

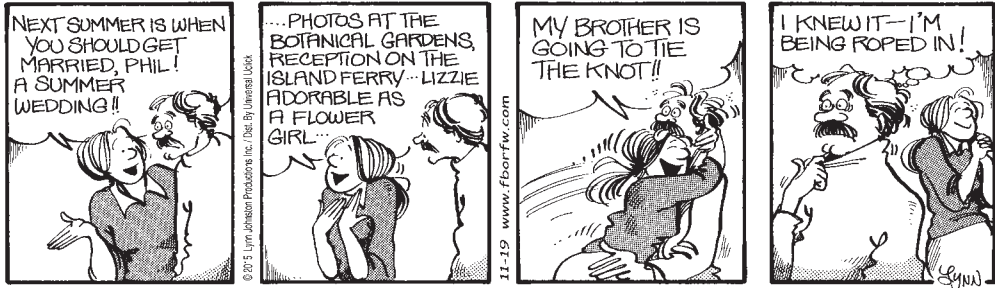
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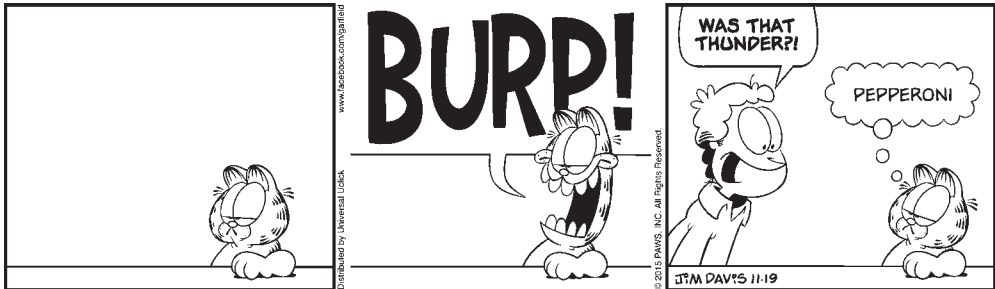
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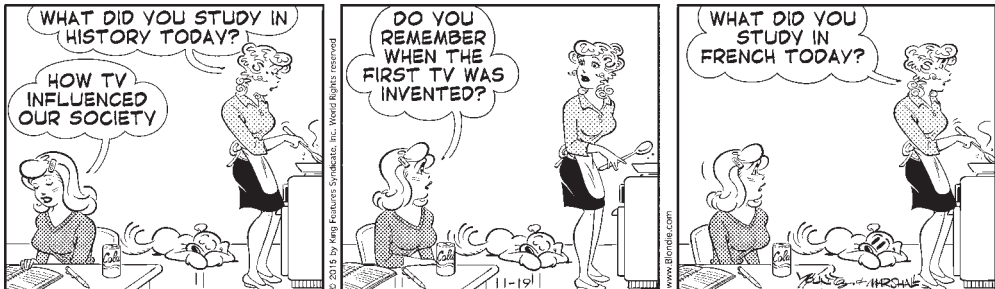
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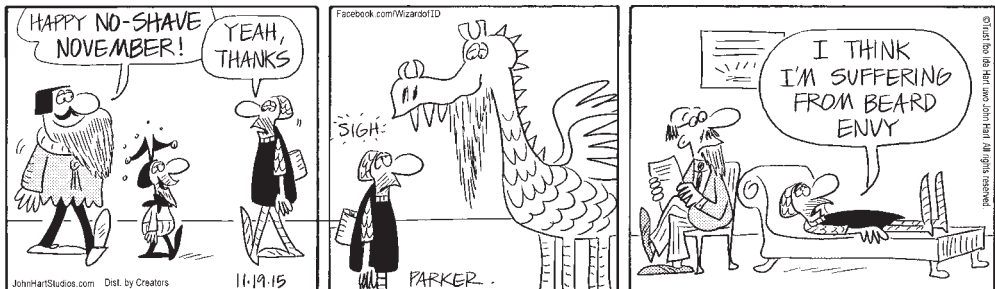
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DEAR ABBY

Feelings hurt in high school linger long after graduation



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I loved the letter from "Ready for the Reunion" (July 31), who wondered why some people in her high school graduating class didn't respond to the notice of the reunion. Some of us would like to completely forget high school and everything associated with it.

I missed my 10th, 20th, 30th and 40th year reunions. I did consider going to the last one, but then I started reading my former classmates' posts on the reunion website. It seems everyone is retired, wealthy, has numerous grandchildren, at least one retirement home in an exotic locale and spends their time relaxing and jetting around (or so they say). I'm still working, not wealthy, not particularly successful and have moved from my home state to the backwoods of middle America. Basically, I have a boring life, so I have nothing to brag about. I didn't go.

I'm still in contact with the important people in my life from high school and just don't need the aggravation of attending a reunion. — Staying Home

Dear Staying: Thank you for your input. I received a large number of responses to that letter, many of which were emotionally charged:

Dear Abby: My class just had its 45th reunion. I live 20 miles away, but have never attended one and I never will.

My best friend and I were bullied, insulted and excluded by our high school peers. After 45 years, we are still close friends. Neither of us has any desire to see any of those people ever again.

