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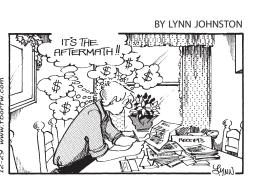


BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ

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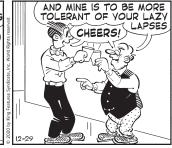


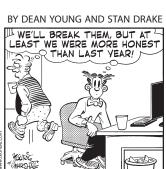




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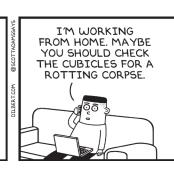


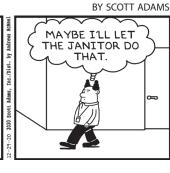




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MOM, MY WINDSHIELD

HAS SOME FROST

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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Discussing sex life with ex is the final straw for wife

JEANNE

PHILLIPS

ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have been married for 19 years now. A few years back, I came to know about my husband's platonic relationship with his old girlfriend. She lives in a different state and is married.

My husband has long chats with her every day about everything, including our sex life. I confronted him and asked him to end their relationship because knowing that he wants me to do something in bed because his friend does it bothers

me a lot. He promised at the time that he wouldn't talk or chat with her anymore, and I trusted him.

A few weeks ago, I discovered that he still chats with her every day, and he changed her name in his contact list to hide his relationship. I feel cheated on, and I want to end this marriage. Please help me. I don't want to make a wrong step. — Betrayed in Florida

Dear Betrayed: A couple's sex life is supposed to be private. Your husband and his supposedly platonic "friend" have both betrayed the trust of their spouses. That he would expect you to do something in bed that he knows she is doing is substituting your body for hers, and frankly, it strikes me as another form of cheating. Obscuring her name in his contact file illustrates that he has no intention of ending their relationship.

You feel cheated on because you have been cheated on. It will continue as long as you allow it. Because you're afraid you will take a wrong step, start quietly gathering all the financial information you can and talk with several lawyers before deciding which one will work hardest to protect your interests and proceed from there.

Dear Abby: Due to COVID shutting schools down, my employer is now allowing staff to bring their kids to work if they don't have alternative child care. I bring my 8-year-old, and I have seen many other kids around. Most of them are well behaved and don't cause any problems.

However, we have a new employee, "Michelle," who has started bringing her 4-year-old with her. The child, I'll call her Autumn, is in her mother's office, but she's so loud, she can be heard all the way across the building! I thought surely Michelle would close her office door and contain Autumn's "jolly" voice inside her own area, but she seems perfectly happy to let her daughter make as much noise as she wants.

I don't understand this. Other parents make sure their kids behave and act appropriately. What can I do to let Michelle and my supervisor know that while yes, she can bring her child with her, it's still her responsibility to make sure the kid isn't creating a distraction? — Tired Of The Noise

Dear Tired Of The Noise: I do not think it would be prudent to talk about this with Michelle, which is sure to make her defensive. You should, however, inform your supervisor that because Michelle's door is left open, her daughter's "jolly" voice is creating a distraction. If it has been causing a problem for you, the chances are it is doing the same for other employees and reducing productivity.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1920

George Bennett, who says he is a buckaroo and has broken brones for the Round-Up association, is leading a man hunt through Umatilla county today, with officers in his pursuit. He broke away from Deputy Sheriff Parker, of Wenatchee, at Rieth early Sunday morning and has not been overtaken. Bennett was arrested several days ago at Burns on a warrant from Wenatchee, charging him with cattle rustling. Deputy Parker was sent to return him to the Washington city and he was taking the prisoner to Umatilla on a night train. When the train stopped at Rieth to change engines, the prisoner asked a favor of the guard and, walking to the vestibule of the coach, swung off the train through the open door. Parker notified local officials and the trail was picked up at Rieth and the man traced to Adams. He is reported to be armed.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1970

A 40-year-old Hermiston father and his teenage daughter, both students at Blue Mountain Community College, have been locked in a serious "scholastic battle" in the fall term of school. Both are winners and were included on the school's scholastic honor roll with grades of 3.5 and better. When Harold "Deke" Stensrud and his daughter, Elaine, registered at BMCC in the fall, the competition for grades became evi-

dent in the family. The mother, Teresa Stensrud, says now that both members of her family are winners, she feels it is time to call a halt to the competition. She says she did not have a favorite in the struggle. Stensrud, a wire chief at the Hinkle depot of Union Pacific Railroad, is majoring in electronics. His wife says he is a gifted electrician, carpenter and builder. He attends classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then reports to his job at 4 p.m. and works until midnight. Elaine, 18, the oldest of the five children, is majoring in accounting

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 29, 1995

An unexpected snowfall caused a flurry of accidents this morning along Interstate 84 from Boardman to Pendleton. The snow compacted on roads and highways causing fender benders and roll-overs from the slippery conditions. The biggest accident occurred around 9 a.m. when an eastbound gas tanker flipped onto the shoulder of I-84, about nine miles west of Pendleton, spilling about 2,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline. Cars and trucks were sliding off the road left and right because of icy conditions in the Hermiston area, but there were no major injuries. The sun peeked through the clouds and the snow in local areas was gone by mid-morning. But worse weather is on the way. Snow is expected to begin falling again by early evening and will turn into freezing rain, coating roadways in ice by morning.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Dec. 29, 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 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1939, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," star-Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara, was released by RKO Radio Pictures.

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 1989, dissident and playwright Vaclav Havel assumed the presidency of Czechoslovakia.

In 2006, word reached the United States of the execution of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein (because of the time difference, it was the morning of Dec. 30 in Iraq when the hanging took place). In a statement, President George W. Bush called Saddam's execution an important milestone on Iraq's road to democracy.

In 2017, Puerto Rico authorities said nearly half of the power customers in the U.S. territory still lacked electricity, more than three months after Hurricane

Maria. Birthdays: Today's Actor Inga Swenson is 88. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 74. Actor Ted Danson is 73. Actor Patricia Clarkson is 61. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 61. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 59. Movie director Lilly Wachowski is 53. Actor Jude Law is 48. Actor Maria Dizzia is 46.

Yes! Emptiness. The VOID. NONEXISTENCE.

A total absence of unicorns.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN













