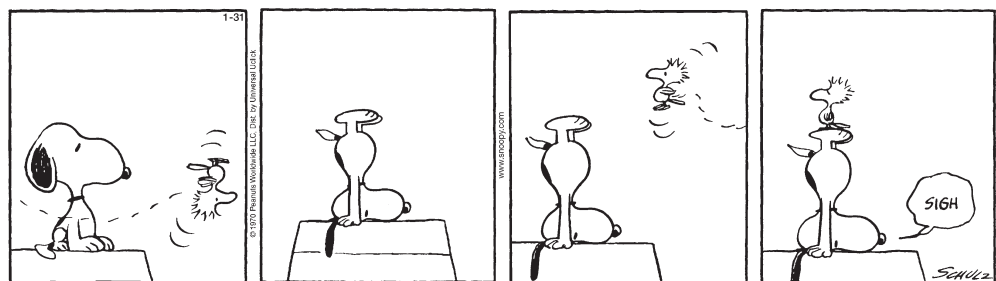


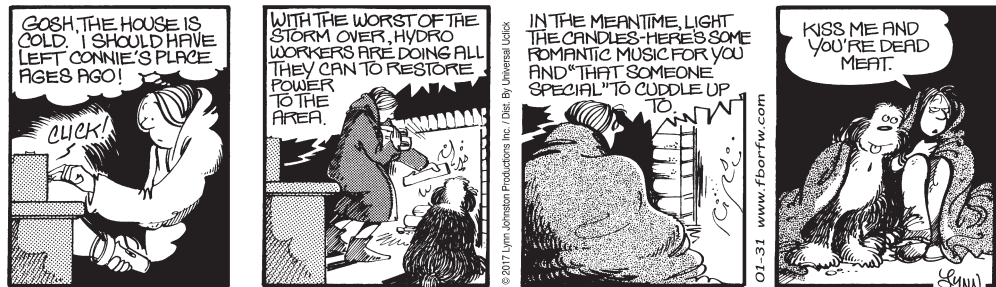
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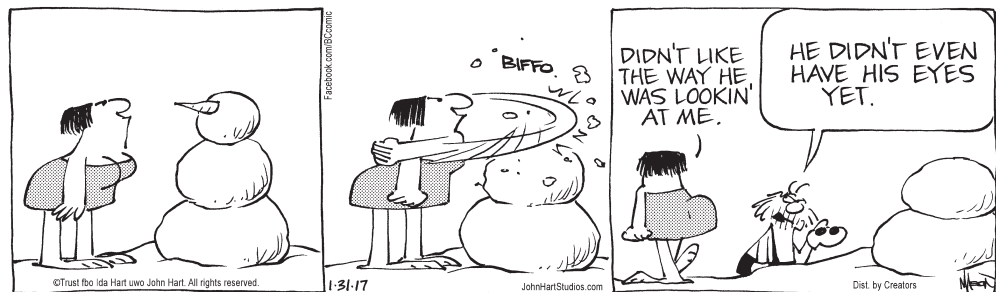
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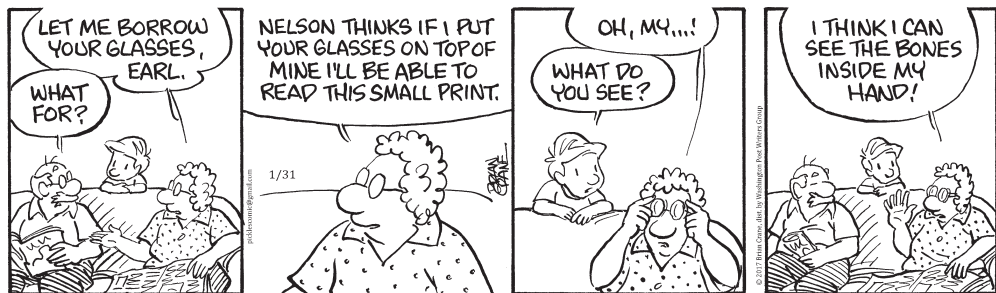
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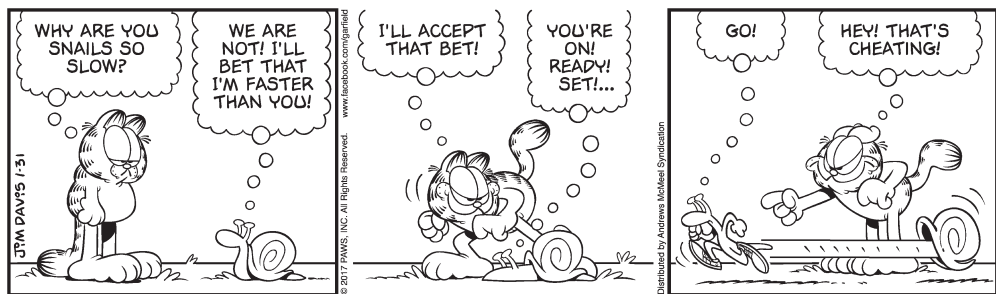
