

Inheritance causes rift

Dear Annie: When my dad passed away several years ago, he left a certificate of deposit to me. When it matured, I went to the bank with my mom because she had a CD that matured at the same time. The CD that Dad left me was a payable-on-death CD, with me as the only beneficiary, and my dad was the individual owner of the CD.

out of a CD. I sent copies of the CD to three of my siblings, and they all know that Mom is wrong, but none of them will confront her and help me out.

A couple of months ago, I stopped by my mom's house and asked her what the problem with the family is, and she said it is the CD I took. I again told her to talk to the lawyer. I told her she is the one who created this mess and she can start getting the family back together by admitting that I did not swindle her. She said she would not do that.

Just a couple of weeks ago, my one brother called me a thief again. Fortunately, I have a wonderful wife who has been very patient with my dealing with this mess. We just need some guidance on how to deal with this. — *Inheritance Headache in Illinois*

Dear Inheritance Headache: First, rule out any medical reasons for your mother's behavior, as it's possible she's genuinely experiencing confusion and memory loss. Try uniting with your siblings to encourage Mom to see a doctor for a complete assessment.

If that doesn't turn out any explanations, enlist the help of a family mediator. Visit <https://www.mEDIATE.com> to find one in your area.

Dear Annie: I have a co-worker who has been on workers' compensation for over a year. She misses one day a week for physical therapy. The rest of the staff members in the office have to cover her position while she is gone. People in management said they can't do anything about it, and they have not been able to get temporary help for one day a week, as we live in a small town. The kicker is that we feel that she is milking this injury and the rest of us are carrying the load. There is a lot of animosity in the office. What can we do? — *Frustrated*

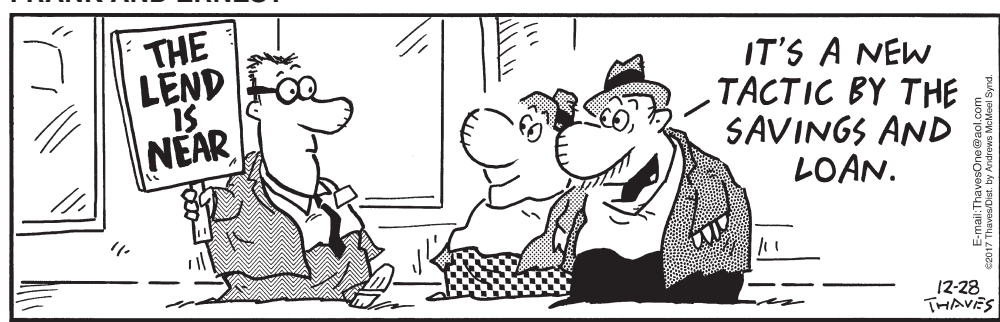
Dear Frustrated: You can privately reiterate to human resources how this situation is impacting morale. Perhaps those in management will consider what steps they might take to ensure all their employees feel valued, as happy workers are productive workers. But ultimately, you need to stop focusing so much on your co-worker and whether or not her injury is legitimate. The resentment is only hurting you.