High school was a miserable experience for us, and we couldn't wait to graduate and go off to college. Why would we want to socialize with them now? We forgave them long ago,

but have no desire to relive those days. People need to realize that sometimes we move on and don't need to revisit the past. — Carol In Georgia

Dear Abby: My high school experience was traumatic to the point that it put me in therapy. People who look forward to these things look back on their high school days with fondness. I'm guessing that's because they weren't picked on for being fat, not coming from a rich family or being a minority.

I would rather walk barefoot across broken glass than spend another minute with my high school class. I ignore the invitations because my mother taught me if I can't say anything nice, I should say nothing at all. — Ray In Scottsdale, Ariz.

Dear Abby: Successful turnouts often occur as a result of personal outreach from the committee. A personalized note, phone call or other kind of targeted communication ("Dear Susie, we'd love to see you again. Please come.") will make a difference to an alum. — Former Reunion Planner In Washington

Dear Abby: Of the 280 missing students, for a quarter of them to be deceased would be par for the course. "Ready" should create a Facebook Groups page for her high school graduating class. Ours is very popular — 35 percent of our former classmates are already part of it. — Peter In Naples, Fla.

Dear Abby: It is possible that many of the graduates never received the invitation. Email contact information, phone numbers and addresses change often. I didn't receive anything about my 10-year reunion, but a few of my friends said they did. I can't respond to an invitation I didn't receive. — Rod In Omaha

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 19, 1915

Having scored a big hit at the anti-saloon league convention in Portland, Parsons Motanic, prominent local Indian, and Rev. J.M. Cornelison, missionary at Tutuilla, arrived home this morning from Portland. They sang songs in Indian before the convention and were an attraction more popular than the famous Hammer quartet. Motanic also made several temperance talks before the convention in his native language, Rev. Cornelison interpreting, and was roundly cheered. Motanic, when he made his speech took the platform clad in a blanket and war bonnet. "I wear these clothes," he said, "to show you I am on the warpath. I come to scalp the Portland saloons." He then told of his life, of his transformation from a riotous-living young Indian to a quiet Indian farmer, temperance and church worker.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 19, 1965

A ceremony next week in Memorial Hospital, Santa Rosa, Calif., will dedicate a nursery in the children's wing to a woman doctor who was born and raised in Pendleton. She is Dr. Pearl V. Konttas, pediatrician, who recently retired from private practice in Santa Rosa after 39 years there. Dr. Konttas

said her mother was responsible for her early interest in medicine. "My father, Jacob Konttas, studied medicine in Finland, where both our parents were born. He was asked to become associated with a doctor in Canada, where they first lived after leaving Finland. But he felt he didn't have enough training, so he moved to Oregon and took up farming." Her father died when the doctor was very small. There were no sons in the family, so the mother encouraged her youngest daughter to become a doctor.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 19, 1990

Donna Caldwell says she began to get suspicious when her husband, parents and boss showed up at the annual awards dinner at the recent convention of the Oregon Association for Alternatives in Education in Newport. But she was still surprised when she was named Alternative Education Administrator of the Year. Now in her fourth year as director of the Alternative Education Program in Umatilla County, Caldwell supervises alternative schools in Pendleton and Hermiston. She supervises two classroom teachers and 3½ aides. The two schools serve about 80 students at any given time. About 150 junior and senior high age students attend the two schools over the course of a school year. "It's nice to be recognized by your peers," Caldwell said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 323rd day of 2015. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 19, 1915, labor activist Joe Hill was executed by firing squad in Utah for the murders of Salt Lake City grocer John Morrison and his son, Arling.

On this date: In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange Township, Ohio.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 55 in favor, 39 against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1924, movie producer Thomas H. Ince died after celebrating his 42nd birthday aboard the yacht of newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst. (The exact circumstances of Ince's death remain a mystery.)

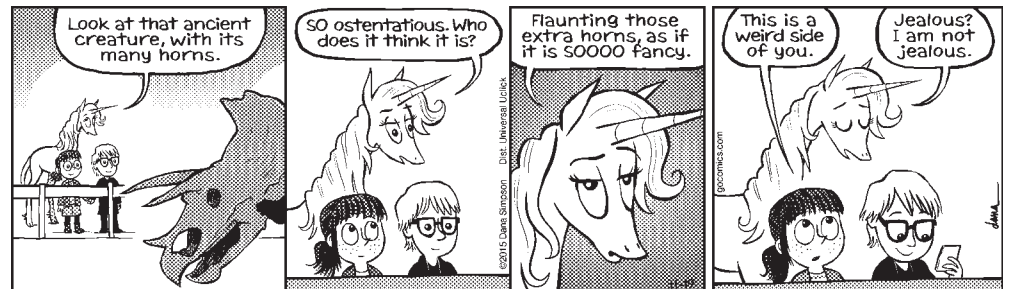
In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made the second manned landing on the moon.

In 1990, the pop duo Milli Vanilli were stripped of their Grammy Award because other singers had lent their voices to the "Girl You Know It's True" album.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Young is 96. Talk show host Larry King is 82. Former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch is 80. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 79. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 77. Singer Pete Moore (Smokey Robinson and the Miracles) is 76. Former Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 76. Actor Dan Haggerty is 74. Fashion designer Calvin Klein is 73. Sports-caster Ahmad Rashad is 66. Actor Robert Beltran is 62. Actress Kathleen Quinlan is 61. Broadcast journalist Ann Curry is 59. Rock musician Matt Sorum (Guns N' Roses, Velvet Revolver) is 55. Actress Meg Ryan is 54. Actress-director Jodie Foster is 53.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

