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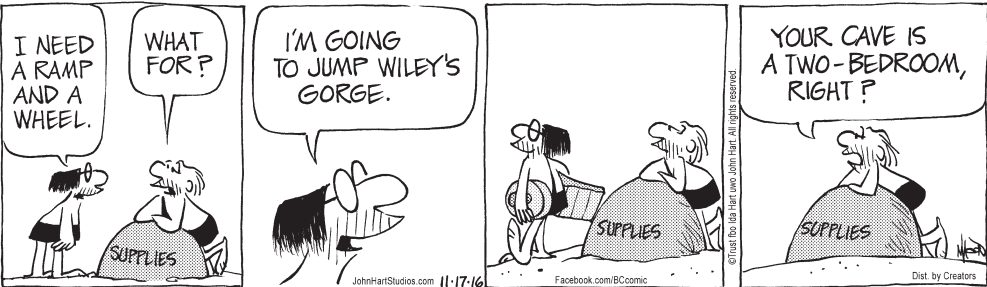
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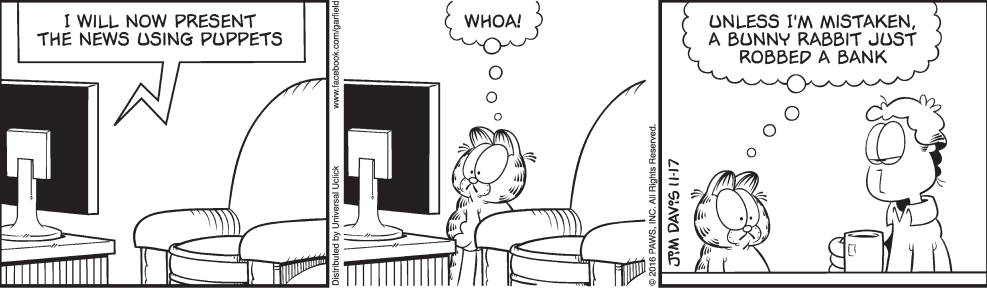
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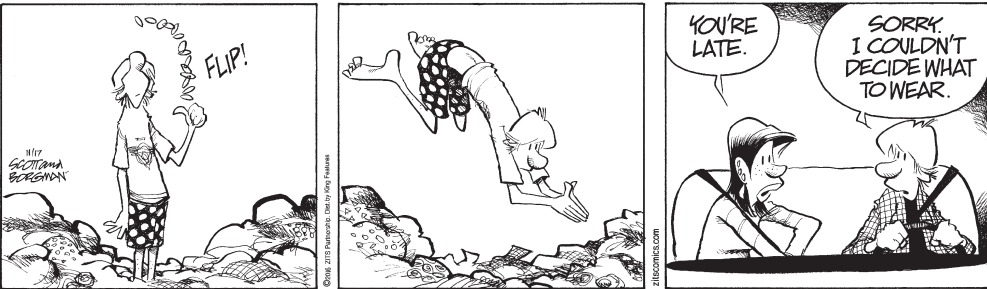
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DEAR ABBY

Kids lobby mom to return long-overdue child support

Dear Abby: I'm a divorced and remarried mother of two adult children. Both live on their own and have decent jobs. After the divorce, I managed to keep a roof over our heads, food on the table and provide college for my children. My ex-husband, their father, sporadically paid child support, which resulted in an arrearage owed for the past nine years.

Recently, I received a substantial sum of the balance I was owed for back child support. My dilemma is that my children feel that because their father is having financial problems (finances were always his issue), I should give the money back to him because I am financially secure.

Abby, they are ignoring everything I had to do to support them while they were still dependents and my responsibility. Add into that their health care, extracurricular activities, Christmases and birthdays, etc., when he said he didn't have money.

I feel I have every right to keep the money. I have told this to my kids, but they are mad at me because I can't seem to get the message across. Your thoughts would be greatly appreciated. — **Flustered In Florida**

Dear Flustered: You were divorced from this man for good reason. Your responsibility to him ended when the divorce was finalized. What you have received for shouldering the entire responsibility for raising your children is yours and yours alone. Do not apologize to anyone for what you prefer to do with the money. And for your sake, please don't allow yourself be trapped or guilted into doing



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

anything against your better judgment.

Dear Abby: I love my sister. She's well-educated, intelligent and fun, but she has let herself go. We are both in our 60s and, unfortunately, those pesky whiskers are starting to appear on our faces. She recently had surgery and when I visited her, I noticed a lot of hairs sprouting from her chin. I offered to pluck them or take her to a spa and have them removed when she had a facial. She refused!

My friends and I have made a pact to pluck each other's whiskers if we are ever in a hospital and can't do it ourselves. Should I just let it go or, the next time I see her, remind her that many people would be put off if they saw her? Or is it just me? — **Whiskerless Sister**

Dear Whiskerless: It's not "just you." Depilatories are popular because most American women wouldn't want to be caught dead with obvious facial hair.

