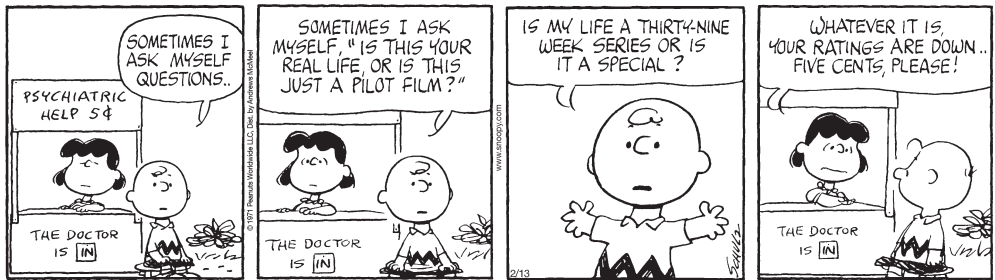


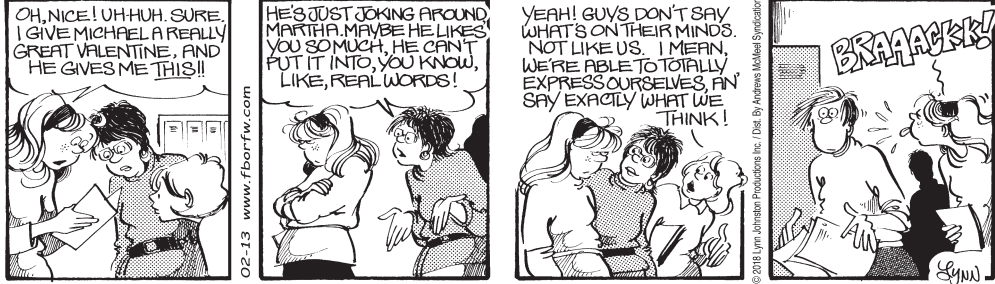
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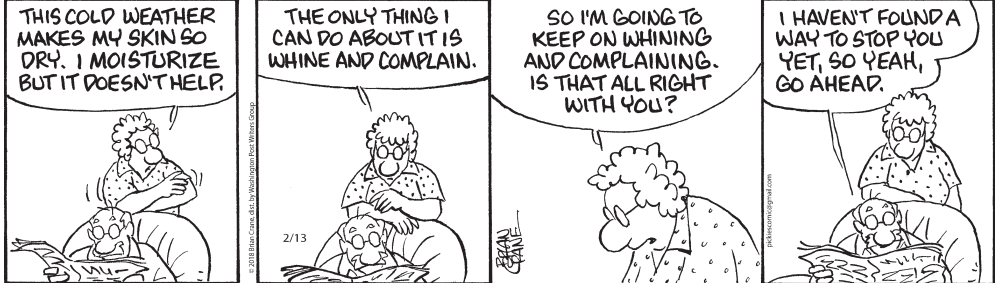
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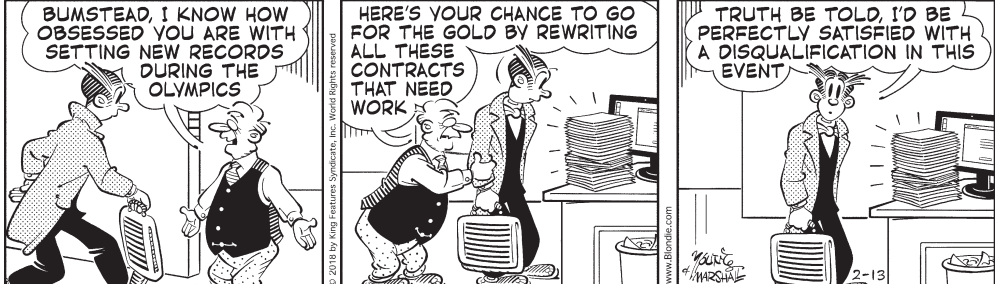
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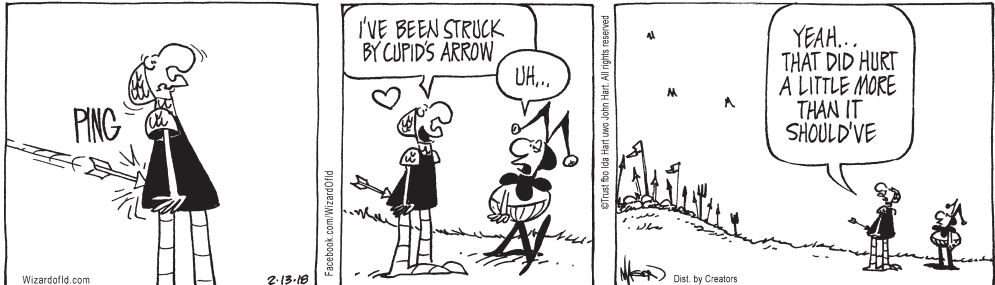
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DEAR ABBY

Wife loses lust for husband, but wants to save marriage

Dear Abby: I'm not attracted to my husband. I love him and don't want to live without him, but I do not want to be physically intimate with him. I know it is unfair to him, and I have tried everything from antidepressants to meditation to diet, but nothing works.



