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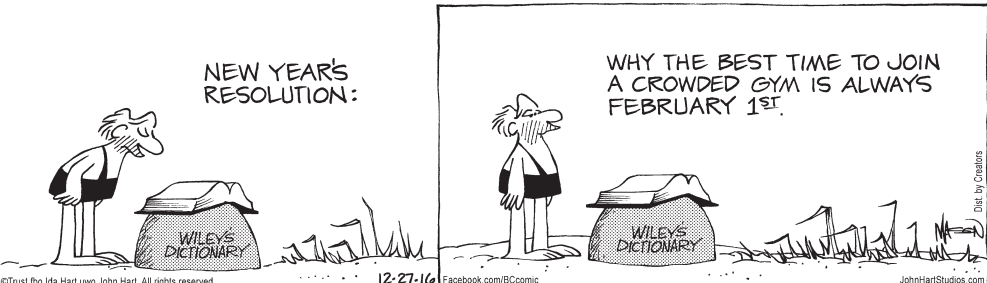
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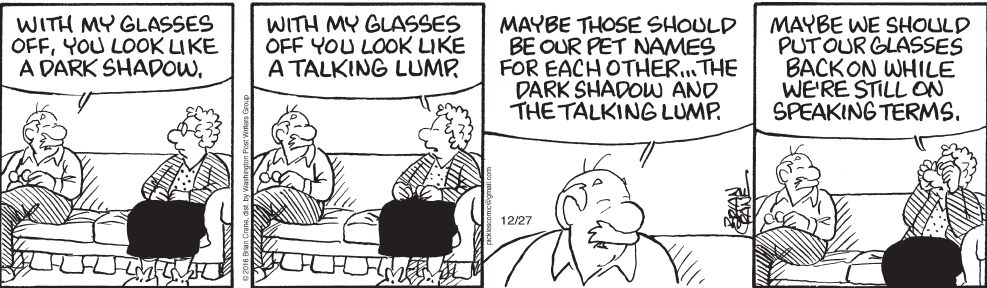
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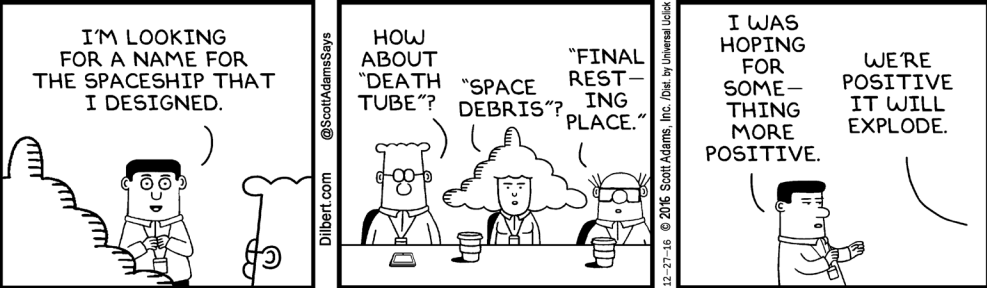
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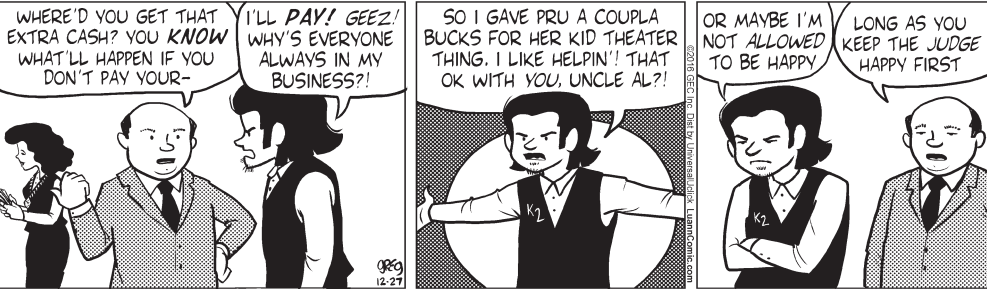
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DEAR ABBY

Theft of prized possessions leaves wife feeling betrayed

Dear Abby: I recently realized that my mother-in-law stole several of my prized possessions. It seems that my husband's brothers, who helped us move when we lost our home, took the items (obviously at her request and with her approval) instead of placing them in the storage unit as instructed.

I am furious at her and my husband's brothers. How should I deal with this? I want to confront her and let her know that I am aware of her betrayal, but my husband is a great man, and I hate to hurt him in this process.

When I told him I was aware that his mother had stolen from us, he said he would make it up to me and that his mother is old (she's 81) and I should let it go. However, every time I visit her home and see my things it hurts. How should I deal with this? I feel raped. — **Furious In Tennessee**

Dear Furious: If the items are replaceable, let your husband do as he promised. If they are heirlooms, you will either have to wait until she dies to reclaim them or go over there and demand that she give them back.

Dear Abby: I am a senior-aged man who swims three times a week at a nearby fitness center. I shower there after each swim. Seldom do I use the shower in my apartment. My son has reprimanded me strongly for not showering daily. He asserted that by not showering every day and by using a public facility when I do, I am practicing "very poor hygiene."

I believe that my hygiene routine is acceptable and in line with common practice,



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

but I'm concerned that in order to visit with him in the future, I will first need to take a shower. Am I wrong here, or is he? — **Not Showering Enough**

Dear Not Showering: With apologies to William Shakespeare: To shower or not to shower, that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of your son's criticism or to stand up for yourself (in a sea of sniping) is up to you.

