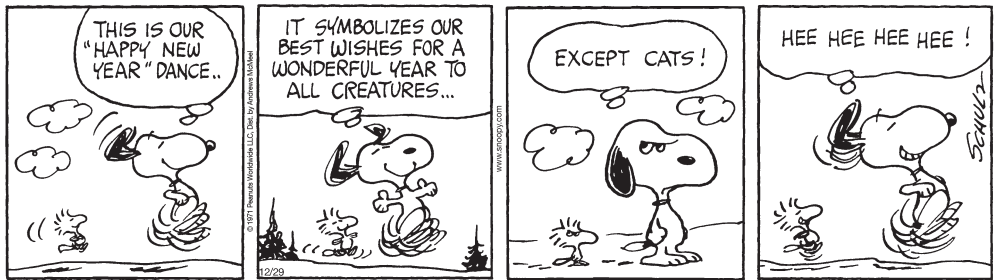


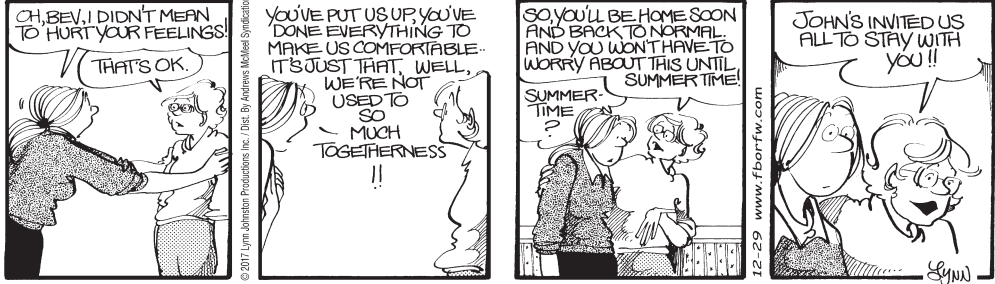
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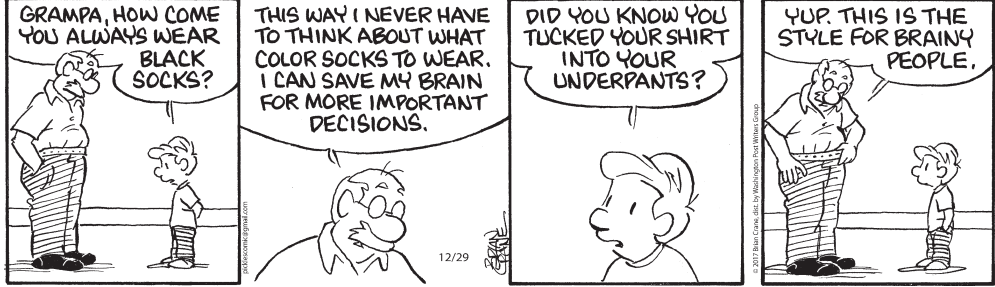
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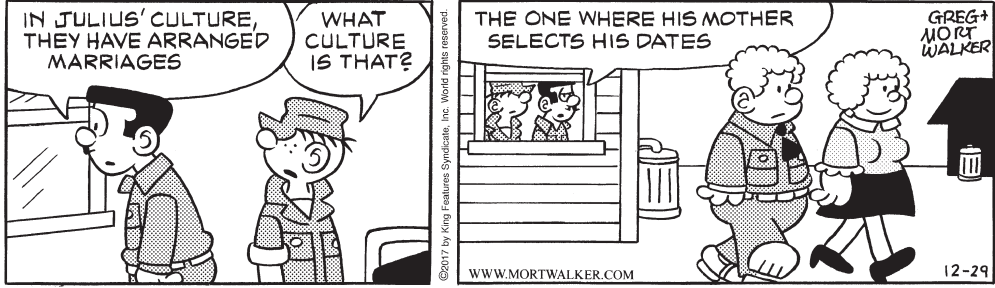
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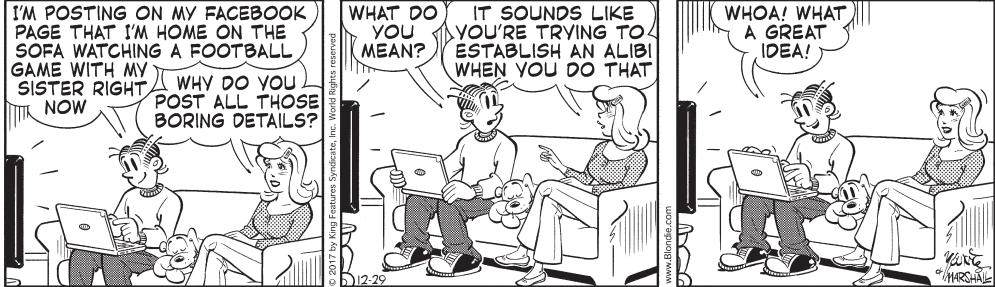
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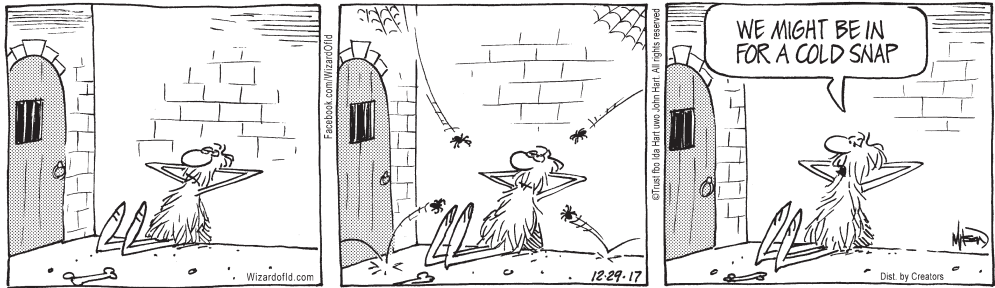
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DEAR ABBY

Patient's romantic feelings for doctor cause confusion

Dear Abby: I started seeing a new doctor six months ago to be treated for a serious medical condition. I respect his medical opinion and the fact that many doctors treating my condition would be judgmental and lack compassion. He has offered both.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

subject up. I always thought it was rude to ask questions about other people's finances, and I don't know how to respond to their intrusive questions.

I'm very aware of our unique situation, and I'm extremely grateful to my parents for the generosity we have received. How do I respond to friends and acquaintances when they bring up such a sensitive subject? — Grateful In California

While I appreciate his skills as a doctor, I have started to develop romantic feelings for him. I realize telling him would put him in an awkward position and possibly jeopardize our professional relationship because of the ethical implications. I don't want to move on to another doctor because I value his services. How do I get over it? — Anonymously In Love

Dear In Love: Your romantic feelings for your doctor are not as unusual as you may think. When a person needs ongoing medical care as you do, it's natural to feel vulnerable and dependent. When that happens, something called "transference" can occur. The emotions associated with one person — such as a parent — become transferred to the doctor. If you keep this in mind, it may help you to better handle your emotions.

Dear Abby: I was adopted at a year old by loving parents. Through a lifetime of hard work, they have become wealthy. Their generosity allowed my husband and me to buy our first home and start married life debt-free.

My problem is, their community and friends, including some of my husband's and my own, often feel compelled to bring the

You do not have to answer every question that is asked of you. When questions about your home or finances are raised, reply, "That's very personal. My parents are generous, and my husband and I are grateful." PERIOD!

Dear Abby: My husband and I disagree about how to handle taking our children shopping with us. I believe that, especially while our children are small (they are 3 and 5), the adult with them should keep them in sight at all times, or at least the majority of the time. If a child moves out of eyesight, the adult should find them within a minute. Are there guidelines on what is appropriate by age or developmental stage on this issue? — Helicopter Mom And Free Range Dad

Dear Helicopter Mom: Your husband is an optimist, while you are a realist. Common sense should prevail. When you take your children to a public place, they should remain under your or your husband's supervision at all times until they are aware enough that they can't be lured away by a stranger, and big enough to fight off a predator.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1917

The Umatilla river is at flood stage almost as high as last spring and though the crest has probably been reached, there has been a good deal of anxiety felt today lest damage be done. The river lapped above the six foot mark during the night at the Main street bridge and most of the morning raced along at the five feet ten inch mark. This is only a few inches below the high tide reached last spring. The warm rain of yesterday gave way to a day of such mildness today that it was almost like spring. Overcoats have been hung up again and the fires allowed to die down. Doors are open and but for the calendar and the newspaper notices that it is 50 degrees below zero on the middle-west it would be easy to believe that summer was at hand.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1967

In a service held in the Church of the Redeemer this month, the Rev. Douglas D. Hollenbeck was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. The service of ordination

and holy communion was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, bishop of the Missionary District of Eastern Oregon. The Rev. Richard L. Payne, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, said, "Here is a man, having recently completed some forty years with the Los Angeles Water and Power Company, seeking to find, even in his retirement, new channels for serving his community and his Lord. ... Mr. Hollenbeck's primary responsibilities will be calling on the hospitals and rest homes, calling upon the shut-ins and infirm of the parish, and assisting with the worship services of the church."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1992

The Pendleton Bucks cruised to their eighth straight victory in the finals of the La Salle Christmas Tournament Tuesday. The Bucks beat Tualatin 57-28 behind 21 points by 5-foot-11 center Kelli Read, who was playing on a sore ankle injured in a Bucks win over Columbia River the night before. Pendleton's Melissa Wood had six rebounds, three assists and three steals to go with her seven points and point guard Ganine Moses had four assists and four steals.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 363rd day of 2017. There are two days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

On this date: In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1916, James Joyce's first novel, "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," was first published in book form in New York after being serialized in London.

In 1934, Japan formally renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1940, during World

War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas (the marriage lasted until Gorme's death in 2013).

In 1967, Hyundai Motor Co. was founded in Seoul, South Korea.

In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people (it's never been determined who was responsible).

In 1992, David and Sharon Schoo of St. Charles, Illinois, were arrested at O'Hare International Airport upon their return from a Mexican vacation for leaving their 4- and 9-year-old daughters at home, alone.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Rose Lee Maphis is 95. Actress Inga Swenson is 85. ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 83. Actress Barbara Steele is 80. Actor Jon Voight is 79. Country singer Ed Bruce is 78. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 76. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 71. Hall of Fame Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. is 71. Actor Ted Danson is 70. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 66. The president of the International Olympic Committee, Thomas Bach, is 64. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 58. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 58. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 56. Actor Michael Cudlitz is 53. Rock singer Dexter Holland (The Offspring) is 52. Actor-comedian Mýstro Clark is 51. Actor Jason Gould is 51. News anchor Ashleigh Banfield is 50. Actress Alison Brie is 35.

Thought for Today: "The wise man must be wise before, not after." — Epicharmus, Sicilian Greek comic poet.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

