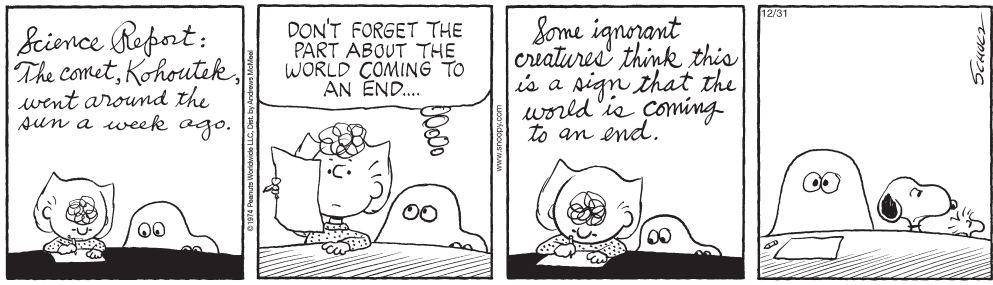


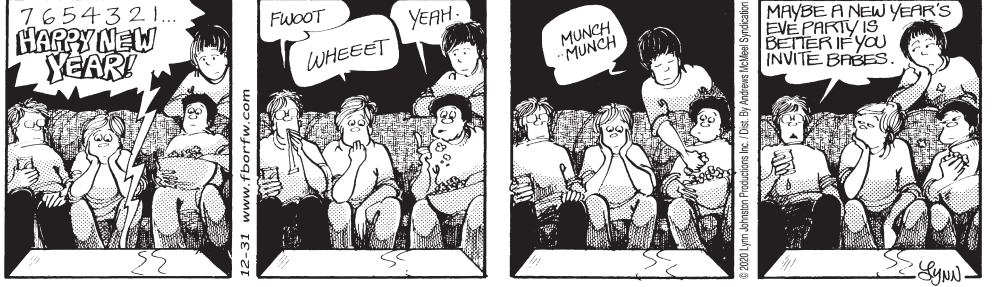
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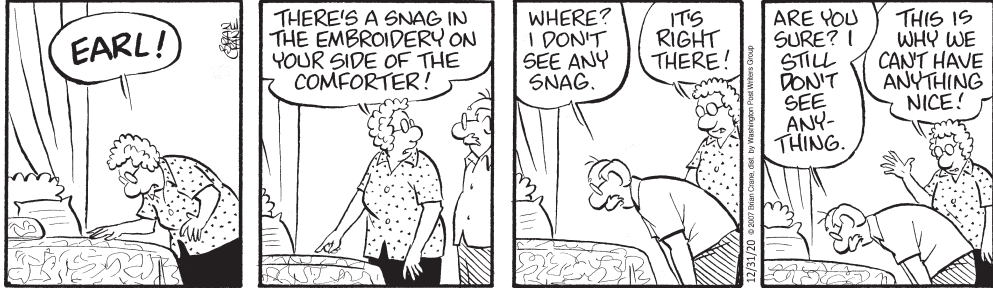
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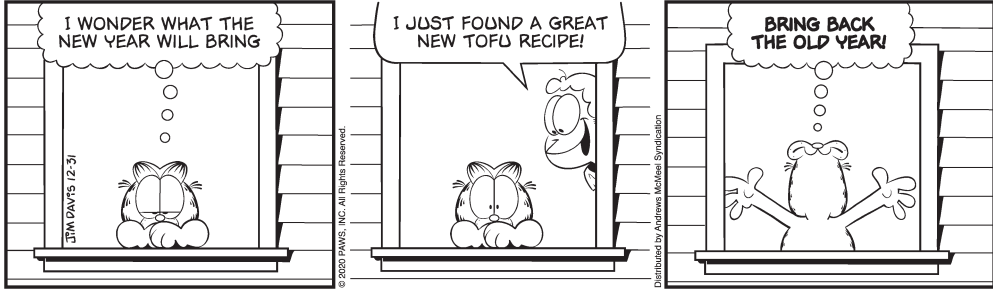
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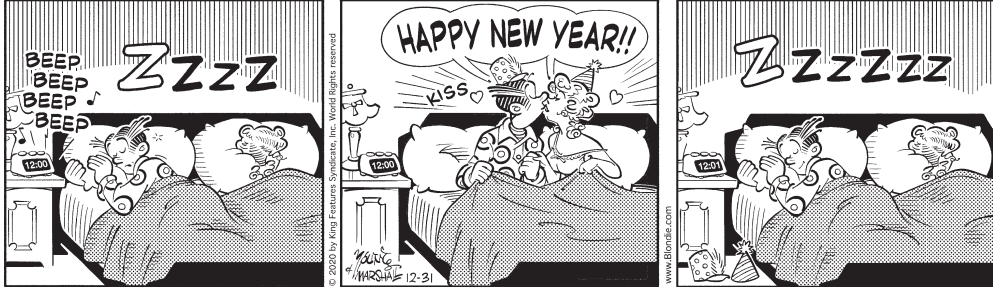
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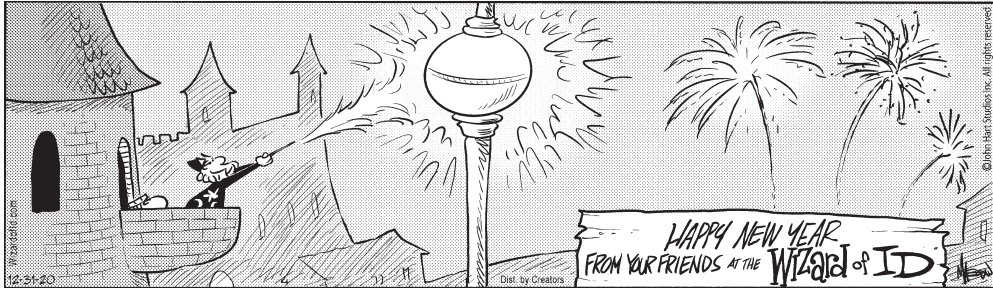
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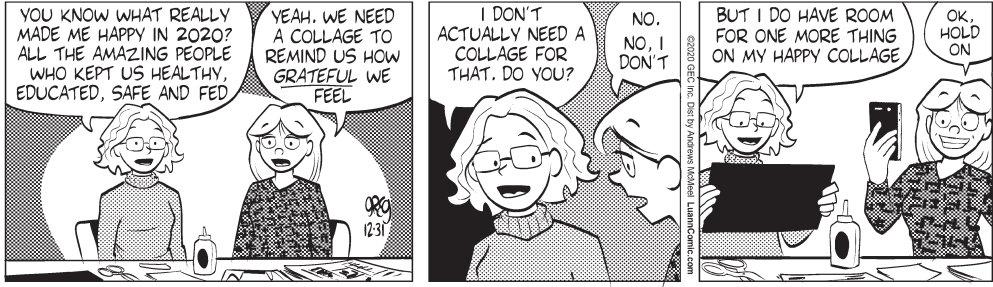
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DEAR ABBY

