

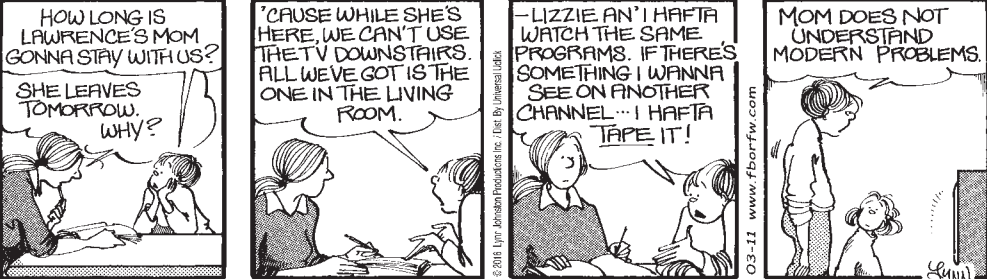
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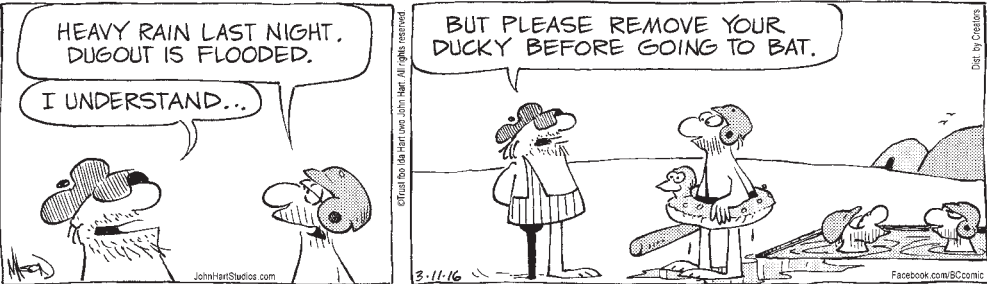
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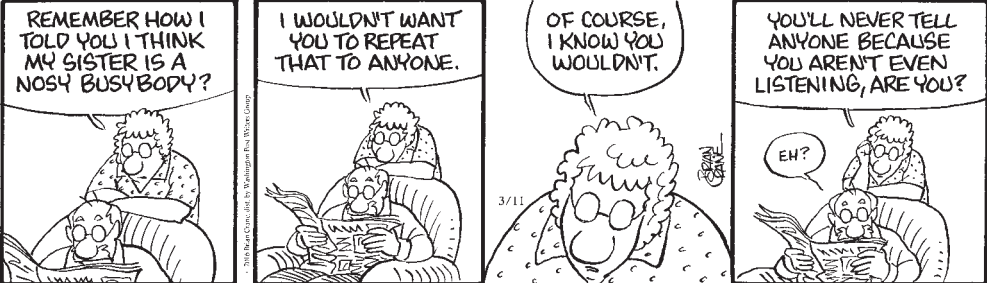
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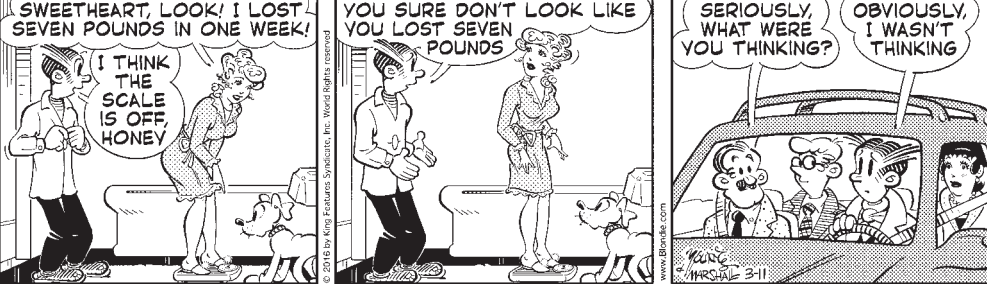
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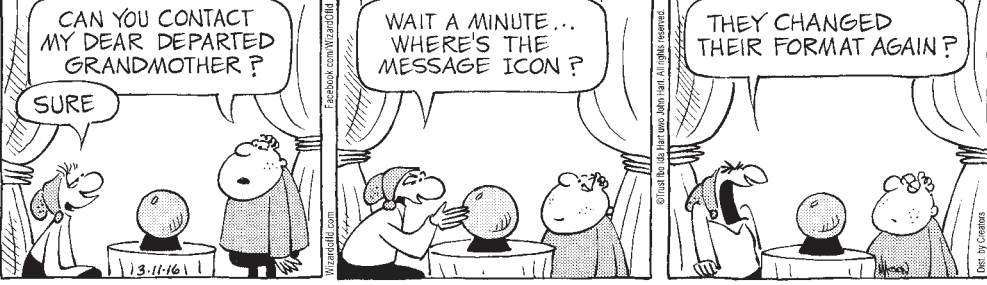
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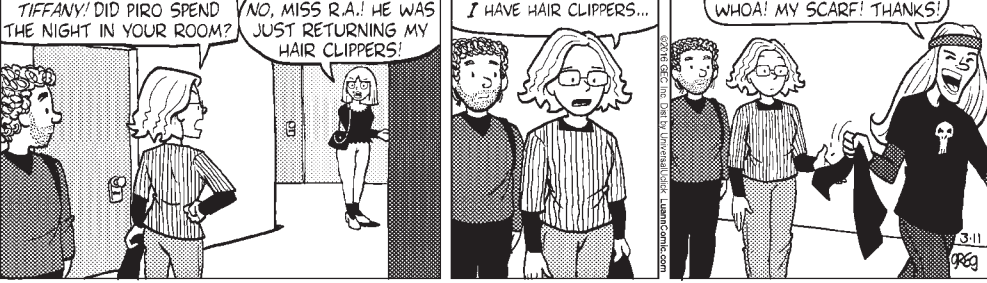
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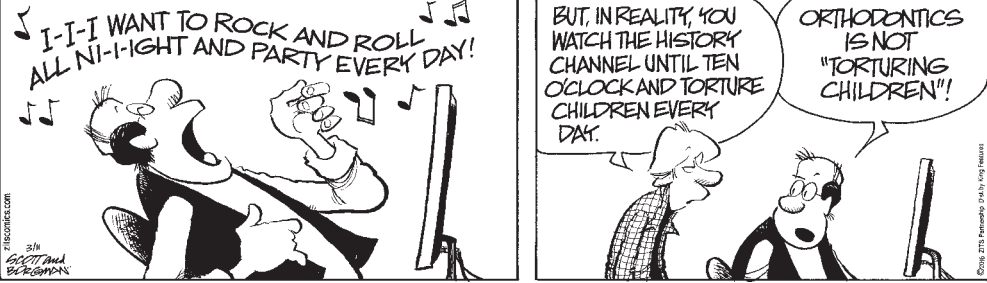
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DEAR ABBY

