

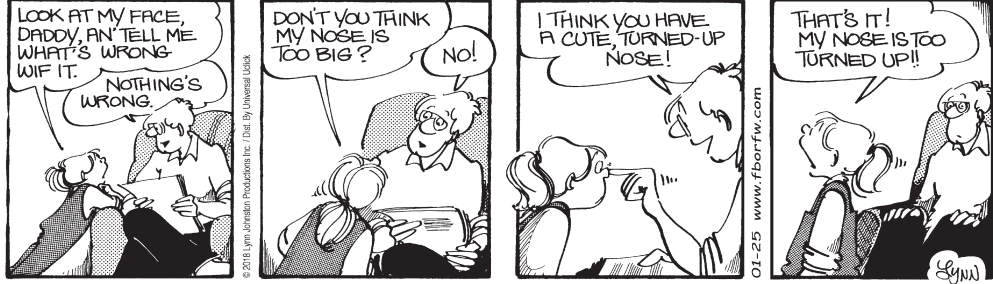
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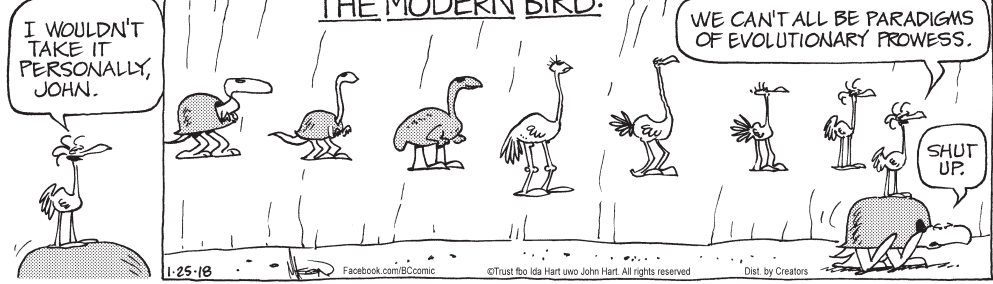
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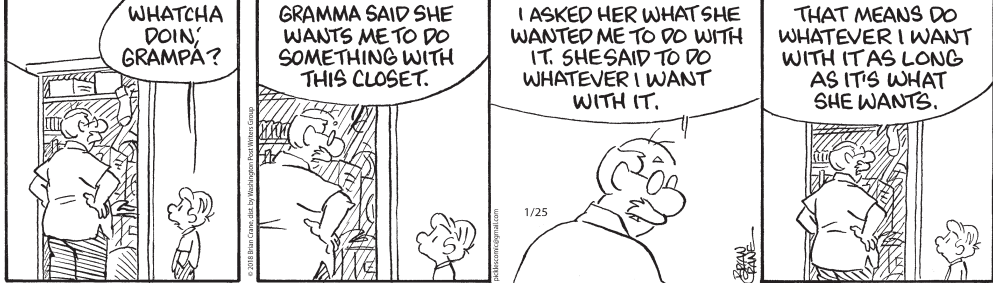
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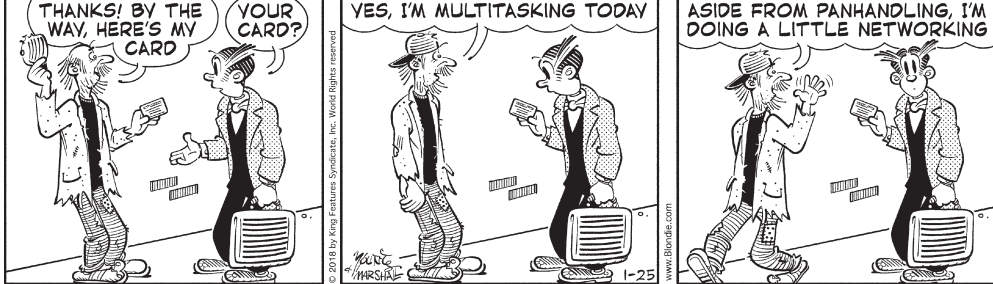
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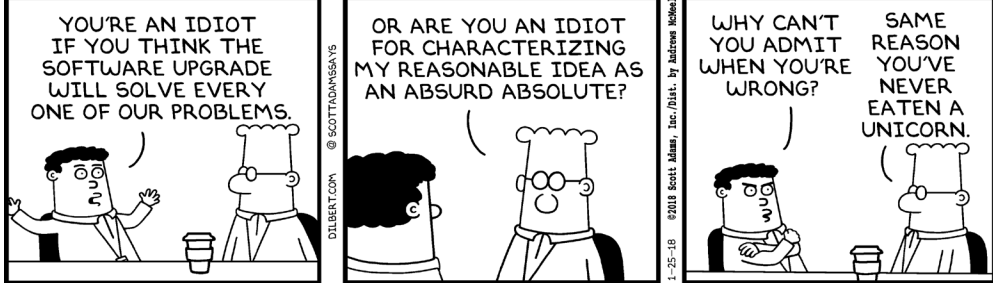
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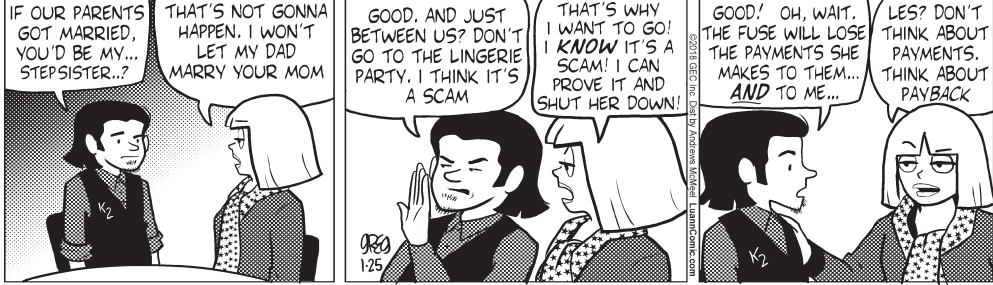
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DEAR ABBY

