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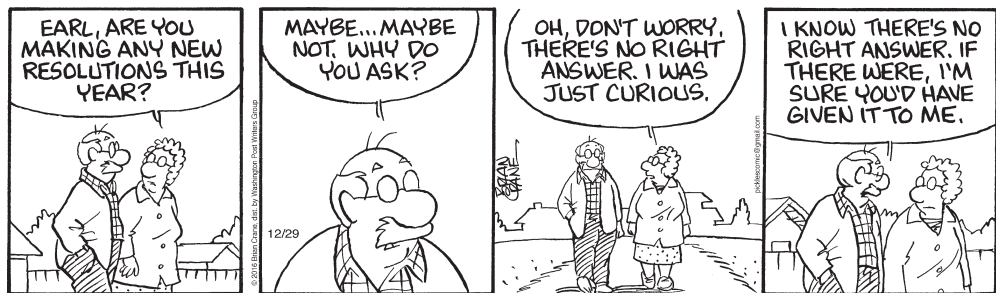
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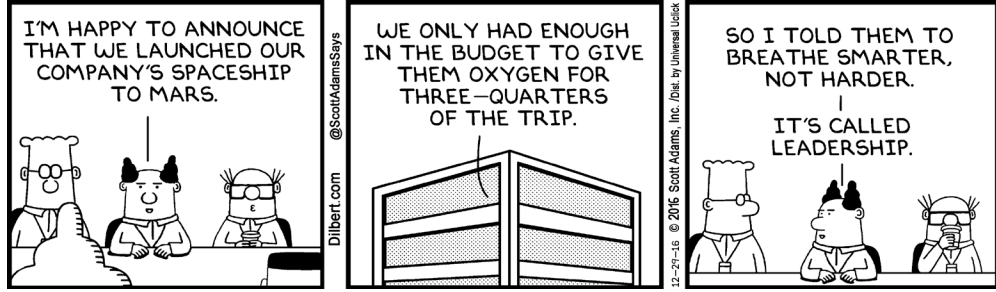
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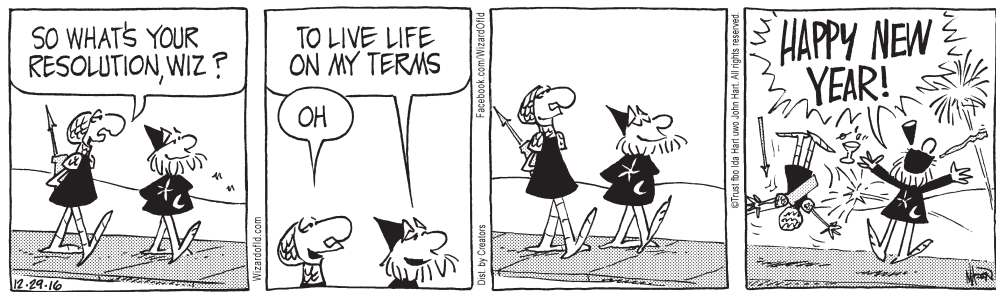
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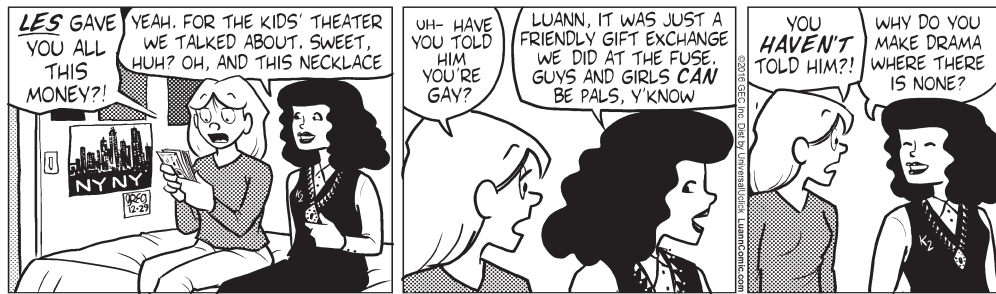
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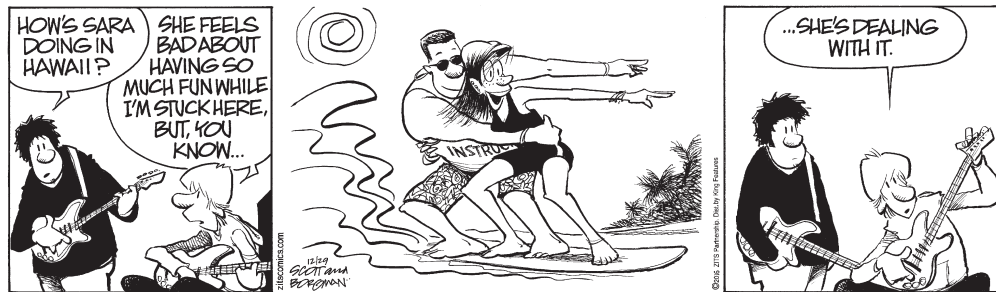
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DEAR ABBY

Baby's birth sparks interest in absentee father's family

Dear Abby: My twin sister and I were raised by a single mom. Because Mom received welfare benefits, she was required to list "potential" fathers in order to receive aid. After a time, the state required paternity tests be given to the men she had listed, so we had no idea who our biological father was until we were 16.

Although paternity was proven, he never attempted to contact us. I recently learned that he died several years ago at a relatively young age (mid-50s). I also discovered that he had at least two other children, one of whom I was able to locate on Facebook.

