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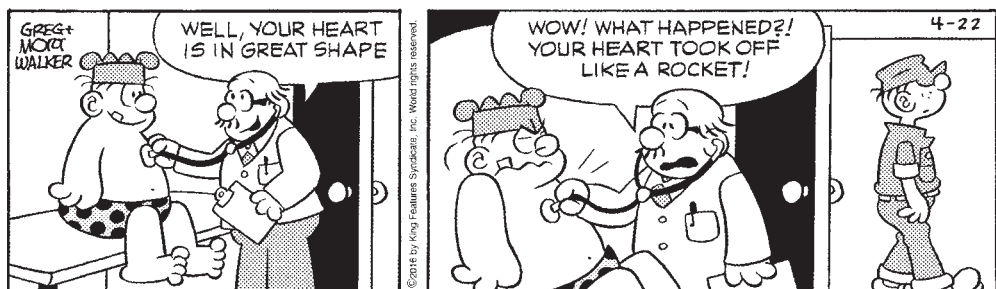
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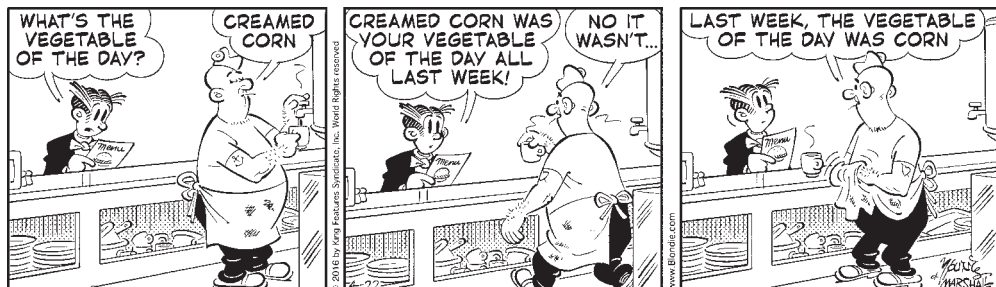
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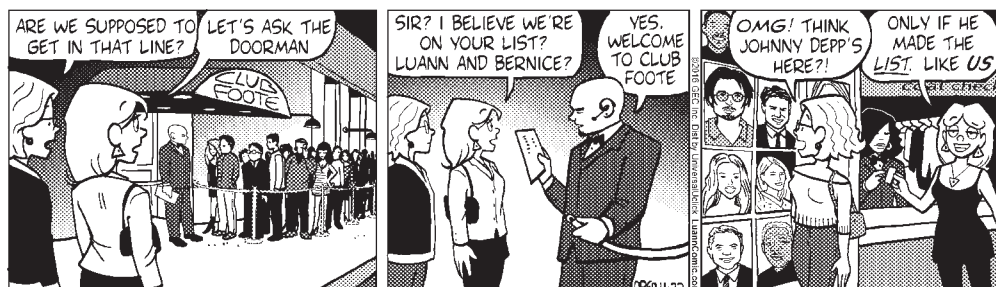
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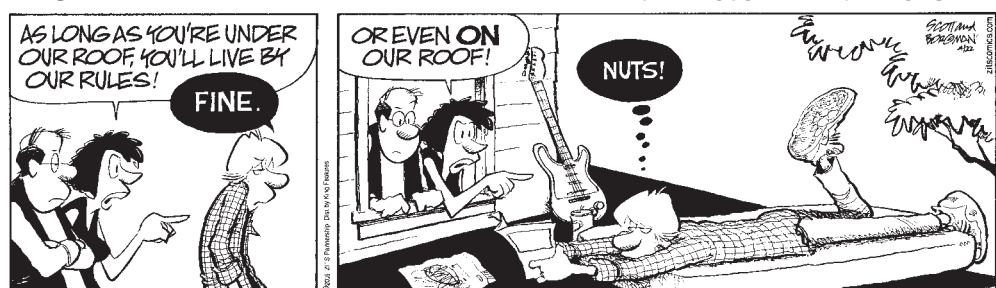
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DEAR ABBY

In-laws demand too much time from hard-working son



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband, "Ed," and I are in our 40s. We both work, and Ed often puts in more than 60 hours a week. My in-laws, in their 60s, are both in good health, retired and well-off financially. They expect weekly gatherings unless THEY have other plans.

dating scene. Every time I go on a date, I perceive it as a date that went extremely well. But when I go to contact the guy the next day, I get no response in return.

In warmer weather, my mother-in-law guilt-trips Ed into performing weekly chores such as painting, gardening, window washing, etc. These take more than six hours on Sundays, in addition to dinner. My in-laws also insist on yearly family vacations. Because of this we have little time alone with our teens or each other. I don't think all these gatherings should be mandatory. Please help. This is hurting our marriage.

I have major trust issues to begin with from past relationships, and it's hard for me to let my guard down. Although I try to be as open and honest with the guys as possible, it just doesn't work. I know the whole cliché of "the right one is out there somewhere," but what can someone do when she just feels like giving up completely on dating? — Giving Up In Stockton, Calif.

Highly Stressed In Pennsylvania

Dear Highly Stressed: During one of those mandatory family visits, you and your husband should tell his parents what you have told me. Unless you explain to them that they have you on a schedule that doesn't permit you to spend alone time with your children or each other, they won't get it.

