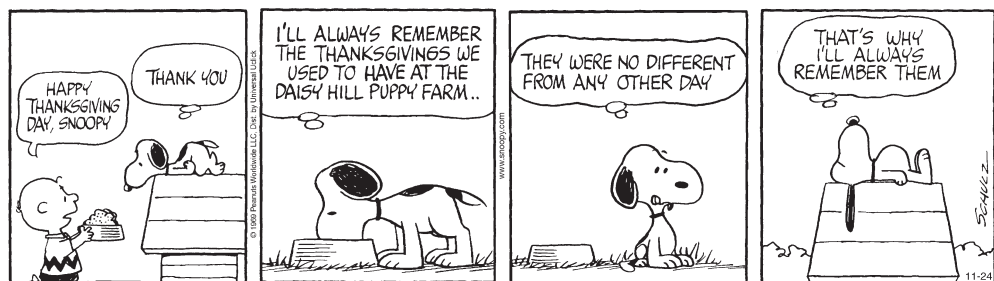


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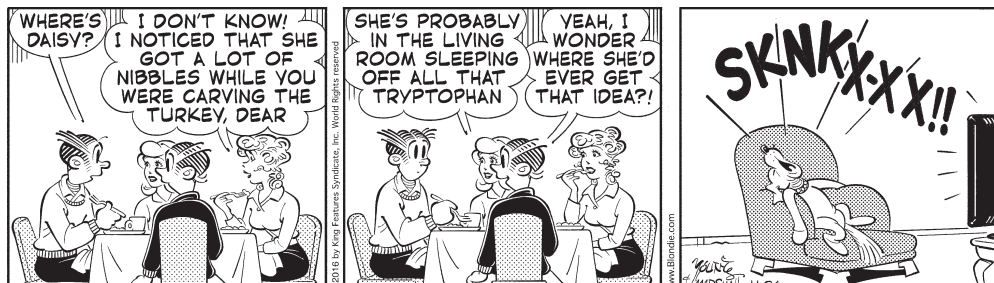
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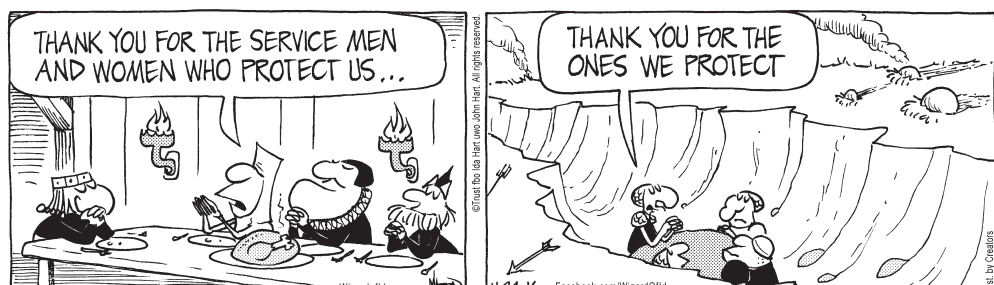
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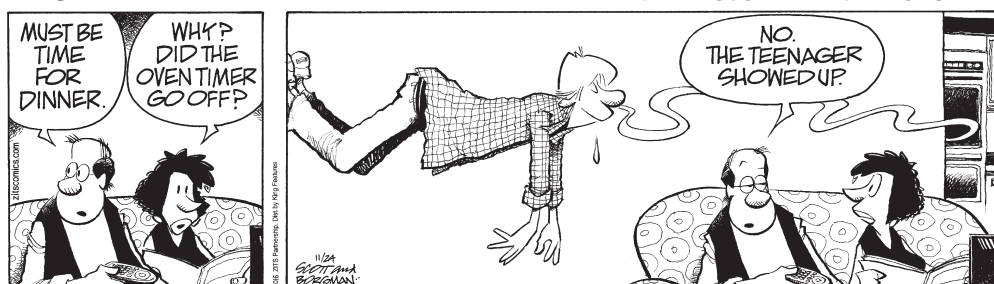
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DEAR ABBY

Stocking up on staples makes family happy for the holidays

Dear Abby: With the holiday shopping season already here, may I suggest another way to look at gift giving? We all want to give the perfect gift to family members. Some gifts can cost a lot of money and some not. I would like people to take a step back and consider who they are buying for.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

what to give their relatives at Christmas. And I'm sure that your generosity is deeply appreciated by your family. Thank you for writing.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been dining out with another couple about twice a month. We have not been able to entertain them at our home because it is not easily accessible and the man is in a wheelchair. Over the past several months his health has declined. His mind is sharp, but his body is weakening.

The last time we met them for dinner, we couldn't understand what he was saying, so his wife "interpreted." Also, when he tries to eat, the food falls out of his mouth onto a bib and from there to the floor.

Abby, we just don't know what to do. We really like this couple, but it is nauseating to watch him eat with food falling out of his mouth. Plus, the other patrons at the restaurants are starting to stare. We look forward to your advice. — People Are Starting To Stare

Dear People: If this couple ever needed understanding friends, it's now. Because you are embarrassed to be seen with them in a restaurant, consider bringing a take-out meal to their home. Granted, watching your friend struggle is painful. But if he's going downhill as rapidly as you say, he needs your support more than ever, and so does his wife. And when he's gone, you'll know you did the right thing.

