

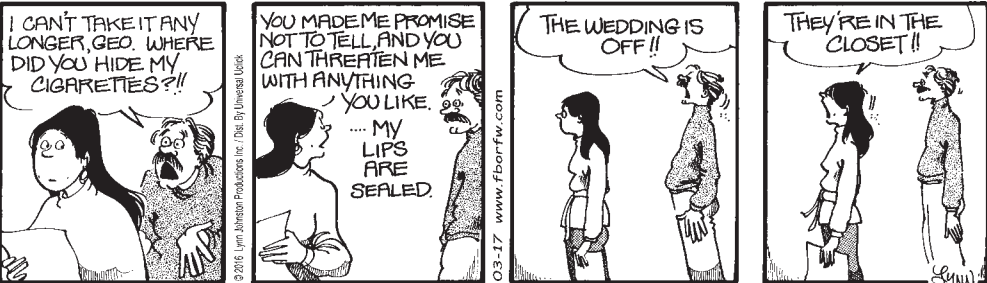
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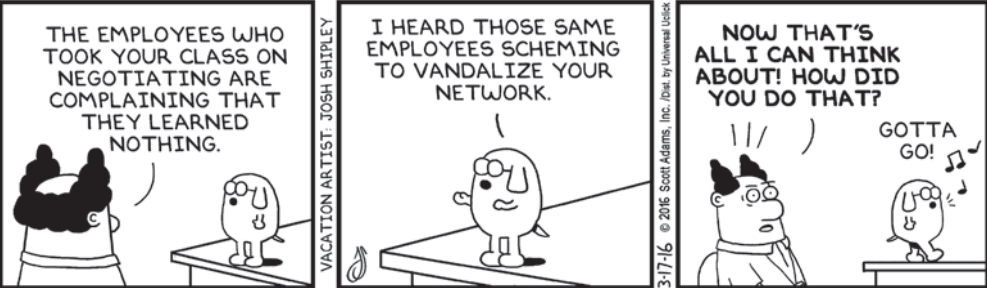
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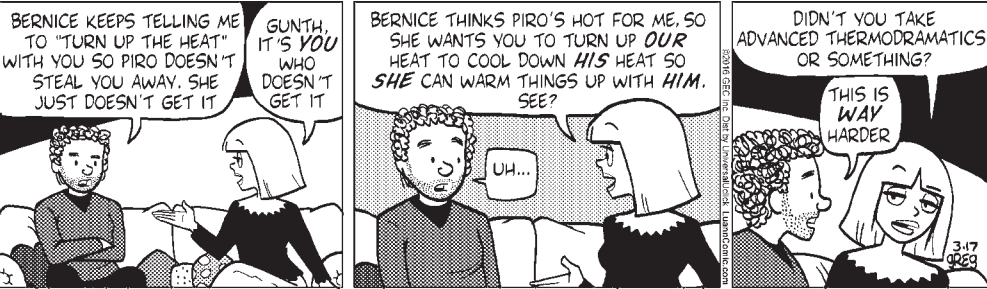
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DEAR ABBY

Wife has doubts about man donating sperm to his brother

Dear Abby: My husband and I have a 19-month-old son and plan on trying for another baby soon. My husband's brother, who is sterile, called and asked my husband to donate sperm to him. I am very upset because my husband refuses to ask his brother to make any kind of compromises to protect our family and theirs, such as counseling to resolve any issues ahead of time.

Before we were serious about each other, my husband donated to his brother's first wife. His brother wanted to keep it a secret from everyone — including the children — but his wife told all of her friends.

What should I do? My husband is afraid he's going to lose his brother if he doesn't give him everything he wants, but the person he is really going to lose is me. — **Confused In The South**

Dear Confused: I hope you won't let your husband's generous impulses have a negative impact on your marriage. I agree that counseling could help to head off future problems that might crop up — If your husband and his brother would agree to it. But while you're at it, this should also be discussed with a lawyer just in case your brother-in-law's second marriage goes south, too.

As to keeping all of this a secret — because wife No. 1 has made public the fact that the children aren't biologically his, the chances of the information being kept secret are slim to none.

Dear Abby: Since the lottery for the big jackpot was in the news, my co-workers and I



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have discussed the etiquette regarding sharing the winnings with whomever may have given you the ticket. For instance, if somebody has an uncle who gives lottery tickets as a gift on birthdays or holidays as opposed to a standard gift, and the recipient hits the winning numbers, is there a fixed percentage that's customary to give?

None of us is actually in this situation; it just became part of our discussion. Thanks for your input. — **Office Hot Topic**

Dear Hot Topic: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient. The recipient would be under no obligation to share the winnings with the person who gifted him or her with the ticket, nor should it be expected. However, if the gift giver does expect a percentage, then this should be worked out before the drawing.

