

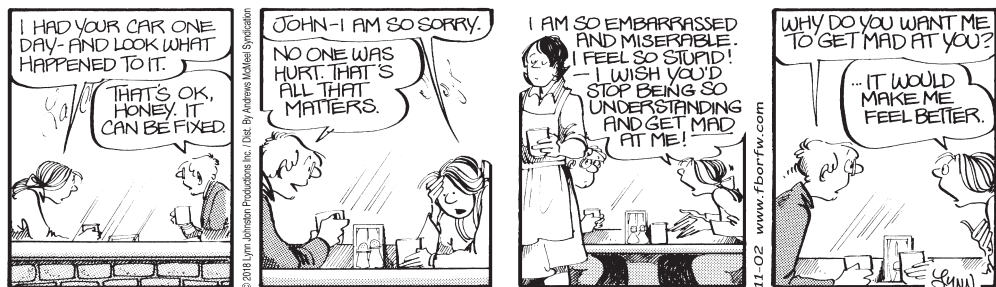
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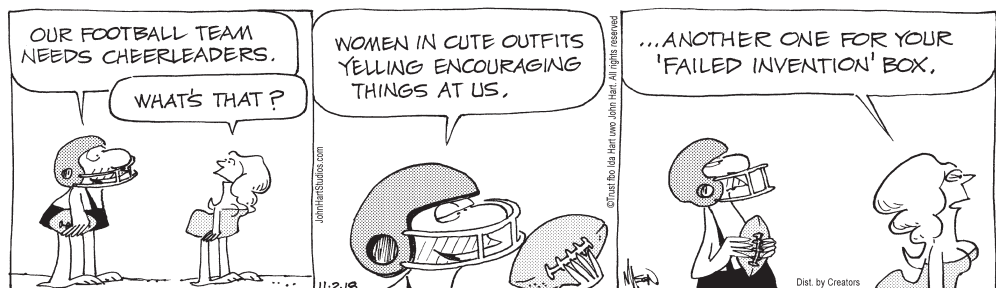
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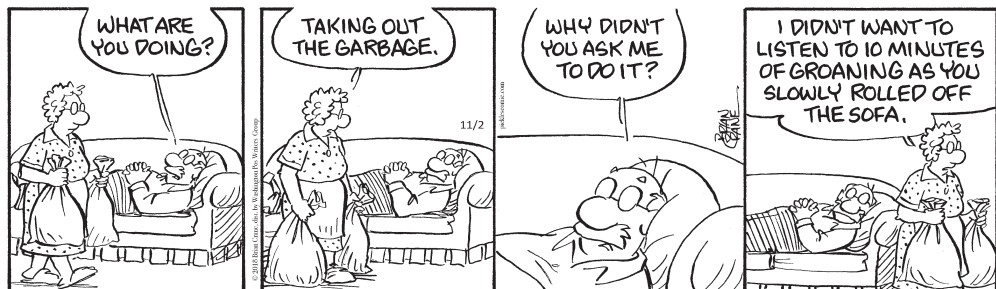
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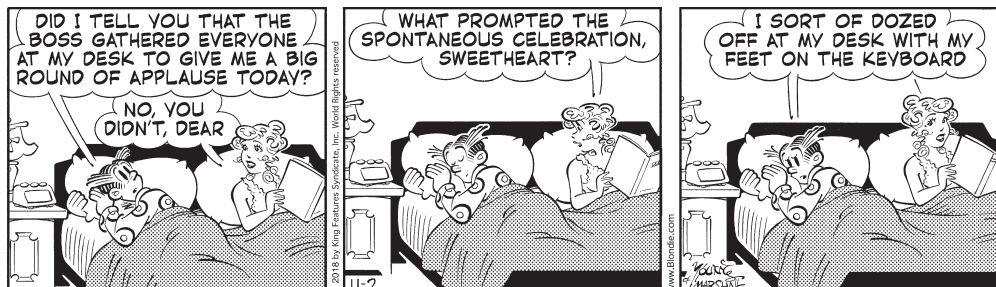
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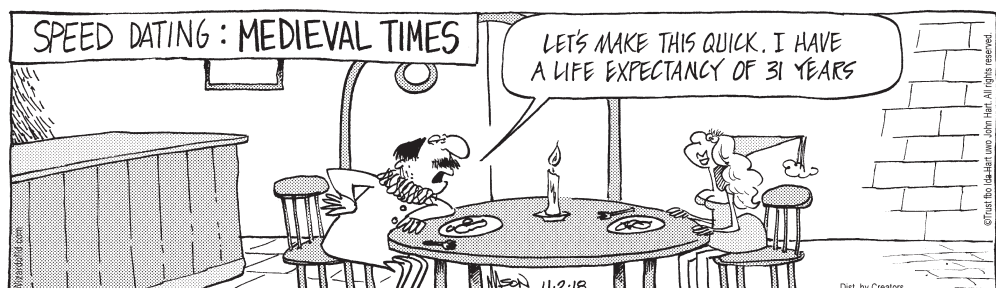
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DEAR ABBY

Mom's peaceful death leads to sibling war over her house

Dear Abby: My mom recently passed away at 91. She had a great life and went peacefully at home in bed during the night. I took charge of her medical care and finances after Dad died 10 years ago.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

After mom's funeral, my brother insisted he would move into her house while he remodeled it, which could tie up the house for a year. It made no sense to me. I am mom's executor, and I felt it was unfair to me and my other brother. When I said no, he got really angry, accused me of many mean, untrue things and announced that he disowned me. I responded that I love him and he will always be my brother, but it was his choice.

