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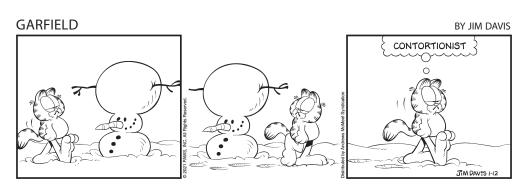








BEETLE BAILEY BY MORT WALKER I WAS BACKING AND I FORGOT YOU WRECKED OUT OF A PARKING SPOT WHERE I'D PARKED MY JEEP?! HOW?! GREG TMORT



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BUMSTEAD, WHAT ON EARTH ARE (WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?)

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE I CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT I NEED TO HIRE A NEW OFFICE MANAGER!

DEAR ABBY Mom threatens divorce after teens find their dad's stash

Dear Abby: My husband and I are going on 19 years of marriage and have three teenage girls. We have had multiple rounds of marriage counseling, mostly with good results, although the benefits seem to be short-lived. Most of our problems have stemmed from my husband's drinking or smoking pot. He's not abusive, he's a good provider, but he just likes to get high. Thank God it's not often, but I'm not nor have I ever been OK with it.

Our girls recently found his pot stash and helped themselves. When I questioned them about where they got it, they admitted they found their dad's stash. For me, this is the last straw. How can I teach my kids this is not OK when their dad's actions say otherwise? I'm now made out to be the prude since apparently I'm "no fun."

I'm a nurse, and even if it were legal in our state, I wouldn't use it. I told my husband that I'm done and I'm ready for a divorce. He says I'm being ridiculous. Do I need to lighten up? I think I already know your answer, but I just need to see it to validate my feelings. - Anti-**Drug Wife and Mom**

Dear Anti-Drug: Although marijuana may be legal in an increasing number of states, "supplying" drugs to minors is against the law in all of them. What happened cannot and should not be ignored, but ending a good marriage because your husband likes to use pot occasionally seems extreme.

It may take more visits to a marriage and family therapist for you to agree to disagree



on this, but it is very important that your daughters be disabused of the idea that what they did was OK with either of you. It's time you and your husband form a united front, and he needs to find a better place to keep his stash

Dear Abby: Because of the recent COVID-19 crisis, my wife and I, like so many others, have been stuck at home. I have asked her questions about former boyfriends and lovers. She told me some things, but when I

bring it up now, she gets defensive and accuses me of belittling her and bringing back memories she has asked God to help her forget. I feel I am owed an explanation since they all took place while we were dating (including with my best friend) and with a house sitter after we were married. Am I wrong to bring it up after many years and a great marriage?

P.S. It's eating at me, and her stonewalling by saying "I can't remember" is frustrating, especially because all her friends talk about her great memory. — **Depressed in Texas**

Dear Depressed: Yes, you are wrong because this isn't getting you anywhere positive. In fact, it's the opposite. If you are looking for a divorce after "many years and a great marriage," keep digging.

While your wife's poor judgment and infidelity are deeply regrettable, the two of you managed to build a life together and move beyond it. Sometimes people forget what they need to forget in order to function. Accept it and use your quarantine time to do something more positive than playing "20 Questions."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 12, 1921

A cleaner Pendleton is being sought by the street committee of the city council. Manuel Friedly, chairman, has started to obtain the cooperation of the citizens, the street department and the police, to bring about cleaner and healthier conditions, especially along Main street. Educating the public and the merchants to use the numerous galvanized iron rubbish containers along the streets is one of the first steps to be taken. Paper boxes, cigarette containers and other material which is carelessly thrown to the street by pedestrians and by some store keepers should go into the containers, Mr. Friedly declares. The city ordinances cover that request, he says, and the police will be asked to enforce the ordinances. 'We cannot keep Main street clean with the flusher alone," Mr. Friedly says. "We must have cooperation from the public."

50 Years Ågo From the East Oregonian Jan. 12, 1971

Loren "Red" Caldwell, 54, Hermiston, is a laborer who has run the gauntlet from the days of beef and brawn on the end of a 10-pound

drove spikes on 400 railroad ties a day. "You had to be swinging that sledge all the time because there were plenty of men waiting for your job," he said. By today's standards his starting salary was meager. Red has had many better days. He recalls in the 1965 flood as a heavy equipment foreman in the Blue Mountains east of Pendleton, he grossed \$1,100 in five days. Today's laborer hiring out of the Pendleton office of Local 682 earns \$5.15 an hour plus the fringe benefits paid by the employee like health and welfare. Caldwell likes his union, and he can see that eventually he may retire with a liveable income.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 12, 1996

Two and a half minutes into the game, it happened. A drive down the court with just one thing on her mind, her shoes stop just behind the 3-point line. The ball left her hands in a high arc over the court, spun toward the basket and dropped through, touching nothing but net. And just like that, Mac-Hi forward Nicole Christian scored the 1,000th point of her varsity career. Christain said she didn't realize how close she was until she read in the paper in the preseason that she had 965 points. Saturday she went into the game against Ontario with 997 points, ready for that one shot that would put her over the top. "It came a lot sooner than I thought it would. ... Coach (Lori) Webb wanted me to break it at home, and it happened," she said. Of getting exactly 1,000 points on the 3-point shot, she said, "That put an exclamation point on it."



sledge to the current era of high-powered automated machinery. When he left high school in Umatilla to support himself as a gandy dancer on the railroad at 38 cents an hour (with 90 cents deducted daily for room and board), Red had what was considered a good job in those depression days. Caldwell commented that he and others on his crew

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 12, 2000, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Illinois v. Wardlow, in Detroit. gave police broad authority to stop and question people who

run at the sight of an officer. In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma, unanimously ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr.

founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records)

In 1971, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

In 1976, mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie died in Wallingford, England, at age 85.

In 1995, Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, was arrested in Minneapolis on charges she'd tried to hire a hitman to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan (the charges were later dropped in a settlement with the government).

In 2006, Mehmet Ali

Agca, the Turkish gunman who shot Pope John Paul II in 1981, was released from an Istanbul prison after serving more than 25 years in Italy and Turkey for the plot against the pontiff and the slaying of a Turkish journalist.

Today's Birthdays: The Amazing Kreskin is 86. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 82. Writer Walter Mosley is 69. Broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour is 63. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 56. Rock singer Zack de la Rocha is 51. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 51

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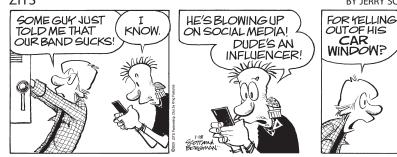


BY GREG EVANS

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN



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BY LINCOLN PEIRCE



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