Mom prefers being home alone over hanging out with friends

Dear Abby: My son is driving me crazy. He's worried because I don't have friends I hang out with. He said it's not normal for a woman to not want to have friends. I say it is. He said if Dear Abby says I'm OK, he will let it rest.

I work with people between 50 and 70 hours a week. I have more than a thousand townhome and condo residents to deal with, and I receive nonstop complaints day in and day out. On top of that, I must supervise vendors and contractors, answer to several boards, and have up to eight evening meetings a month.

When I finally get home, I don't want to set up a shopping or dinner date with anybody. I want to sit in peace and quiet. I don't want to be around people at all. I'm perfectly happy not having friends. Can you see my point? — **Lady With No Problem**

Dear Lady: I do see your point, but I can also see your son's. By turning this into an either/or situation, you may be talking past each other instead of with each other.

While you crave peace and quiet at the end of the day, he worries that you are isolating yourself. Friendships aren't supposed to drain people; they are supposed to be nurturing. People with rewarding companions they can laugh and commiserate with are happier, less stressed and live longer, so perhaps you should rethink your position.

Dear Abby: Ten years ago, when I lived in California, I dated the love of my life, "Tammy." We were perfect together, and I was often amazed by how much I loved her,



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Advice

which was palpable.

After about two years we broke up, and I moved 3,000 miles away. My rebound relationship lasted a decade and produced a beautiful baby boy. After it recently ended, I reached out to Tammy. We hadn't communicated in 10 years, and I learned that she is married with three kids and she's miserable.

She said she misses me and has never stopped loving me. We talk on the phone often, and she says she wants to see me. I have no idea where this is going, but I'd love to see her. We have decided that we will abide by your advice.

What should I do? — **Nostalgic In New York**

Dear Nostalgic: I'm glad you asked, although I doubt you will heed my advice. Here it is: You and Tammy should postpone any reunions until she has resolved her marital situation because there are more people involved now than just the two of you. Whether she remains in her unhappy marriage is anyone's guess, but if you step in now, it will only add to her troubles.

