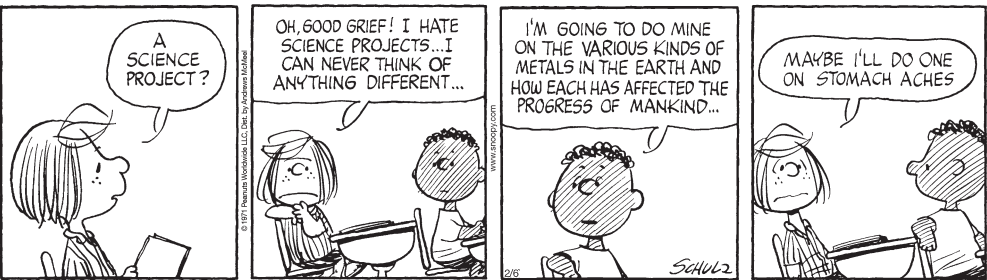


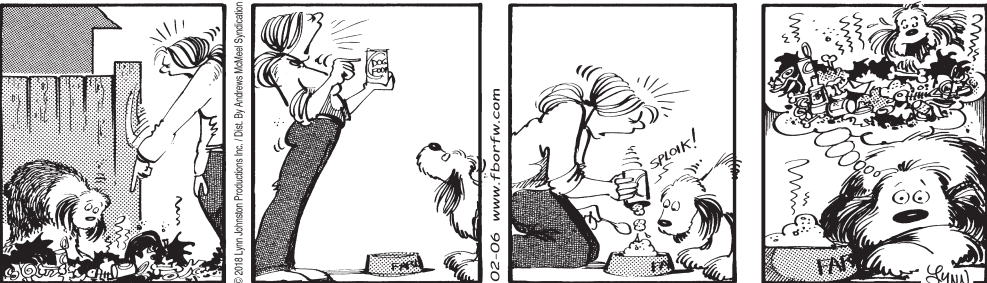
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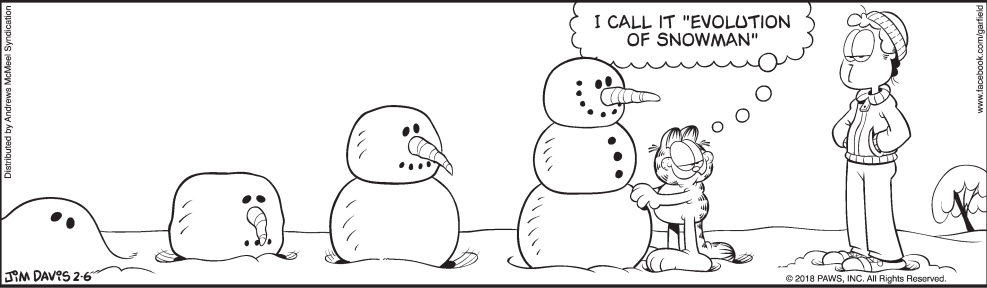
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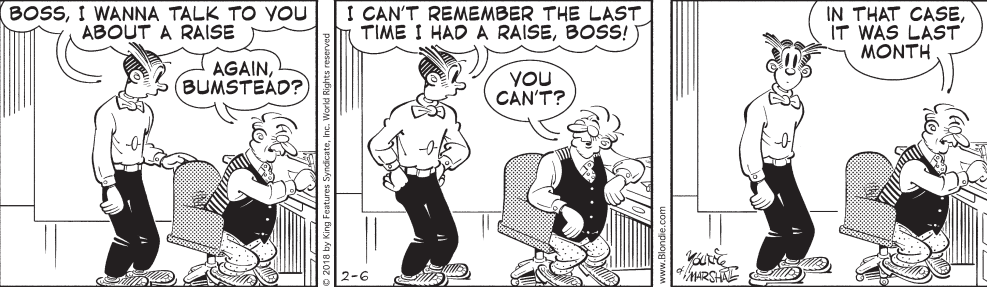
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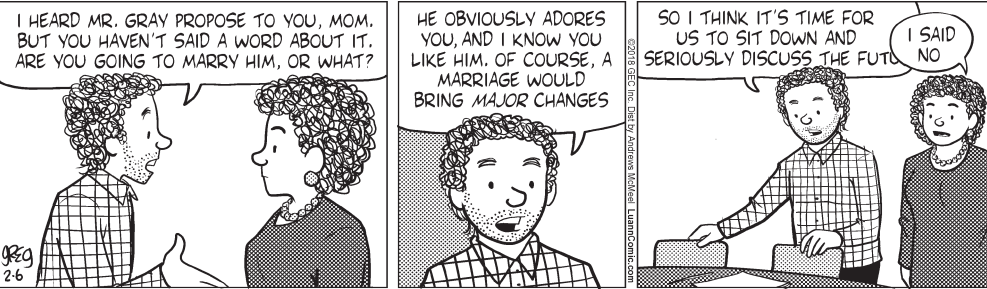
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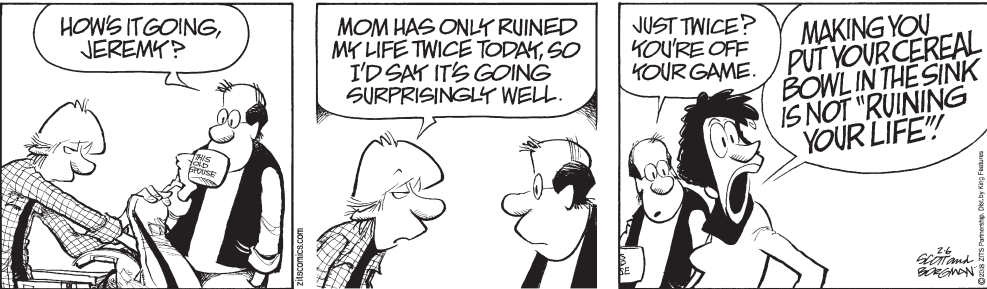
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DEAR ABBY

