

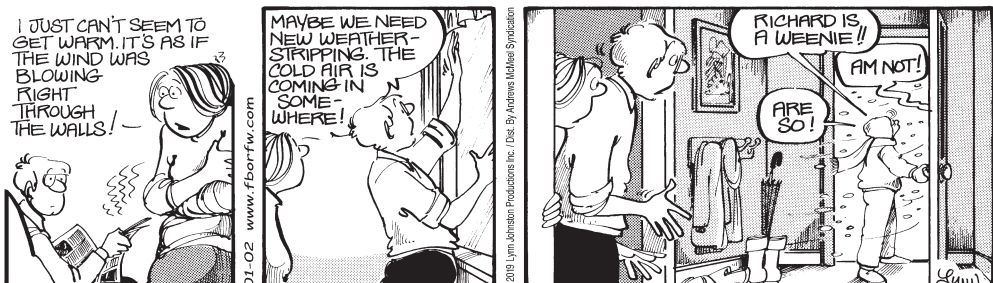
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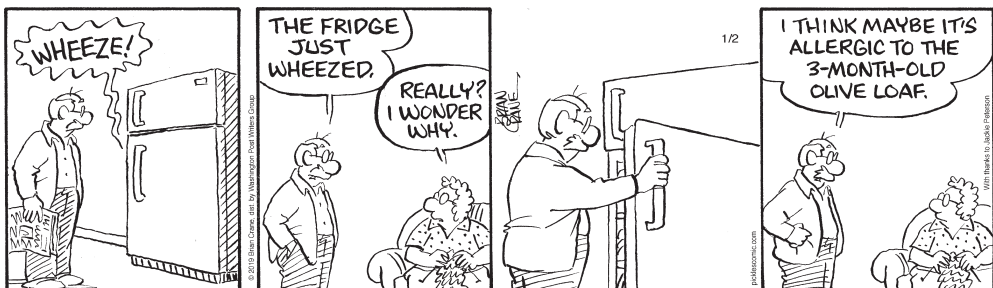
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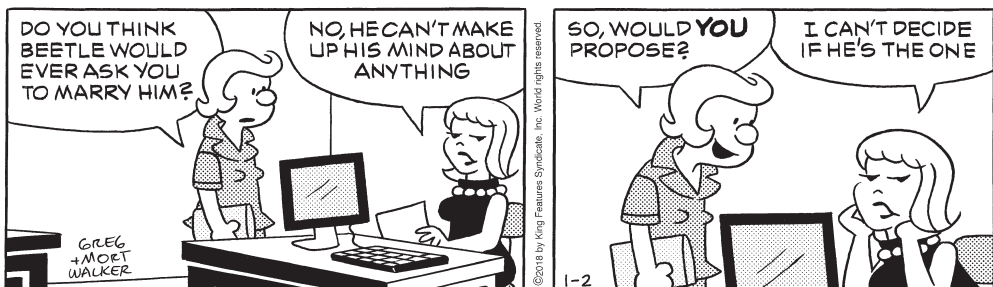
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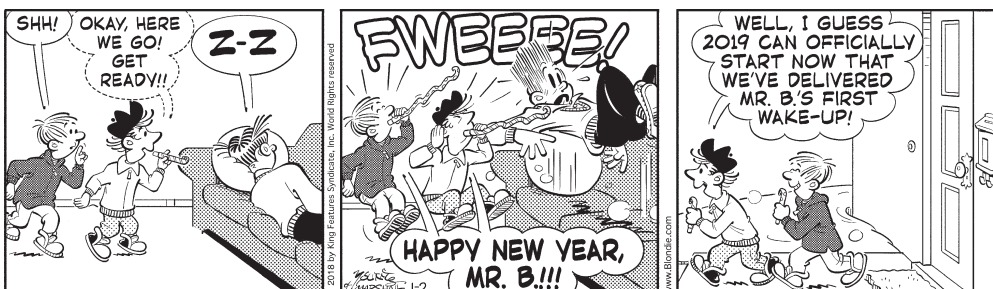
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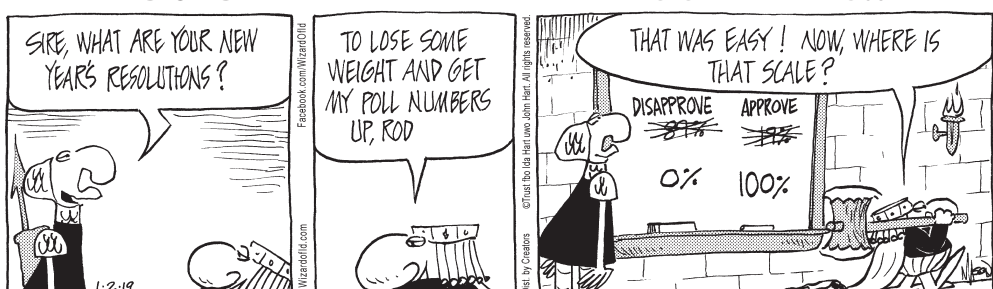
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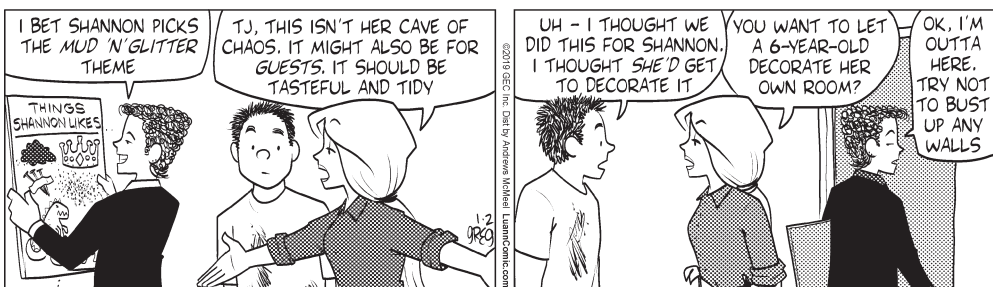
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DEAR ABBY