Dear Abby: My husband and I moved to a new town last year and are working on settling in and making friends. Our way has been to accept every invitation offered in hopes of building relationships in this small community.

I used to have a high libido, but I haven't wanted to have sex with him in years. We do it maybe two or three times a month because I force myself to, but it is unpleasant for me. He doesn't want to guilt me into sex and hates that I force myself, but he has a very high libido.

We recently had dinner at the home of a neighbor couple who were very welcoming, but we quickly realized the four of us have absolutely nothing in common. Making conversation through the meal and coffee taxed all of our small-talk skills, and there were many painful silences. Any foray into current events, family life — even gardening — revealed stark differences that brought conversation to a screeching halt. We made an excuse to go home early and sent a thank-you note the next day.

We are in our mid-20s and I know this is killing him — and us. I am attracted to some (but very few) others — just not to him. I have always been more emotionally attracted to women than men, but I don't think that is it. I need help before our marriage starts to crumble. — Avoiding It In South Carolina

Usually, I think a dinner invitation requires a reciprocal invitation in the future. In this case, I'm wondering if it would be better to just let it go. Would it be rude to not reciprocate, or must I suck it up? If we must have them over, how do I ensure the second dinner goes better than the first? We hope to live here for a long time. — Different In The West

Dear Avoiding It: I can't wave a magic wand and make you more physically attracted to your husband. I can suggest that the most sensitive sexual organ in a woman's body resides between her ears.

Dear Different: Do the right thing and invite the couple for dinner. It does not have to be in your home — a nice restaurant would do. If the evening was as uncomfortable as you have described, they may not accept your invitation. But if they do, a way to make conversation flow more easily might be to include another couple.

However, I am not qualified to diagnose whether your problem may be of a physical nature. That's why I'm advising you to ask your doctor to perform a thorough physical examination. If he or she finds nothing amiss, ask the doctor — or your health insurance company — to refer you to a licensed mental health professional who can help you figure out what's going on.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 12-13, 1918

Indians of the reservation will not be encouraged to form separate military units for service against the kaiser, according to information received this morning from Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs. He thinks it highly advisable that the Indians should take their place, shoulder to shoulder with their white comrades. "I want the Indian to go into this conflict," he says, "as the equal and comrade of every man who assails autocracy and ancient might, and to come home with a new light in his face and a clearer conception of the democracy in which he may participate and prosper."

night. They also said a car stolen sometime Friday from Louis Jenkins was recovered abandoned in a ditch on a market road east of Pendleton. Raymond Martin Shade reported to city police today his pickup was stolen from in front of his house between 9:30 p.m. and 6 this morning.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 12-13, 1993

When he started running 15 years ago it was to get in shape for pick-up basketball games. Alan Beck has been running ever since, and racing since 1979. Last week Beck, 46, won a national title when he finished first in the 45-49 age group at the USA Track and Field (formerly The Athletic Congress) cross country championships in Sandy. He finished in 17 minutes, 17 seconds over the 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) course. Beck, who is on the board of the Oregon Association of USA Track and Field, was running on an Oregon team, which finished second. "I was really happy. I hadn't been racing for a while because of the weather," Beck said.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 12-13, 1968

Three cars were stolen and one was recovered the last 24 hours, according to city police. State police informed them a car was stolen from Adams and that another was missing from the longhouse at Mission last

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 44th day of 2018. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. (Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy, and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.)

also known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1933, the Warsaw Convention, governing airlines' liability for international carriage of persons, luggage and goods, went into effect.

In 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve was officially established.

In 1968, actress Mae Marsh, known mostly for her silent film work ("The Birth of a Nation"; "Intolerance"), died in Hermosa Beach, California, at age 73.

In 1974, Nobel Prize-winning Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1998, Dr. David Satcher was sworn in as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States during an Oval Office ceremony.

Today's Birthdays: U.S.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager (ret.) is 95. Actress Kim Novak is 85. Actor George Segal is 84. Actor Bo Svenson is 77. Actress Carol Lynley is 76. Singer-musician Peter Dinklage (The Monkees) is 76. Actress Stockard Channing is 74. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 74. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., is 72. Singer Peter Gabriel is 68. Actor David Naughton is 67. Rock musician Peter Hook is 62. Singer Henry Rollins is 57. Rock singer Matt Berninger (The National) is 47. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 46. Singer-songwriter Feist is 42. Actress Mena Suvari (is 39. Rock musician Dash Hutton (Haim) is 33. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. (also known as Prince Michael Jackson I) is 21.

Thought for Today: "To go against the dominant thinking of your friends, of most of the people you see every day, is perhaps the most difficult act of heroism you can have." — Theodore H. White, American political writer (1915-1986).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