Dear Abby: I'm 15 and I'm a lesbian. I've told my friends, but they don't accept me. They say they do, but when I talk about other girls, they say, "Don't talk about girls around us. We're not gay!" I don't know what to do. Please help. — **LGBT In Georgia**

Dear LGBT: Your friends probably do accept you, but would prefer not to hear all the details you feel the need to share. It's time you find a youth group for gay teenagers. Go online, visit lgbtcenters.org and search for the nearest gay and lesbian community center in your area. If you do, you will see that the support you are looking for isn't hard to find. I wish you luck.

To My Readers: Today's the day for wearing something green! A very happy St. Patrick's Day to you all. — **Love, Abby**

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 17, 1916

R.N. Stanfield today formally announced his entrance into the race for renomination to the position of joint representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties and it is further known that if reelected he will make the race for the speakership of the house. Mr. Stanfield has already served two terms as joint representative from this district. In the last legislature he was chairman of the eastern Oregon delegation, chairman of the committee on assessment and taxation and a member of the committee on banking and livestock.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 17, 1966

When his wife came in the house at 10 p.m. Saturday night and reported that a hog had chased her from the yard, Harold Hart of Route 1, Pendleton, went out to investigate.

The hog chased him into the house, too, he reported to the Umatilla County Sheriff's office Sunday. Hart took a shotgun to the ornery hog. It and two others ran up the lane toward the home of Sarah Cleveland, who, Hart said, owns the pigs. He said a hog with a stiff hind leg was observed in the lane the next morning.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
March 17, 1991

Kaitlin Palmer, the 3-year-old daughter of Sandra Pollick of Hermiston, won Oregon's Tiny Tot Little Miss America Pageant in Wilsonville on March 10. The prizes included a crown, banner, scepter, trophy and \$200 cash. Statewide contestants participated in a dance number to the "Lollipop Song"; modeled evening gowns and sportswear; and were judged on poise and personality. Kaitlin will compete in the national pageant in Palm Springs, Calif., July 20-26.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 77th day of 2016. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 17, 1966, a U.S. Navy midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain. (It took several more weeks to actually recover the bomb.)

On this date:

In 1776, the Revolutionary War Siege of Boston ended as British forces evacuated the city.

In 1861, Victor Emmanuel II was proclaimed the first king of a united Italy.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt first likened crusading journalists to a man with "the muckrake in his hand" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

In 1912, the Camp Fire Girls organization was incorporated in Washington, D.C., two years to the day after it was founded in Thetford, Vermont. (The group is now known as Camp Fire USA.)

In 1936, Pittsburgh's Great St. Patrick's Day Flood began as the Monon-

gahela and Allegheny rivers, swollen by rain and melted snow, started exceeding flood stage; the high water was blamed for more than 60 deaths.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1956, comedian Fred Allen, 61, died in New York.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

In 1970, the United States cast its first veto in the U.N. Security Council. (The U.S. killed a resolution that would have condemned Britain for failure to use force to overthrow the white-ruled government of Rhodesia.)

In 1976, Italian movie director Luchino Visconti ("The Leopard") died in Rome at age 69.

In 1988, Avianca Flight 410, a Boeing 727, crashed after takeoff into a mountain in Colombia, killing all 143 people on board.

In 1996, French movie director Rene Clement ("Forbidden Games") died in Monaco at age 82.

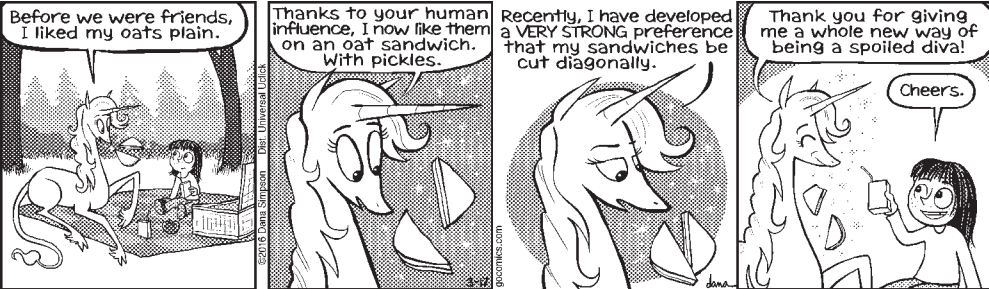
Today's Birthdays: The former national chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 83.

Former NASA astronaut Ken Mattingly is 80. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 73. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 72. Former NSA Director and former CIA Director Michael Hayden is 71. Rock musician Harold Brown (War; Lowrider Band) is 70. Actor Patrick Duffy is 67. Actor Kurt Russell is 65. Country singer Susie Allanson is 64. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 62. Actor Mark Boone Jr. is 61. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 61. Actor Gary Sinise is 61. Actor Christian Clemenson is 58. Former basketball and baseball player Danny Ainge is 57. Actor Arye Gross is 56. Actress Vicki Lewis is 56. Actor Casey Siemaszko is 55. Writer-director Rob Sitch is 54. Actor Rob Lowe is 52. Rock singer Billy Corgan is 49. Pop/rock singer/songwriter Hozier is 26. Actor John Boyega (Film: "Star Wars: The Force Awakens") is 24.

Thought for Today: "May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you, and heaven accept you." — *Irish saying.*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

