

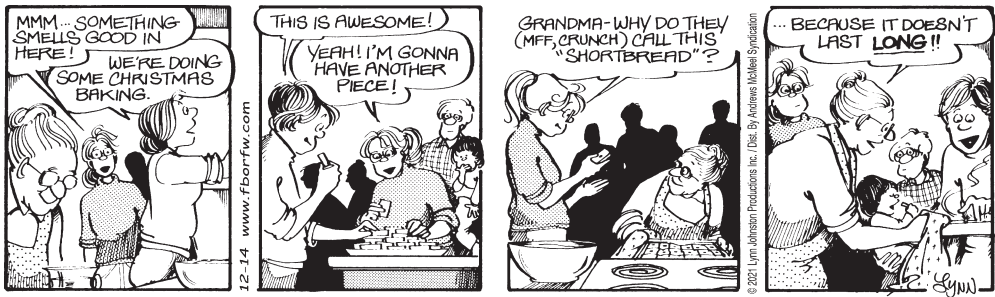
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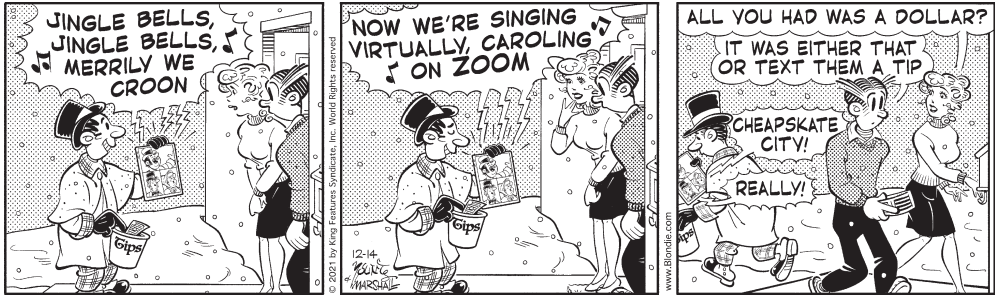
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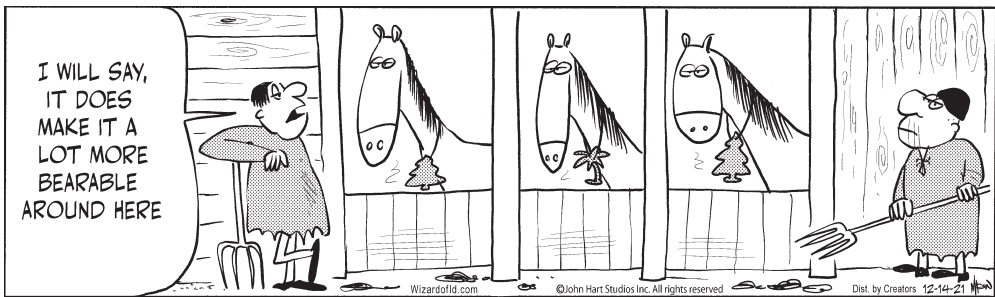
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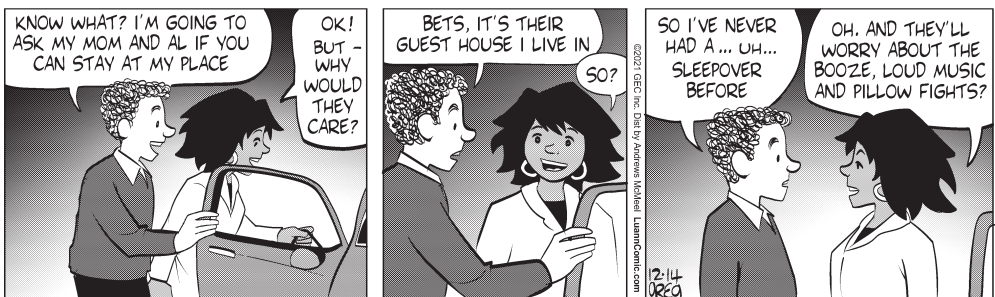
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DEAR ABBY

Wife's outdoor activities exclude disabled husband



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My husband is in his 40s and permanently disabled from injuries received in a recent automobile accident. He is in pain, on pain medicine 24 hours a day and basically sleeps his days away. His pain and immobility make intimacy impossible.

it — so he can have some fresh air and a change of scenery? If you must go out to preserve your sanity, it would be compassionate to arrange for someone to stay with him so he's not alone.

Dear Abby: I'm a woman of 28. I have started falling in love with a girl I met recently. We talked for a while, expressed feelings for each other and decided to start dating. She lives in Minnesota and I'm in Texas. She's also in college. I think she's 18 or 19.

