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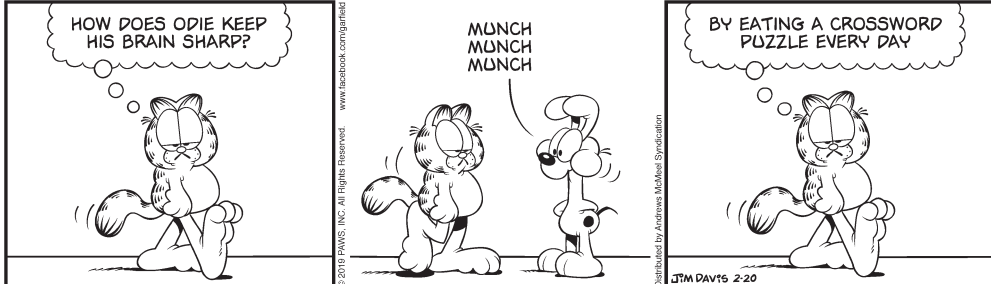
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DEAR ABBY

Grandma is collateral damage in man's war with mother



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm close to 70 and have three grown children. I've been a widow for 15 years. My oldest son, age 45, has pretty much cut himself off from our fairly close family. His reason: Two years ago, after I had surgery for lung cancer, he claims I told him I wished I had never had children. This couldn't be further from the truth. All three of mine were planned.

heart he's a very private person. I was successful in my field, and I'm more outgoing.

He is proud to show me off at parties because people find me interesting and witty, but without fail, at the end of the night he will tell me that somewhere during the evening I "crossed the line." Perhaps I spent too much time talking with another man, or said something he found inappropriate. If I look the wrong way, he accuses me of flirting with someone. Invariably I get a lecture on the way home or the next morning.

My other children decided the hospital was overmedicating me and that most of what I was babbling was nonsense. I only remember bits and pieces and have no idea whether my recollections are accurate.

I told him this morning that I hate to go out with other people now because of it. He took great offense at that and said, "You are not the victim here. You are the perpetrator."

I have no problem dealing with my son's attitude; I'm a realist. The problem is the way it's affecting my 90-year-old mother, who lives with me. She feels he has cut her out of his life, too, because of me, and it appears she's right.

Sometimes I do say things that come out wrong, but I don't mean them. It would kill me to know that I hurt someone with my words. I am not interested in any other man. I love my husband. What can I do? — Life of the Party in Virginia

How can we convince him he's ripping his grandmother's heart out when he won't talk to either of us? She doesn't deserve such treatment, and he has no right to hurt her this way. — Bewildered in Florida

Dear Life: Not knowing either of you, I cannot determine if your husband is extremely controlling, jealous and insecure, or whether you are doing something out of line. You and your husband could benefit from discussing this with a licensed marriage and family therapist. If he refuses to go — and he may — you should go without him.

Dear Bewildered: If this is the only reason for the estrangement from your son — which I doubt — have his siblings talk to him and point out that: (1) You were so drugged up after your surgery you were not in your right mind, therefore you shouldn't be punished or held responsible for any gibberish that came out of your mouth during that period, and (2) it is wrong to punish Granny in such a heartless fashion for something that has nothing to do with her. Perhaps they will be able to get through to him where you cannot.

If your behavior at these gatherings was really unacceptable or an embarrassment, he would not want to "show you off at parties." You shouldn't have to worry that you'll be lectured the next day for just being yourself. Something is definitely wrong here, and I don't think it's with you.

Dear Abby: My husband is a successful man. He is charming in public, but at

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 20, 1919

Among possible improvements for Pendleton in the near future comes a large new hospital or an extensive addition to St. Anthony's Hospital. At the Methodist church last evening a representative meeting was held including members from five local churches. The meeting was called with the purpose of discussing the hospital subject. The predisposition of a new hospital, non sectarian in nature, was broached and discussion also turned to the question whether the Sisters of St. Francis intended more building soon. On a motion it was decided to appoint a committee to consult with the Commercial Club and with the Sisters of St. Francis as to the plans of the sisters for the future.

pursued by two Oregon State Police patrol cars.

The defendant, Daniel James Gruener, 23, whose home is at Sun Valley, was found guilty by District Judge Richard Courson of attempting to elude a police officer and was fined \$200. Gruener testified that another man was driving the car, a 1966 Ferrari. Testimony of two state police officers indicated Gruener was the driver.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 20, 1994

It all comes down to teamwork, explains Hawthorne Elementary School counselor Barbara Hodgen as she watches two dozen first-graders pull ropes in different directions. It takes them a few minutes of concerted coordination, their young faces straining with the effort, before they have stretched an old bicycle inner tube and placed it around a metal can. "They actually experience their part in working out a problem," says Hodgen, 42, who was recently named Oregon Elementary Counselor of the Year by the Oregon School Counselors Association.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 20, 1969

A Ketchum, Idaho, man said Wednesday his car traveled between 160-170 miles an hour on Interstate 80 near Stanfield Junction Dec. 16 while the vehicle was being

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Feb. 20, 2003, a fire sparked by pyrotechnics broke out during a concert by the group Great White at a nightclub in Rhode Island, killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

odore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the U.S.

utes and 23 seconds before splashing down safely in the Atlantic Ocean 800 miles southeast of Bermuda.

In 1792, President George Washington signed an act creating the United States Post Office Department.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Rabinowitz, ruled 5-3 that authorities making a lawful arrest did not need a warrant to search and seize evidence in an area that was in the "immediate and complete control" of the suspect.

Today's Birthdays: Socialite Gloria Vanderbilt is 95. Actor Sidney Poitier is 92. Racing Hall of Famer Roger Penske is 82. Hockey Hall of Famer Phil Esposito is 77. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is 77. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer Charles Barkley is 56.

In 1862, William Wallace Lincoln, the 11-year-old son of President Abraham Lincoln and first lady Mary Todd Lincoln, died at the White House, apparently of typhoid fever.

In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Project Mercury's Friendship 7 spacecraft, which circled the globe three times in a flight lasting 4 hours, 55 min-

Thought for Today: "The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous." — Frederick Douglass, American abolitionist (born 1817, died this date in 1895).

In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld compulsory vaccination laws intended to protect the public's health.

In 1907, President The-

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

