

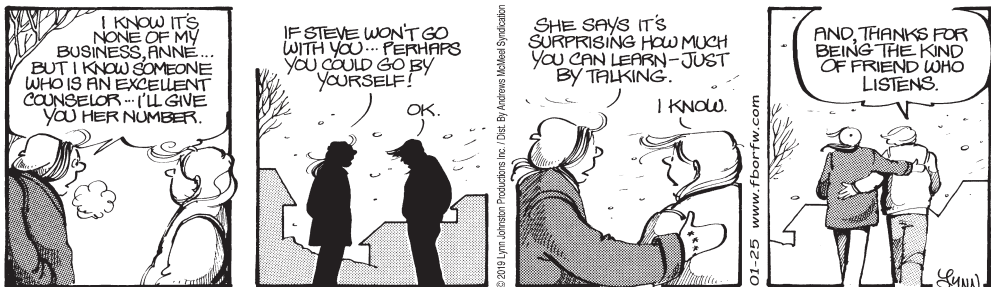
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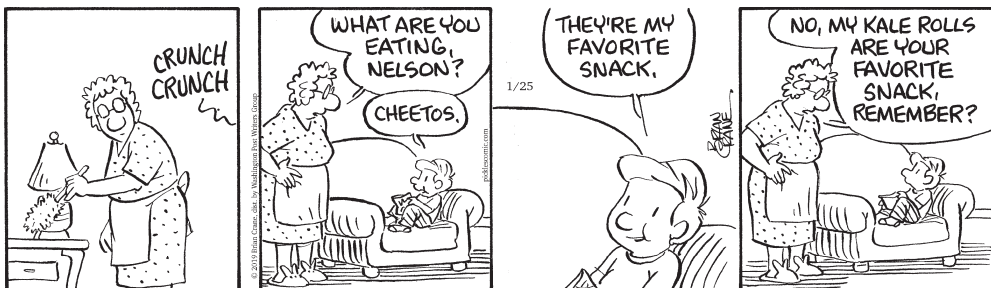
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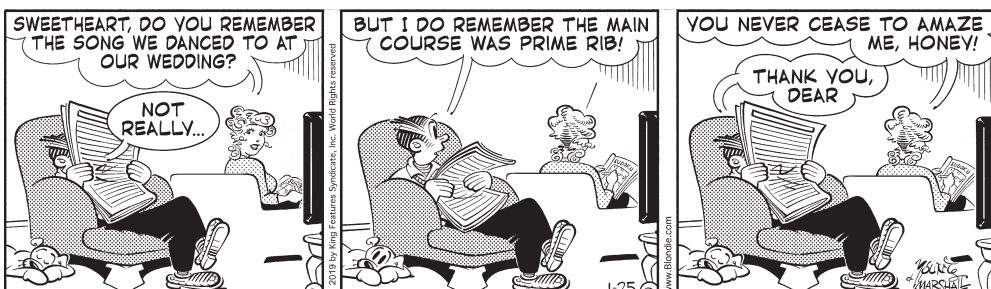
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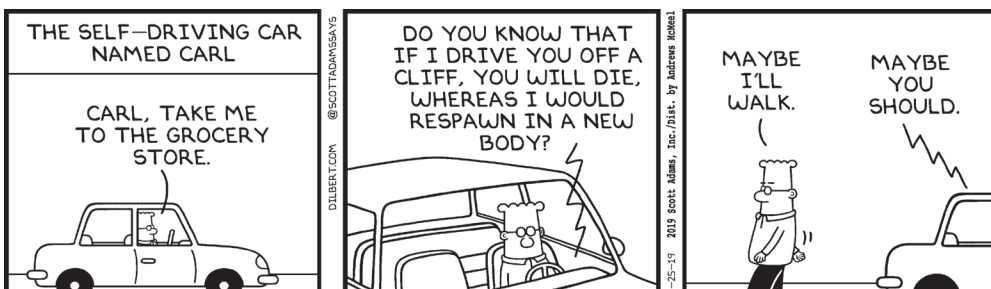
