

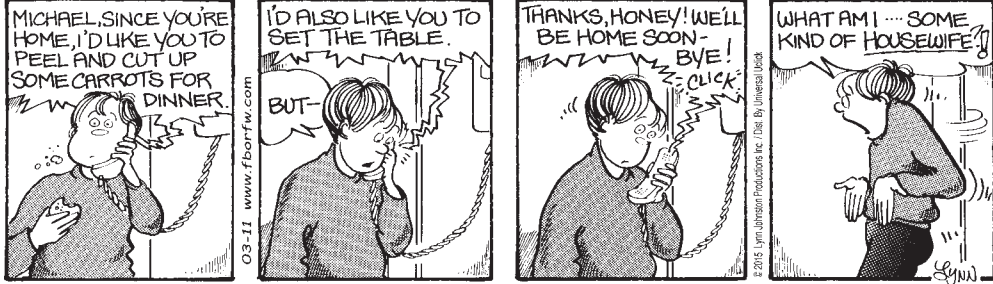
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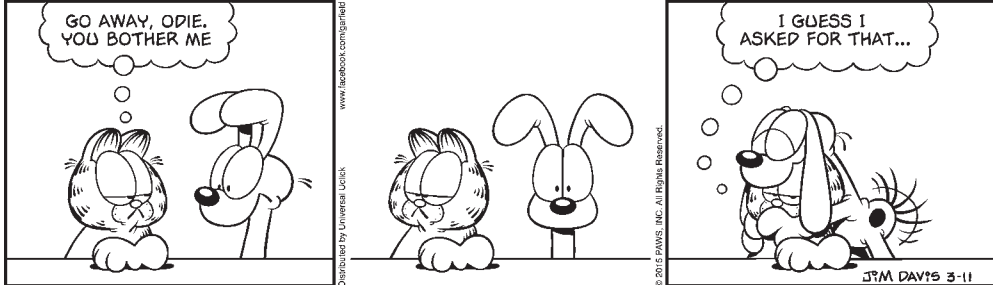
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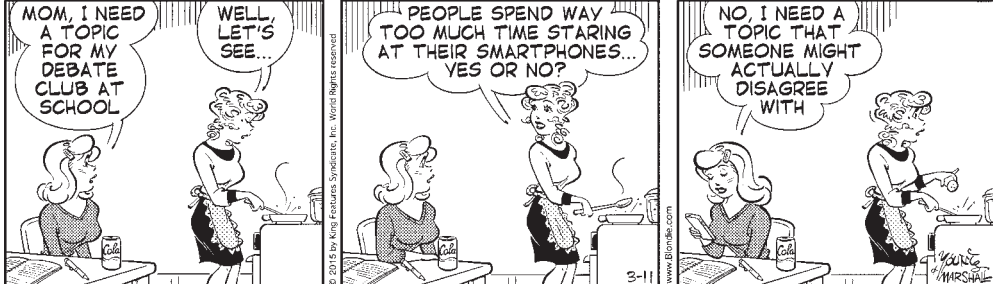
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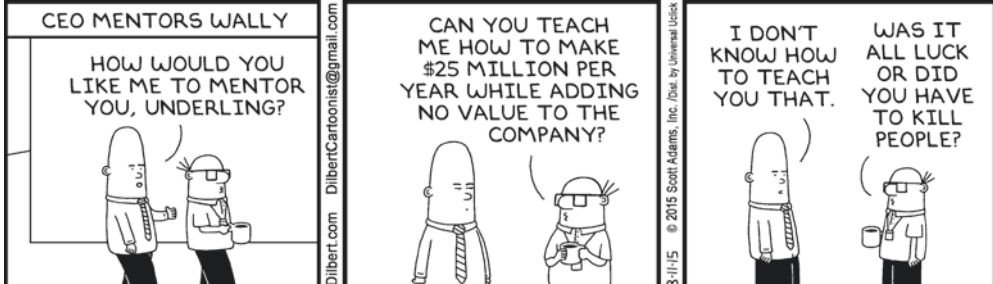