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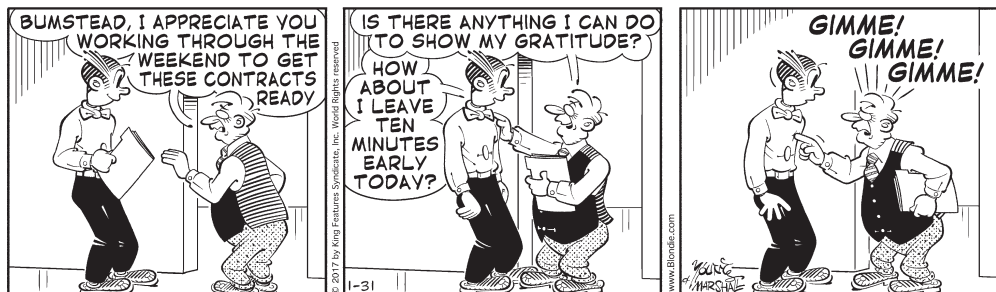
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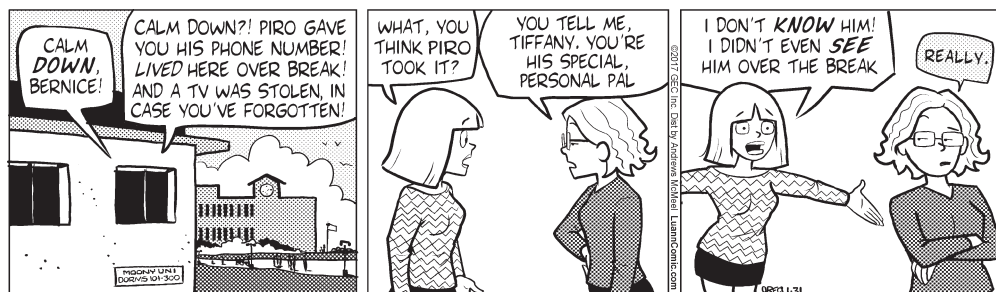
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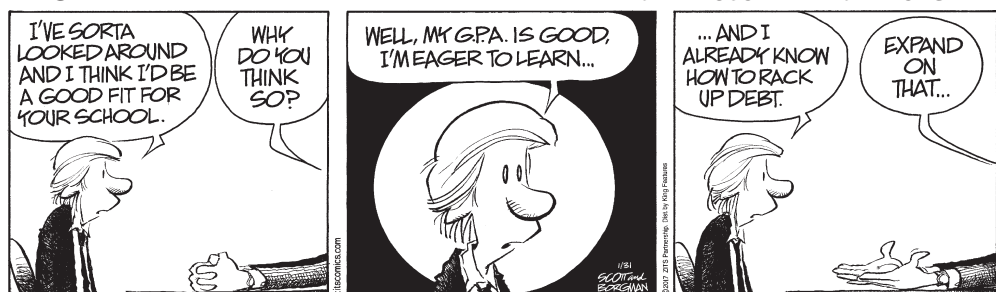
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DEAR ABBY

