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FOR BETTER OR WORSE

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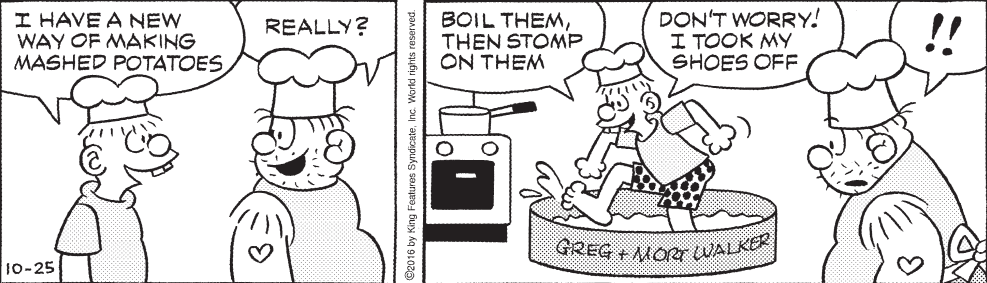
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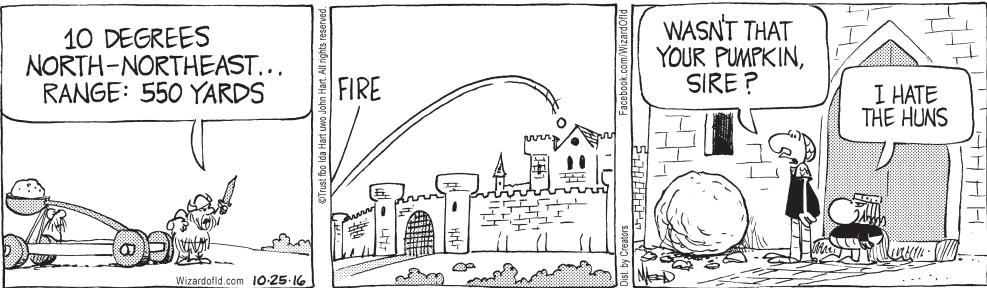
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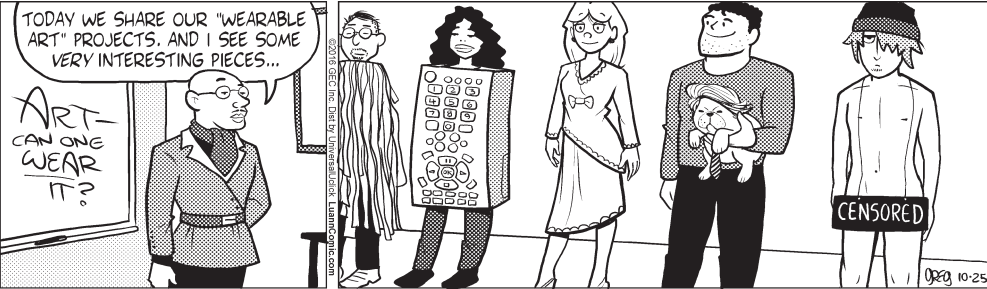
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DEAR ABBY

Clerk questions if she should report potential child abuse

Dear Abby: I'm a 20-year-old college student and have had a job at the same retail store for two years. A few weeks ago, a mother walked in holding a baby that appeared to be about 6 months old. The first thing I noticed was that he had numerous bruises. There were pronounced bruises under both eyes, another large one on his temple, and several more visible on his arms and legs.

I have heard horror stories about parents whose infants have a medical condition that causes them to bruise easily, but the parents are accused of child abuse. This mother seemed attentive to her baby, and I saw nothing in her behavior to make me think her child was in any danger. I didn't say anything, but I keep wondering if I should have called the police or informed my manager.

I've been telling myself that there may have been an innocent explanation for the child's injuries, but I don't know if I screwed up. I didn't want to meddle, and now I'm worried the baby might be suffering because I didn't speak up. Any advice on what I should have done/should do in the future would be appreciated. — **Second Thoughts In Kansas**

Dear Second Thoughts: Because you were unsure about what to do, you should have written down the woman's license number, if possible, and alerted the store manager so the matter could be handled according to store policy.

However, if no policy is in place, you could have contacted Childhelp.org for guidance. It offers prevention, intervention and treatment programs and has helped more than 10 million children at risk or in trouble. Childhelp.org has a national toll-free hotline: 800-422-4453.

Dear Abby: What is the protocol for



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

divorced parents paying for the rehearsal dinner for their son who is getting married? My ex-wife expects me to pay for a significantly bigger portion of the expenses, yet at the time of our divorce she insisted on splitting the assets 50/50.

