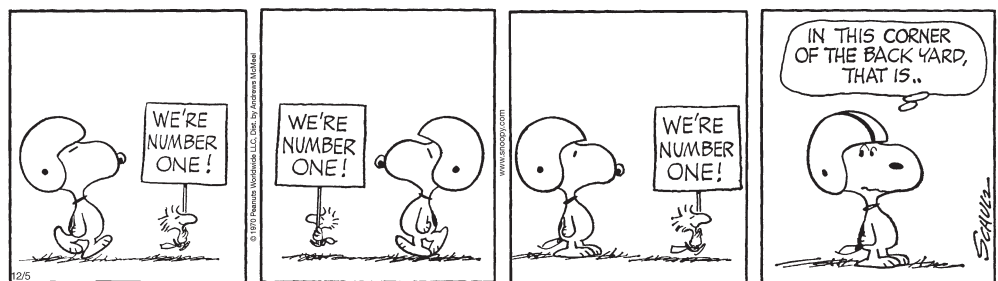


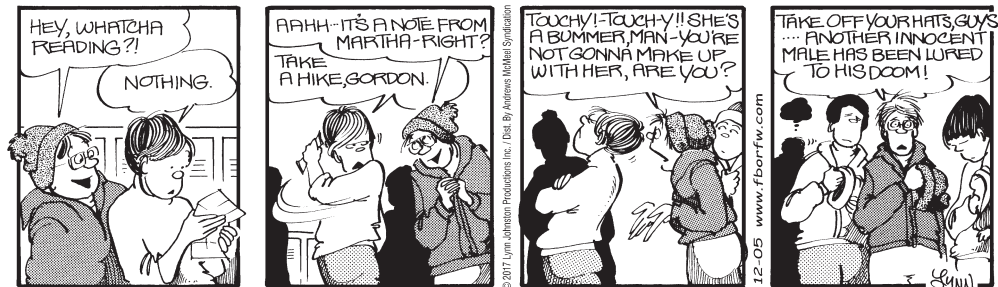
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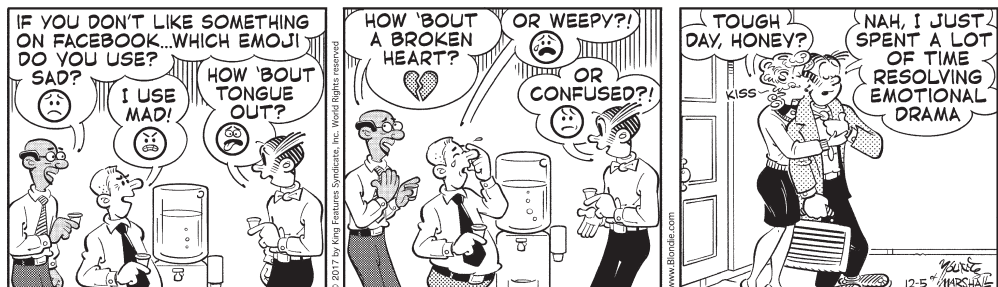
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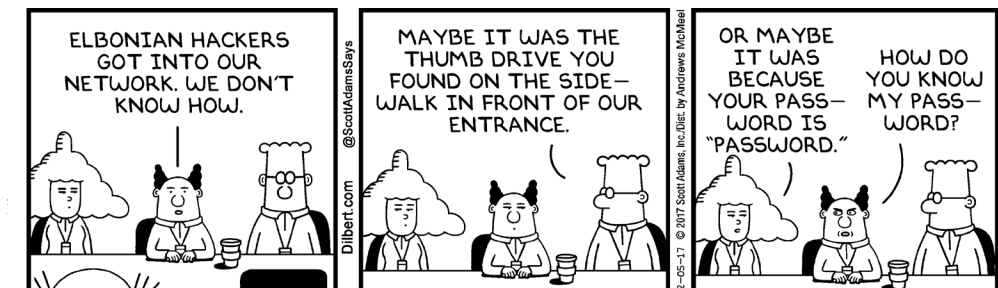
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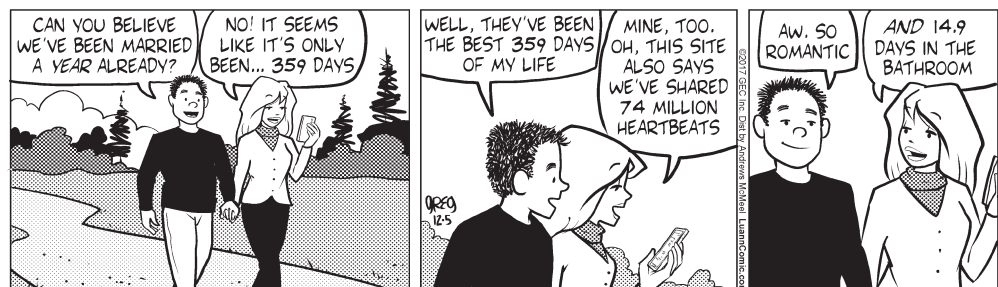
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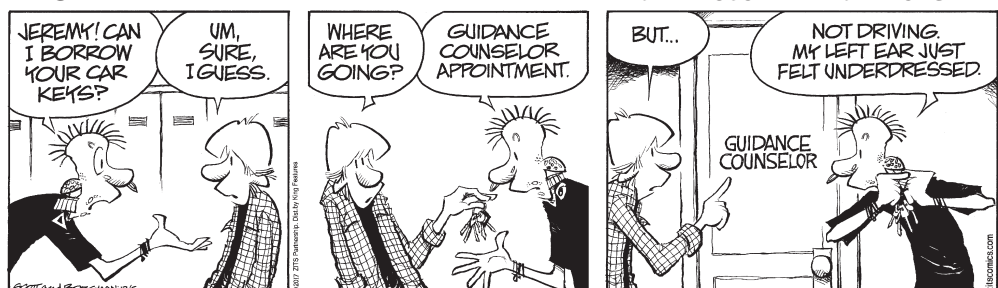
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DEAR ABBY

