, telling reporters, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Anne Jeffreys is 93. Cartoonist Jules Feiffer is 87. Sports-caster-actor Bob Uecker is 81. Actor Scott Glenn is 77. Singer Jean Knight is 73. Activist Angela Davis is 72. Actor Richard Portnow ("Trumbo," "The Sopranos") is 69. Rock singer-musician Eddie Van Halen is 61. Actress-comedian-talk show host Ellen DeGeneres is 58. Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky is 55. Director Lenny Abrahamson ("Room") is 50. Rock musician Chris Hesse (Hoobastank) is 42. NBA player Vince Carter is 39.

Thought for Today:

"Time is not measured by the passing of years but by what one does, what one feels, and what one achieves." — Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian statesman (1889-1964).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