My opinion is that because we are equal in the parenting, we should divide the expenses 50/50. I'm willing to concede to her some credit IF she does a significant amount of work and planning (over and above my own), but this should be negotiated ahead of time. We are both employed and have good incomes. We are both remarried and our spouses work. What's your take on this, Abby? — **Right Down The Middle**

Dear Down The Middle: The parents of the groom traditionally bear the cost of the rehearsal dinner. Because you and your son's mother are divorced, she should pay for half — unless there is such a disparity in your incomes that it would cause her financial stress. If your ex needs "credit," then by all means discuss it with her. This is a time to put aside old grievances and celebrate, if only for the sake of your son.

Dear Abby: What do you think of the idea that when you have a decision to make and it's between your head and your heart, to choose your head? We are currently trying to find a place to live after my husband retires, and we are having a difficult time trying to decide on a house. It's tough to say no to a place that your heart loves. — **Indecisive In New York**

Dear Indecisive: I'm sure it is. However, investing in a house is different than adopting a puppy. When making a decision that will have financial consequences — such as buying a house — you will have fewer regrets if you think with your HEAD.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 24-25, 1916

In a political address before an audience of 125 people in Milton-Freewater last night Judge S.A. Lowell of Pendleton denounced the currency legislation enacted by the Wilson administration, asserting it to be class legislation. He also indulged in an abusive attack upon President Wilson, saying that to re-elect him would be a "stain upon the American flag." The remarks were not well received by many of those present and severe criticism has been made today of the attack on the president, some republicans announcing their intention of voting for Wilson because of the unfair criticism. A party in attendance at the Lowell meeting says the address was half finished before any applause was aroused.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 24-25, 1966

Sonic booms rattling this area have been caused by an experimental aircraft based at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., the Air Force said today. A spokesman at Adair Air Force

Station, near Corvallis, said routes of these flights are carefully planned to avoid populous areas such as those in western Oregon. The supersonic flights are restricted to very high altitudes. "This results in a much weaker sound heard on the ground." But in Pendleton windows rattle when the booms sound. The AF announcement came as a result of a letter from Pendleton City Manager Rudy Enbysk to the Federal Aviation agency.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 24-25, 1991

A state judicial ethics panel is recommending that District Court Judge Ralph Currin be suspended for six months without pay for flipping coins to decide traffic cases. The Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability concluded that "Judge Currin was incapable of evaluating the evidence before him, too lazy to do so, or considered the matters before him to be a joke, not worthy of his full attention." Four of the six members of the Commission who participated in the judicial review voted for Currin's suspension. Two others called for Currin's outright removal from the bench.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 299th day of 2016. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 25, 1962, during a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson II demanded that Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin confirm or deny the existence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba, saying he was prepared to wait "until hell freezes over" for an answer; Stevenson then presented photographic evidence of the bases to the Council.

On this date:

In 1415, during the Hundred Years' War, outnumbered English soldiers led by Henry V defeated French troops in the Battle of Agincourt in northern France.

In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.

In 1854, the "Charge

of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men charged the Russian army, suffering heavy losses.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted in Washington, D.C., of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$100,000; he ended up serving nine months.)

In 1939, the play "The Time of Your Life," by William Saroyan, opened in New York.

In 1945, Taiwan became independent of Japanese colonial rule.

In 1954, a meeting of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Cabinet was carried live on radio and television; to date, it's the only presidential Cabinet meeting to be broadcast.

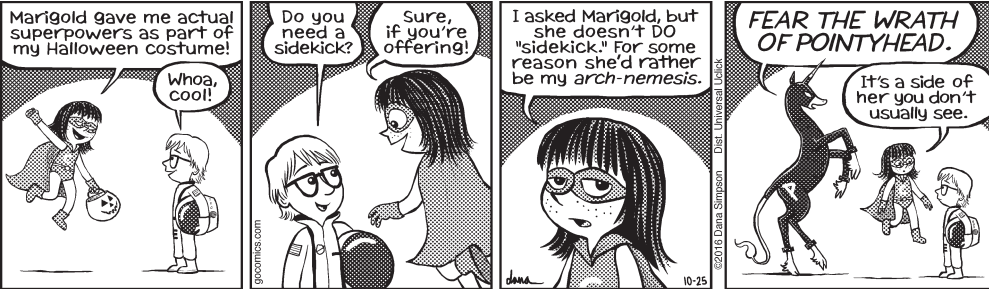
Today's Birthdays:

Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 92. Singer-actress Barbara Cook is 89. Actress Marion Ross is 88. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Knight is 76. Pop singer Helen Reddy is 75. Author Anne Tyler is 75. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 72. Political strategist James Carville is 72. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 72. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 69. Actress Nancy Cartwright (TV: "The Simpsons") is 59. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers; Chickenfoot) is 55. Rock musician Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies) is 46. Actor Craig Robinson is 45. Pop singer Katy Perry is 32.

Thought for Today: "You can tell the size of a man by the size of the thing that makes him mad." — *Adlai E. Stevenson II, American statesman (1900-1965).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