Husband refuses to tell wife details of long-ago marriages

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been together for 34 good years. He's a little older than I am and was married twice before we met while in our 20s. (They were very brief marriages.) When we married, I knew about one of his marriages, but learned about the other one only much later from his sister. I was stunned and felt betrayed that he hadn't told me, but we worked it out.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: After my sister got pregnant, she married the baby's father. They struggle financially, and my family helps as much as we can, but it still isn't enough.

Her husband has no high school diploma, and he has a criminal record from 20 years ago, although he hasn't been in trouble since. He claims he has dyslexia and health problems, but he still smokes and drinks. No doctor will sign off on his being disabled. He isn't motivated enough to find a job or help my sister with chores. She finally asked me to help by talking to him.

How do I start a conversation with him to say he needs to step up and contribute? We're cordial but not close. I don't want to alienate him. He has threatened to take my nephew, but he has no money or place to go. This man is 40 years old and lives like a teenager. Any advice? — Anna in Illinois

Dear Anna: Your brother-in-law isn't likely to listen to you any more than he has listened to your sister. If there are any male relatives in your family, it might be more effective if he hears the message from them. The fact that he may (or may not) have dyslexia is no excuse for his lack of motivation. Many successful people have dyslexia and are able to thrive.

Because your sister's husband is threatening to take their child and run, she should talk to a lawyer about what steps she needs to take in order to prevent this deadbeat from following through. Call your state bar association or contact a local law school for guidance about getting low-cost or free legal advice. She may also want to ask about divorce so she doesn't wind up supporting him forever.

My husband loves to tell stories about everything he's ever done, but he never says a word about those earlier relationships. Long ago, I asked a few times about what happened, and he cut me off. My question is why, especially after our 34 years together, can't he be straight with me once and for all and tell me what happened?

I haven't brought this up in a long time, but it seems like we should be able to talk about it openly. I'm curious, but not in a petty way. I just wonder what happened. In the past he has said it is "none of my business."

