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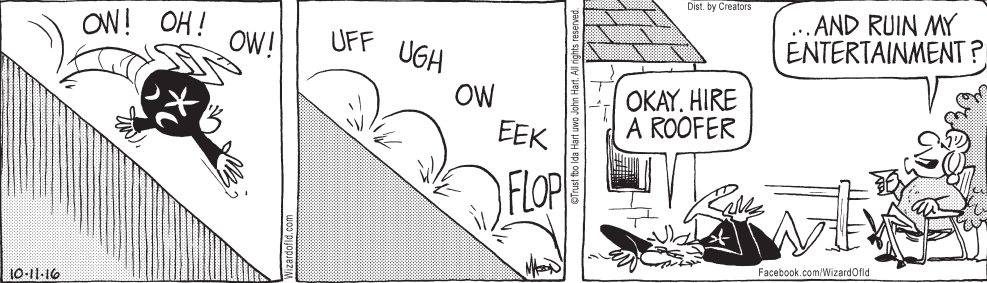
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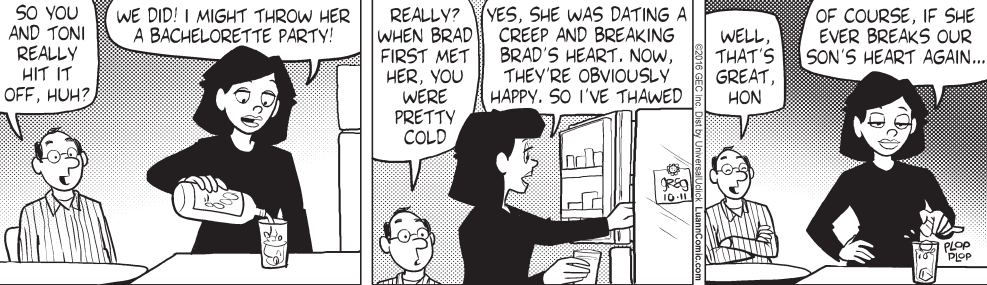
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DEAR ABBY

Friend in long relationship signals she may want out

Dear Abby: I'm a 25-year-old lesbian from a suburban area outside the Twin Cities. It's not easy finding other gay women in this area, unless I visit Minneapolis, which I don't enjoy. I always seem to fall for straight girls or girls who have always been straight but are bi-curious, which never ends well for me.

My current situation has me stumped. The girl I'm interested in is in a relationship with a man. They have been together for a long time and have kids together. I have kept my distance for the most part because I don't want to be pushy or seem like a home-wrecker.

As we have grown closer over the past couple of months, she has told me she doesn't want to be with him anymore. She said she isn't in love with him and she's tired of pretending. Recently, she confided that she can't reach sexual satisfaction unless she thinks about women and she isn't sure what that means. She made a move on me once. A few weeks ago she kissed me, but nothing has happened since. I'm not sure what to say or do — if anything at all. Help? — **No Home-Wrecker**

Dear No Home-Wrecker: What you should say to this woman is that she's sending you signals that she's interested in starting a romantic relationship, and ask her if it's true. If she says that it is, ask what she plans to do about her boyfriend. If she's unsure, you will then have to decide how you feel about becoming part of a triangle, because it could get messy. Very messy.

Between us, you would be better off if you focused on finding someone who is available and clear about her orientation. And if it means forcing yourself to go to Minneapolis, then that's what you should do.

Dear Abby: I have always made it a habit to keep my home neat and tidy. I'm not obsessive; we just make it a point to pick up after ourselves daily, instead of leaving everything



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a mess and then trying to tackle it all once every week or two. I suppose it also helps that I am child-free.

On more than one occasion, friends who visit my home have commented on how neat and clean I keep it. Some of them have asked if they could pay me to come and clean their homes. I guess a small part of me should be flattered, but I'm also offended. I feel it's the equivalent of inviting me to a party just to serve the drinks. I have no desire to become an indentured servant to my friends. Am I being too sensitive? — **Not Obsessive In New York**

Dear Not Obsessive: If you are not obsessive, then why are you obsessing over a compliment these friends were trying to pay you? I sincerely doubt they were serious, unless they began negotiating your weekly rate.

Dear Abby: My wife and I are in good health and have been married for more than 50 years. I would like to take our three children and their spouses on a Caribbean cruise. We all get along well, but my wife refuses to go and the kids won't go without their mom. Any suggestions? — **Bewildered Husband In Billings, Mont.**

Dear Husband: I wish you had shared more information about why your wife is reluctant to take the cruise and your children are backing their mother up on this. However, since they are acting in lockstep, I suggest you come up with an alternative idea for a family outing, or take the cruise alone.

