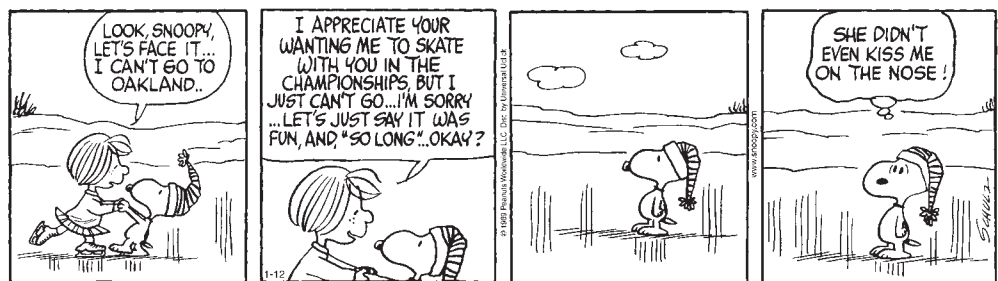


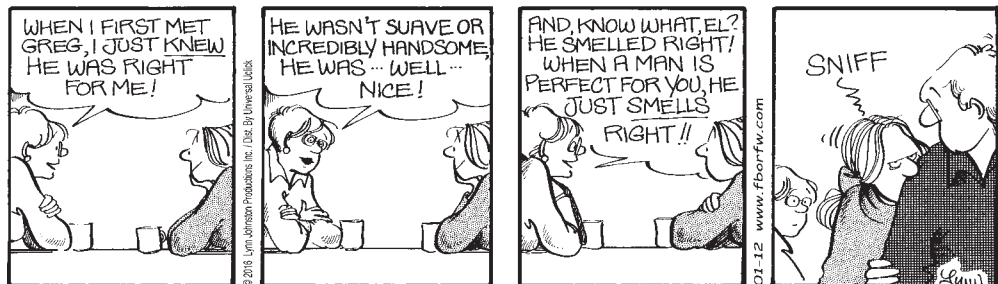
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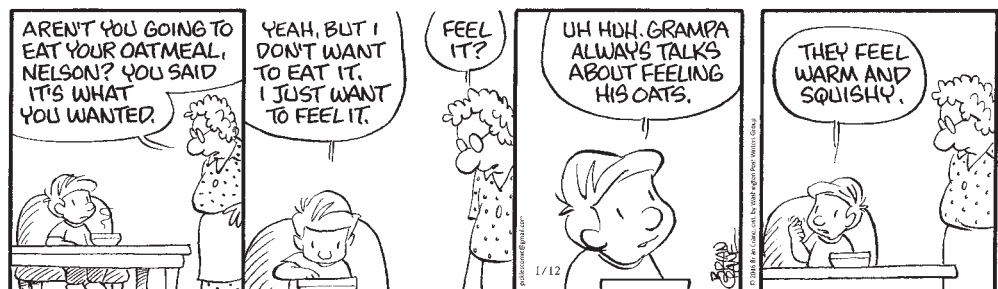
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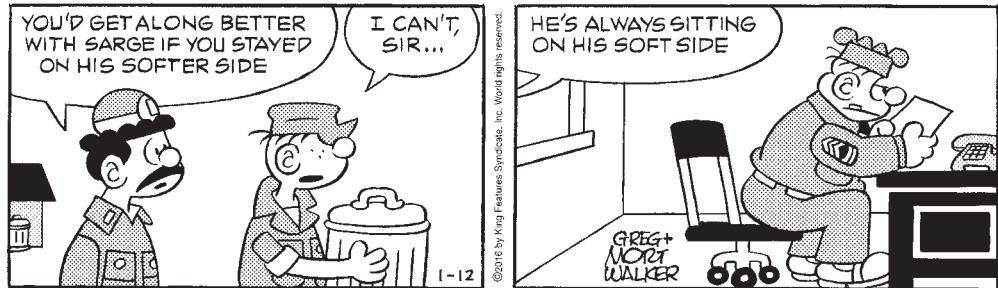
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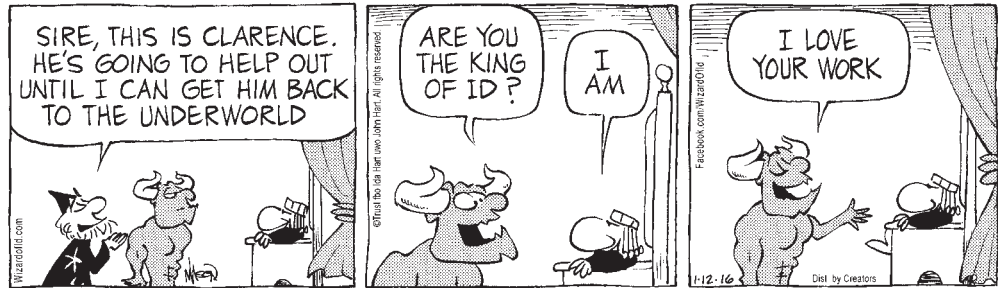
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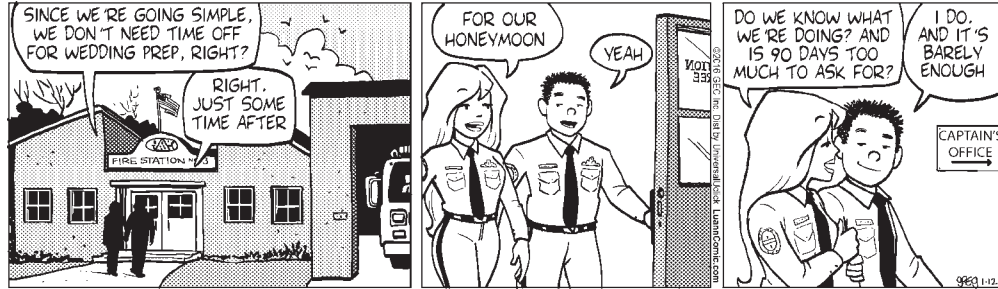
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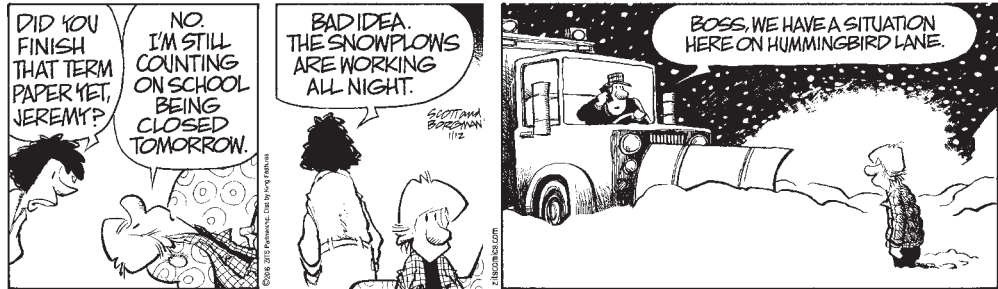
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DEAR ABBY

