

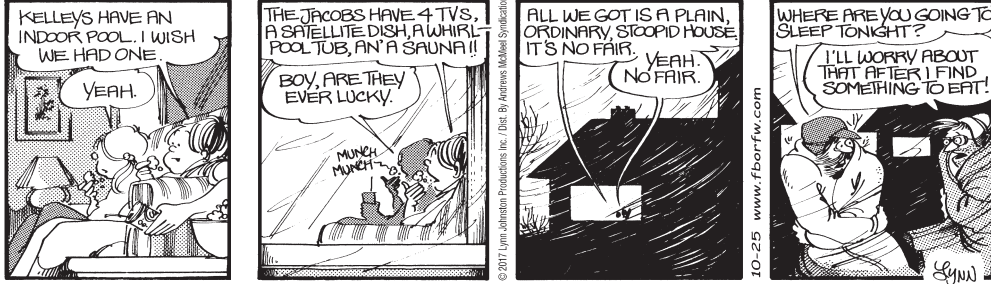
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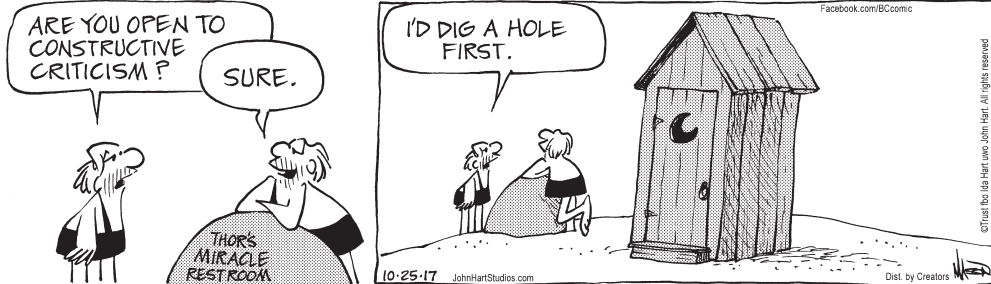
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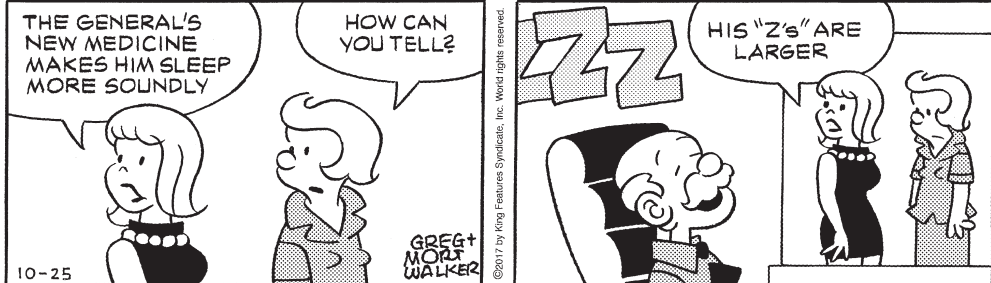
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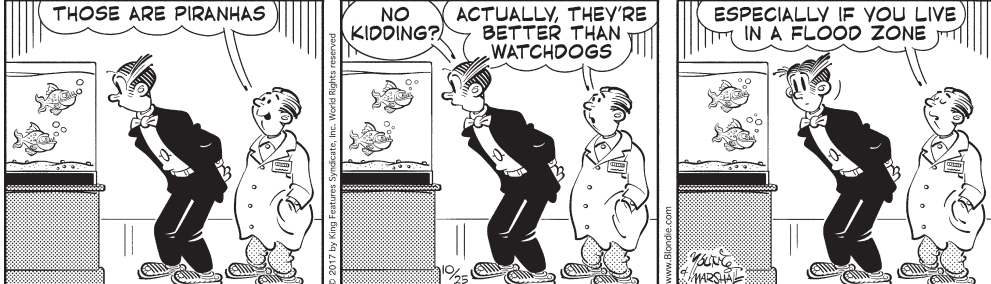
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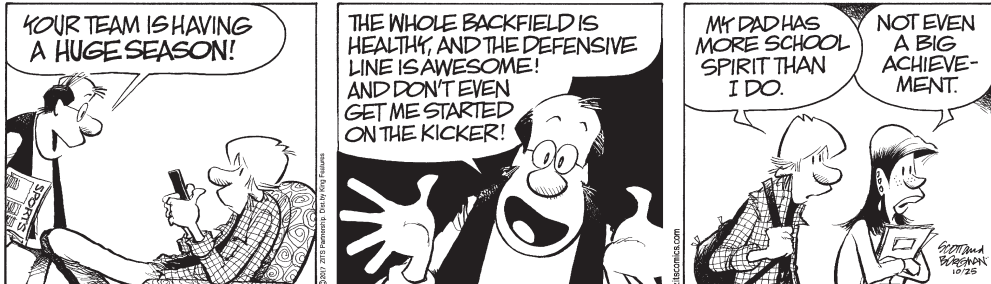
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DEAR ABBY

Married man considers affair to replace dormant love life

Dear Abby: I'm in my 60s, fit, sexually able and I desire physical relations. My wife, because of health issues, is no longer interested in sex. In fact, it would be at least mildly painful to her.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

about the problem. And that won't happen unless you talk to her.

