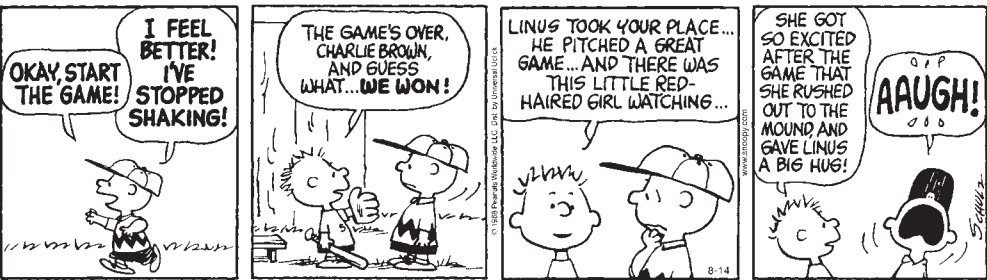


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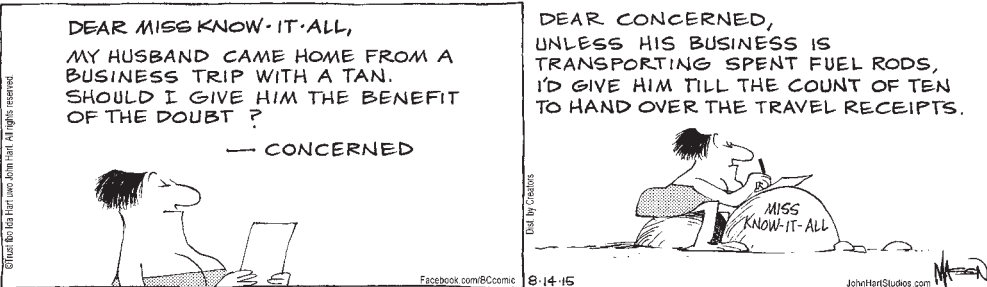
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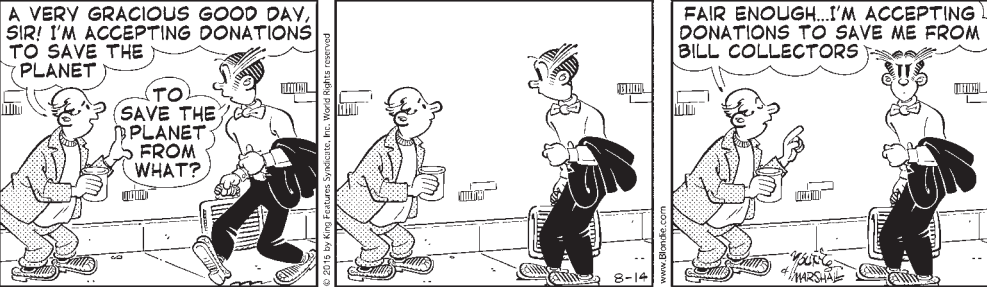
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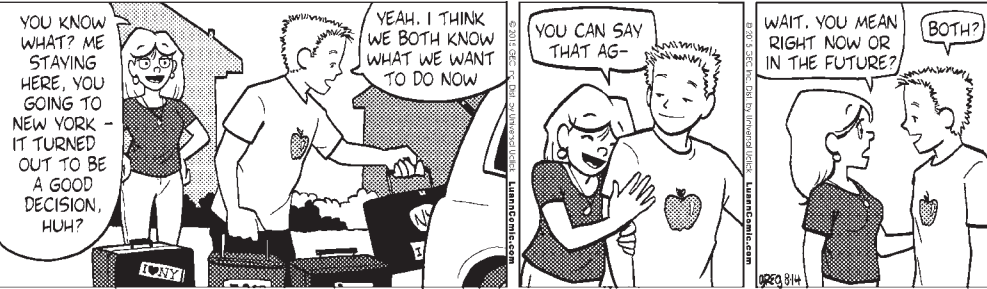
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DEAR ABBY

Ex-friend takes woman's place at holiday dinners

Dear Abby: I had a close friend from middle school into adulthood. (I'll call her Lacey.) We were each other's maids of honor and best friends for years. A few years ago we had a falling out. She was going through a tough time and lashed out at me. When I tried to have a conversation with her to tell her I didn't like how she was treating me, she told me to "have a nice life."

Shortly after that, my youngest sister struck up a friendship with her and insisted that my parents invite her for Thanksgiving dinner. I told my mother I wasn't comfortable with Lacey joining our family dinner, but Mother said it would be rude to not invite her.

I no longer join my family for holiday dinners. Is it wrong of me to not want my family to be so friendly with someone who was unkind to me? It seems odd to me that my former friend would pursue relationships with my sisters and parents, and odder still that my parents and sisters would encourage it. Is there a positive and constructive way to address this situation? — **Discounted And Excluded In Nevada**

Dear Discounted: It seems odd to me, too, that your parents would continue including Lacey at holiday dinners knowing how uncomfortable it would make you. Of course, you can't dictate whom your sister(s) can be friendly with, but you should explain to your parents how her inclusion has made you feel, so they'll understand why you are absent.