Woman is ready to hang up on constantly calling husband



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband and I argue more than I'd like. I am pretty easygoing and passive; he likes his feelings to be known. Over time I have become worn down, and my patience has worn thin.

isn't your husband's talking; it's his neediness, insecurity and insensitivity.

Frankly, what you have described strikes me as controlling rather than loving behavior. After the struggles you have described, you have already proven your love for him. Being at his beck and call during the workday should not be an additional requirement.

We are starting to rebound from what I call "the year from hell." His drinking and poor choices nearly put us on the street, and I was ready to walk. Things are starting to get better, but what we can't seem to agree on is communication during the day.

Dear Abby: My sister-in-law is extremely allergic to cats. We have six cats, but live 1,000 miles away from her. When her 8-year-old son comes to visit, he has a Ziploc bag full of clean clothes that he puts on before he goes home. The clothes he wore here are sealed up at the end of his trip to be washed.

Abby, I am on the phone for a living. I cannot stand being on it more than I must be. He calls and/or texts me up to 12 times a day. I can't stand it. Even when I'm busy or give him a time certain when I will call him back, he beeps in before I have the chance.

I'm OK with this. But I need some advice for an upcoming big family holiday gathering. We have all been courteously asked to wash our clothes before coming, to vacuum our vehicles and to limit our contact with cats before arriving. Am I wrong to feel like it's her problem, not ours? — Whose Problem Is It

I am now at the end of my rope. With all that I have dealt with, worked through and put up with, this is something I will not compromise on.

Dear Whose Problem: Yes, you are wrong. When a family member has a health problem that can be triggered by the others, it becomes everyone's problem. If the steps needed to keep her safe are too much for you, you should stay home.

