

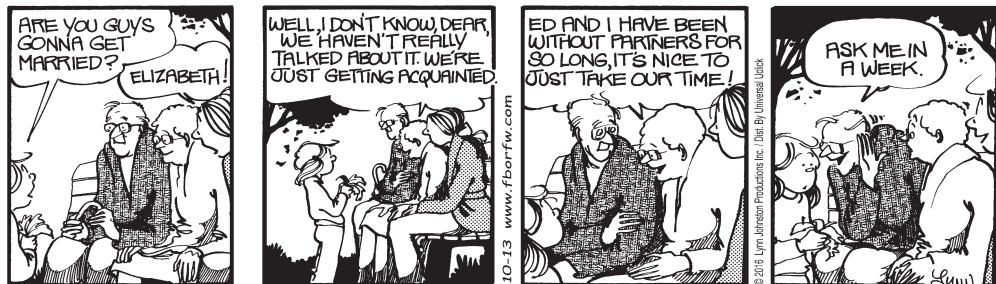
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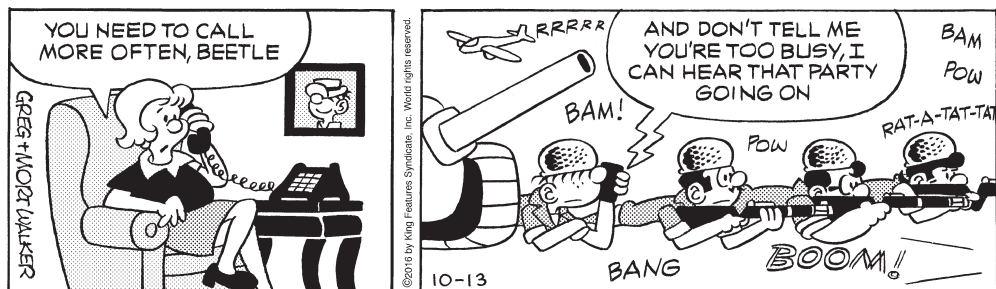
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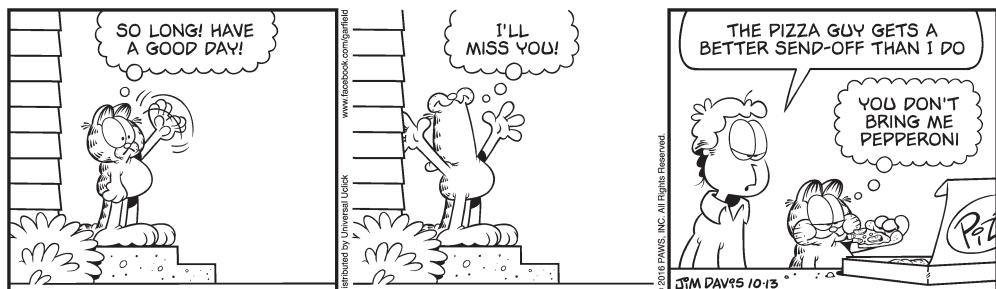
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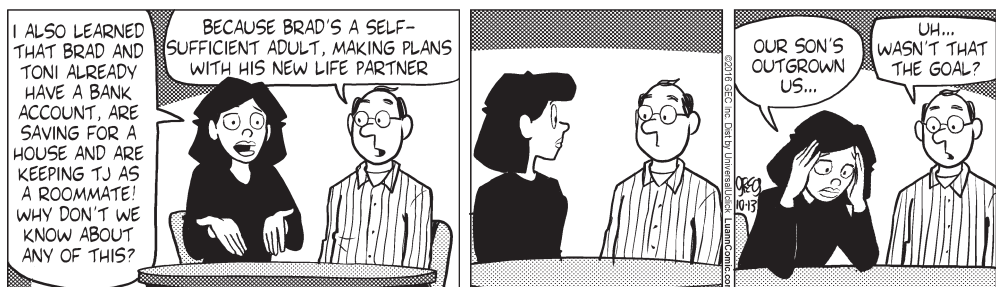
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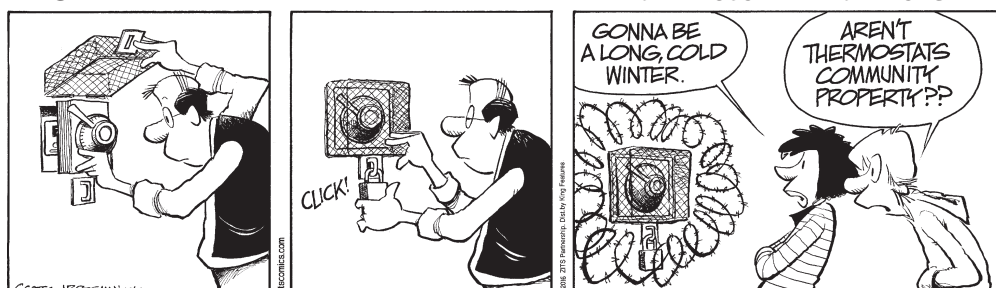
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DEAR ABBY

