

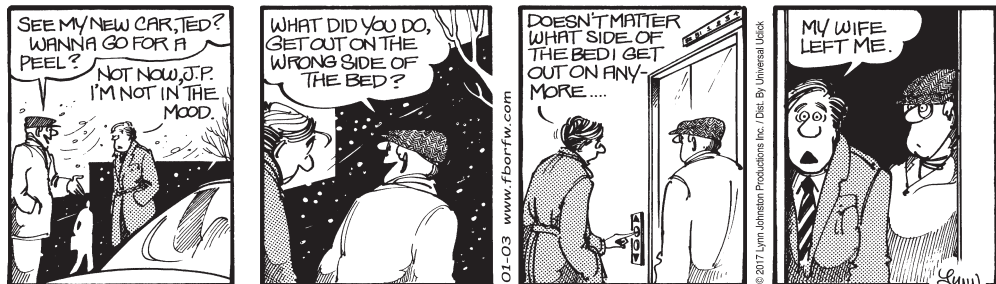
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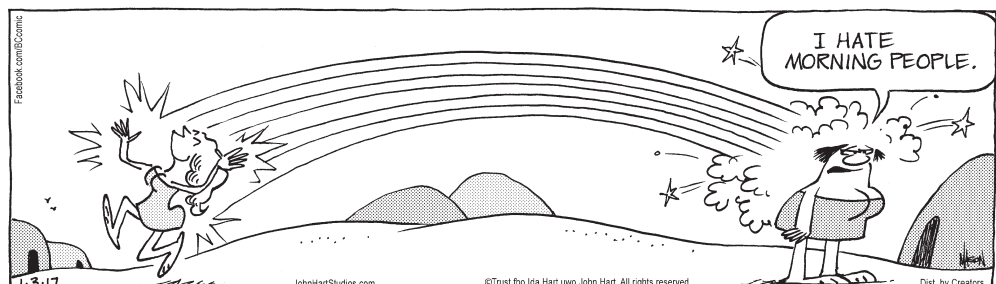
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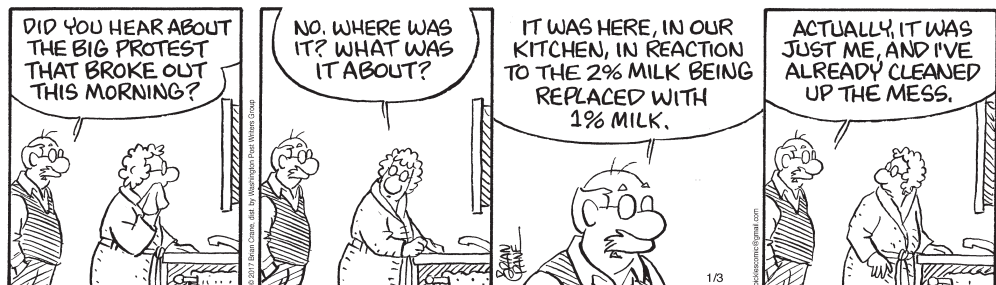
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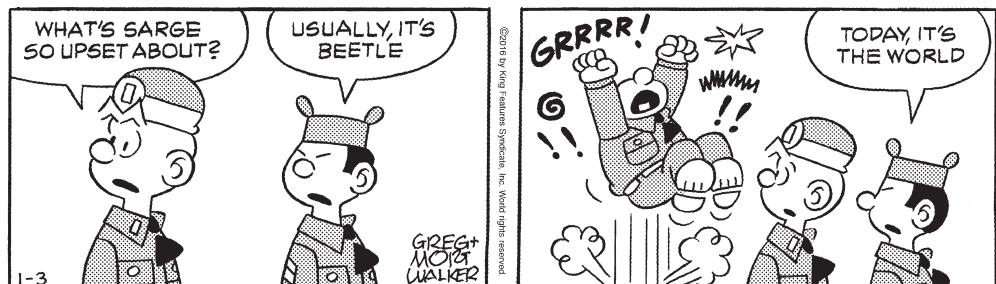
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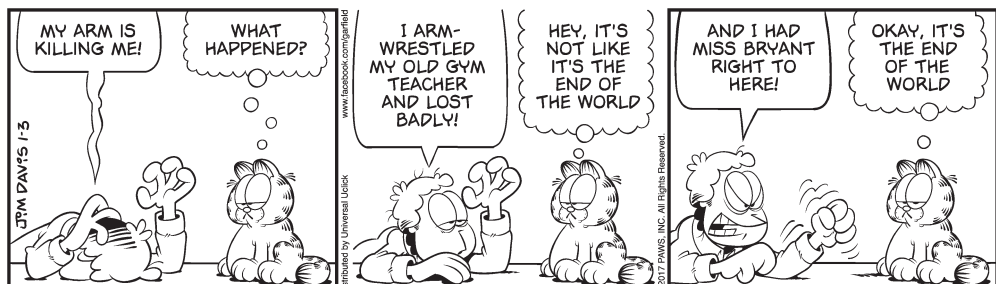
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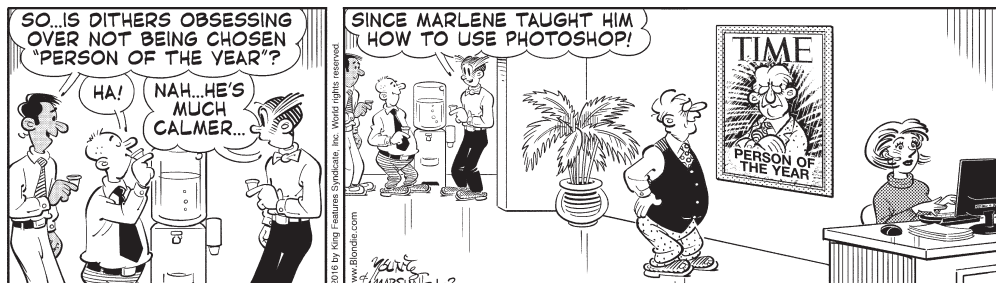
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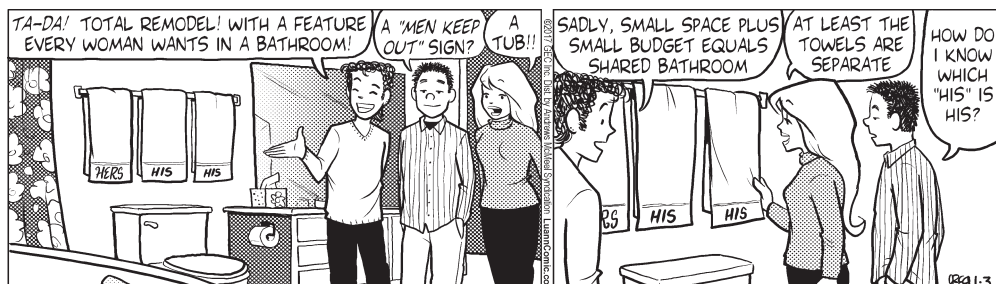
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DEAR ABBY