The pain of losing my mom and my brother has been awful. Now I'm working to sell the house, and he interferes and is mean every step of the way. But I have to move ahead and do my job. I don't respond to anything negative he writes. Have you some advice on how to repair our relationship? Maybe if he saw it in print he would realize we are family and none of this is helpful to any of us. — Double Loss In California

Dear Double Loss: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. If it's any comfort, estate problems like you're experiencing aren't all that unusual. Not knowing your brother or the degree to which he is self-centered, I'm having trouble understanding his overreaction. Was he desperate for a place to stay for a year?

I wish you had mentioned what your other brother thinks about this regrettable situation and whether he, too, was disowned. If he and your angry sibling are on

speaking terms, perhaps he can help to mend fences. And hold a good thought. Sometimes time heals these kinds of wounds, once grief lessens and people regain their perspective.

Dear Abby: "Addicted in Kansas City" (Aug. 24) asked you for secular alternatives to Alcoholics Anonymous. There are parts of your response that I feel need clarification.

First of all, AA doesn't require lifetime attendance at meetings. AA doesn't "require" anything. (The third tradition states the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.) Regular attendance at meetings is encouraged but certainly not a requirement. Many people continue to go to meetings one or more times a week, while others stop or go only occasionally after a period of time.

The other point is tougher — and perhaps more subtle. AA encourages individuals trying to get sober to find a "God of their own understanding," a Higher Power, something bigger than themselves. Many agnostics and atheists get and stay sober in AA.

AA is a spiritual program, not a religious one. This can be a difficult concept for people who are just coming in (and a great reason not to stay). That's one of the reasons AA encourages anyone new to attend different meetings, if possible, and check out other groups. In many cities there are meetings expressly for atheists and other nonbelievers. — Sober And Happy In Atlanta

Dear Sober: Thank you for writing to clarify this. However, there are different programs (different strokes for different folks), which is why I also encourage anyone trying to achieve sobriety to research and explore the alternatives.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 2, 1918

Pendleton has a Spanish influenza hospital, and the Wenaha club is the organization which has made the accommodations possible. Unrestricted use of the club rooms on Court street as an emergency hospital, as well as full control of all arrangements, were granted this afternoon by the club members to the Red Cross Committee. The committee, which has been searching since yesterday for a location, is enthusiastic. "It is just what we need," they said. The rooms are steam heated and well lighted. There is room for about 30 patients and it is planned to place two beds in a room. Miss Lorene Parker, home demonstration agent, today volunteered her services as head of the diet kitchen of the hospital. Nursing will be under the supervision of nurses from St. Anthony's hospital.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 2, 1968

Study of the habits of America's official bird, the eagle, was recommended by Morrow County Livestock Growers in their annual meeting in Heppner Wednesday. The livestock growers said the eagle preys on

calves and is a hazard for the stockman. To determine just how much damage he does, the group recommended a study be carried out on the eagle's habits in conjunction with Oregon Sheep Producers Association. Besides cattle and sheep, the growers said game birds and animals and other wildlife suffer from the predator. The study will seek to find out how extensive this loss is.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 2, 1993

Hale and hardy Warren Jobe returned last week to visit Fossil, where he has spent most of a long life. The town turned out to observe his birthday a little early. He will turn 104 on Sunday. Jobe also took part in the 108th anniversary celebration at First Baptist of Fossil. He joined the church at age 24. He attributes his long, active life to three factors — "never trying to drink a distillery dry, never using tobacco and never talking back to my wife." Jobe continued to chop firewood until he was 103. And according to his son, Thomas, he would probably still be chopping wood. Except they don't have a wood stove. Jobe's jovial nature has earned him the title of "Gramps" among Fossil's citizens.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Nov. 2, 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

In 1783, General George Washington issued his Farewell Address to the Army near Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states with the signing of proclamations by President Benjamin Harrison.

In 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour issued a declaration expressing support for a "national home" for the Jews in Palestine.

In 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden

flyng boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (derisively dubbed the "Spruce Goose" by detractors), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman surprised the experts by winning a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1950, playwright George Bernard Shaw, 94, died in Ayot St. Lawrence, Hertfordshire, England.

In 1959, game show contestant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he'd been given questions and answers in advance when he appeared on the N-B-C T-V program "Twenty-One."

In 1994, a jury in Pensacola, Florida, convicted Paul Hill of murder for the shotgun slayings of an abortion provider and his bodyguard; Hill was executed in September 2003.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Jay Black (Jay and the Americans) is 80. Political commentator Patrick Buchanan is 80. Actress Stefanie Powers is 76. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage is 54. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is 51. Rapper Nelly is 44. Country singer Erika Jo is 32.

Thought for Today: "If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons." — James Thurber (1894-1961).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