Husband's partisan politics are dominating social visits



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband is very political, and around election time he becomes engrossed in news shows. He has a habit of showing his favorite political news clips to friends when they visit.

I am uncomfortable with this, as I feel our friends are too polite to decline, and they allow my husband to preach politics to them out of courtesy to the host. They are like-minded, politically speaking, and the few who aren't are not going to be swayed by comedy news shows.

I excuse myself from the room when he begins his sermons. I have asked him to stop doing this when friends visit, but he refuses. How can I persuade him to just have "friends time" with no politics? — Politically Unmotivated

Dear Politically Unmotivated: You can't. You aren't going to change your husband. Fortunately, most of your friends are politically like-minded. Those who find his entertainment to be offensive will postpone seeing you until after the election is over. So stop stressing.

Dear Abby: Is it OK for a person who went to AA a few years ago and has gone totally alcohol-free, to start having a beer every other night or even keep a bottle of vodka around to have every now and then? Or should you stay alcohol-free to be sure that this issue doesn't happen again? — Alcohol-Free

Dear Alcohol-Free: For some individuals it

may be possible to have an occasional drink without falling completely off the wagon, but I wouldn't recommend it. And as to keeping a bottle of vodka around to nip into "every now and then," I think that makes as much sense as keeping a box of chocolates in the house if someone is addicted to sweets. (And many of us are!)

Dear Abby: My sister-in-law wants to choose the gifts we give them. She doesn't have enough manners to smile, accept a gift and say "thank you" as we were raised to do. She told us, "All those educational toys you gave my son, I donated them!" I have donated much of what she has given us, but I would never tell her that.

She's now ordering toys and having them delivered to our home for us to wrap and give to her son. I had already bought a kaleidoscope, books, racetrack and a huge jar of little cars to use as rewards since he's 4 and still not potty-trained. She sent us a thank-you note (the first one ever) for the gifts THEY sent us to give my nephew, but did not mention the eight items I bought! Please help me cope with this extremely rude sister-in-law. — Trying To Cope In Texas

Dear Trying: I'll try. As I see it, you have two choices: The first is to decide to "go along with the program." The second would be to tell her she has taken all the joy out of gift-giving and, in the future, you will not be participating in the charade.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 13, 1916

Corn seventeen feet high, some stalks loaded with six ears, stands in the field of Alfred Franz in the Weston country. The corn crop in that section was above average and a number of farmers are busy piling the 1916 crop. While the majority of the residents are awaiting a rain before seeding, a number have commenced.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 13, 1966

The Blue Mountain Community College board of directors Wednesday night gave full approval to a proposal by Denzal R. Satterwhite, Pendleton contractor, to erect a \$180,000 dormitory unit adjacent to the east border of the campus and designed to house 60 students. President Wallace McCrae told

the board of the project, which has been in the making for more than a year, and said it represented the initial step in a privately built dormitory complex which eventually might house as many as 240 or more students, depending on the need for such quarters.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 13, 1991

Hermiston's Brian Scott broke loose for 104 yards and a touchdown to lead the Bulldogs to a 17-10 Intermountain Conference high school football victory over the Redmond Panthers Friday. Scott, the IMC rushing leader, had been held well below his average in the Bulldogs' last two games, but he chewed up Redmond's defense, last in the league against the rush. Hermiston, which led all the way, scored what proved to be the winning touchdown on a 40-yard pass from quarterback Scott Clark to Keith Johnson in the fourth quarter.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 287th day of 2016. There are 79 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

On this date: In A.D. 54, Roman Emperor Claudius I died, poisoned apparently at the behest of his wife, Agrippina.