Celibacy before marriage puts extra urgency on setting a date



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I'm a 50-year-old male engaged to be married to my elementary school sweetheart, "Marie." This will be the second marriage for both of us. We've been dating for six years, three of which were a long-distance relationship. During a time when her mother became ill and sadly passed, Marie told me God had spoken to her and told her not to be sexually active anymore until we're married. I respect and want to honor her and God, but my concern is that we haven't even discussed a wedding date. The earliest could still be six or eight months away. Am I wrong for feeling resentment toward Marie, and will this resentment create problems after marriage with our bedroom life? — On Hold In South Carolina

Dear On Hold: You and Marie have known each other for many years, and know each other very well in every sense. Because Marie doesn't want to have intimate relations again until after you are married, you should not only discuss a wedding date, but also an elopement.

Dear Abby: My sister takes my nephews for modeling and acting assignments. They have been in print ads, websites for clothing, and even a movie.

I was shocked when she told me her 6-year-old is interviewed without a parent present in the room. The boy is bright, self-possessed and spirited, but still — he's only 6. Given the recent revelations about industry-wide problems with child sexual abuse ("An Open Secret" documentary), was I out of line to suggest she have a device to listen in and record? — Concerned Auntie

Dear Concerned Auntie: Better than that, minor children should have a trusted and responsible adult present — whether it's a parent, another relative or the child's agent. That way, EVERYONE would be protected.

Dear Abby: My 24-year-old son, "Jeremy," no longer speaks to me because I asked him to move out. I'm not a fan of his girlfriend, and I'm worried about drugs. Jeremy and I have always been super close. I am so

sad and I want to do what's right for both of us. What should I do? — Trying To Do The Right Thing

Dear Trying: I don't know how emotionally mature Jeremy is, but chronologically he's an adult. If you suspected that he was using drugs while living with you, you had the right to insist he be tested for them — the tests are easily obtainable — as a condition of his continuing to live with you. However, for you to have based living under your roof on the condition that you "liked" his girlfriend was heavy-handed. It was wrong, and for that you should apologize. If you do, perhaps it will give you a chance to mend fences.

Dear Abby: We have a relative who is a terrible cook. How can we refuse her invitations when she's only trying to reciprocate? We enjoy her company, but not her food. We have gone out to eat, but she wants to cook for us! What to do? — Sorry, Not Hungry

Dear Sorry: You have two choices. Either be honest with her or graciously eat her food as infrequently as possible (and when you do, bring along a dish of your own to add to her dinner).

