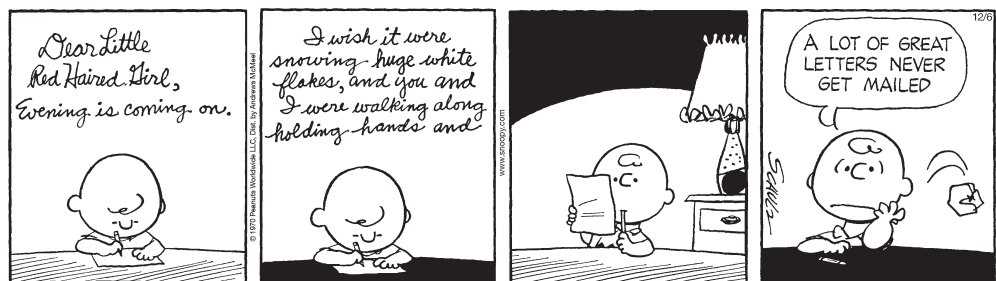


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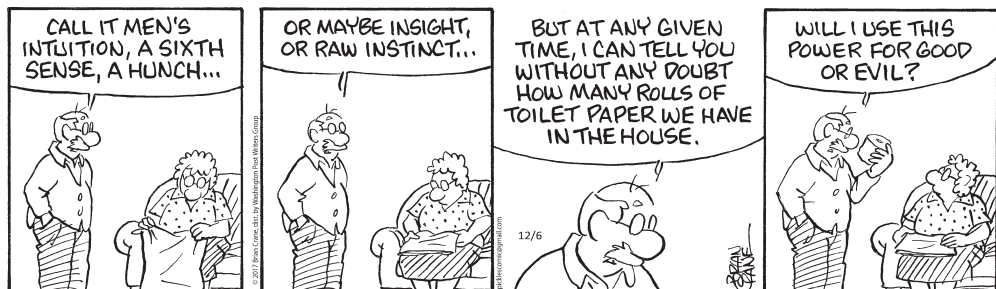
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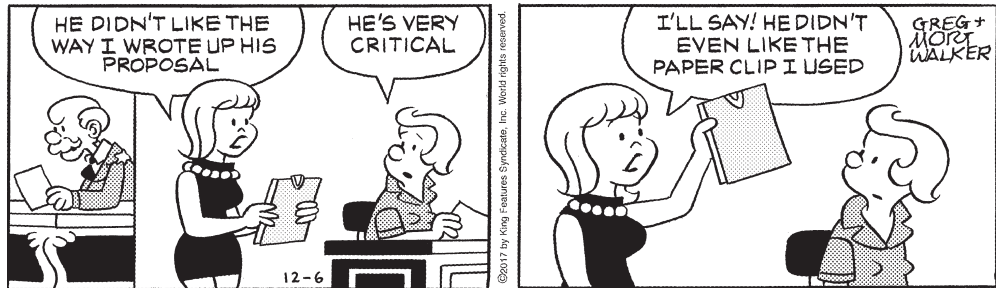
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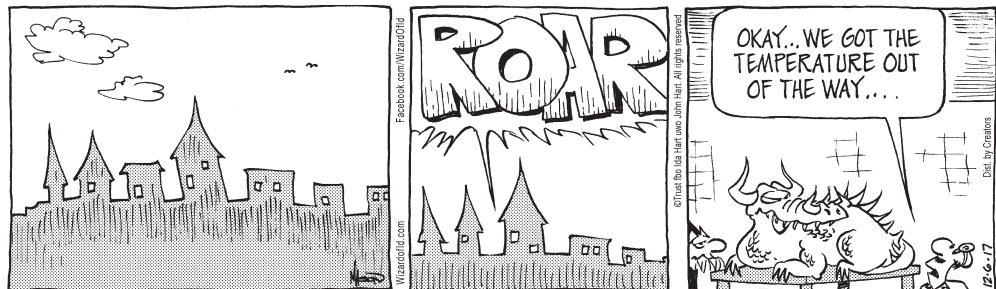
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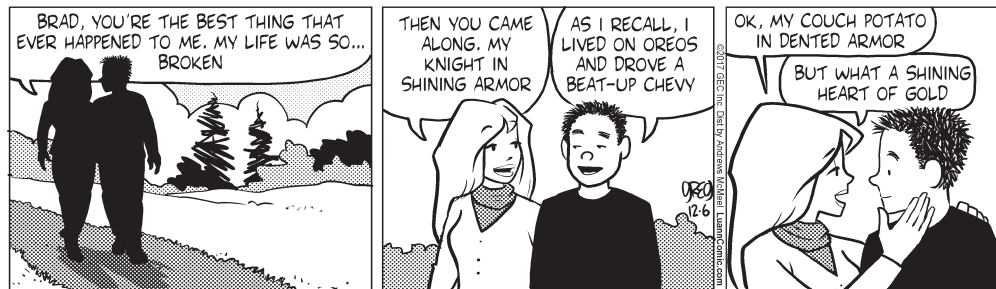
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DEAR ABBY

Teen girl feels pressure from society to have sex



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I'm a teenage girl who has always heard and seen on TV and in movies that there's pressure from society to have sex. That may be true, but I feel there is also pressure from society. I never thought I would feel like that when I got to high school, but now I do. It hurts, and I am writing this for all the girls who feel the same way I do about it. I have been struggling with it for a few days, and it is messing with me a lot.

time for us, things come up more often than not and it gets pushed aside.