DEAR ANNIE

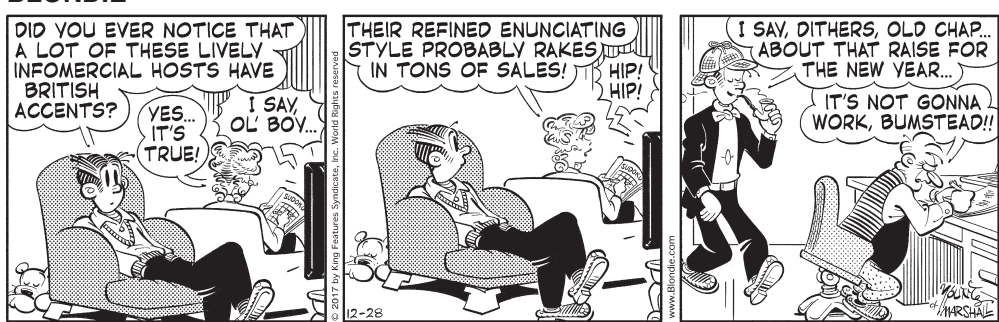


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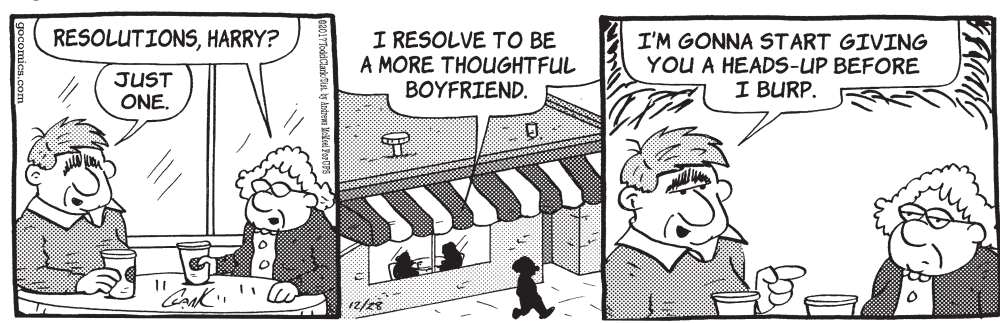
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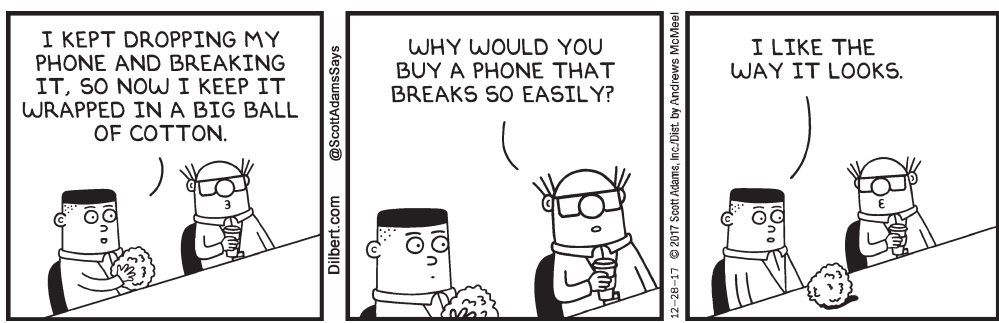
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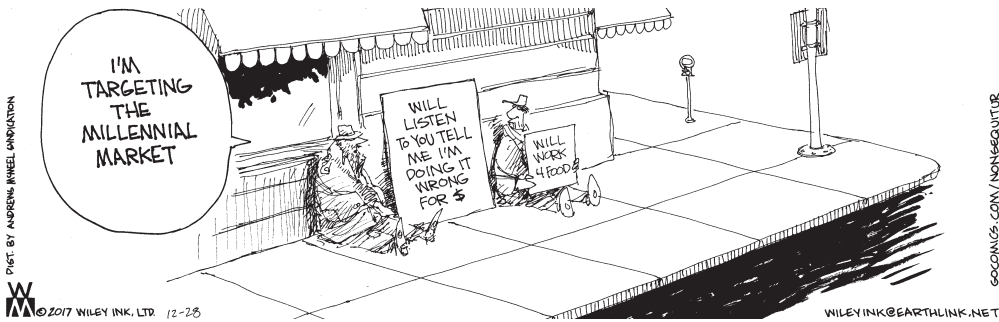
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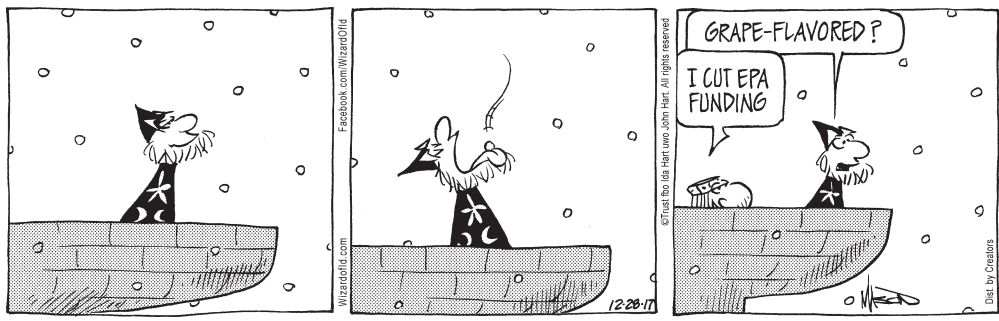
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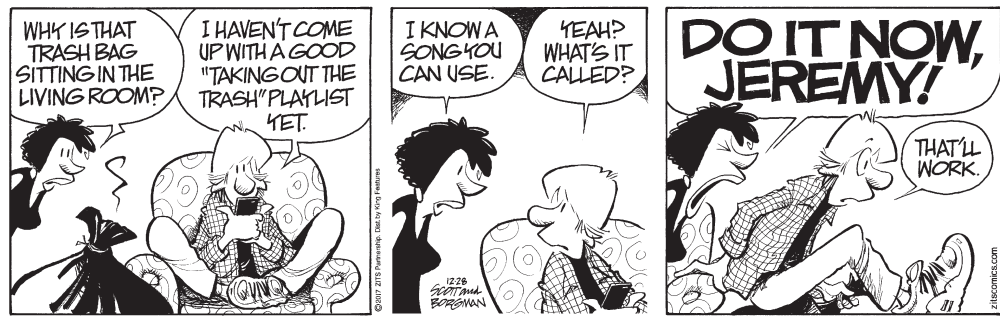
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