

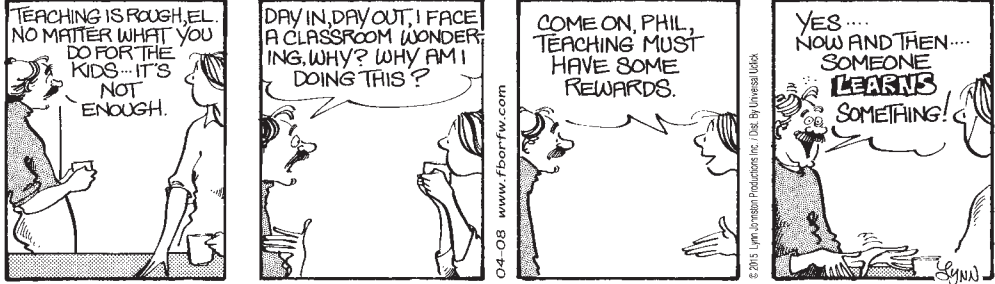
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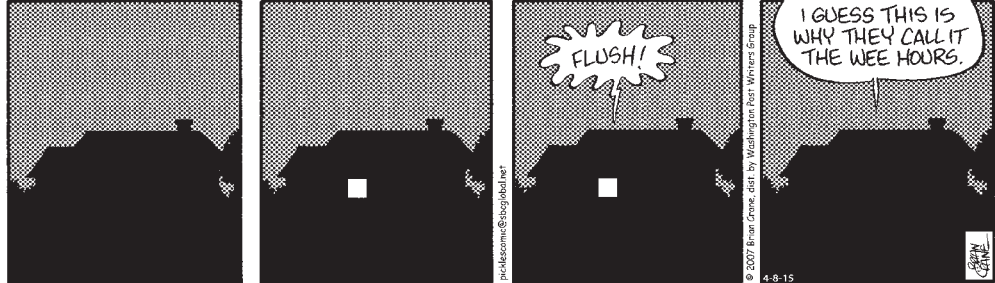
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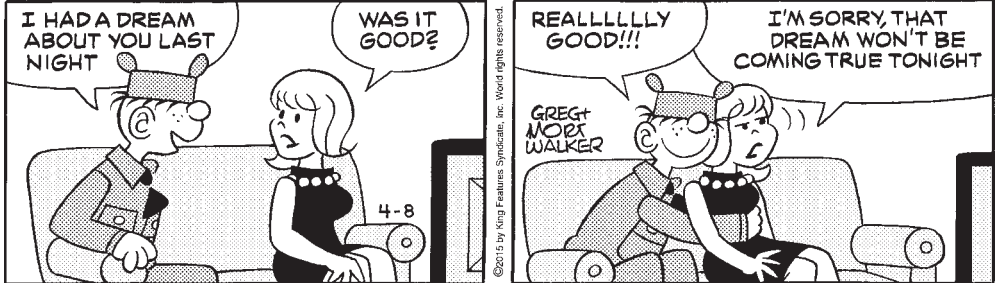
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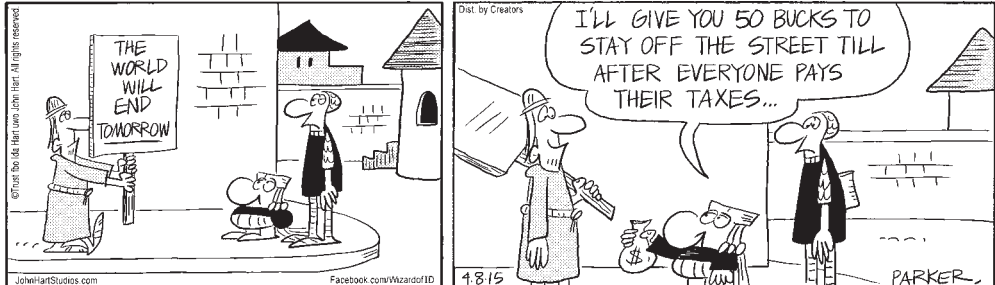
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DEAR ABBY

Father's noisy lovemaking is pain to daughter's ears



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I'm the mother of an 18-year-old daughter. Her dad and I are divorced and she lives with him. We were married 20 years and I know he's a good parent, except for one thing. My daughter has told me her father and his partner sometimes engage in very loud lovemaking when she's in her room, and it embarrasses her. She's shy to begin with, so she hasn't said anything to him.

I have known her longer than me, but I am FAMILY.