We used to have time for each other, and we are talking about having another child. How do I find the time for one more child when we don't have enough time for each other? I'm beginning to think she doesn't want to be around me anymore, or she's no longer in love with me or that she's cheating on me. I don't want to believe it, but I don't know what else to think. What should I do? — Needs Time Together

I know I don't want to have sex yet, but I still feel like I have to. "Tom" really wants to, but he isn't a virgin. It scares me, and while he isn't pressuring me, I feel like there is a boulder on my shoulders. If you know how I can stop feeling like this, please let me know.

Dear Needs Time: Have you told your wife all the things you are telling me? If you haven't, place it at the top of your agenda. Feeling the way you do, you should be talking about improving your marriage before enlarging your family and the responsibilities that go along with it. Not only should you and your wife be scheduling alone time together, you should also consult a licensed family therapist to reopen the lines of communication between the two of you.

— Pressure From Society

Dear Pressure: A surefire way to feel less pressured into doing something you're not ready for would be to stop assuming Tom's sex drive is YOUR responsibility. Remember that although many teenage girls have been pressured into having sex, a sizable number have not. If you choose to wait until you are older, that's your privilege, because regardless of what you're seeing on TV and in the movies, "everyone else" ISN'T doing it.

Dear Abby: Could you please tell me what's proper in a situation like this? My husband and I are always invited to his family's holiday celebrations. When we accept, the invitation is also extended to my mother and sister. If my husband and I are unable to attend, should my mother and sister still go or consider their invitation canceled? — Jan In San Clemente, Calif.

Dear Abby: My wife and I have two amazing children, and while they do require a lot of attention, I feel like I'm getting the short end of the stick. My wife works third shift, while I work 8 to 5. She's off two days out of two weeks, but even then, she's on call it seems like all the time. When I try to make

Dear Jan: If the invitations that were extended were accepted by your mother and sister, and they are expected, they should attend.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 6, 1917

Miss Ardis Callison, formerly a resident of Pendleton, now of Portland, is probably the first Umatilla woman to enlist in the service of her country. Miss Callison is now visiting at the home of her sister, but will return soon to complete her course in wireless telegraphy preparatory for enlisting in the naval wireless service sometime in February. A graduate of Pendleton high school last spring, Miss Callison was well known as president of the Pep Club at that institution last year. She has been living with her parents in Portland while taking a wireless course. If successful in passing one more examination, Miss Callison expects to be sent to the Bremerton navy yard and from there to the Philippine island service.

Chamber of Commerce in their Monday evening dinner meeting. O'Rourke, who has made a comprehensive study of the water diversion plan as it affects the Northwest, said the Pacific Northwest states are becoming better organized, with each state making its studies to determine factually its water needs. Another encouraging factor for the Northwest is that not all the states in the Southwest are currently unified in their move to divert water to their section of the country.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 6, 1967

The Pacific Northwest may be able to take the offensive in the next three or four years in its struggle to retain its Columbia River water for the Northwest, Bob O'Rourke, Pendleton attorney and well known authority on the water diversion proposal, told the

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 6, 1992

Two Heppner state playoff teams will be on the field at Parker Stadium when the Mustangs take on the Vale Vikings in the state Class 2A championship today. But five decades separate them. The Heppner Mustangs of 1942 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its state championship appearance against Dayton during a ceremony at halftime of today's game. Twenty-five of the 26 members of the 1942 Mustangs are still living, said former Oregon State University athletic director Jim Barratt, the tailback on what was the top B team in Eastern Oregon. "I expect 15-20 today," Barratt said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 340th day of 2017. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 6, 1917, some 2,000 people were killed when an explosives-laden French cargo ship, the Mont Blanc, collided with the Norwegian vessel Imo at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the Canadian city. Finland declared its independence from Russia.

On this date: In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York. In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it. In 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans. In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys

died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1922, the Anglo-Irish Treaty, which established the Irish Free State, came into force one year to the day after it was signed in London.

In 1942, comedian Fred Allen premiered "Allen's Alley," a recurring sketch on his CBS radio show spoofing small-town America.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1982, 11 soldiers and six civilians were killed when an Irish National Liberation Army bomb exploded at a pub in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedy performer David Ossman is 81. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 79. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 76. Actor James Naughton is 72. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 71. Former Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 69. Actress JoBeth Williams is 69. Actor Tom Hulce is 64. Actor Wil Shriner is 64. Actor Miles Chapin is 63. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 62. Comedian Steven Wright is 62. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 61. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 56. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 50. Rock musician Ulf "Buddha" Ekberg (Ace of Base) is 47. NFL quarterback Johnny Manziel is 25.

Thought for Today:

"When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this — you haven't." — Thomas Edison, American inventor (1847-1931).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