Dad of twins fears wife is suffering from depression

Dear Abby: My wife gave birth to our twin girls almost a year ago, and for the most part, things have been great. They are happy and healthy, but I'm not sure how happy my wife is. I'm afraid she may be suffering from postpartum depression, but she won't see anyone about it.

She's always putting the girls first and is stressed out because there's never enough time in the day to do everything. From day one, I have made sure that I'm doing my part. I help cook and clean and change poop diapers. I feel I'm very hands-on, and she agrees. I know twins can be stressful, but I'm pretty relaxed about the process and go with the flow.

I have begged her to talk to someone, but she thinks if she does she will have to take antidepressants and won't be able to breastfeed. It's starting to affect our marriage because she takes out her frustration on me. I get yelled at for stuff that doesn't make sense or hasn't really happened.

Would it be wrong to tell her we are going to lunch and take her to see someone instead — like a mental health intervention? Or should I let her figure this out on her own? — **Baby Blues In Michigan**

Dear Baby Blues: To shanghai your wife into a mental health intervention would be a mistake. Be honest with your wife. Tell her you are deeply concerned, and that her stress level is affecting your marriage. Then tell her you will be making an appointment for her with her OB-GYN and accompanying her. The doctor can tell her what the alternatives are for treatment, if she needs it. Her fears may



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be groundless, and medication may not be necessary, but it is important that her doctor evaluate her.

Dear Abby: I have been with my husband for 10 years. Things are great, except for one major issue. Every time we get into a spat, he feels the need to air all of our dirty laundry to his family, which is now my family.

I am a private person. I don't like having other people in the middle of our drama. He tells his relatives his side of the story, and because they

don't hear my side, they automatically assume he is some sort of victim. I then start receiving phone calls and text messages from everyone wanting to know what's going on and trying to give me advice. When I politely turn them down, they get angry and start lecturing me about how wrong I am.

This happens often, no matter how small the argument. What do I do? How can I get him to see how much it bothers me? I don't want the world to know what goes on in our home. Nothing I say gets through to him. — **Betrayed And Alone**

Dear Betrayed: Your husband knows how much what he's doing bothers you. He just doesn't care. He knows that when he runs to his family he will have automatic allies.