Jealousy creates a barrier between biological siblings



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm an American man who was adopted as an infant. Several years ago, I found my birth parents. They are not from America. My mother came here to give birth and left. Sometime later she married my father and had more children. I'm in touch with the entire family, but mainly my birth parents.

They do not have the right to criticize your political views or your lifestyle, any more than you have the right to criticize theirs. (And I doubt you would.) Because you are neither respected nor included, you have every right to back off and head in a different, more positive direction. Frankly, I suspect you will feel better as soon as you do.

My biological siblings are jealous of my success in life and make it plain they don't approve of much that I do. They also make sure I know I'm not really part of the family because we didn't grow up together (although we are, by blood, 100% siblings).

Dear Abby: I'm a 26-year-old male in a long-distance relationship with my girlfriend, who is 18. I love her to the moon and back, but I feel like she only stays with me because I can buy her things. She gets upset with me when I don't get them for her. She says I value my mother and others before her.

I deal with this the best I can, but now I'm getting flak from them because of my political views. (They saw a photo of me at a political fundraiser.) When my sister turned 40 this year, I sent her a card, a Facebook post and a text message. I turned 50 at the same time and heard not a word from her.

I love her so much, and I want to marry her. I'm a minister at a church. She thinks she should take priority before my bills and taking care of my mother, who can barely walk. What do I do? — Uneasy in New Jersey

Although my siblings are not Americans, they feel the need to trash our country, our government and our way of life. I'm tempted to cut ties with them. There is little respect coming my way, and I think I've had enough. I value your opinion, which is why I am writing to you now.

Dear Uneasy: From what you have written, it appears you are involved with an 18-year-old self-involved gold digger who does seem to be with you only because of what you give her. She hasn't yet learned (1) That a gift should be voluntary and appreciated, rather than extorted, and (2) the way a man treats his mother is the way he will treat his wife.

BTW: I had an amazing set of (now deceased) parents and wonderful siblings growing up. I just wish I had a better relationship with my biological family. — Disappointed and Excluded

Since you asked my advice, here it is: Close your wallet and ditch this "girl."

