

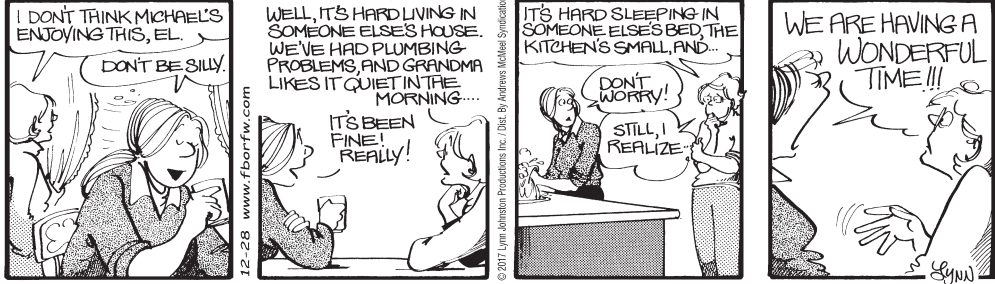
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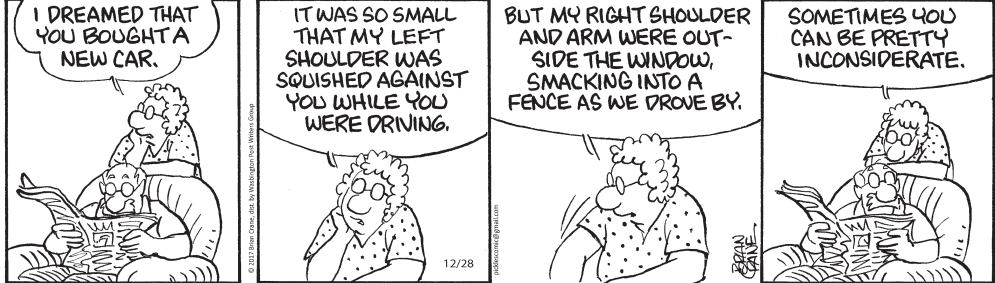
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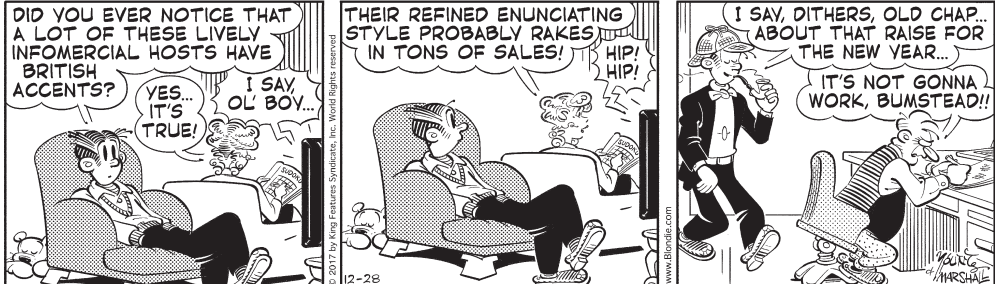
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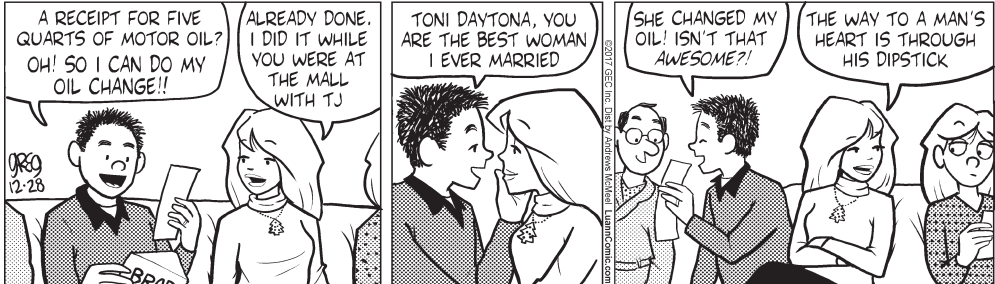
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DEAR ABBY

Husband loses desire for wife after witnessing her overdose



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I have been married for three years to a woman who is very beautiful inside and out. (We have been together for six years.) Recently, I found out she is addicted to pain meds — and two months ago she confided that she had gotten hooked on heroin.

parents both live 20 minutes from us. Both sets of parents purposely moved to be close to us. The problem is both sets of parents tell how often they see their grandkids — which is simply not true.

I set up an intervention to get her into rehab. But when the time came to go, she kept putting it off. She said she wanted to get high "one more time," so I told her OK, as long as she did it at home, so I'd know she was safe. After she injected herself, she went limp, so I called 911 and got her into the hospital.