I feel it's more than sufficient to talk on my way in to work, maybe check in around lunch, then on the way home. He feels that because I don't feel the need to call or talk that much that I don't love him. I can't stand listening to the dead air or breathing because there is nothing to talk about. Am I being petty for letting this be the thing that will break us? — Talks Too Much In Texas

Dear Abby: Is it cheating to proofread your college-aged child's final before he/she turns it in? — Wondering In Orange, Calif.

Dear Talks Too Much: If you want to save your marriage after everything you have been through, make the time for marriage counseling. What may destroy your marriage

Dear Wondering: To read it? No. To correct it, yes.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 4-5, 1917

Bedfast though he has been for eight months as a result of an accident, Charles Mowry, a well known high school boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mowry, is still "doing his bit." Robbed of the chance of assisting his country as his companions do, he has learned to knit and is now finishing his fourth woolen muffler for Red Cross. When he completes that he intends knitting a sweater. The young man sustained a badly fractured leg in April when his motorcycle collided with an automobile on East Court street opposite the Domestic Laundry. His condition was precarious for a time and he has been in bed ever since.

activity which will be presented to invited people Friday night at the Vert Auditorium. Workers began setting up the operation Monday morning in the Umatilla County courthouse. The exercise has been in planning several months.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 4-5, 1967

Simulated nuclear and natural disasters will be enacted this week in Pendleton. Members of the Civil Defense, the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Oregon and Umatilla County courthouse employees will test emergency operations. Closed circuit television will record the

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 4-5, 1992

It started as a simple request to build a farm house in the woods. But Louisiana-Pacific's plan for a parcel of prime Eastern Oregon forest land came to a grinding halt Thursday night. After three and a half hours of testimony and discussion, the Umatilla County Planning Commission delayed a decision whether or not to issue the lumber company a permit to build a house outside of Pilot Rock. Although the company owns the land, opposition to the request has surfaced on several sides. Tribal representatives say the ground holds historical artifacts, and that L-P has already cut off a gateway to traditional Indian land. Land owners also accused L-P of poorly managing nearby parcels, and rumors have circulated that the house isn't intended for farming but to serve as a hunting lodge for corporate executives.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 339th day of 2017. There are 26 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 1952, the Great Smog of London descended on the British capital; the unusually thick fog, which contained toxic pollutants, lasted five days and was blamed for causing thousands of deaths.

On this date:

In 1782, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, New York; he was the first chief executive to be born after American independence.

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1792, George Washington was re-elected president; John Adams was re-elected vice president.

In 1831, former President John Quincy Adams took his seat as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1916, British Prime Minister Herbert H. Asquith resigned (he was succeeded

by David Lloyd George).

In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

In 1945, five U.S. Navy torpedo bombers mysteriously disappeared after taking off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a training mission with the loss of all 14 crew members; "The Lost Squadron" contributed to the legend of the Bermuda Triangle.

In 1967, pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock and poet Allen Ginsberg were among more than 260 people arrested during an anti-Vietnam War protest outside an armed forces induction center in lower Manhattan.

In 1977, Egypt broke diplomatic relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq and South Yemen in the wake of criticism that followed President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel.

In 2013, Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid leader who became South Africa's first black president, died at age 95.

Today's Birthdays:

Singer Little Richard is 85. Author Joan Didion is 83. Author Calvin Trillin is 82. Actor Jeroen Krabbe is 73. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 71. Pop singer Jim Messina is 70. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL quarterback Jim Plunkett is 70. World Golf Hall of Famer Lanny Wadkins is 68. Actress Morgan Brittany is 66. Actor Brian Backer is 61. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Art Monk is 60. Country singer Ty England is 54. Rock singer-musician John Rzeznik (The Goo Goo Dolls) is 52. Country singer Gary Allan is 50. Comedian-actress Margaret Cho is 49. Writer-director Morgan J. Freeman is 48. Actress Alex Kapp Horner is 48. Rock musician Regina Zernay (Cowboy Mouth) is 45. Actor Frankie Muniz is 32.

Thought for Today:

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." — Walt Disney, American movie producer (born this date in 1901, died 1966).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