Father ignoring gum disease needs a good chewing-out



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband has developed a bad case of periodontal disease. I'm afraid to kiss him because I don't want the bacteria causing the disease to spread and his bad breath is unbearable. Our sex life is suffering because of it.

We have two beautiful children together, and I love him very much — even if he loses all his teeth at the age of 37. I have explained how extremely important oral hygiene is to overall health, especially heart health, and how his unwillingness to deal with this sends the wrong message to our kids. He simply refuses or conveniently "forgets." When I asked him why, he said his mother traumatized him about it as a child.

My children are starting to take notice now. My daughter doesn't want to go near him, and my son thinks it's OK to not brush his teeth because his father doesn't. As you can see, this is disrupting our family. What kind of advice could I give him to get him to start taking care of his mouth? — **Wit's End In Florida**

Dear Wit's End: That your son is modeling his behavior after his father is terrible. There are psychologists who help patients overcome phobias and dentists who specialize in patients with your husband's problem. If necessary, dental work can be done under complete sedation.

If your husband would be willing to listen to your family doctor or the children's pediatrician, perhaps one of them can get through to him the importance of conquering his fear

before it causes lasting damage to the next generation.

Dear Abby: I recently began a relationship with a wonderful man I'll call "Edward." He's smart, successful, sweet and has a wonderful sense of humor. I adore him and can see myself spending many happy years, if not forever, with him.

