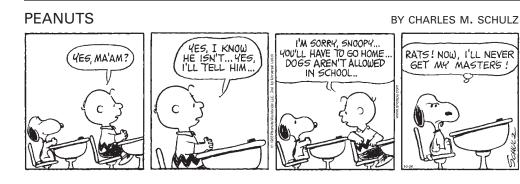
# **COFFEE BREAK**

BY LYNN JOHNSTON



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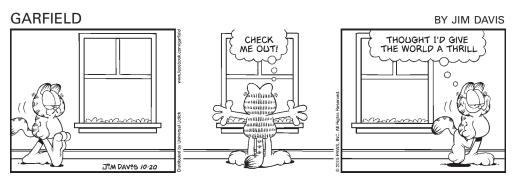












**BLONDIE** 

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

# DEAR ABBY Wife needs a wake-up call on family's sleeping patterns

Dear Abby: My wife and I have been married 16 years. We have three boys, ages 12, 6 and 2. My 6-year-old doesn't sleep in his bed. He sleeps on the couch.

My wife sleeps in a recliner in the den. The 2-year-old usually sleeps with her. Sometimes he sleeps in a crib in our room. I sleep by myself in a king-size bed.

There is no possibility for romance. The only time there can be is when my wife comes to bed. If this

happens, I know something is going to take place, but I have no chance to initiate. Our sex life is totally up to her. Once a month or so is fine with her, but not for me.

I have told her how I feel about our "sleeping arrangements," but nothing has changed. I know I snore, but she has not complained about it keeping her awake or used it as an excuse.

Our 6-year-old will not sleep in his bed as long as his mother sleeps in the recliner. The longer this goes on, the harder it will be to get him in his bed. Do you have any advice on what I should do or say about this situation? **Sleeping Solo In The South** 

Dear Sleeping Solo: Obviously this arrangement isn't working for you. Unless you want to live the rest of your life this way, you are complaining to the wrong woman.

Your wife is doing the children no favors by allowing these unorthodox sleeping arrangements. It's time to lay your cards on the table with her. Tell her you need some straight answers about why she's unwilling to

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share your bed. But if her answers are not forthcoming, marriage counseling may be necessary to improve your level of communication.

Dear Abby: I recently saw a link on Facebook to a fundraising site for the son of a childhood friend. (He is under 18.) When I clicked on it, I discovered he is in rehab at a private-care facility that requires he stay for months. It is very expensive. I contributed as generously as I could, considering my limited finances, and

received a thank-you for my support. I was happy to help.

Now, less than three weeks later, I'm seeing pictures of my friend on vacation. I don't plan to say anything to this person, but I have learned a valuable lesson. From now on, I will donate my hard-earned money only to organizations I believe in and have researched.

Is this a new trend, people asking others to fund their family problems so they can go on with life as usual? I recently saw a GoFundMe page for a funeral, and I know the family is well-off. I think this is very tacky. Or am I behind the times? Your thoughts? - No Vacation For Me

Dear No Vacation: More than a few individuals are using crowdfunding to pay for various things. It has helped some people enormously in their time of need. But for someone who is not in need to do this, I agree is tacky. However, regardless of what you and I may think, it's happening nonetheless. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, I guess.

## **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19-20, 1915

Here is a new problem to tax the prowess of George Tonkin, game warden for this county. Out near the Presbyterian mission, according to Rev. J.M. Cornelison, the male China pheasants have become so numerous and so bold they frighten the Presbyterian chickens away from their feed and under the protection of the game laws proceed to eat the chicken feed themselves. The China roosters are so large, says Mr. Cornelison, that the chickens think they are hawks. Accordingly, when they swoop down in the chicken lots the hens all seek safety in flight, thus leaving the field to the enemy. Being a devout member of the church and a law abiding citizen, Rev. Cornelison says he rigidly obeys the law and has taken no destructive measure for the defense of his fowl but he humorously suggest the game warden should stay on his place to "shoo" the pheasants away.

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19-20, 1965

Scientists are whipping the problem of airline terminals jammed with frustrated fog-bound passengers, a United Air Lines executive says. The air carriers, which conducted fog-dispersal projects in Portland,

Medford and four other cities last winter, are extending the operations to 11 more airports this year, including Pendleton. And the time may not be far away when fog is no longer a \$90 million headache to the air carriers each year, says W. Boynton Beckwith, chief meteorologist for United in Chicago. The technique is seeding the fog with dry ice, similar to cloud seeding to encourage rainfall. So far, however, the seeding cuts away the fog only when it is "supercooled," when the fogbank temperature is at freezing or lower.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19-20, 1990

A Washington man was seriously injured in a three-car accident involving a tractor-trailer just north of Hermiston on Highway 395 Thursday afternoon. Larry Pope, 41, of Othello, Wash., was listed in serious condition this morning at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. His car rammed an oncoming truck trailer that had jack-knifed into his lane at about 1 p.m. Thursday about a mile north of Hermiston. Melvin F. Keely, 32, of Hermiston was driving northbound on 395 when a car stopped abruptly in front of him, forcing him to slam on the brakes of his semitruck and causing his trailer to swing into the southbound lane, according to a Umatilla County Sheriff's report.



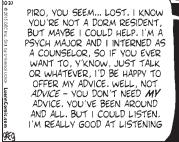




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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



BY GREG EVANS



## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 293rd day of 2015. There are 72 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

History: **On October 20, 1965** in one of the more colorful moments of his presidency, Lyndon B. Johnson, recovering from gall bladder surgery at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, pulled up his shirt and jacket to show off his abdominal scar to reporters and photographers. (Although critics were appalled by the display, Johnson later said he was trying to dispel rumors that he'd actually been operated on for cancer.)

On this date:

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration in the U.S. motion picture industry

In 1990, three members of the rap group 2 Live Crew were acquitted by a jury in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, of violating obscenity laws with an adults-only concert in nearby Hollywood the previous June.

In 2011, Moammar Gadhafi, 69, Libya's dictator for 42 years, was killed revolutionary fighters as

overwhelmed his hometown of Sirte and captured the last major bastion of resistance two months after his regime fell.

**Birthdays**: Today's Japan's Empress Michiko is 81. Singer Tom Petty is 65. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., is 60. Actor Viggo Mortensen is 57. Political commentator and blogger Michelle Malkin is 45. Rapper Snoop Lion (formerly Snoop Dogg) is 44.

Thought for Today: Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit." Conrad Hilton, American hotelier (1887-1979).

## Stone Soup cartoonist retires; Phoebe and Her Unicorn begins

You'll notice a new comic strip in place of Stone Soup starting today.

The creator of Stone Soup, Jan Eliot, has announced her retirement as a daily cartoonist.

Phoebe and Her Unicorn, by Seattle-based cartoonist Dana Simpson, is a new comic

### PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

strip this year, and is the story of an unlikely friendship. Phoebe is a precocious child and Marigold

is an arrogant unicorn, but their paths cross in the woods one day, and the result is a humorous story about childhood, friendship and magic. We hope you enjoy.

# BY DANA SIMPSON