Secret baptism for baby is scheme that's all wet



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My niece has a 1-year-old son. Neither my niece nor the baby's father is religious, and they have chosen not to have the baby baptized. My sister, the baby's grandmother, while not wanting to impose her beliefs on the parents, comes from a generation when even couples who were not demonstrably religious usually had their baby baptized.

who have housekeepers — beware. We "might" be doing a sociological study on how people treat the help. Wasn't there a movie about that? Be kind to each other, people! — The Help

Dear Help: What you have experienced isn't a problem faced only by housekeepers. It is something that many service industry workers encounter all too often. Perhaps it happens because some people were never taught that inside the uniform is a person with real feelings, and that everyone deserves to be treated with respect.

I know it would comfort my sister to know this ancient ceremony had been performed. Since my sister watches the little boy at her house, would it be wrong for us to organize an informal baptism — just holy water and a couple of prayers? We don't feel we need to have an officiant of any religion present and, of course, we would not tell the baby's parents. Would this be appropriate? — Mortified In Montana

Dear Abby: After a year together, my boyfriend recently proposed. We plan to wed in two years. During this time, he intends to move into my home so we can save for the wedding. My parents, however, are completely against our living together before we get married.

Dear Mortified: No, it would not. If you were sure that it would be, you wouldn't have written to me about it. My advice is not to do ANYTHING like this behind the parents' backs, because if you do, there will be hell to pay. Consider this: Not all denominations baptize their members as infants.

Abby, I'm 30 years old and so is my fiancé. I own my own home and my boyfriend currently rents. My parents are very traditional and may not help with the wedding if we move in together. We can't afford to pay for much if we don't do it and save. On top of that, we are excited to start our lives together. Do I honor my parents' wishes or do what I feel is right for me and my fiancé? — Rock And A Hard Place

Dear Abby: Please post my message for people to be more considerate and nonjudgmental about their "help." I am a housekeeper by choice. I have office skills, massage therapy skills and many talents, but I have noticed that clients seem to have a preconceived idea of who I am.