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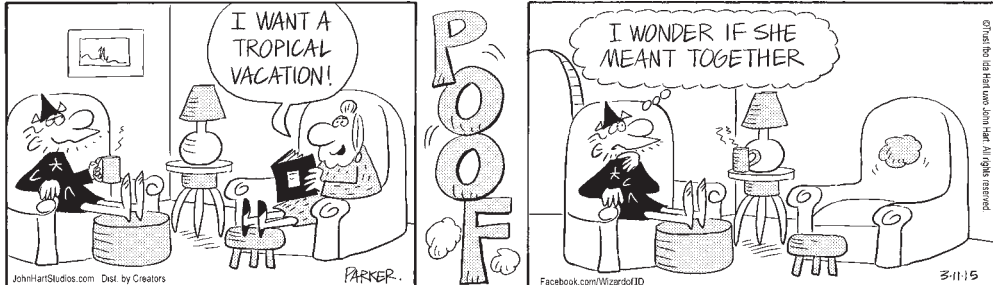
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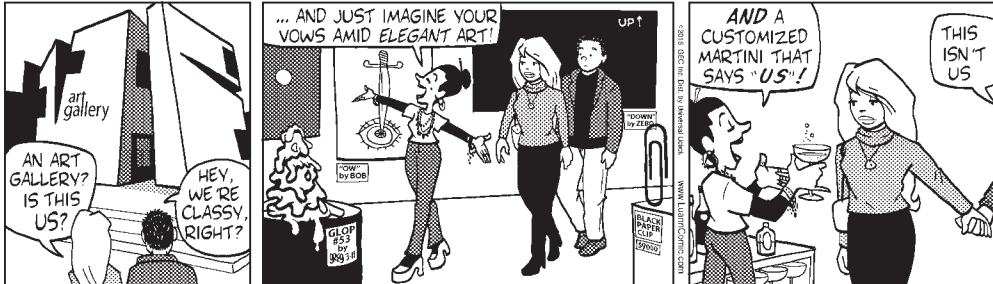
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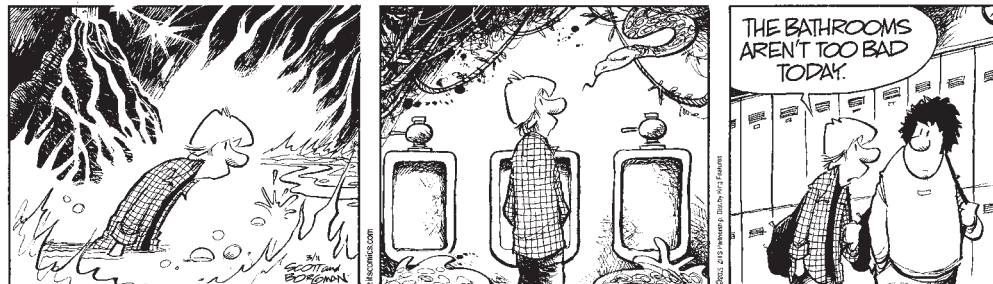
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DEAR ABBY