Deserted sister doubly angry after brother abandons wife

Dear Abby: When my children were small, my husband left me. He married the other woman the day after our divorce was final. It was the worst thing that has ever happened to me, and I suffered greatly in the years that followed.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Recently my brother did the same thing to his wife of many years. I find myself feeling very angry and hurt that he would do this. He said it was wrong when it happened to me, but now he expects me to support his decision to abandon his wife. He also expects me to befriend his new wife.

I can't help but identify with his ex. My heart goes out to her, and I'm furious with my brother and his new wife. Am I wrong for feeling this way? Must my loyalty to my family override my principles? — Loyal To A Point In Mississippi

Dear Loyal: That you would identify strongly with your former sister-in-law isn't wrong; it is normal under the circumstances. Not knowing how close your relationship is with your brother, I can't decide for you whether blood is thicker than water. But I can certainly understand your distaste at the idea of befriending the woman he cheated with.

Whichever you decide to do, continue to be kind to your ex-SIL. She needs all the emotional support she can get now that your brother is cozily ensconced in his new love nest.

Dear Abby: I have been carpooling with another mom for about a year. I pick her kids up from the bus stop and take them home. We

help each other out, but I do most of the carpooling because of "Kathy's" work schedule.

Because my daughter "Chris" turned 16, she will be driving to school once the weather improves. I told Kathy we have to discuss the carpool situation. By law, Chris will be allowed to have only one non-family member in the car. She cannot take Kathy's daughter to and from school because Chris will be taking her best friend.

I feel terrible about it. I am a rule follower and don't want to put my daughter in an illegal situation. I believe I have given Kathy plenty of time to figure another way home for her daughter. I'm not sure why I feel so bad and am losing sleep over this. Am I wrong? — Carpooling In Ohio

Dear Carpooling: You have been a good friend to Kathy, but her daughter is her responsibility, not yours. You are making Kathy's problem your problem, and that IS wrong. Now turn over, go back to sleep and let her solve it.

Dear Abby: I've often wondered what happens to people with an immediate problem that you are unable to answer in print in a timely manner. For example, a bride with an upcoming wedding, or someone trying to decide where to spend Thanksgiving or Christmas. Do you write them outside of your column? — Just Wondering In Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Just Wondering: Yes. Time-sensitive questions are often dealt with separately, apart from my column.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 30-31, 1917

Having read in a Portland paper that Chief of Police Lou Rayburn of La Grande, formerly police officer here, and Fire Chief Claude McKay of La Grande have issued a defi to meet any other such officers in the country in a blue rock contest, Chief of Police Gurdane of Pendleton is hurling a challenge to the La Grande chiefs to meet him and Officer Billy Scheer in a revolver contest. "I know Lou is a champion with the shotgun," said Chief Gurdane this morning, "and McKay may be as good, but what does that buy them? An officer doesn't go around with a shotgun on his shoulder. ... Tell him to cut out blowing about his marksmanship with a scatter-gun and meet me with the only weapon a man in his occupation should use."

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 30-31, 1967

Hepner volunteer firemen were called out

at 10 a.m. Tuesday when an alarm was turned in that a hay truck was burning on Highway 207 one mile south of town. The truck, owned by Jack Glavey, was being driven by Pat O'Brien when flames shot up from the floorboards. The vehicle had burned up before the firemen arrived. Tires were not burned and the frame was towed to a local garage.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 30-31, 1992

Owner Jim Sewell hopes to have the Circle S Barbecue restaurant open again by Tuesday, but he admits that may be "a lot of wishful thinking." A fire Wednesday night heavily damaged the kitchen of the popular Pendleton restaurant and caused smoke damage throughout the rest of the building. The fire started in the flue of the smoker, according to fire marshal Ron Campbell. All told, 19 firefighters and four pieces of equipment — two pumper trucks, an aerial ladder truck and an ambulance — were on the scene until 1 a.m.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 31st day of 2017. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 31, 1917, during World War I, Germany served notice that it was beginning a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

On this date:

In 1606, Guy Fawkes, convicted of treason for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot" against the English Parliament and King James I, was executed.

In 1797, composer Franz Schubert was born in Vienna.

In 1865, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution abolishing slavery, sending it to states for ratification. (The amendment was adopted in Dec. 1865.) Gen. Robert E. Lee was named general-in-chief of the Confederate States Army by President Jefferson Davis.

In 1929, revolutionary Leon Trotsky and his family were expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Gold Reserve Act.

In 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France.

In 1958, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer I.

In 1961, NASA launched Ham the Chimp aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket from Cape Canaveral; Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16 1/2-minute suborbital flight.

In 1971, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

In 1980, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands announced she would abdicate on her birthday the following April, to be succeeded by her daughter, Princess Beatrix.

In 1990, McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow.

In 2000, an Alaska Airlines MD-83 jet crashed into the Pacific Ocean off Port Hueneme, California, killing all 88 people aboard.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Carol Channing is 96. Composer Philip Glass is 80. Former Interior Secretary James Watt is 79. Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands, the former queen regent, is 79. Actor Stuart Margolin is 77. Actress Jessica Walter is 76. Former U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., is 76. Blues singer-musician Charlie Musselwhite is 73. Actor Glynn Turman is 71. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Nolan Ryan is 70. Actor Jonathan Banks is 70. Singer-musician Harry Wayne Casey (KC and the Sunshine Band) is 66. Rock singer Johnny Rotten is 61. Actress Kelly Lynch is 58. Actress Minnie Driver is 47. Actor-comedian Bobby Moynihan is 40. Singer Justin Timberlake is 36. Country singer Tyler Hubbard (Florida Georgia Line) is 30. Folk-rock singer-musician Marcus Mumford (Mumford and Sons) is 30.

Thought for Today: "Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have." — Rabbi Hyman Judah Schachtel, American theologian, author and educator (1907-1990).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