The problem is my parents. I'm 24 and a recent college graduate. I have a good job and have been living independently since I was 19. Edward is 31, divorced and has two kids (ages 5 and 8). Because of his kids and marital status, my parents refuse to even meet him. They claim I'm making a terrible mistake being involved with someone with so much "baggage."

I am very close to my parents, and their reaction is hurtful. This is the happiest I have been in a long time in a relationship, maybe ever. Neither Edward's kids nor the fact that he's divorced is an issue for me. I've met his children and enjoy spending time with them. He has a civil relationship with his ex-wife, who also has a new partner.

Do you think my parents' reaction is fair? Do you think in time they'll come around? — **Bittersweet In Love In Michigan**

Dear Bittersweet: Whether your parents' reaction is fair or not is beside the point. Their feelings are their feelings. The relationship you have with Edward is new, and where it may lead is anybody's guess. If it lasts, your parents may come around. But as an adult, the choice of whom you date or will one day marry should be yours and no one else's.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 11-12, 1916

Six thousand acres of land in Umatilla county, heretofore leased by sheepmen, has been placed upon the market by the Northern Pacific R.R. Co. Out of the western land office of the company at Spokane have been mailed lists of these lands, the acreage, prices and terms. Lessees of these lands in the past will be given the preference in the purchase, according to E.L. Hoppel, traveling freight agent. Until February 1 they will have an option to buy but after that date the lands will be open to all. The company requires only one sixth of the total price down and the balance in five annual payments with six per cent interest. The lands are limited from \$1.25 to \$15 an acre. Most of the land thus offered lies in the country tributary to Pilot Rock and Echo. Other N.P. lands in Morrow county are also placed on the market and the company is retaining still other.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 11-12, 1966

Port of Umatilla will go to the voters in the May primary election seeking approval of a \$1,075,000 general obligation bond issue that

will put the Port in business in transportation, warehousing and recreation. Port commissioners voted approval Monday afternoon to a proposal that would build a smallboat marina, plus drilling a 2,000 gallon per minute well, purchase a railroad spur, purchase property, construct a warehouse and build petroleum facility sites.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 11-12, 1991

Two of six brothers involved in an ice-blamed, one-car crash Friday morning on Highway 395 south of Pilot Rock were hospitalized but listed in good condition Friday afternoon at St. Anthony Hospital. Dieter E. Waite, 19, and Patxi E. Waite, 6, were kept overnight for observation following the accident about 7:50 a.m. Friday. Four of the brothers — Kresimir A., 16; Dmitri E., 13; Tevye E., 11; and Liji E., 7, were treated in the emergency room and released to their parents. The boys, the sons of Dennis and Penny Waite who live eight miles south of Vinson along the east fork of Paddy Creek, were traveling north on Highway 395 about two miles south of Pilot Rock when the driver, Kresimir, lost control on a patch of ice and the 1971 Toyota they were in slammed into a culvert abutment.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 12th day of 2016. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 12, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. military should stay in Vietnam until Communist aggression there was stopped. The TV series "Batman," inspired by the comic book and starring Adam West and Burt Ward as the Dynamic Duo, premiered on ABC, airing twice a week on consecutive nights.

On this date:

In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In 1912, textile workers at the Everett Mill in Lawrence, Massachusetts, most of them immigrant women, walked off the job to protest wage cuts.

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

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate after initially being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

In 2010, Haiti was struck by a magnitude-7 earthquake; the Haitian government has said 316,000 people were killed, while a report prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development suggested the death toll may have been between 46,000 and 85,000.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Katherine MacGregor (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 91. Singer Glenn Yarbrough is 86. The Amazing Kreskin is 81. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 77. Actor Anthony Andrews is 68. Movie director Wayne Wang is 67. Actress Kirstie Alley is 65. Radio commentator Rush Limbaugh is 65. Legal affairs blogger Ann Althouse is 65. Writer Walter Mosley is 64. Radio-TV personality Howard Stern is 62. Writer-producer-director John Lasseter is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer Dominique Wilkins is 56. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 51. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 46. Rock musician Matt Wong (Reel Big Fish) is 43. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 42.

Thought for Today: "Necessity does the work of courage." — Nicholas Murray Butler, American educator and Nobel laureate (1862-1947).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