From where I sit — far downwind — if you can pass the smell test, showering three times a week is all that's necessary for proper hygiene. Do not allow your son to shake your self-confidence.

Dear Abby: I recently went to a funeral viewing for a friend's adult child whom I had never met. After entering the funeral home, I saw a computer-generated sign stating, "Please understand that we (mom, dad, brother and daughter) just couldn't be here."

Abby, I wasn't there to see the deceased; I was there to express my sympathy to the family. Why bother to have a viewing? All I wanted to say was how sorry I am for their loss. — **Karen In Pennsylvania**

Dear Karen: Please have a little less judgment and a little more compassion. Remember that not everyone deals with death in the same way. The viewing was for family members, friends and acquaintances of the deceased who COULD bear to be there. You can still express your sympathy to the grieving family by writing them a condolence letter.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 26-27, 1916

Sunday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock a burglar entered the car occupied by Pat McDonald and J. Hamel as sleeping quarters and ransacked a trunk and suit case, securing about \$125 in cash besides valuable jewelry and wearing apparel to the extent of about \$75. Deputy Sheriff Estes has been working on the case today with some success and arrests may be made at any moment.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 26-27, 1966

Will the salmon come back to the Umatilla River? They will, if the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation succeed in a new project. The tribes launched their endeavor Thursday by planting 500,000 coho salmon eggs in specially built hatching

thoughts on a tributary three miles upstream from the agency. In 30 days the eggs will hatch, said biologist Zell Pankhurst, Portland, of the U.S. Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife. He was one of three federal biologists helping the project get started.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 26-27, 1991

Joann Byrd, executive editor of the *Everett (Wash.) Herald*, has announced her departure to become ombudsman of the *Washington Post* in June. Byrd was a 1961 graduate of Pendleton High School and got her start in journalism at age 13 working part time for the *East Oregonian*. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1964. Byrd's parents are Nancy and Joseph Green of Pendleton. Her job at the *Post* includes public critiques of news and editorial decisions and serving as a liaison between the paper and readers.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 362nd day of 2016. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 27, 1904, James Barrie's play "Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" opened at the Duke of York's Theater in London.

On this date:

In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle.

In 1927, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

In 1932, New York City's Radio City Music Hall first opened.

In 1945, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund were formally established.

In 1947, the original version of the puppet character Howdy Doody made his TV debut on NBC's "Puppet Playhouse."

In 1949, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed an act recognizing Indonesia's sovereignty after more than three centuries of Dutch rule.

In 1968, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe,

nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

In 1970, the musical play "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a run of 2,844 performances.

In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

In 1985, Palestinian guerillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; 19 victims were killed, plus four attackers who were slain by police and security personnel. American naturalist Dian Fossey, 53, who had studied gorillas in the wild in Rwanda, was found hacked to death.

In 1995, Israeli jeeps sped out of the West Bank town of Ramallah, capping a seven-week pullout giving Yasser Arafat control over 90 percent of the West Bank's one million Palestinian residents and one-third of its land.

In 2007, opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was assassinated during a suicide bomb attack in Pakistan following a campaign rally.

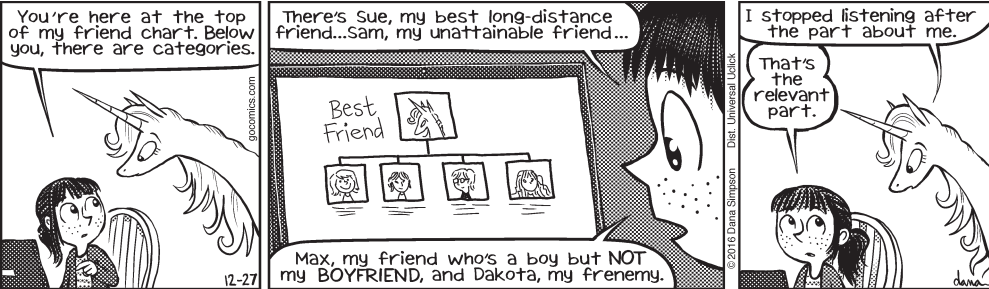
Today's Birthdays: Actor John Amos is 77. ABC News correspondent Cokie Roberts is 73. Rock

musician Mick Jones (Foreigner) is 72. Singer Tracy Nelson is 72. Actor Gerard Depardieu is 68. Jazz singer-musician T.S. Monk is 67. Singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff is 65. Actress Tovah Feldshuh is 64. Rock musician David Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 64. Journalist-turned-politician Arthur Kent is 63. Actress Maryam D'Abo is 56. Country musician Jeff Bryant is 54. Actor Ian Gomez is 52. Actress Theresa Randle is 52. Actress Eva LaRue is 50. Wrestler and actor Bill Goldberg is 50. Actress Tracey Cherelle Jones is 47. Bluegrass singer-musician Darrin Vincent (Dailey & Vincent) is 47. Rock musician Guthrie Govan is 45. Musician Matt Slocum is 44. Actor Wilson Cruz is 43. Singer Olu is 43. Actor Masi Oka is 42. Actor Aaron Stanford is 40. Actress Emilie de Ravin is 35. Christian rock musician James Mead (Kutless) is 34. Rock singer Hayley Williams (Paramore) is 28. Country singer Shay Mooney (Dan & Shay) is 25.

Thought for Today: "I'm not young enough to know everything." — Sir James Matthew Barrie, Scottish dramatist-author (1860-1937).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