In 1775, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover and Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes laid the cornerstone for the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington.

In 1944, during World War II, American troops entered Aachen, Germany.

In 1957, CBS-TV broadcast "The Edsel Show," a one-hour live special starring Bing Crosby designed to promote the new, ill-fated Ford automobile. (It was the first special to use videotape technology to delay the broadcast to the West Coast.)

In 1962, Edward Albee's four-character drama "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" opened on Broadway.

In 1966, actor-singer-dancer Clifton Webb, 76, died in Los Angeles.

In 1972, a Uruguayan chartered flight carrying 45 people crashed in the Andes; survivors resorted to feeding off the remains of some of the dead in order to stay alive until they were rescued more than two months later.

In 1981, voters in Egypt participated in a referendum to elect Vice President Hosni Mubarak the new president, one week after the assassination of Anwar Sadat.

In 1999, the Senate rejected the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, with 48 senators voting in favor and 51 against, far short of the 67 needed for ratification.

In Boulder, Colorado, the JonBenet Ramsey grand jury was dismissed after 13 months of work with prosecutors saying there wasn't enough evidence to charge anyone in the 6-year-old beauty queen's 1996 slaying.

In 2010, rescuers in Chile using a missile-like escape capsule pulled 33 men one by one to fresh air and freedom 69 days after they were trapped in a collapsed mine a half-mile underground.

Today's Birthdays:

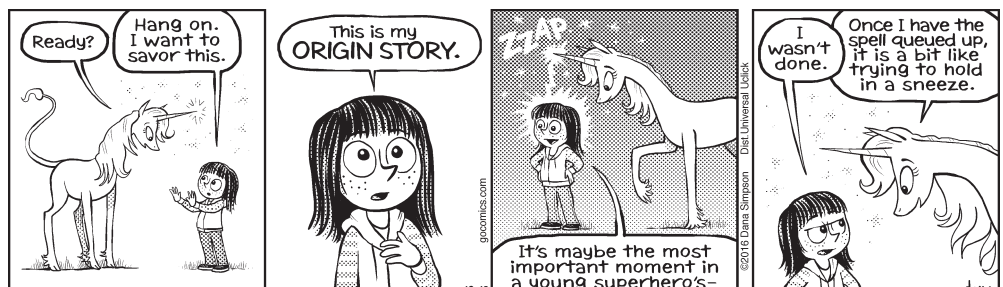
Gospel singer Shirley Caesar is 79. Actress Melinda Dillon is 77. Singer-musician Paul Simon is 75. Actress Pamela Tiffin is 74. Musician Robert Lamm (Chicago) is 72. Country singer Lacy J. Dalton is 70. Actor Demond Wilson is 70. Singer-musician Sammy Hagar is 69. Pop singer John Ford Coley is 68. Actor John Lone is 64. Model Beverly Johnson is 64. Producer-writer Chris Carter is 60. Actor Reggie Theus is 59. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., is 58. Singer Marie Osmond is 57. Rock singer Joey Bada-donna is 56. Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer is 56. NBA coach Doc Rivers is 55. Actress T'Keyah Crystal Keymah is 54. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice is 54. Actress Kelly Preston is 54. Country singer John Wiggins is 54. Actor Christopher Judge is 52. Olympic silver-medal figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is 47. Country singer Rhett Akins is 47. TV personality Billy Bush is 45. Actor Sacha Baron Cohen is 45.

Thought for Today:

"There are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction. One has to go abroad in order to find the home one has lost." — Franz Kafka, author (1883-1924).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