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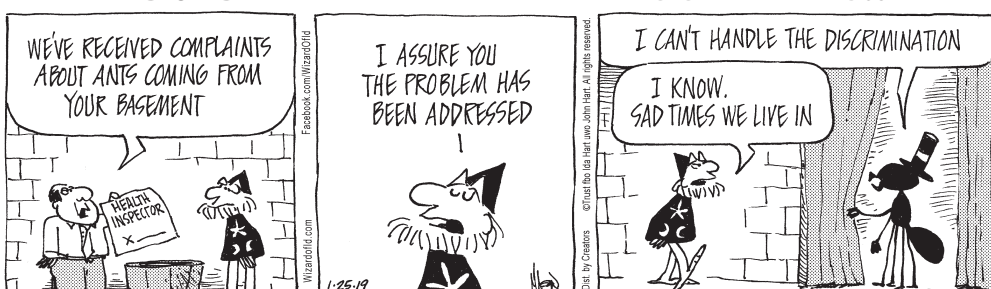
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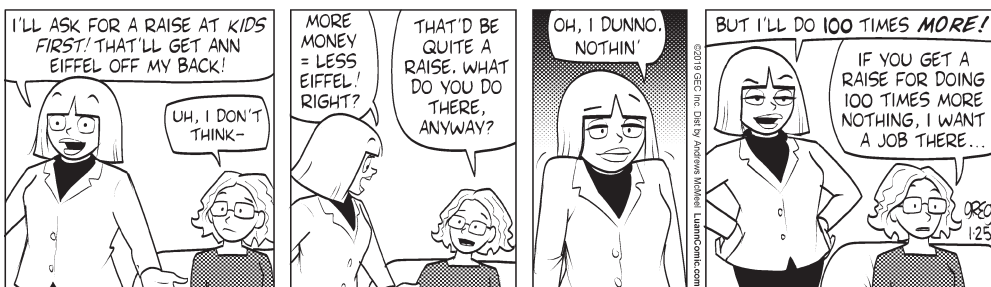
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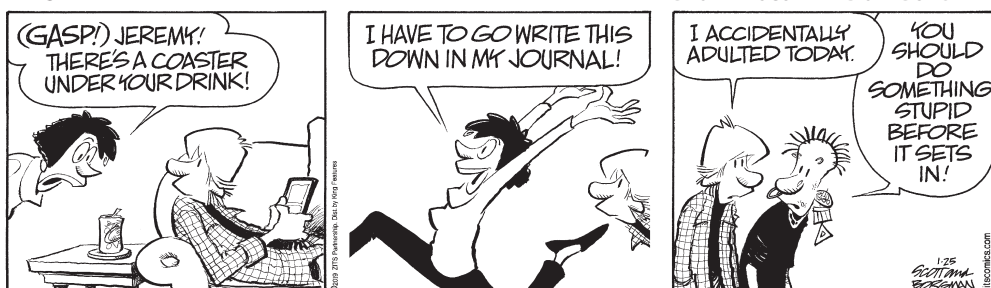