Dear Abby: How do I respond to a gift when I don't know whether or not it's a gag gift? My sister sent a present that appears to be expensive, but is not only awful, it's also tacky and weird. She has a great sense of humor, but added no card or message that would give us a clue how to appropriately thank her. — **Not Sure In New Jersey**

Dear Not Sure: I recommend you use the old stand-by: "How sweet of you to remember (me, us, our special day, etc.). Thank you for being such a generous sister!"

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 11, 1916

The bootlegger who thinks he can invade the cellar of Homer I. Watts, mayor of Athena and candidate for district attorney, and get away with it (the "it" referring to his private stores) has one more guess coming. Said Homer this week demonstrated that he is there with a truly Homeric vengeance when such an outrage is perpetrated. Recently someone stole four cases of perfectly good prohibition liquor from Watts' cellar. The Athenian Homer at once swore to trail the thief to his den. Getting his first clue from the number of jags emanating from a certain quarter, he proceeded to find a tool that he could make into a stool. In the person of Fred Carden he found one. He supplied Fred with kale and very soon Fred came back with a bottle of Homer's own whiskey. He had purchased it from Ed McKitcheny, an employee of a livery stable. McKitcheny was promptly haled before the mayor who very soon wrung a confession from him. As a result of the confession "Squeaky" Ed Powell was also arrested and both are being held in jail.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 11, 1966

A bulldozer began ripping into the Texaco service station at the river end of Arlington's old main street today and the city's demolition

was under way. In a matter of days the last of the old business buildings will be gone. It is the final act in the relocation story that began when construction started on John Day Dam several years ago. The reservoir will inundate the canyon floor on which the city was built in 1881. Residences were moved to high ground on the canyon slopes. The Army Engineers filled in a broad area for a new business district overlooking the old and it is there that merchants now have their stores for the town of some 900 people.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 11, 1991

The elk has been described as a mystical animal and it appears to have worked its magic in the Blue Mountains of northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. Representatives of 25 public and private groups signed a Blue Mountain Elk Initiative charter agreement Monday in Pendleton. The signing officially created the largest pro-elk and elk habitat charter in history. The five-year charter will guide the group's activities as it outlines goals, issues, and strategies for improving habitat in the Blue Mountains. Such strategies could include slash burning, fertilization projects, and riparian enhancement. Involvement in the project ranges from the state and federal resource management agencies to private environmental and hunting groups.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 71st day of 2016. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1888, the Blizzard of '88, also known as the "Great White Hurricane," began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

On this date:

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

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

In 1916, future British Prime Minister Harold Wilson was born in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England.

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 1954, the U.S. Army charged that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., and his subcommittee's chief counsel, Roy Cohn, had exerted pressure to obtain favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, a former consultant to the subcommittee. (The confrontation culminated in the famous Senate Army-McCarthy hearings.)

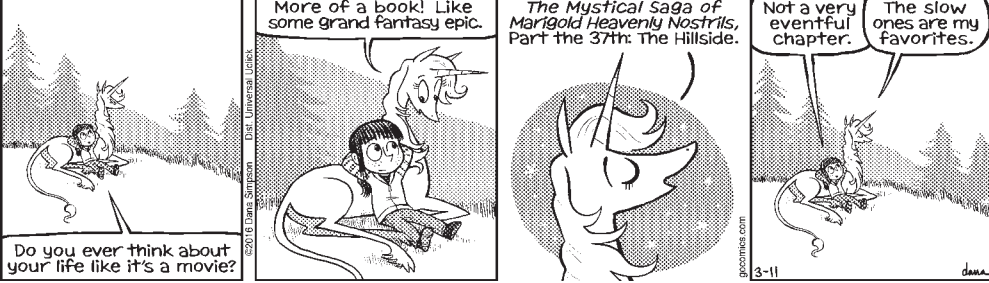
In 2012, sixteen Afghan villagers — mostly women and children — were shot dead as they slept by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, who later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Today's Birthdays: Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 85. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 82. Musician Flaco Jimenez is 77. Actress Tricia O'Neil is 71. Actor Mark Metcalf is 70. Rock singer-musician Mark Stein (Vanilla Fudge) is 69. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 66. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 66. Actress Susan Richardson is 64. Recording executive Jimmy Iovine is 63. Singer Nina Hagen is 61. Country musician David Talbot is 53. Former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., is 51. Singer Lisa Loeb is 48. Actor Terrence Howard is 47. Actor Johnny Knoxville is 45. Rock singer-musicians Joel and Benji Madden (Good Charlotte; The Madden Brothers) are 37.

Thought for Today: "It's all right to hesitate if you then go ahead." — *Bertholt Brecht, German poet and dramatist (1898-1956).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