Dear Rock And A Hard Place: You and your fiancé are both 30, which means you are well into adulthood. Don't you think it's time for you both to start becoming and thinking like independent adults? By that I mean deciding which is more important to you — living your lives the way your parents want, or the way you want.

I am not someone who is money-driven. I am also not uneducated. I am a person who enjoys helping others, no matter what I may be doing. What I do for a living is not who I am.

I have been treated disrespectfully. People

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2-3, 1917

Though a chinook and warm rain has almost entirely melted the snow in and about Pendleton, other parts of the county were visited with a different brand of weather. In the mountains there has been a heavy snowfall during the past two days and in the north and east ends of the county a hard windstorm yesterday piled up the snow in great drifts, blocking traffic for a time on both rail and highway. Between Athena and Weston yesterday the wind piled the snow in such a drift that one of the Walla Walla-Pendleton trains was stuck for several hours. It is reported that from Adams on the highways are piled five and six feet deep with snow in some places, making auto traffic out of the question.

In Hermiston the first baby was born at Good Shepherd Hospital at 8:23 a.m. New Years Day, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zemke. For being the first baby of the year in Pendleton the Barkley boy won over 25 prizes. The child, named Leslie Paul, is the seventh for the Barkleys. Young Alex Lynn, the first child for the Zemkes, earns over 19 prizes in the East Oregonian's first baby contest for the West End.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2-3, 1992

Little environmental damage is expected from the spill of about 4,500 gallons of diesel fuel into a canyon on Cabbage Hill Tuesday. The spill occurred at about 6:45 a.m. after a semi-truck hauling 9,500 gallons of diesel fuel veered off the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 and plunged 100 feet into a ravine. The driver, Russell Nally of Milton-Freewater, was not injured, but one tanker trailer ruptured and spewed its contents into a gully. The diesel fuel flowed into an adjoining canyon that typically carries runoff water into Patawa Creek. Little runoff water was present in the canyon, which helped aid the containment within one-half mile of Patawa Creek.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2-3, 1967

New Year's babies in both Pendleton and Hermiston checked in early Jan. 1, and both were boys! The first baby born in Pendleton arrived at 5:50 a.m. at St. Anthony Hospital, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barkley of Mission.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the third day of 2017. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, died in a Dallas hospital.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1870, groundbreaking took place for the Brooklyn Bridge.

In 1892, J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, was born in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

In 1911, the first postal savings banks were opened by the U.S. Post Office. (The banks were abolished

in 1966.)

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1946, William Joyce, the pro-Nazi radio propagandist known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was hanged at Wandsworth Prison in London for high treason.

In 1947, congressional proceedings were televised for the first time as viewers in Washington, Philadelphia and New York got to see some of the opening ceremonies of the 80th Congress.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

In 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, California, by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Makkula Jr.

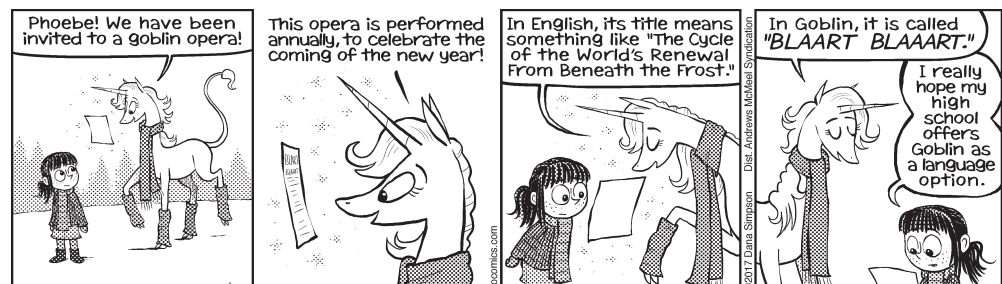
Today's Birthdays:

Actor Dabney Coleman is 85. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 81. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull is 78. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 74. Musician Stephen Stills is 72. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 71. Actress Victoria Principal is 67. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 61. Actress Shannon Sturges is 49. Actor John Ales is 48. Jazz musician James Carter is 48. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 45. Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 42. Actor Jason Marsden is 42. Actress Danica McKellar is 42. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 41. Actress Kate Levering is 38. NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 36.

Thought for Today: "If people never did silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done." — Ludwig Wittgenstein, Austrian philosopher (1889-1951).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