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DEAR ABBY

Shy guy overcoming addiction flounders in the dating pool

Dear Abby: I'm a 28-year-old male who has never had a girlfriend or a meaningful relationship. I'm well-educated, nice-looking and have a good sense of humor. But I get shy and nervous around the opposite sex. Compounding that, I seem to have a serious "resting face." People assume I'm frustrated or angry/grumpy when it's just my normal expression. I'm worried it makes me unapproachable or appear to be unpleasant.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

enjoy that are more social. It may help you to develop your "people skills" so you will feel less anxious in other social situations. But do not allow yourself to use the fact that you are lonely to destroy your sobriety because it would be a poor excuse.

Dear Abby: I hate eating with my spouse because his table manners are awful. He sits with both elbows on the table, leans close to the dinner plate and uses his fingers to push his food onto his fork. He mashes everything on his plate together before he starts eating, smashes crackers in his soup, scrapes his spoon on the bottom of the bowl and slurps his liquids. He also licks his fingers.

He thinks he can modify these behaviors when he's with others, but he lapses into them even when he's with friends in a restaurant. Please help me. How can I get him to change? Must I tolerate it? I have tried constructive suggestions and gentle prodding with no success. Please respond in your column because he reads it daily — while he eats. — **Distraught Spouse in Columbus, Ohio**

Dear Distraught Spouse: Your husband must have many wonderful qualities if you married him knowing this is the way he consumes his food. Among them is an awareness that he should modify his eating habits when he's with friends. Let him know that you are his best friend and you would like him to practice his "party manners" when he eats with you. If he's reluctant, point out that he "lapses" when he's socializing with others, and it isn't pretty. It may motivate him to try harder.

I have overcome addiction, attend daily support meetings and have almost a year of sobriety. I avoid bar/club scenes where a lot of people my age socialize. I'm beginning to feel very alone and empty. I asked out a temp at my job, but she had a boyfriend and offered to set me up with a friend of hers. I declined because I was embarrassed.

My friends tell me it's a game of numbers, but it hurts being rejected all the time. I see beautiful, nice women with men who treat them badly, and I obsess over what's wrong with me. My experience with women is limited. I'm not looking for a commitment, just some friends to share good times and laughter with. I'd love to have someone to spend time with before loneliness awakens previous bad habits. — **About to Give Up in Connecticut**

Dear About to Give Up: I doubt your "resting face" is what keeps women away. It's more likely the fact that you are afraid to interact with them.

Start by talking to some of the women in your support meetings. They already know something about you and the strides you have made in overcoming your addiction. And involve yourself in activities you

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 25, 1919

Because the common house cat, so popular as a pet but the enemy of birds, has grown valuable because skins now sell for from 50 cents to \$1, E.F. Averill, of the United States Biological Survey office here is offering to give instruction on how to "skin the cat" and how to prepare the hides for market. He is emphatic in stating that he will not buy the skins himself, but will tell the local trappers names of dealers who will. The skins of 20,000 house cats sold in St. Louis recently for \$9,500.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 25, 1969

Russel Wright, former Heppner resident, was injured in a holdup attempt on a street in downtown Seattle Tuesday night, according to word received here by his brother, Harley Wright. Russel Wright, who lives in Kodiak, Alaska, was in Seattle on business, and was jumped by two men and a woman. He was knifed in the thigh, but a policeman arrived before the holdup thugs had obtained any money. He was not seriously hurt, was treated at a hospital, and had returned to Kodiak when his brother talked to him by phone Thursday.

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25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 25, 1994

David C. Cox, the California truck driver arrested after a TV news magazine re-enacted a 1981 murder, was arraigned in Umatilla County Circuit Court here Monday. Cox is charged with aggravated murder, which carries a potential death penalty, and third-degree rape. Prosecutors say Cox struck and strangled Naomi Marie McMahill, a 14-year-old Nevada runaway, to conceal the rape almost 13 years ago. Her body was thrown into a culvert along Highway 74 southeast of Pilot Rock. McMahill's body was found in February of 1981, but she remained unidentified until 1986.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 25, 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

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Today's Birthdays: Country singer Claude Gray is 87.

Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 74. Actress Jenifer Lewis is 62. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 53.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina is 50. Actress China Kantner is 48. Actress Ana Ortiz is 48. Drummer Joe Sirois (Mighty Mighty Boss-tones) is 47. Musician Matt Odmar (Jars of Clay) is 45.

Actress Mia Kirshner is 44. Actress Christine Lakin is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alicia Keys is 39. Actor Michael Trevino is 34. Pop musician Calum Hood (5 Seconds to Summer) is 23.

Actress Olivia Edward is 12.

Thought for Today: "The telephone, which interrupts the most serious conversations and cuts short the most weighty observations, has a romance of its own." — Virginia Woolf, English author (1882-1941).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

