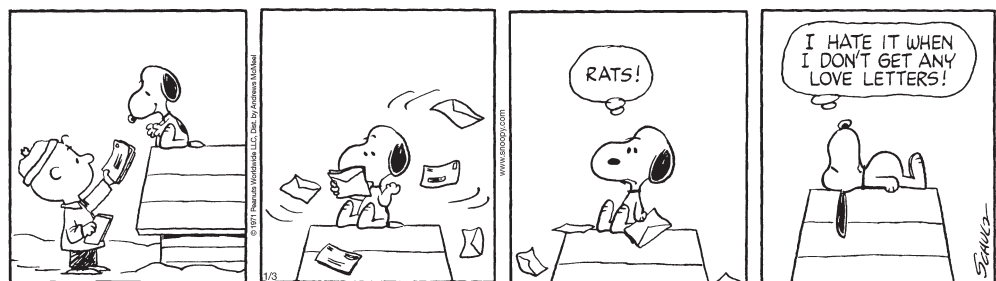


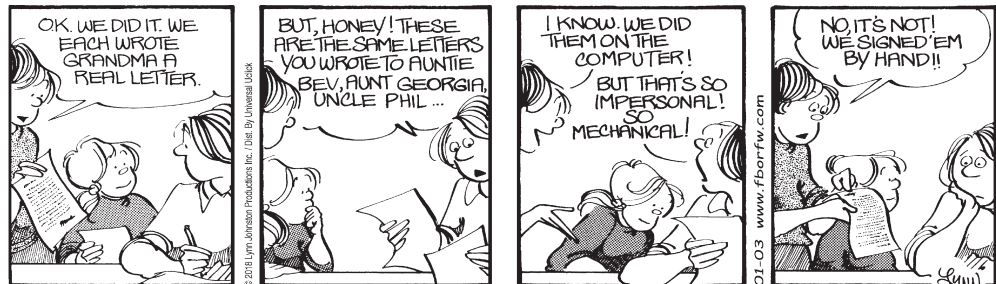
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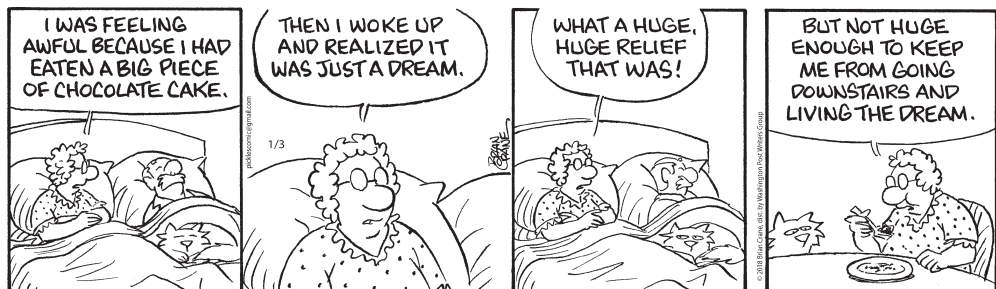
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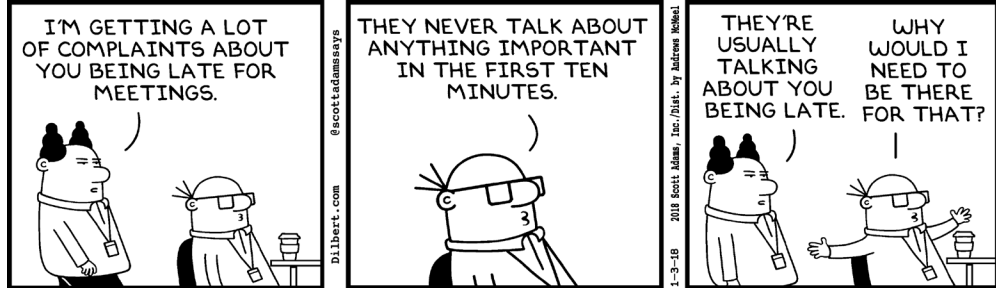
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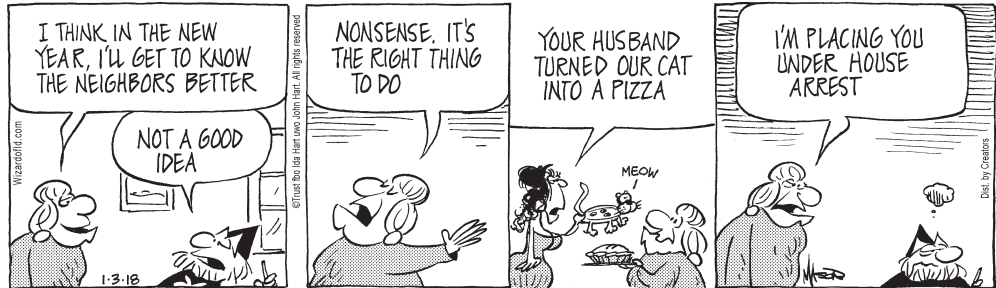
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DEAR ABBY

Crush on mother-in-law's new husband stirs family tension



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My son and his wife have been together 10 years. They met and fell in love young. They are only 25 and have two beautiful children.