He doesn't object when I go out with friends or participate in activities he is unable to do, like hiking, biking or kayaking, yet I feel guilty for leaving him home alone five days a week, and sometimes the entire weekend. His mother thinks I'm a terrible person for doing this, but I can't just sit home with him after I get home from work because he falls asleep watching TV.

Things were going OK, but recently she's gone quiet and hasn't been talking to me as often. She said she just needs some time to herself and that she's having some second thoughts about all of this. I talked with her about it, and she told me she still loves me and wants me to come visit her, which I'm planning to do soon. It feels like she's got cold feet, and I'm not sure what to do. I love her. I want to make this work between us, but I feel unwanted and unloved. What should I do? — Starting To Lose Faith

We both know this will be the situation for the rest of our lives. This self-care is very important to my well-being. How do I continue to live an active life and still be the wife he needs? — Sad Fate In Pennsylvania

Dear Starting: What you should do is recognize that you and this young woman are in very different places in your lives. You are ready for a serious commitment to someone. She's a college student who isn't yet out of her teens. If she needs time to herself so she can figure out whether she is ready for the kind of relationship you have in mind, give it to her. Do not force it. If that means postponing your visit, so be it.

Dear Sad Fate: If the situation were reversed, is this the way you would like your husband to treat you? This is an honest discussion you should be having with him. I will be frank. Leaving a disabled spouse five days (nights?) a week or for an entire weekend on a regular basis seems excessive.

You promised to love, honor and cherish this man in sickness and in health. Would it be possible to include him on an occasional outing — if he can handle

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921 That Eastern Oregon should attempt the formation of a new state if justice cannot be secured from Portland is the suggestion of the Baker Herald in a story published December 12 over the signature of the publisher, George H. Currey. It begins: "Recent actions on the part of the Portland Chamber of Commerce can be construed in no other light than insults to the intelligence of the people of Eastern Oregon." The story continues to list several facts as evidence of this strong statement. "Portland seems to think the people of Eastern Oregon are perfect damphools," he writes. "Portland holds out the hand of friendship and coolly asks for a million dollars for the purpose of holding a Portland fair in 1925, while in the other hand concealing a freight rate dagger, distracting our attention from the building of extravagant scenic wonder highways near Portland, with state bonds payable by the people of Eastern Oregon." Mr. Currey concludes: "I personally pray for the day when Eastern Oregon can be organized under some plan, can unite upon some program, can successfully combat the play of one section against another, and say to Portland in terms that provide no surrender, either

give us a square deal or give us a new state." 50 years ago — 1971 Union Pacific Railroad has offered to sell its depot at Hermiston to the Oregon Trail Council of Camp Fire Girls, Rondi O'Gara, executive director of the council, reported. Mrs. O'Gara said that should the offer be accepted — and it appeared it would — the depot would be moved to the council's 40-acre campground 15 miles east of Pendleton in the Blue Mountains. The site, near Deadman's Pass, has water and electricity but has been without a building where Camp Fire Girls could hold functions. Union Pacific said it would sell the depot to the council for \$110. 25 years ago — 1996 A log cabin is a special creation. It resembles the forests from which it sprung. It has the uncanny knack of blending in with the land. It suggests privacy bordering on seclusion. It brings out the history in all of us. It's highly likely that none of that was a consideration for students at Weston-McEwen High School in Athena when they expressed an interest in building a log cabin. To them, it was a project with an exciting end result. "I thought if they were willing to try it, why not?" said shop teacher David Lange.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Dec. 14, 2020, the Electoral College confirmed Joe Biden as the nation's president, ratifying his November victory in a state-by-state repudiation of President Donald Trump's refusal to concede he had lost; electors gave Biden 306 votes to Trump's 232. Speaking from Delaware, Biden accused Trump of threatening principles of democracy, but told Americans that their form of self-government had "prevailed." A Wisconsin Supreme Court rejected Trump's lawsuit seeking to overturn his loss in the battleground state about an hour before the Electoral College cast Wisconsin's 10 votes for Biden. In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67. In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state. In 1861, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor Castle at age 42. In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson vetoed an immigration measure aimed at preventing "undesirables" and anyone born in the "Asiatic Barred Zone" from entering the U.S. (Congress overrode Wilson's veto in February 1917.) In 1939, the Soviet Union was expelled from the League of Nations for invading Finland. In 1961, a school bus was hit by a passenger train at a crossing near Greeley, Colorado, killing 20 students. In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to Blacks).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