Dear Giving Up: The one thing you shouldn't do is give up and stop trying. Not knowing what you are doing on these first dates, I can only surmise that while being "as open and honest with guys as possible," you may be giving them so much negative information that you're scaring them off.

Family get-togethers are supposed to be pleasant for all, not mandatory. And if your in-laws can afford the expense, they should hire a handyman to help them and not impose upon their son.

In a way, dating is like sales: It's important to communicate positive information about the product you are selling (you) and downplay the negative (i.e. "I have trust issues because someone done me wrong."). It might also be helpful to have an honest talk with some of your friends and ask them what you may be doing wrong.

Dear Abby: I have been single for almost six years and have had no luck with the

To my Jewish readers: Passover begins at sundown. Happy Passover, everyone! — Love, Abby

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 22, 1916

Falling down the elevator shaft at the St. George hotel at 5 o'clock last evening, Harry Okumura, night porter and bellboy, sustained injuries from which he died at St. Anthony's hospital at 2:30 this morning. At the time of the fatal accident he was taking a passenger up the elevator. The grip, belonging to the guest, became caught between the car and the wall of the shaft and, in trying to save it, Okumura was drawn up tight against the wall. Had he stopped the elevator he would have saved himself but evidently forgot to do so in his excitement. As the car reached the second floor, the man was pulled so forcibly against the glass doors that they were shattered. The car squeezed past his body which was prevented from falling into the hallway by the wire netting inside the glass. This acted as a spring which shot the body back into the empty shaft as the car went on. Deceased was about 42 years old and is survived by a wife and two children in Japan.

Local apple growers who watched their 1966 crops ruined by a killing frost earlier this week have taken steps to provide themselves with some insurance for the 1967 crop. A petition was filed with the local Federal Crops Insurance Corporation office in Pendleton Thursday, asking that apple growers in Milton-Freewater be provided with federal insurance on their 1967 crops. Peyton Winn, local FCIC office manager, said the petitions will be reviewed by Washington, D.C. He said that the Wenatchee, Yakima and Okanogan areas have been under the federal insurance program for some time.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 22, 1966

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 22, 1991

Two employees were bound and gagged but otherwise unharmed during an armed robbery at the Sportster sporting goods and men's wear store Saturday in Milton-Freewater. As of this morning, no one had been arrested in connection with the robbery, which occurred at about 2 p.m. Preliminary police estimates say 40 handguns and several rifles were taken. The value of the stolen guns has been estimated at \$11,000.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 113th day of 2016. There are 253 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 22, 1616, Spanish novelist Miguel de Cervantes, author of "Don Quixote," died in Madrid. (The date is according to the New Style Gregorian calendar that was adopted by Spain in 1582.)

On this date: In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1916, violin virtuoso Yehudi Menuhin was born in New York City.

In 1930, the United States, Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding.

In 1946, Harlan F. Stone, chief justice of the United States, died in Washington, D.C., at age 73.

In 1954, the publicly tele-

vised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson opened the New York World's Fair.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 1983, the West German news magazine Stern announced the discovery of 60 volumes of personal diaries purportedly written by Adolf Hitler; however, the diaries turned out to be a hoax.

In 1994, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, died at a New York hospital four days after suffering a stroke; he was 81.

In 1996, homemaker humorist Erma Bombeck died in San Francisco at age 69.

In 2000, in a dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy at the center of a custody dispute, from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

Today's Birthdays:

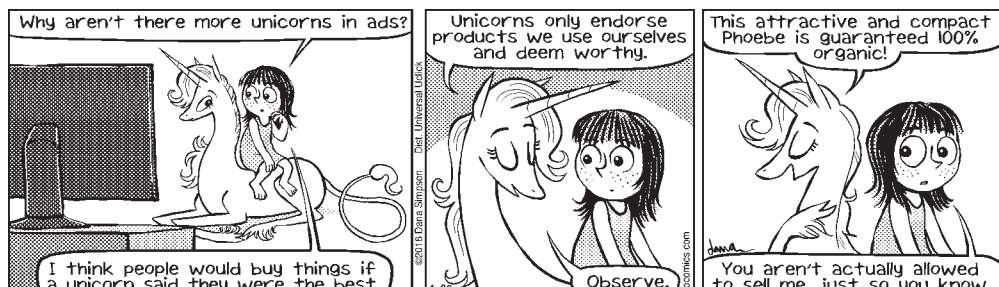
- Actress Charlotte Rae is 90.
- Actress Estelle Harris is 88.
- Singer Glen Campbell is 80.
- Actor Jack Nicholson is 79.
- Singer Mel Carter is 77.
- Author Janet Evanovich is 73.
- Country singer Cleve Francis is 71.
- Movie director John Waters is 70.
- Singer Peter Frampton is 66.
- Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the Mechanics; Squeeze) is 65.
- Actor Joseph Bottoms is 62.
- Actor Ryan Stiles is 57.
- Baseball manager Terry Francona is 57.
- Comedian Byron Allen is 55.
- Actor Chris Makepeace is 52.
- Rock musician Fletcher Dragge is 50.
- Actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan is 50.
- Actress-talk show host Sherri Shepherd is 49.
- Country singer-musician Heath Wright (Ricochet) is 49.
- Country singer Kellie Coffey is 45.
- Rock musician Shavo Odadjian (System of a Down) is 42.

Thought for Today:

"Demasiada cordura puede ser la peor de las locuras, ver la vida como es y no como debería de ser." (Too much sanity may be the worst folly, see life as it is and not as it should be.) — Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