It will take work on both your parts with the help of an unbiased licensed marriage and family therapist for your marriage to improve. If your husband won't go with you — and he may not — you should go without him. Because of his level of immaturity, it's a wonder your marriage has made it this long without intervention.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 5-6, 1918

For the purpose, it is said, of further organizing labor in this city and securing an affiliation of local unions with the Federation of Labor, a meeting of workmen and women has been called for tomorrow evening in the Eagle-Woodman hall to meet E.J. Stack, one of the state organizers. The local carpenters and joiners unions have charge of the arrangements for the meeting, and have announced a dance in connection with it. A particular effort is to be made, it is said, to organize the laundry workers. Attempts in the past to organize these workers have failed. Still other branches of labor may be unionized as a result of the meeting and a council of the federation may be formed here.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 5-6, 1968

Rudy Rada, who is embarking for India in a few days, will be well prepared to meet any contingency, following the parties his friends arranged for him last week. For instance, Beryl Grilley, well versed in travel needs,

presented Rudy with a pair of boxing gloves — "so in case you get to Vietnam you can come up fighting" — also an elegant bathing suit (female, circa 1900) for swimming in the maharajah's pool. The party where the popular local school administrator received these valuables was given by Rose C. Moore, and that hostess was gowned in an Indian sari for the occasion. She also provided a peacock feather fan to wave over the guest of honor — all to get him into the proper perspective for his six-week stay in India.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Feb. 5-6, 1993

Business is booming at Hermiston Municipal Court, which reopened about a year and a half ago. But Judge Dan Hill stresses that it's justice, not volume, that counts. The part-time court handled 3,330 cases last year and 212 cases from the start of the year through the middle of this week. The court handles most violations committed in the city, ranging from traffic tickets to misdemeanors to ordinance violations. The City Council closed the municipal court in early 1990 due to budget restraints and concerns about its operation.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 37th day of 2018. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1778, during the American Revolutionary War, the United States won official recognition and military support from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

On this date:
In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois.

In 1922, Cardinal Archille Ratti was elected pope; he took the name Pius XI.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1943, a Los Angeles jury acquitted actor Errol Flynn of three counts of statutory rape.

In 1952, Britain's King George VI, 56, died at Sandringham House in Norfolk, England; he was succeeded as monarch by his 25-year-old elder daughter, who became Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1968, the Winter Olympic Games were opened in Grenoble, France, by French President Charles de Gaulle.

In 1973, Dixy Lee Ray was appointed by President Richard Nixon to be the first woman to head the Atomic Energy Commission.

In 1987, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Gerald Seib was released after being detained six days by Iran, accused of being a spy for Israel; Iran said the detention was a result of misunderstandings.

In 1993, tennis Hall of Famer and human rights advocate Arthur Ashe died in New York at age 49.

Today's Birthdays:

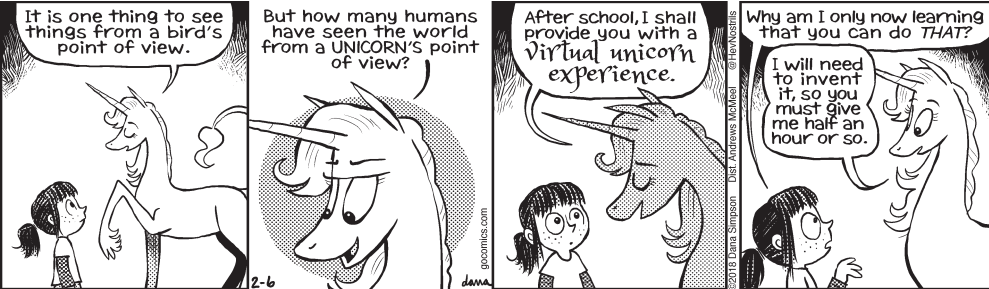
Actor Rip Torn is 87. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 87. Actor Mike Farrell is 79. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 78. Singer Fabian is 75. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 75. Actor Michael Tucker is 74. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 69. Actor Jon Walmsley is 62. Actress Kathy Najimy is 61. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 61. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 61. Actor Barry Miller is 60. Actress Megan Gallagher is 58. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 56. Country singer Richie McDonald is 56. Singer Rick Astley is 52. "Good Morning America" co-host Amy Robach is 45. Rhythm and blues singer/actress Tinashe is 25.

Thought for Today:

"The first duty of a leader is to make himself be loved without courting love. To be loved without 'playing up' to anyone — even to himself." — *Andre Malraux, French author (1901-1976).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