Why is he so rude and closemouthed about these marriages from so long ago? Should I never ask again? — Missing the Whole Story

Dear Missing: I am guessing the reason your husband reacts the way he has when you tried to talk about his first two marriages is because he is ashamed about what happened. He may have cheated on his wives, or they cheated or took advantage of him in some way. I don't blame you for wanting to know your husband's history, but your marriage has worked for 34 years, and really, how relevant is this information in the scheme of things? Let it go.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2, 1919

Ralph McCulley, Neil Bogert, Fred Rohrman and Byron Eldreth, four young Pendleton boys, were severely injured yesterday afternoon by an explosion while experimenting with powder. The boys were playing along the Umatilla river near the Lee street bridge with a mixture of powder when it exploded. The bones of the right hand of the McCulley boy were broken and he may lose the first finger. The Bogert and Rohrman boys both had their hands hurt badly and the latter had powder burns on the face. Byron Eldreth's injuries were mostly on the face and eyes, though it is not thought his eyesight will be injured. The boys mixed up the explosive themselves and were loading it in holes in a block of wood when the jar of hammering it in the holes caused it to explode.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2, 1969

Rob Roy, Pendleton High School choral director, and 20 young singers who embarked on a holiday "show biz" tour to Job Corps camps around the state the day after Christmas, will hopefully be home today. They will be home if the men and equipment sent out Monday and Tuesday

reached them, through the circuitous route they had to take from The Dalles, through Maupin, over the Wapinita Cut-Off to Zig Zag, on the west side of Mt. Hood. Roy and the boys and girls and the driver of their highway coach were stalled at Zig Zag Monday when snow and slush got into the motor. They found accommodations at a motel, and put in a call to Kilby for rescue equipment.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 2, 1994

A Riverside High School graduate and former Irrigon resident shot twice during a Christmas Eve convenience store holdup in North Carolina was reported in stable condition Tuesday. Ryan Johnson, 21, stationed at Cherry Point with the Marine Corps, was shot during a robbery at a New Bern, N.C., convenience store where his wife works as a clerk. Johnson was transferred Wednesday to a Portsmouth, Va., naval hospital. Johnson was shot once in the face and once in the back as he fell. He was taken out the garbage at Carolina Pines Fuel Mart where he was helping his wife close the store. After shooting Johnson, the assailant entered the store and forced Sally Johnson to give him an undetermined amount of cash from the register. He then fled on foot.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the second day of 2019. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1900, U.S. Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

On this date: In 1792, the first classes began at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts launched his successful bid for the presidency. In 1967, Republican Ronald Reagan took the

oath of office as the new governor of California in a ceremony that took place in Sacramento shortly just after midnight.

In 1986, former baseball owner Bill Veeck, remembered for his well-publicized stunts and promotional gimmicks, including an exploding scoreboard and a midget pinch-hitter, died in Chicago at age 71.

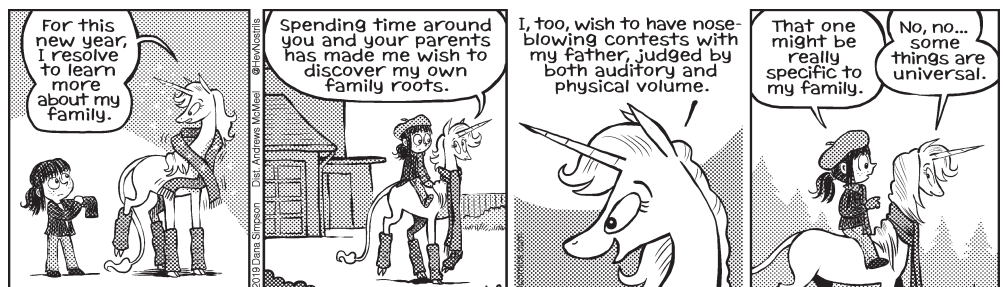
Today's Birthdays: Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert is 77. Actress Gabrielle Carteris is 58. Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. is 51. Model Christy Turlington is 50. Actor Taye Diggs is 48.

Actress Renee Elise Goldsberry is 48. Rock musician Scott Underwood is 48. Rock singer Doug Robb (Hoobastank) is 44. Actor Dax Shepard is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kelton Kessee (IMX) is 38. Pop singer-musician Ryan Merchant (Capital Cities) is 38. Actress Kate Bosworth is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer-rapper Bryson Tiller is 26.

Thought for Today: "You are not very good if you are not better than your best friends imagine you to be." — Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss theologian (1741-1801).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