To My Jewish Readers: Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at sundown. During this 24-hour period, observant Jewish people fast, engage in reflection and prayer, and formally repent for any sin that might have been committed during the previous Hebrew year. To all of you — may your fast be an easy one.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 10-11, 1916

"And they lived happily ever after." That is all that remains to be written of the romance of Miss Muriel Saling, twice queen of the Pendleton Round-Up, Queen of the Portland Rose Festival, Queen of the Columbia Highway and Queen of the Astoria Regatta, who last evening became Mrs. Frank E. Cronan, all because she has been so very much a queen. Quite without the knowledge of family or friends she was quietly married last evening at Heppner to a young lone banker who had first seen her when she ruled over Rosaria, who first met her when she was queen of the Round-Up and who had wooed her ever since with an impetuosity that would not be denied. The young husband of the festival queen is a brother of J.E. Cronan of Portland, who acted as admiral of the Astoria Regatta over which the Pendleton girl ruled. It was this circumstance that the younger brother used as an excuse for seeking an introduction to the Round-Up queen one evening at Happy Canyon. Apparently it was a case of mutual love at first sight.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 10-11, 1966

A father and son are in St. Anthony Hospital today, following a freak bicycle accident on

Cabbage Hill Sunday. The father is in critical condition. Wesley Howard of Pendleton was riding down Cabbage Hill, old Highway 30, about 3:50 p.m. with his 10-year-old son, James, riding on the handle bars. James' foot became entangled in the spokes of the front wheel of the bike causing it to upset and dash both to the ground. Howard was taken to the hospital suffering from critical head injuries. Young James was less seriously hurt but also suffered head injuries.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 10-11, 1991

The Umatilla Army Depot faces an interesting but uncertain future as it turns 50 years old. Under the federal base closure law, the depot's conventional ammunition will be shipped out for good by 1994. By then, a \$680 million incineration complex to destroy the depot's chemical weapons will be under construction, if cost overruns, planning delays or a congressional change of mind don't waylay the project. Work also will be under way during the 1990s to clean up environmental problems around the depot, including a federal Superfund site at the depot's old washout lagoons. The base closure commission recommended that Umatilla be closed after the chemical weapons are gone because it is a single-purpose military post and its building are antiquated.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 285th day of 2016. There are 81 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 11, 1886, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened two days of talks concerning arms control and human rights in Reykjavik, Iceland.

On this date:

In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Georgia.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was

founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1905, the Juilliard School was founded as the Institute of Musical Art in New York.

In 1910, Theodore Roosevelt became the first former U.S. president to fly in an airplane during a visit to St. Louis.

In 1932, the first American political telecast took place as the Democratic National Committee sponsored a program from a CBS television studio in New York.

In 1975, Bill Clinton and Hillary Diane Rodham were married in Fayetteville, Arkansas. "NBC Saturday Night" (later "Saturday Night Live") made its debut with guest host George Carlin.

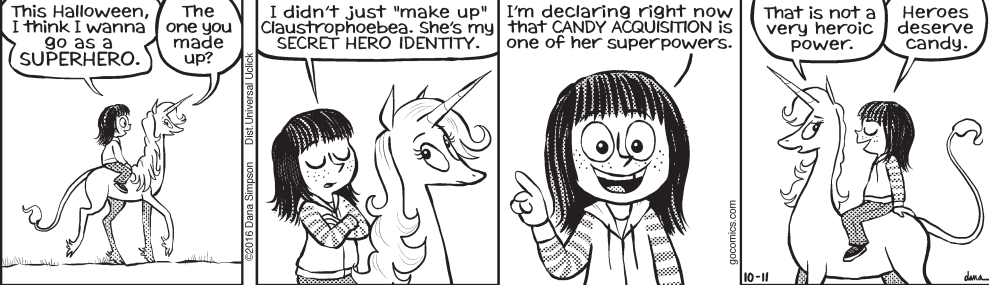
Today's Birthdays:

Actor Earle Hyman is 90. Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is 89. Actor Ron Leibman is 79. Country singer Gene Watson is 73. Singer Daryl Hall (Hall and Oates) is 70. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is 66. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Steve Young is 55. Actress Joan Cusack is 54. Actor Luke Perry is 50. Actress Jane Krakowski is 48. Rapper U-God (Wu-Tang Clan) is 46. Golfer Michelle Wie is 27.

Thought for Today:

"When a friend speaks to me, whatever he says is interesting." — Jean Renoir, French movie director (1894-1979).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

