# **COFFEE BREAK**









FOR BETTER OR WORSE









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B.C. WHAT'LL IT BE? WHAT WOULD TAKE THE CHILL OFF?





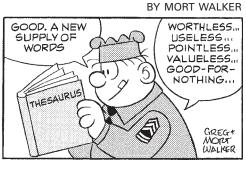


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I'D DO A LOT









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#### **DEAR ABBY**

# Woman's male roommate wants to be friends with no benefits

Dear Abby: I am a divorcee with a problem. My longtime friend "Paul" and I decided to move in together so I could save some money because of my very expensive divorce. The problem is, I think I am falling for him, and I get really jealous when he brings dates home.

When I told him I'm starting to have feelings for him, he said he cares for me, but not in that way. How can I keep my jealousy in check so I don't ruin a good friendship? — Over The Line In Utah

Dear Over The Line: I'm going to take a risk and make a generalization, because there is much truth to it. When couples divorce, one or both partners' self-esteem often takes a huge hit. People often feel vulnerable and in need of someone to love them, make them feel attractive, be a partner to them, etc. Could this be you? Might this have something to do with your resentment of the women Paul is seeing?

Your friend has been no more than a supportive friend at a time when you needed one. If you can't accept it for what it is, then for your own emotional health find another place to live because, even if you're saving money, this arrangement is too expensive.

Dear Abby: I have been cooking Thanksgiving dinner for our family since I was in my mid-20s, with little or no assistance from my sisters or sisters-in-law. They typically show

up empty-handed but leave with a generous amount of leftovers. Before my mother passed away 12 years ago,

**JEANNE PHILLIPS** 

Advice

she would at least help. Since my children and their fami-

lies live out of state and are unable to come this year, I told one of my sisters-in-law I wouldn't be hosting Thanksgiving this year. Abby, she had a complete hissy fit! She insisted it was "tradition" that we have Thanksgiving at my house, and it's something everyone looks forward

to. She even said it's not like I don't have the time since I retired this year.

Yes, I have tried delegating. One year, a sister brought a dessert (cookies in a tin) and the other a bag of rolls. Neither one has ever worked outside the home. I'm tired of cooking for two or three days to feed 15 to 20 people. Am I wrong in wanting a break from doing it all? — I'm Done In Florida

Dear "Done": No. You have a right to spend your Thanksgiving any way you wish. Because you didn't mention whether your siblings host Christmas, Easter or Fourth of July celebrations, I'm assuming the answer is no. If that's true, then from my perspective you're at least 12 years overdue for a break. Your sisters and sisters-in-law should have stepped up to the plate and shared the responsibilities you have shouldered alone after your mother passed away, if not before. Shame on them.

#### **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 12, 1915

The last of the cottonwood trees which, in early days, formed a big grove from Main Street past the Byers mill gave way yesterday to the march of civilization when the big tree standing in front of the old Livermore corner on Johnson Street, just south of Court, was cut down. It had showed signs of decay and was cut down as a matter of precaution. Old timers in Pendleton remember when there was a dry river channel about where the present Court Street is and when cottonwood trees stood thickly on either side. As the town grew, these trees were cleared off until none but the Johnson Street tree remained. Even it was not one of the original trees. It grew from the stump of another tree which was cut down in 1883 by Livermore & Bickers when they moved their real estate office to the corner of Court and Johnson. A number of sprouts put out and they permitted one to grow until it developed into the big tree which has been familiar to all. The house, in front of which it grew, is one of the first houses built in Pendleton. 50 Years Ago

From the East Oregonian Nov. 12, 1965

As Ruth Dickenson, Cayuse, approached

a crossing of the Union Pacific railroad near Cayuse at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, her wet foot slipped from the brake pedal of her pickup truck. The truck jumped in front of an oncoming train. Mrs. Dickenson was thrown from the truck to the road and suffered cuts on her head and back. She was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital. The truck was thrown fifty feet into a deep ditch, its motor torn away by the impact, the Umatilla County Sheriff's office reported.

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 12, 1990

Floyd Christianson, a resident of Weston since 1936, was named Weston's "First Citizen" at the annual Chamber of Commerce turkey dinner Friday night. Christianson was honored by about 60 people who attended the affair. Ruby Kirk, a member of the chamber's selection committee, said Christianson brightens the days of everyone he meets. "Most retirees are a nuisance to businesses in small towns like ours, but not him," Kirk said. "He imparts a bit of wisdom with a cheery smile very early in the morning and really makes their day." Christianson worked for Harris Pine Mills 29 years and, upon his retirement, went to work to establish Weston's senior center

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 316th day of 2015. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1815, American pioneering suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, New York.

On this date:

In 1787, severe flooding struck Dublin, Ireland, as the River Liffey rose.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1936, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., giving the green light to traffic.

In 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over Japanese forces.)

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war

crimes tribunal.

**In 1969**, news of the My Lai Massacre in South Vietnam in March 1968 was broken by investigative reporter Seymour Hersh.

In 1975, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas retired because of failing health, ending a record 36-year term.

In 1977, the city of New Orleans elected its first black Ernest "Dutch" mayor, Morial, the winner of a runoff.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Dale Gardner and Joe Allen snared a wandering satellite in history's first space salvage; the Palapa B2 satellite was secured in Discovery's cargo bay for return to Earth.

In 1985, Xavier Suarez was elected Miami's first Cuban-American mayor.

In 2001, American Airlines Flight 587, an Airbus A300 headed to the Dominican Republic, crashed after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 people on board and five people on the ground.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Jimmy Hayes (Persuasions) is 72. Singer Brian Hyland is 72. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 72. Rock musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. & the MGs) is 71. Sportscaster Al Michaels is 71. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 70. Rock musician Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser (Blue Oyster Cult) is 68. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., is 66. Country/ gospel singer Barbara Fairchild is 65. Actress Megan Mullally is 57. Actor Vincent Irizarry is 56. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci is 54. Actor Sam Lloyd is 52. Rock musician David Ellefson is 51. Retired MLB All-Star Sammy Sosa is 47. Figure skater Tonya Harding is 45. Actress Tamala Jones is 41. Actress Angela Watson is 41. Actor Ryan Gosling is 35. Actress Anne Hathaway is 33. Folk-rock musician Griffin Goldsmith (Dawes)

Thought for Today: "I would have girls regard themselves not as adjectives but as nouns." — Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902).

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### PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN



**BIG NATE** 







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