Dear Abby: I was unhappily married years ago and conceived a child by an ex-boyfriend. My son is now 31. I divorced my husband 28 years ago. He knew the baby was not his, but claimed him as his own son. He refused to do a DNA test when we were going through the divorce. He died a few years ago.

I recently met a lady my age who is in the same predicament. She has a sexual appetite; her husband does not. She hinted she would be interested in being "friends with benefits." I didn't pursue the hint because it caught me by surprise and I wasn't quick-witted enough to follow up on it at the time.

I am wondering if such a relationship is acceptable with today's mores and the circumstances. No, I won't discuss this with my wife. It would only hurt her feelings and strain our relationship. Should I pursue the hint? — Follow Up On The Hint

Dear Follow Up: I would not advise pursuing the "hint" — which appears to me to be more of a full frontal assault — without thinking very carefully. The problem with adulterous relationships is that more often than not, the spouse catches on. If you think that by not talking this out with your wife you will be sparing her feelings, you are wrong. When, not if, she finds out, she will be devastated.

As women age their bodies change, and sex can become painful. But that can be remediated in many cases with prescription and other medications. It's possible they could help your wife. Of course, that's not going to happen unless she talks with her OB/GYN

I am in contact with my son's biological father. They look identical, and my grandson looks just like his father and grandfather.

My guilt is consuming me. I want to tell my son that even though the dad he knew all his life is gone, he still has a chance to get to know another father who is his blood. On the other hand, I don't want to ruin my relationship with my son and grandchildren, whom I love very much. How can I tell the truth without hurting my son and our relationship? — Righting A Wrong

Dear Righting: Better late than never. Your son needs to know that the man who raised him and claimed him as his own was not his biological father so that he can have a complete medical history. If the birth father wasn't interested in knowing or supporting his son, he sounds more like a sperm donor than a "blood" relative to me. Do not be surprised if your son isn't interested in knowing more about his birth father than the information I suggested.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 25, 1917

Mrs. Susan Denck, the Pendleton woman who has given five sons to the army, now has her Liberty Bond. This morning she walked into one of the banks to see if there was not some way in which she could make a part of the big loan that is to support the boys at the front. She explained that the government owed her \$40 for taking care of the post office lawn and that she would turn that in on a bond. Before, however, she could go any further, the banker presented her with a \$50 bond, not in charity but in generous recognition of the shining spirit of patriotism that burns in her mother breast.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 25, 1967

A Purple Heart medal was awarded posthumously to Corporal David Lloyd Clark of La Grande, Wednesday. The medal and accompanying citation were presented to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Clark of La Grande, by Colonel William J. Whelan, commanding officer of the Umatilla Army

Depot, Hermiston. Clark enlisted in the Army 11 months ago and died on Aug. 25 of wounds received in action in Vietnam. He was Oregon's 148th military fatality in the Vietnam conflict. Born in La Grande 19 years ago, he was a 1966 graduate of Heppner High School. His body was interred at Heppner Masonic Cemetery Sept. 2 with graveside military honors.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 25, 1992

A 28-year-old Newberg man was killed early this morning after he was apparently thrown off the top of a Chevrolet Blazer outside of Pilot Rock. Although police reports are still sketchy, it appears that Timothy A. Dwight was riding on top of his vehicle, driven by John F. Davis, 28, of Tualatin. At about 1:30 a.m., about a mile outside of Pilot Rock, the vehicle reportedly drove off a gravel road with Dwight riding on top. When the vehicle left the roadway Dwight was thrown off. Davis and passenger Mark A. Pohl, 27, of Beaverton transported Dwight to St. Anthony Hospital, but Dwight died before their arrival.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 298th day of 2017. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men charged the Russian army, suffering heavy losses.

On this date: In 1415, during the Hundred Years' War, outnumbered English soldiers led by Henry V defeated French troops in the Battle of Agincourt in northern France.

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted in Washington, D.C. of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$100,000; he ended up serving nine months.)

In 1939, the play "The Time of Your Life," by William Saroyan, opened in New York.

In 1945, Taiwan became independent of Japanese colonial rule.

In 1954, a meeting of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Cabinet was carried live on radio and television; to date, it's the only presidential Cabinet meeting to be broadcast.

In 1957, mob boss Albert Anastasia of "Murder Inc." notoriety was shot to death by masked gunmen in a barber shop inside the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York.

In 1962, during a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II demanded that Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin confirm or deny the existence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba; Stevenson then presented photographic evidence of the bases to the Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Ronald Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens there.

Today's Birthdays:

Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 93. Actress Marion Ross is 89. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Knight is 77. Pop singer Helen Reddy is 76. Author Anne Tyler is 76. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 73. Political strategist James Carville is 73. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 73. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 70. Actor Brian Kerwin is 68. Actor Mark L. Taylor is 67. Movie director Julian Schnabel is 66. Rock musician Matthias Jabs is 61. Actress Nancy Cartwright (TV: "The Simpsons") is 60. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer Brown) is 59. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers; Chickenfoot) is 56. Rock musician Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies) is 47. Actor Craig Robinson is 46. Pop singer Katy Perry is 33. Singer Ciara is 32.

Thought for Today:

"Bureaucracy, the rule of no one, has become the modern form of despotism." — Mary McCarthy, author and critic (born 1912, died this date in 1989).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

