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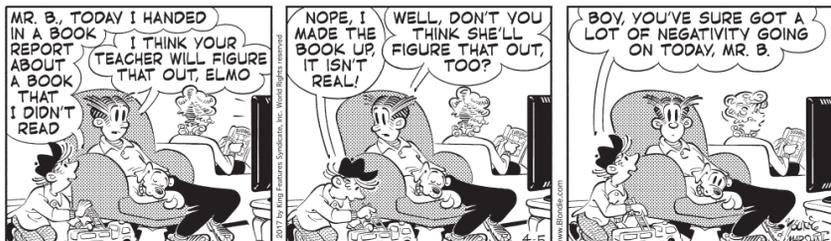
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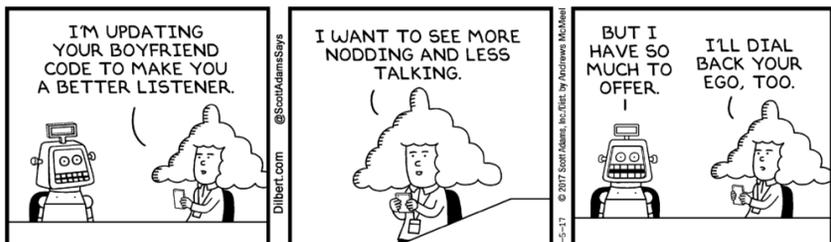
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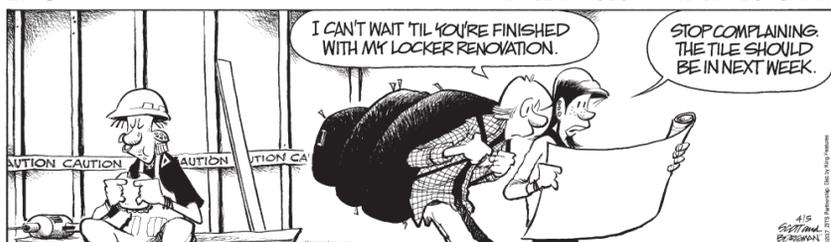
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DEAR ABBY

Wife in sexless marriage is looking for a way out



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I have been married for three years. We are both retired. Five months after the wedding, my husband let me know that he wasn't interested in having sex anymore. We no longer share a bedroom. He's overweight, not in the best of health, and refuses to change his diet or exercise.

I'm not sure how I should feel about this. I'm writing for opinions from you and others. I can't turn to my friends because I don't want this to become small-town gossip. — **Painted In New Jersey**

Dear Painted: You asked for an opinion, so here's mine. Frankly, I'm surprised it has taken you 10 years to notice this. Because your husband enjoys painting his toenails, look the other way and don't obsess about it. We all have quirks, and what he's doing is harmless.

I feel like I am living with a very nice male friend. Other than the lack of affection, he isn't a bad person and he pays all the bills. I did state clearly to him before we were married what I was looking for in a husband, and he agreed to everything I said. Although I am lonely, I would never cheat on him.

P.S. I have it on good authority that he isn't the only man who does it.

I have been thinking about an exit plan. We pray every night and attend church together. He refuses to consider any type of marriage counseling. I'm not stressed, but I know I must get out of here. Any suggestions on how to save this marriage? — **The Exit Plan**

Dear Abby: I am estranged from my son because he changed his last name when he married. He did it over my objection. Reportedly, his wife's parents tried to dissuade them from doing it, too. The explanation we were given was "they need to have the same last name to feel like a family." I suppose our last name was not acceptable, although they claimed they had nothing against it.

Dear Exit: The answer to your question is no. You made clear to your husband that sex in a marriage was important to you. You say he "agreed to everything." Because that was not the truth and you were misled, consult an attorney to find out if the marriage can be annulled.