Mom talks as if she sees them multiple times a week, although she generally sees them less than once a month. She does watch my niece three days a week, but to hear her tell it, all her grandkids fall into that category. My wife's parents see me, my wife and our two kids about twice a month, but also tell others it's "all the time." Then, when we do meet, they ignore the kids!

It is now two months later, and she is back. I love her dearly, but I no longer desire to be intimate with her. How do I tell her I will always stand by her, but no longer want to be intimate? She's younger and still has a strong sex drive. — **Lost That Part In The East**

I am bothered about it for two reasons: They are taking undue credit for "helping us out," and second, I'm sick of having heard for the last 12 years how "lucky" my kids are to have such wonderful grandparents. It caused us to miss out on help from extended family because they thought my wife and I were already receiving so much.

Dear Lost: The news should be conveyed in the office of a licensed marriage and family therapist. While your sexual problem may result from the shock of seeing your wife nearly die in front of you, there may be more to it. You say she is "younger and STILL has a strong sex drive." This suggests that you are older and your lack of desire might to some extent be age- or hormone-related.

Is there a nice way to say to my parents/in-laws that the story they are selling is fiction? We do love them. All we would like is for them to help out the way they claim to. — **Sick Of The Fiction**

The two of you have a lot of talking to do about your feelings and your future. It would be better if it's done with the help of a trained moderator.

Dear Sick Of The Fiction: I find it strange that both sets of in-laws would relocate to be close, and then not follow through on trying to BE close. I also don't know why your parents would loudly take credit for the things they haven't been doing. If you want to end the fiction, tell the extended family the truth and explain that you really do need their help and why. You should have done it years ago.

Also, if your wife was sharing needles, you both need to be tested for any diseases she may have contracted.

Dear Abby: My parents and my wife's

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 28, 1917

Bishop Bros., managers of the Pendleton and Washougal woolen mills, this morning received a telegram from the divisional head of the quartermaster corps of the army asking them to increase if possible the output of blankets for the army from their mills and to furnish an estimate of the contracts they can fill for the government for the year 1918. Ever since war was declared, the mills of the local men have been running to capacity and have been turning part of their output to the government. To increase the output of army blankets, the mills will have to curtail on civilian lines. Because of the fact that the government is taking steps to establish a price on wool and has decided to exempt skilled mill workers, two elements of uncertainty in the wool manufacture business have been removed and will enable the mill operators to make government contracts with reasonable assurance of being able to fill them.

within a 40-acre area, signed a petition several months ago asking the Umatilla County Planning Commission to zone their land to residential. But they later learned they were too late to prevent Eng's going into the pig business on his three acres. The petitioners decided to ask for interim zoning anyway. Nov. 20 the Umatilla County Court ordered interim zoning on the 40 acres. (Interim zoning is temporary, three years maximum, and permanent planning would require detailed planning and public hearings.) The pig and people conflict might be the beginning of zoning at Mission.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 28, 1992

A federal judge is expected to approve an order submitted earlier this month that will require the Department of Corrections to hire a full-time physician and a full-time nurse practitioner to help provide medical services to inmates at Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution. The order is based on an evaluation by Dr. Ronald Shanks, an impartial expert on prison medical care who was appointed in December of 1991 to inspect health care programs at the medium-security prison as part of an ongoing civil rights class action lawsuit filed by inmates in August 1987.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 28, 1967

His neighbors in the Mission area were unhappy when Wayne Eng decided to move some pigs next door. Six neighbors, living

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 362nd day of 2017. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1917, the New York Evening Mail published "A Neglected Anniversary," a facetious essay by H.L. Mencken supposedly recounting the history of bathtubs in America, starting with the "first" one in Cincinnati in 1842. Among the spoof's other straight-faced claims: that Millard Fillmore was the first president to have a bathtub installed in the White House. (Mencken was astonished when people took his "tissue of absurdities" seriously.)

On this date: In 1612, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei observed the planet Neptune, but mistook it for a star. (Neptune wasn't officially discovered until 1846

by Johann Gottfried Galle.)

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down because of differences with President Andrew Jackson.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Virginia.

In 1895, the Lumiere brothers, Auguste and Louis, held the first public showing of their movies in Paris.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris at age 62.

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

Today's Birthdays:

Comic book creator Stan Lee is 95. Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber is 88. Actress Nichelle Nichols is 85. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 83. Rock singer-musician Charles Neville is 79. Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., is 73. Former Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., is 71. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 71. Funk musician Joseph "Zigaboo" Modeliste (The Meters) is 69. Actor Denzel Washington is 63. Country singer Joe Diffie is 59. Country musician Mike McGuire (Shenandoah) is 59. Actor Chad McQueen is 57. Country Talk show host Seth Meyers is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer John Legend is 39.

Thought for Today: "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence." — Carl Sagan, American astronomer (1934-1996).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