Dear Disappointed: Your family is the family that raised and nurtured you. I, too, am sorry you don't have a better relationship with these jealous, judgmental people. You are related by blood — nothing more.

Dear Readers: Well, 2020, a year like no other in recent memory, has drawn to a close! I join you tonight in toasting a 2021 that will be less challenging for all of us. If you're celebrating this evening, please take measures to protect your health and the safety of others. — Love, Abby

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 31, 1915

Auto license plates of 1920 will be as worthless as counterfeit money in the eyes of Traffic Officer William H. Lyday on and after tomorrow, except where drivers can show that they have filed with the secretary of state their application for the 1921 license. The new plates, green with white numerals, will be required for the coming year and all who have received theirs from Salem are urged by the officer to display them. Owing to the usual last minute rush at the secretary's office, many who applied late will not have their plates so a receipt for the application will be accepted. Those who cannot show that they have even applied for the license are threatened with detention, as provided by the law.

improved during his 16 years. Hundreds of miles have been paved; hundred more based and graveled. Cook was honored Wednesday by scores of fellow county employees at a reception in the courthouse. Today is Cook's last day in office.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 31, 1995

The plans for an RV park and golf course on the Umatilla Indian Reservation are closer to becoming a reality. Tribal officials signed loan documents Dec. 15 in New Mexico that will provide \$6.5 million earmarked for construction of an 18-hole championship course, a 100-space RV park and a convenience store/gas station. The tribes hope to have Winnebagoes and Streamliners pulling into their spaces by mid-summer and greens primed for tee off by the summer of 1997. The ultimate plan is to have a self-contained, complete destination resort. The RV park and golf course are two projects in the tribes' master plan for development of 640 acres, which also holds Wildhorse Gaming Resort and the future Wildhorse Hotel and Tamustalik Cultural Institute. "When gambling reaches its plateau," said David Tovey, director of the tribes' department of economic and community development, "the tribes will be prepared to take on the competition with a full range of recreational services and amenities."

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 31, 1965

Better roads — those two words sum up the highlight of D.R. Cook's 16 years as Umatilla County judge, he said Wednesday. The county has more roads than any other county in Oregon. The total mileage, more than 3,000, keeps a road department of about 100 employees busy with maintenance and construction projects. Nearly all the county bridges on the Umatilla and Walla Walla rivers have been replaced or

TODAY IN HISTORY

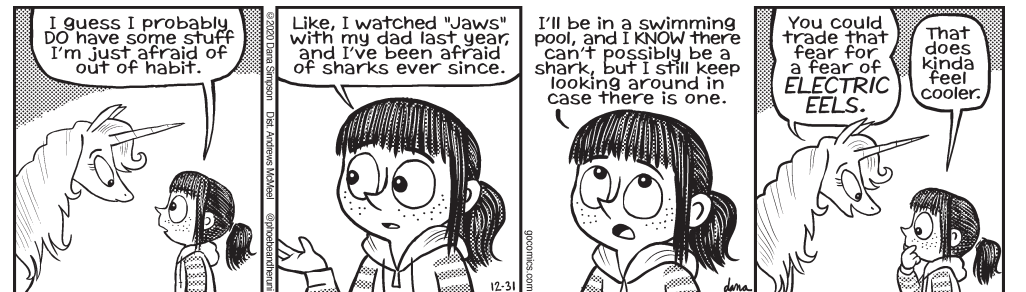
On Dec. 31, 2019, the health commission in the central Chinese city of Wuhan announced that experts were investigating an outbreak of respiratory illness and that most of the victims had visited a seafood market in the city; the statement said 27 people had become ill with a strain of viral pneumonia and that seven were in serious condition. In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light by illuminating some 40 bulbs at his laboratory in

Menlo Park, New Jersey. In 1904, New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance. In 1951, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than \$12 billion in foreign aid. In 1974, private U.S. citizens were allowed to buy and own gold for the first time in more than 40 years. In 1999, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced his resignation (he was succeeded by Vladimir Putin). In 2001, New York City

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani spent his final day in office praising police, firefighters, and other city employees in the wake of 9/11, and said he had no regrets about returning to private life. Today's Birthdays: TV producer George Schlatter is 91. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 83. Actor Sir Ben Kingsley is 77. Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg is 74. Actor Val Kilmer is 61. Actor Gong Li is 55. Author Nicholas Sparks is 55. Olympic gold medal gymnast Gabby Douglas is 25.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