I don't want to cause any undue distress by reaching out to them. However, I'm curious about any historical information they could provide, particularly medical or hereditary issues I should know about. All of a sudden I have this overwhelming need for information, especially now that I have a child.

Should I try and contact my half-siblings, or let it go and hope there's nothing there to find out? I don't want to hurt anyone, but I feel I just have to know. — **Needs To Know**

Dear Needs To Know: The revelation that you and your sister exist may come as a shock to your half-siblings, so be prepared. Ideally, the way to go about asking for the information you're seeking would be through an intermediary such as a lawyer. However, if you can't afford one, then write a letter explaining who you are and that you are a parent and would like any information that can be provided



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

about any genetic illnesses that run in your father's side of the family, including his cause of death. While you're at it, be sure to mention that you are not trying to intrude — only to find information that may be pertinent to you, your twin sister and your child.

Dear Abby: I have been separated from my ex-wife for a year and I'm still depressed. I can't eat, I sleep only a couple of hours a night and since the split I have lost 40 pounds.

I'm in my late 20s. My wife and I were together since high school. We have two kids. We separated because of her infidelity and immaturity. I was the one who decided to leave and I don't regret my decision, but a part of me can't move on.

I'm still nice to her and cater to her sometimes, but I want to stop. I feel she uses me because she knows I will always love her. How do I break my bond with her? — **Still Not Over Her In North Carolina**

Dear Still Not Over Her: If your ex-wife is the only woman you have ever dated or been intimate with, it's not surprising that this has been extremely hard for you. Divorce can bring with it a roller coaster of emotions, some high and some low.

Because you can't seem to break out of the lows, it might help you to go online and research divorce support groups for men and attend some meetings. However, if you find you need more help than that to disengage — and you may — ask your doctor for a referral to a licensed mental health professional.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1916

Running at breakneck speed on south Main and dragging a broken sleigh, a runaway team belonging to the Telephone Livery Stable last night dashed headlong into a moving freight train which was blocking their path. One of the horses received a bad cut in the head and bled profusely but neither was seriously injured. The impact threw them back on their haunches but they soon recovered and started running again but were caught by Ralph Grandin who with others was coasting down the Main street hill. The team had been hired by three young men, Mark Patton Jr., Arthur Greenwald and Felix Roumagoux. They were driving east on Bluff street when the seat suddenly cracked and broke. The sound frightened the horses and they lunged forward so suddenly that the three occupants were thrown out the back end.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1966

Firemen had a "heck of a time" early this

morning putting out a fire at the Richard Clark home in Riverside. Heat from a fireplace had, by conduction, set on fire a wooden floor under a slab of concrete in the fireplace. It took five firemen and a chain saw over 1 1/2 hours to get at the smoldering wood.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1991

The Prairie City man accused of raping a Eugene woman at the Red Lion Dec. 1 entered a plea of not guilty Friday morning in Umatilla County Circuit Court. Dan L. Wolgamott, 32, was arrested Dec. 4 after Pendleton police searched his home in Prairie City. The arrest of Wolgamott came after police received information from several citizens who apparently saw him at the Red Lion. The search of Wolgamott's home apparently turned up a .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol, which is similar to the weapon described to police by the victim. Wolgamott has a minor criminal record that includes arrests for hunting violations, driving under the influence of intoxicants and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 364th day of 2016. There are two days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1916, James Joyce's first novel, "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," was first published in book form in New York after being serialized in London.

On this date:

In 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1812, during the War of 1812, the American frigate USS Constitution engaged and severely damaged the British frigate HMS Java off Brazil.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1934, Japan formally

renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas.

In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people (it's never been determined who was responsible).

In 1986, former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan died in Sussex, England, at age 92.

In 1996, guerrilla and government leaders in Guatemala signed an accord ending 36 years of civil conflict. North Korea issued an unprecedented apology for sending a spy submarine into South Korean waters.

Today's Birthdays:

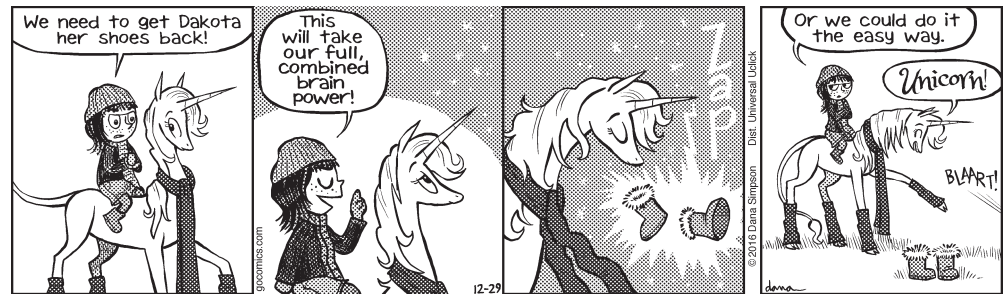
Country singer Rose Lee Maphis is 94. Actress Dina Merrill is 93. Actress Inga Swenson is 84. ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 82. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 80. Actress Barbara Steele is 79. Actor Jon Voight is 78. Country singer Ed Bruce is 77. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 75. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 70. Hall of Fame Jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr. is 70. Actor Ted Danson is 69. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 65. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 57. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 57. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 55. Actor Michael Cudlitz is 52. Rock singer Dexter Holland (The Offspring) is 51. Actor-comedian Mystro Clark is 50. Movie director Andy Wachowski is 49. Actor Jude Law is 44.

Thought for Today:

"Ours is the age of substitutes: Instead of language we have jargon; instead of principles, slogans; and instead of genuine ideas, bright suggestions." — Eric Bentley, British-born American author and educator.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