When Lacey advised you to "have a nice



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

life," I hope you took her up on it and have made other friends. I also hope you don't sit around alone when the holidays roll around. Sometimes the most rewarding and loving experiences and relationships we have are with the "families" we build for ourselves.

Dear Abby: I was taught that punctuality is important. My husband and I are almost always at least a few minutes early for everything we do. I realize not everyone can be — or

wants to be — early. However, it seems that almost everyone we know is late. Sometimes it's five minutes, others it's 20 to 30 minutes. And it's not just people we know. I was kept waiting for 25 minutes by someone who was buying an item from me.

Why do people think this is OK? I was taught that it's rude to keep someone waiting for you. What are your thoughts on punctuality?

P.S. I'm not talking about running late once in a while. I'm talking about people who are consistently late everywhere they go. — **Amber In The South**

Dear Amber: I was raised the same way you were. My parents impressed upon me that it is disrespectful to keep people waiting, and that if a delay is unavoidable, the person who's expecting me should be informed that I will be late. I'm not implying that someone must make an appearance at the stroke of the hour — a delay of 10 or 15 minutes is understandable. But to keep someone waiting longer than that is rude, disrespectful and bad manners.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 14, 1915

Walter Ogilvy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ogilvy who were murdered during the spring by Lee Dale, yesterday fired twice at Mrs. Dale, wife of the man now in jail for the double murder, according to stories being brought in to Pilot Rock. Young Ogilvy, it is said, went to the Dale homestead above the Ogilvy place and shot the dog which is Mrs. Dales' only companion on the place. The story has it that Mrs. Dale ran out of the back door into some timber and that Ogilvy fired twice in her direction. What the trouble is all about is only conjecture but that it is not an outgrowth of the double murder seems certain for Mrs. Dale has not stood by her husband. Reports come here that young Ogilvy is working for Charles Johnson, the sworn enemy of his father, and that the trouble arose over an attempt of Johnson to secure the Dale homestead. Inquiry here reveals the fact that not only Mrs. Dale but Walter Ogilvy and his sister, Elsie, came to Pendleton yesterday. Mrs. Dale wanted a warrant for Ogilvy's arrest, and the Ogilvys asked for the arrest of Mrs. Dale, claiming she had drawn a gun upon Elsie. On account of the absence of the district attorney no action has yet been taken.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 14, 1965

A native of New Zealand who sailed

halfway around the world when he was 6, only to backtrack halfway and end up here 25 years later, will be the grand marshal of the Umatilla County Fair parade, Saturday, Aug. 21. W.G. Rodda was chosen for the honor despite the fact he was all of 31 when he first arrived in Umatilla County, for his arrival date was May 1, 1908. Since that time, he has served in about every department of the fair, has been fair manager and has been a member of the fair board. He is now 87. He came to Hermiston one year before the first "fair" here, a hog show, and he has missed but one fair in the intervening years.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 14, 1990

Carolyn Skoubo says she's a loner, which makes her lifestyle easier. Although her family lives in Boardman, Skoubo travels across Umatilla County to spend the week in Adams. She has been postmaster there since February 1989. She commuted from Boardman daily for the first month. Then she lived in a motor home for two months. Finally, she moved into a rental house just across the parking lot from the tiny Adams Post Office. Skoubo works 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Each Friday, she gets in her car for the trip back to Boardman, where she serves on the planning commission. In December, Skoubo and her husband, Gunnar, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. He was born in Boardman and is "not about to leave" after so many years, Skoubo said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 226th day of 2015. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 14, 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that Imperial Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

On this date: In 1848, the Oregon Territory was created.

In 1900, international forces, including U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at purging China of foreign influence.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law.

In 1944, the federal government allowed the manufacture of certain

domestic appliances, such as electric ranges and vacuum cleaners, to resume on a limited basis.

In 1947, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1969, British troops went to Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1975, the cult classic movie musical "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," starring Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick, had its world premiere in London.

In 1995, Shannon Faulkner officially became the first female cadet in the history of The Citadel, South Carolina's state military college. (However, Faulkner quit the school less than a week later, citing the stress of her court fight, and her isolation among the male cadets.)

Today's Birthdays:

Broadway lyricist Lee Adams ("Bye Bye Birdie") is 91. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Russell Baker is 90. Singer Buddy Greco is 89. College Football Hall of Famer John Brodie is 80. Singer Dash Crofts is 77. Rock singer David Crosby is 74. Country singer Connie Smith is 74. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 70. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson is 56. Rock musician Keith Howland (Chicago) is 51. Actress Halle Berry is 49. Actress Mila Kunis is 32. NFL quarterback Tim Tebow is 28.

Thought for Today:

"There is no safety in numbers, or in anything else." — James Thurber, American author and cartoonist (1894-1961).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