I remarried three years ago, and my son's wife was instantly attracted to my 54-year-old husband. It's always uncomfortable for the two of us when they come to visit. She stares at him throughout the entire visit, tries to either sit right next to him or directly across from him, and expects a hug every time they arrive and leave.

My husband confided that he's flattered a 25-year-old gives him that much attention. Three years of this can be very wearing. Anything I can do and NOT lose my son? — Awkward In The East

Dear Awkward: Tell your son that it appears his wife has a crush on your husband, and that while he is flattered that someone so young would find him attractive, her behavior makes both of you uncomfortable.

Dear Abby: I have been best friends with a woman for 30 years, but lately our relationship has become strained. If I do something that irritates her, she gives me the cold shoulder and won't return my phone calls.

I was out of the country for an extended period, and when I returned, she was upset with me for not phoning her. Now she's

upset with me because my husband and I missed an important milestone because of a family emergency.

I am tired of her passive-aggressive behavior, and I have come to realize that our lives have taken us in different directions. Mine is family-oriented. Hers is not because she has no children. Am I wrong to feel this way? — Frustrated In New Mexico

Dear Frustrated: No, your perception is accurate. Your "bestie" appears to be unusually high maintenance. Rather than allow her to make you feel guilty, realize that not all friendships last forever, and this one may have run its course.

Dear Abby: My wife and I are in our 60s. We have been married for some time and are very open-minded. She keeps insisting that she does not remember her first sexual experience.

Dear Bewildered: Not every question needs an answer. If your wife's first experience was unpleasant or traumatic, she may have repressed the memory. Or she may simply prefer not to discuss it with you.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 3, 1918

A new and clever trick in bootlegging camouflage was discovered when the whiskey trunk seized several days ago by Sheriff Taylor was opened. To mislead anyone handling or examining the trunk, four empty cigar boxes had been packed in the trunk and in each was a handful of marbles.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 3, 1968

City and state police Tuesday morning still didn't know what caused the mysterious lights and explosion near the old Blue Mountain highway south of Milton-Freewater last Thursday evening. They suspect it was a bomb, not a noisy visitor from outer space who wanted to celebrate New Year's in Earthling fashion.

caused by the explosion. Nearby a material resembling black plastic, wrapped with wire, was found. Residents of the area saw lights in the sky, followed by a muffled explosion.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 3, 1993

At least four more vehicle hood ornaments were swiped last week in Pendleton, bringing the count to well over 100 taken since the first of October. "This is our most prolific crime in the last three months," said Pendleton Police chief Ed Taber, who has lost the hood ornament as well as the trunk key cover from his own personal vehicle.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the third day of 2018. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1868, Japan's Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of the emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as shoguns; the upheaval paved the way for Japan's drive toward becoming a modern power.

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 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 1958, the first six members of the newly formed U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held their first meeting at the White House.

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

In 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.

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 86. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 82. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Hull is 79.

Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 75. Musician Stephen Stills is 73. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 72.

Actress Victoria Principal is 68. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 62. Actress Shannon Sturges is 50.

Actor John Ales is 49. Jazz musician James Carter is 49. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 46.

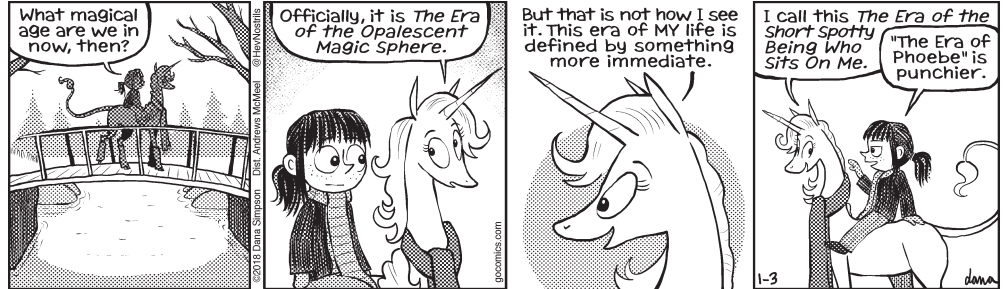
Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 43. Actor Jason Marsden is 43. Actress Danica McKellar is 43.

Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 42. Actress Kate Levering is 39. NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 37. Pop musician Mark Pontius (Foster the People) is 33.

Thought for Today: "No one asked you to be happy. Get to work." — Colette, French author (1873-1954).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