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 25, 1918

Mrs. Cora Colwell and her 15 year old son, Lawrence, were last evening acquitted of the murder of J.E. Short, the aged Lowden rancher who was shot and killed by the boy on the afternoon of May 7. Col. Raley scoffed at the idea of Mrs. Colwell having been present at the shooting, dwelling upon the testimony showing that she had separated from the boy and was at the home of Mrs. Ansbach when the shooting occurred. Col. Raley, in defending the boy who admitted shooting the old man, declared there was no question but that Short left the home with a loaded gun for the purpose of intimidating the Colwells so that they would not try to recover the horse in dispute. He declared he did not believe that Short had any intention of shooting the boy but that he probably shot to one side in an effort to scare the latter. However, he contended the boy was perfectly justified in believing he was in danger of being shot and in firing to protect himself.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 25, 1968

Lewis Parent, Blue Mountain Community College police science student, checked negatives of photos taken of a shack on Birch

Creek near Pilot Rock. Inside the shack were ingredients and equipment for making home brew. Parent and classmate Robert Pugsley were with Paul Jones and Gilbert Petteys of the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department. They happened upon the tar-papered shack on a hunt for a reportedly stolen irrigation pump. Oregon State Liquor Commission representatives later arrived to investigate the place. Dick Pileggi, 32, was in the Multnomah County Jail in connection with the case.

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

Two days after whistling his song of Chinook, Old Man Winter threw back his head, laughed and covered the region with a new blanket of snow Friday. Certainly, northeastern Oregon folks have shoveled more ivory-coated sidewalks this month than in the last several years, but the Old Man will have to give an arctic howl and an icy stare next week if January '93 is to make the record books. It's been relatively warm compared to some cruel stretches endured in January's past. For instance, a 16-inch snowfall on Jan. 19, 1930 was followed by four straight days, Jan. 21-24, in which the mercury plummeted to minus 26 degrees and the low temperature never crept above minus 15.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 25th day of 2018. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 25, 1858, Britain's Princess Victoria, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, married Crown Prince Frederick William, the future German Emperor and King of Prussia, at St. James' Palace. (The ceremony's tradition-setting music, personally selected by the Princess Royal, included the "Bridal Chorus" from Richard Wagner's "Lohengrin" and the "Wedding March" by Felix Mendelssohn.)

On this date: In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I. In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World

completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1955, the Soviet Union formally ended its state of war with Germany.

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

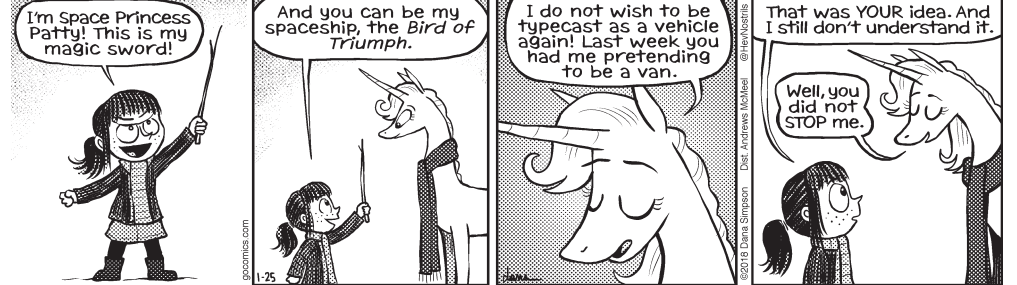
Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Claude Gray is 86. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 73. Actress Jenifer Lewis is 61. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina is 49. Actress China Kantner is 47. Actress Ana Ortiz is 47. Drummer Joe Sirois (Mighty Mighty Bosstones) is 46. Musician Matt Odmark (Jars of Clay) is 44. Actress Mia Kirshner is 43. Actress Christine Lakin is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alicia Keys is 37. Actor Michael Trevino is 33. Pop musician Calum Hood (5 Seconds to Summer) is 22. Actress Olivia Edward is 11.

Thought for Today: "Love must be learned, and learned again and again; there is no end to it. Hate needs no instruction, but wants only to be provoked." — Katherine Anne Porter, American author (1894-1980).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