I stopped buying gifts for my parents and sister 10 years ago. Because their money is tight, I have been stocking their pantries with food and staples. I am well off enough financially that I have been able to fill their freezers with enough meat to last three months or more.

At Thanksgiving, my husband and I load up our car and bring the meat with us. Then my mom, sister, grandma and I go to the grocery store and buy staples for the pantry and what we need to make freezer meals. Abby, this takes so much pressure off them.

Food is expensive. So instead of buying Dad that new TV or sound system, or your sister that designer handbag, pause and take a hard look at their situation. Sometimes the need for basics outweighs the desire for the latest and greatest gadgets. Even paying a bill or two can help. Or gift cards for groceries.

I never expect presents from my family; all I want is for them to have some freedom in their lives from the daily worries. — New Way Of Gifting

Dear New Way: I'm pleased to share your letter with readers who may be wondering

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 24, 1916

Because the city many years ago passed an ordinance placing a prohibitive license fee upon the selling of remedies or medicines in a public place in Pendleton, Mr. Haley, a representative of the Quaker remedies, will not be able to show here as he had planned. He asked the council last evening to set aside the ordinance in his behalf, declaring his business was bonafide and that he intended placing the remedies with local drug stores. The council, however, declined to take such action. The ordinance, making the license fee for such operations \$50 a day, was passed at the time that Doctor Berry, an alleged representative of the Quaker medicine company, got himself into disrepute here.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 24, 1966

Hungry livestock that casts eager eyes at tender flowers and grass in Pendleton

yards had better look elsewhere. The city council Tuesday asked the staff to draw up an ordinance prohibiting livestock from running at large in the city. The action came after councilman George Winship said, "You wake up and find a mule eating your daisies and there's nothing you can do about it. We need an ordinance to protect homeowners." But Winship's charge that Umatilla County District Attorney Richard Courson has refused to take action was hotly denied today.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 24, 1991

Jimmi Kaye Alexander of Milton-Freewater has won the state Make It Yourself With Wool contest. The competition on Nov. 9 in Bend also found a former Heppner woman, Kimberly Trotter of Beaverton, capturing the alternate's title for the senior division, ages 18-24, just behind Alexander. The state contest coincided with the Oregon Sheep Growers Association annual meeting.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 329th day of 2016. There are 37 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 24, 1941, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Edwards v. California, unanimously struck down a California law prohibiting people from bringing indigent non-residents into the state.

On this date: In 1784, Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in Orange County, Virginia.

In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection.

In 1865, Mississippi became the first Southern state to enact laws which came to be known as "Black Codes" aimed at limiting the rights of newly freed blacks; other states of the former Confederacy soon followed.

In 1939, British Overseas Airways Corp. (BOAC) was formally established.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers based on Saipan attacked Tokyo in the first raid against the Japanese capital by land-

based planes.

In 1950, the musical "Guys and Dolls," based on the writings of Damon Runyon and featuring songs by Frank Loesser, opened on Broadway.

In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1971, a hijacker calling himself "Dan Cooper" (but who became popularly known as "D.B. Cooper") parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over the Pacific Northwest after receiving \$200,000 dollars in ransom; his fate remains unknown.

In 1974, the bone fragments of a 3.2 million-year-old hominid were discovered by scientists in Ethiopia; the skeletal remains were nicknamed "Lucy."

In 1985, the hijacking of an Egyptair jetliner parked on the ground in Malta ended violently as Egyptian commandos stormed the plane. Fifty-eight people died in the raid, in addition to two others killed by the hijackers.

Today's Birthdays:

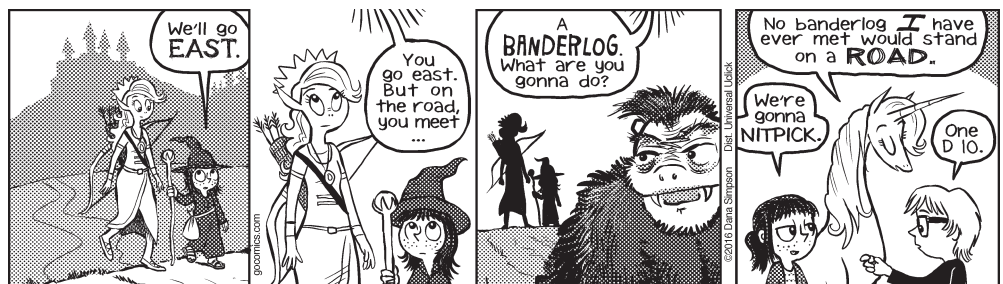
Basketball Hall of Famer Oscar Robertson is 78. Country singer Johnny Carver is 76. Former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue is 76. Rock drummer Pete Best is 75. Actor-comedian Billy Connolly is 74. Former White House news secretary Marlin Fitzwater is 74. Former Motion Picture Association of America Chairman Dan Glickman is 72. Singer Lee Michaels is 71. Actor Dwight Schultz is 69. Actor Stanley Livingston is 66. Rock musician Clem Burke (Blondie; The Romantics) is 62. Record producer Terry Lewis is 60. Actor/director Ruben Santiago-Hudson is 60. Actress Denise Crosby is 59. Actress Shae D'Lyn is 54. Rock musician John Squire (The Stone Roses) is 54. Rock musician Chad Taylor (Live) is 46. Actor/writer/director/producer Stephen Merchant is 42. Actor Colin Hanks is 39.

Thought for Today:

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." — William Arthur Ward, American writer (1921-1994).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