Your letter brought back memories, one of which was my mother telling me that her first executive assistant, Katie, had made Mama promise that in the event of Katie's demise, Mama would bring a razor to the viewing and, while standing at the casket, "whisk" off her mustache so no one would see it.

Not knowing your sister, I can't say whether she was in so much pain from her surgery that she didn't want to add to it by being plucked. Talk to her again when she's feeling better and she may offer up her chin. If not, love her the way she is — fur and all — because she's happy that way.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 17, 1916

Mrs. Tony Sherod of Umapine narrowly escaped death this week while washing when some gasoline she was using in the wash water dropped on the stove. It exploded and badly burned her about the face and arms, also setting the house on fire. Being alone the plucky woman fought the flames until the fire was out and saved the home. This week she is sitting swathed in cotton recovering from severe burns and shock.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 17, 1966

Sophomore Jay Brunner has been one of the bright spots on defense for the Willamette University Bearcats this season, as coach Ted Ogdahl appears to have successfully converted Brunner from an offensive center to defensive end. The former Pendleton High standout has impressed Ogdahl with his

toughness and football savvy. "He has the speed, he adapted to the defense very well, and he really hits people," claimed Ogdahl. Brunner was an outstanding center for Pendleton, but Ogdahl thinks his real future is on defense, although he will be used as a backup center if he is ever needed.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 17, 1991

Larry Beamer of Athena qualified his horse for the 18th annual American Quarter Horse Association Championship Show in Oklahoma City. He expects to compete on Wednesday. Larry's 5-year-old sorrel stallion, Beamers Cowboy Music, will be among nearly 2,500 horses to compete. Larry and his horse will participate in "senior heading and healing." Beamers Cowboy Music captured high-point performance honors at an Idaho show. The award honored the horse's ability in calf roping and healing. Last year the horse qualified in the junior competition.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 322nd day of 2016. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in the partially completed U.S. Capitol building.

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the English throne upon the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary, beginning a 44-year reign.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon, as well as Chicago and San Francisco.

In 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin died in Meudon at age 77.

In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born Roy Harold Scherer Jr. in Winnetka, Illinois.

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as Lady Bird, in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman, in an address to a special session of Congress,

called for emergency aid to Austria, Italy and France. (The aid was approved the following month.)

In 1968, NBC outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin the TV special "Heidi" on schedule. (After being taken off the air, the Raiders came from behind to beat the Jets, 43-32.)

In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 black and/or female American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In 1987, a federal jury in Denver convicted two white supremacists of civil rights violations in the 1984 slaying of radio talk show host Alan Berg. (Both men later died in prison.)

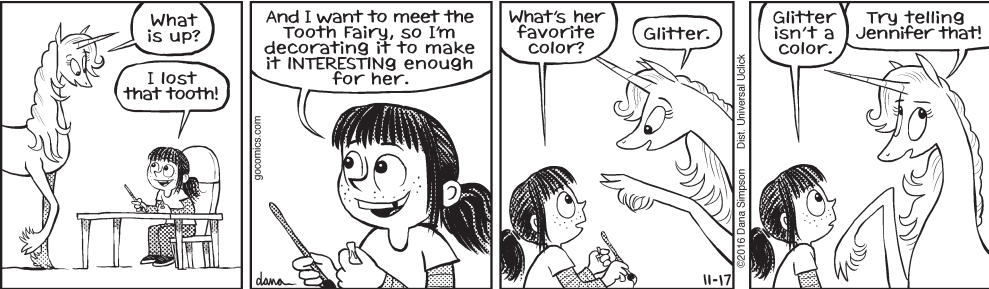
In 1991, the first national TV commercial for condoms (Trojan) aired during an episode of the Fox situation comedy "Herman's Head."

Today's Birthdays: Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., is 82. Rock musician Gerry McGee (The Ventures) is 79. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 78. Singer-songwriter Bob Gaudio is 75. Movie director Martin Scorsese is 74. Actress Lauren Hutton is 73. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 72. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 72. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tom Seaver is 72. Movie director Roland Joffé is 71. Former Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean is 68. Former House Speaker John Boehner is 67. Actor Stephen Root is 65. Rock musician Jim Babjak (The Smithereens) is 59. Actress Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio is 58. Entertainer RuPaul is 56. National Security Adviser Susan Rice is 52. Rock musician Ben Wilson (Blues Traveler) is 49. Actress Rachel McAdams is 38. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 36. Musician Reid Perry (The Band Perry) is 28.

Thought for Today: "Prejudice is a raft onto which the shipwrecked mind clammers and paddles to safety." — *Ben Hecht, American author and screenwriter (1893-1964).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