Mother-in-law's prayer is just one of many 'keepers'

Dear Abby: I recently lost my address book in which I kept a copy of your "Keepers" booklet that I had sent away for a few years ago. I love the memorable poems and essays in it. I'd like to replace the booklet if it is available. I read through it so many times and now feel lost without it. I have read your advice for many years. Any help or information would be greatly appreciated. — Penny In Eureka, Mo.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

blurt out, 'How far along is she?' "And please, Lord, help me to get through the wedding preparations without a squabble with the 'other side.' And drive from my mind the belief that had my child waited awhile, he or she could have done better.

"Dear Lord, remind me daily that when I become a grandmother, my children don't want advice on how to raise their children any more than I did when I was raising mine.

"If you will help me to do these things, perhaps my children will find me a joy to be around, and maybe I won't have to write a 'Dear Abby' letter complaining about my children neglecting me. Amen."

Dear Abby: I'd like to know why they still call ex-presidents "president"? For example, President Clinton or President Bush. They clearly are not president any longer. — Just Wondering In Eugene, Ore.

Dear Just Wondering: True. However, this is a courtesy, a gesture of respect extended to individuals for their public service. Included in this category are retired former presidents, senators, governors, mayors and high-ranking military officers.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Penny: I'm glad you enjoyed my "Keepers" booklet, and yes, it is available. It is light reading and contains poems and essays collected by my mother that have appeared in this column. So many readers requested reprints on humorous and inspirational items that hold special meaning for them that Mom decided to compile them into a booklet. To order a replacement for yours, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to: Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Allow me to share one of the gems that always makes me smile:

A Mother-In-Law's Prayer "O, Lord, help me to be glad when my son (or daughter) picks a mate. If he brings home a girl with two heads, let me love both of them equally. And when my son says, 'Mom, I want to get married,' forbid that I should

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 11, 1915

Whether to stop the manual training department of the high school where it is or whether to equip it with forges and blacksmithing facilities was one of the principal questions discussed last evening at the monthly meeting of the school board. The extension of the department will mean an additional building and while all of the members were agreed upon the desirability of adding the extra course, the expense, it seems probable, will form a serious obstacle. Director Phelps was of the opinion that additional room could be provided at less expense by enlarging the basement of the present building. No action was taken, the board deciding to secure figures upon the probably cost of the equipment of the new course before making a decision.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 11, 1965

Army engineers began manipulating the level of the Columbia River at McNary Dam Wednesday night so a tug could be launched 180 miles away — and on another river — Friday afternoon. In a dramatic display of river control, the engineers increased the flow from McNary by 27,000 cubic feet a second

at 6 p.m. Wednesday. At 8 a.m. today they added still another 20,000 cubic feet a second from Bonneville Dam. They calculated arrival of the crest at the mouth of the Willamette River in time for the Columbia to back the Willamette into Portland Harbor with its peak coinciding with high tide. That will be just after 1 p.m. Friday. At 1:30 p.m. a 135-foot tug will slide down the ways at Albina Engine and Machine Works. Without the engineers' help, the tug, built for Hawaiian Tug & Barge Co., Honolulu, could not have been launched until later in the spring, when the river level normally is up.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 11, 1990

With an exterior skin reminiscent of a corrugated barn roof, a 1931 airplane of a kind once used by Charles Lindbergh took a rest at Pendleton Airport this week. The 59-year-old plane is one of only 10 Ford tri-motor 5ATB 15-passenger aircraft still in operation. It stopped in Pendleton on its way to a new home in McMinnville. "It has a mind of its own," pilot Bob Soelberg of Evergreen Ventures Inc. said of the plane, called "The City of Wichita." The tri-motor Ford was used by Transcontinental Air Transport to make a historic transcontinental flight, with Charles Lindbergh flying the first leg of the trip.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 70th day of 2015. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1865, during the Civil War, Union forces under General William T. Sherman occupied Fayetteville, North Carolina.

On this date: In 1861, the Constitution of the Confederate States of America was adopted by the Confederate Congress in Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1888, the Blizzard of '88, also known as the "Great White Hurricane," began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

In 1915, during World War I, Britain enacted a sweeping, long-distance blockade aimed at disrupting trade and from German ports.

In 1935, the Bank of Canada began operations, issuing its first series of bank notes.

In 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur

left the Philippines for Australia. (MacArthur, who subsequently vowed, "I shall return," kept that promise more than 2½ years later.)

In 1955, Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, died in London at age 73.

In 1965, "I Lost It at the Movies," a collection of film criticism by Pauline Kael, was first published by Little, Brown and Co.

In 1993, Janet Reno was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be attorney general.

In 2011, a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami struck Japan's northeastern coast, killing nearly 20,000 people and severely damaging the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station.

In 2012, sixteen Afghan villagers — mostly women and children — were shot dead as they slept by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, who later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Today's Birthdays: Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 84. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 81. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is 79. Musician Flaco Jimenez is 76. Actress Tricia O'Neil is 70. Actor Mark Metcalfe is 69. Rock singer-musician Mark Stein (Vanilla Fudge) is 68. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 65. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 65. Actress Susan Richardson is 63. Recording executive Jimmy Iovine is 62. Singer Nina Hagen is 60. Country singer Jimmy Fortune (The Statler Brothers) is 60. Country musician David Talbot is 52. Former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., is 50. Actor Terrence Howard is 46. Actor Johnny Knoxville is 44. Rock singer-musicians Benji and Joel Madden (Good Charlotte; The Madden Brothers) are 36.

Thought for Today: "Perhaps it is better to wake up after all, even to suffer, rather than to remain a dupe to illusions all one's life." — Kate Chopin, American writer (1851-1904).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