Abby, I would like to know if I am crazy for letting this bother me. Should I let it go? I have forgiven my husband, but what they are doing makes it hard for me at times. What should I do? — My Heart Hurts

Dear Heart Hurts: By now you should have realized that you can't control your husband's mother or sister. That they chose to continue to maintain their relationship with this woman in spite of the fact that she nearly wrecked your marriage is regrettable.

But all this happened 18 years ago, and your marriage survived it. If you can let this go, I think you should. A wise person once said that we can be as happy as we choose to be. Lessen your emotional dependence on your in-laws, and I predict you will be happier.

Dear Abby: I find it difficult to lie. This trait suits me well except in one area. When friends or family share information about being ill, experiencing a death or any sort of tragedy, almost everyone else responds with, "You're in my prayers."

I am an atheist and do not claim I will pray for those individuals because that would be lying. So what is the proper response when prayer is off the table? — Texas Reader

Dear Reader: A proper response would be, "I'm sorry for what you're going through." "I'll send positive thoughts for So-and-So's recovery," or, "How sad. I'm sorry to hear it."

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I feel angry and frustrated because I don't know if I should say something to him about it. I have suggested she put on some loud music or use headphones if she can't bring this up with him. I think she wants me to intercede, but I don't feel it's my business to do so. Can these adults be that clueless? Please help. — Carol On The East Coast

Dear Carol: Yes, adults can be that "clueless." Her father and his partner may not realize how much noise they make. Headphones and turning on loud music are good suggestions. But remember that clear communication is important in relationships both personal and professional.

At 18, your daughter is old enough to start speaking up for herself. Encourage her to talk about this problem privately with her father. But if she can't, then you should handle this for her.

Dear Abby: My husband had an affair 18 years ago. We worked through it and are doing well in our marriage.

My question concerns my mother-in-law and sister-in-law, both of whom continue to remain in contact with the "other woman." They still worship at the same church, bought her baby gifts, etc. I have mentioned how it hurts me that they are Facebook friends with her, but it has fallen on deaf ears. I know they

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 8, 1915

Supt. J.A. Horn of the county poor farm and hospital is making a strong effort this year to make that institution self-sustaining and he places his faith in hogs and dairy products to turn the trick. He is not predicting that the revenue from the farm will pay all of the expenses but feels confident that the results will be more pleasing to the taxpayer than ever before. Last year he made the farm pay all but \$1700 of the cost of operating and maintenance, though he had been in control only ten months and had been at considerable expense in putting things in working order.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 8, 1965

The Umatilla County Fair Board has notified the County Historical Society that the Peace Pipe Museum building on the fair grounds in Hermiston will not be available for museum use during the month of August. D.W. Bliss, president of the historical society, said in reaction to the letter, "If we have to comply with this request it just means the end of our museum because it just can't open under

those conditions." Costuming displayed in the museum is removed during the winter months because the building is unheated then and takes about a week to set up, according to Bliss. He said some old pioneering equipment stays up year round and would make removal of all displays in late July take even longer than a week. The historical society had planned to open the museum about May 1.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 8, 1990

When your eyes aren't open weird things happen. One minute, you're with your mother crossing a road, and the next you're in a car. But then, what's a car? All this has happened to a 2-week-old male badger. Fred Hodgen, a volunteer with the Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife, said the little guy was being carried by his mother across a highway near Heppner when all the strange stuff started. Hodgen called an area veterinarian for help in caring for the badger. He found it was like taking care of a motherless puppy. But traveling days aren't over for the badger yet. Hodgen left Sunday to take the little fellow to Eugene's Willamette Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. "They'll be able to take better care of him," said Hodgen.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 98th day of 2015. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

On this date: In 1864, the United States Senate passed, 38-6, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery. (The House of Representatives passed it in Jan. 1865; the amendment was ratified and adopted in Dec. 1865.)

In 1904, Longacre Square in Manhattan was renamed Times Square after The New York Times.

In 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for popular election of United States senators

(as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified. President Woodrow Wilson became the first chief executive since John Adams to address Congress in person as he asked lawmakers to enact tariff reform.

In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the American steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority, opening the way for a seven-week strike by steelworkers.)

In 1990, The cult TV series "Twin Peaks" premiered on ABC.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

Today's Birthdays: Co-median Shecky Greene is 89. Actor-turned-diplomat John Gavin is 84. Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Seymour Hersh is 78. Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is 77. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 75. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 74. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 74. Former House Republican Leader Tom DeLay is 68. Movie director John Madden is 66. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 64. aRapper Biz Markie is 51. Actress Patricia Arquette is 47. Rock singer-musician Ezra Koenig (Vampire Weekend) is 31.

Thought for Today: "Computers are useless. They can only give you answers." — Pablo Picasso, Spanish artist (born 1881, died this date in 1973).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