I tried to compromise and suggested my son use a hyphenated name. They agreed to it, but changed their minds after the wedding. I suspect that their reason was they want their children to have a different last name than ours. What is your take on this? Am I overreacting by wanting to have nothing to do with them? — **Mom Of Another Name**

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for 10 years. We are both in our 50s. Six months ago, I found him with nail polish on his toes. When I asked him about it, he explained that it started in his 20s when a girlfriend painted his toes, and he liked it. He has been painting his toes ever since. He said he doesn't wear polish all the time, but he does it for himself and he likes how it looks. I asked if he was a cross-dresser, and he assured me he isn't.

Dear Mom: Yes, you are overreacting. If you keep this up, your grandchildren will miss out on a loving grandma. It is possible that your son and his wife preferred a name that was less ethnic or easier to spell. Hyphenating names can create problems — especially if it continues into the next generation.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 5, 1917

Jack Robinson and Darr Phelps, who easily qualify for the 45 Club, and who cherish the fond belief that they are still in their youth, are out with a defi to all golfers in the city with the single exception of Brooke Dickson. Having clubbed the gutta percha pellets about the course consistently for the past few years they are just conceited enough about their playing to believe that they can defeat any other pair of players in Pendleton, always with the exception of Dickson, and offer to wager anything from a golf ball up to a steam laundry and plumbing shop that they can come out victors in a foursome.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bush, when he said the machine "bucked" with him. He was in surgery at Good Shepherd Hospital an hour and a half. Kenneth is an outstanding junior high school athlete, and during the recent wrestling season won all his matches.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 5, 1992

Two years ago when Brent Carroll started teaching at Weston-McEwen High School, 28 students were enrolled in six traditional agriculture-related classes. Today, with an innovative curriculum that advances an international vision of economic, marketing and environmental issues, more than half the student body — 84 students — are participating in agricultural courses that use nearby fields and streams as a practical classroom. Instead of the standard vocational-ag courses that focused on animals, plants and shop, the Weston-McEwen ag curriculum now includes business and economics, natural resource management, international marketing, building and construction, horticulture and greenhouse management.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 5, 1967

A 14-year-old Hermiston boy, Kenneth Bush, lost all four fingers and the thumb of his left hand in a lawn mower accident Sunday afternoon. The youth was riding the mower on the lawn of his parents' home,

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 95th day of 2017. There are 270 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 5, 1792, President George Washington cast his first veto, rejecting a congressional measure for apportioning representatives among the states.

On this date: In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.

In 1867, the original version of the poem "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight" was written by 16-year-old Rose Hartwick (later Thorpe) under the title "Bessie and the Curfew."

In 1887, Anne Sullivan achieved a breakthrough as her 6-year-old deaf-blind pupil, Helen Keller, learned the meaning of the word "water" as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet. British historian Lord Acton wrote

in a letter, "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

In 1915, Jess Willard knocked out Jack Johnson in the 26th round of their fight in Havana, Cuba, to claim boxing's world heavyweight title.

In 1925, a tornado estimated at F-3 intensity struck northern Miami-Dade County, Florida, killing five people.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the Civilian Conservation Corps and an anti-hoarding order that effectively prohibited private ownership of gold.

In 1955, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill resigned his office for health reasons. Democrat Richard J. Daley was first elected mayor of Chicago, defeating Republican Robert E. Merriam.

In 1976, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes died in Houston at age 70.

Today's Birthdays:

Movie producer Roger Corman is 91. Former U.S. Secretary of State and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell is 80. Country singer Tommy Cash is 77. Actor Michael Moriarty is 76. Pop singer Allan Clarke (The Hollies) is 75. Writer-director Peter Greenaway is 75. Actor Max Gail is 74. Actress Jane Asher is 71. Singer Agnetha Faltskog (ABBA) is 67. Actor Mitch Pileggi is 65. Singer-songwriter Peter Case is 63. Rock musician Mike McCready (Pearl Jam) is 51. Country singer Troy Gentry is 50. Singer Paula Cole is 49. Country singer Pat Green is 45. Rapper-producer Pharrell Williams is 44. Rapper/producer Juicy J is 42. Country singer-musician Mike Eli (The Eli Young Band) is 36.

Thought for Today: "I know too much and not enough." — *Allen Ginsberg (1926-1997).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

