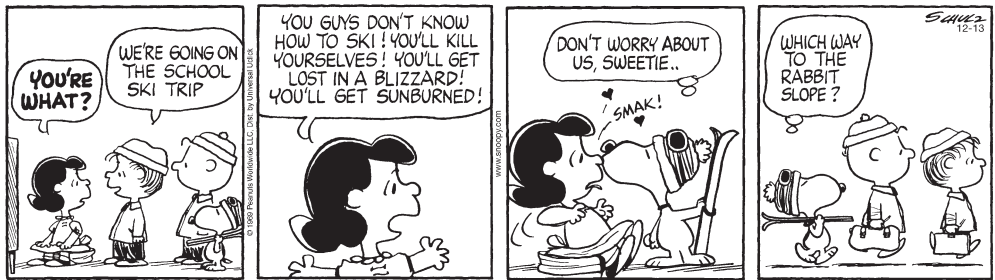


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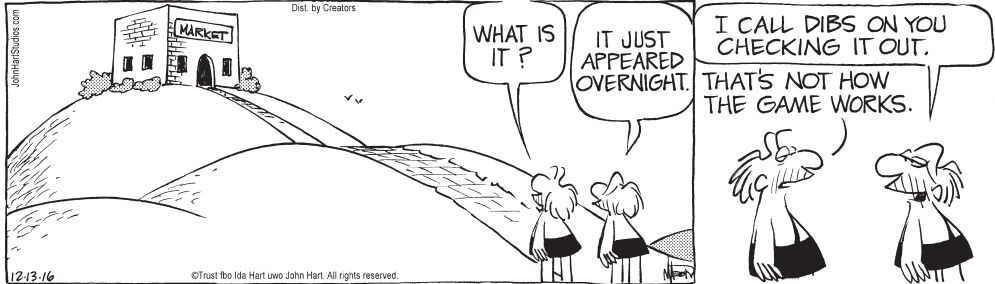
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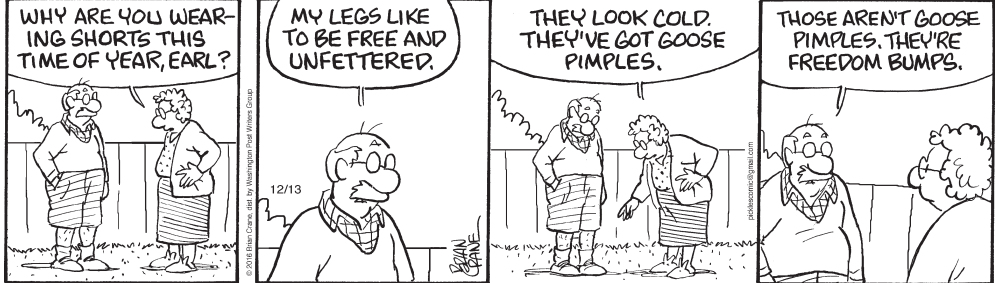
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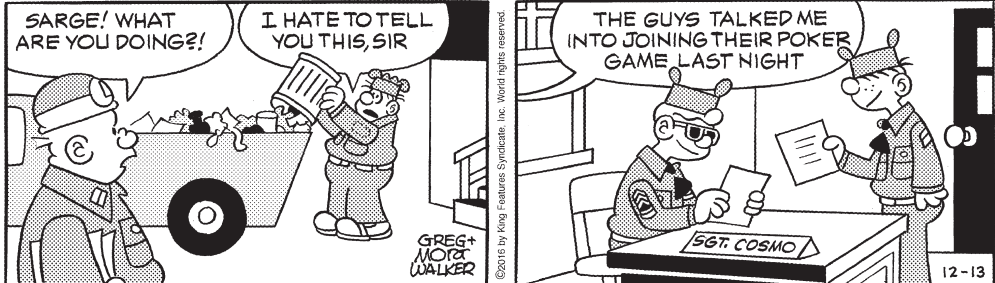
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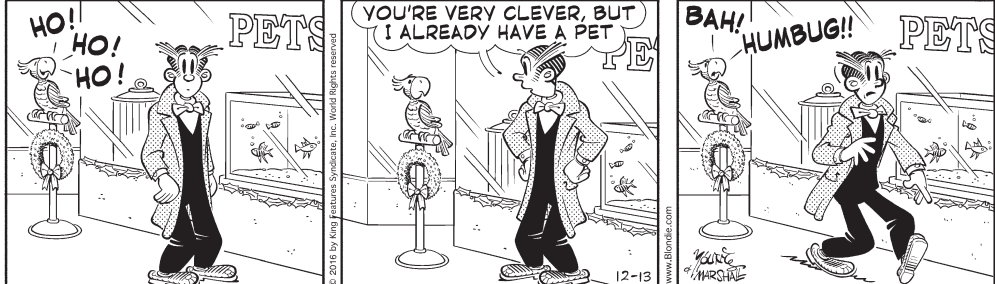
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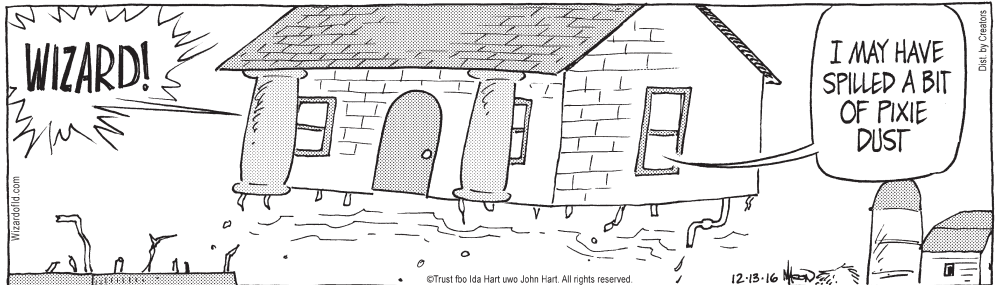
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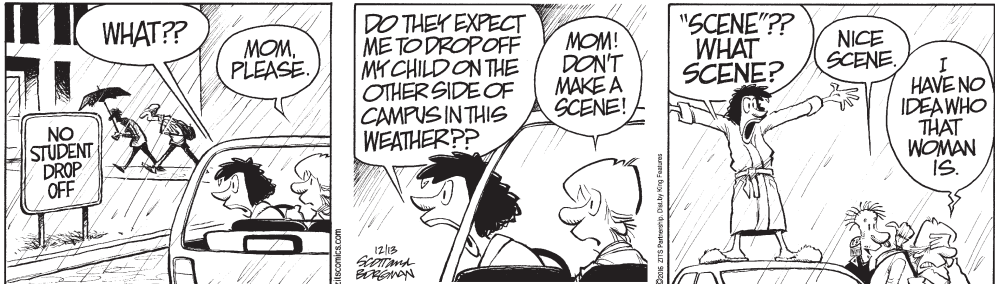
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DEAR ABBY

Daughter who values privacy keeps gabby mom at distance



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My mother has a tight circle of friends she socializes with often. They are all retired with grown children and grandchildren and eager to share every bit of news of their lives. Mom talks nonstop about her friends' children's parenting challenges, marital squabbles and medical issues. The challenge for me is that anything I tell her becomes fodder for their cocktail-hour discussion, which then gets around our community.

daughter marrying a man who has no job. She has been supporting him financially. He has had a few jobs, but he gets fired or quits within a few weeks or months.

My daughter is 30 and never married. She's an assistant professor at a good university and a leader in her field of education. Her intended has no career and no prospects. He asked her to marry him without consulting me. Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I would have expressed my concern about his lack of career.

After hearing that the daughter of one of my mom's neighbors knew the results of my breast biopsy, I stopped sharing anything personal. This has damaged our relationship. She doesn't think mothers and daughters should keep secrets from each other, and I agree, but she also said she won't keep secrets from her friends.

I can't alienate my daughter by saying the wrong thing. But what if she can't work someday and he can't support a household? He has a million excuses. I don't think he's the man she thinks he is. My life lessons tell me he may never be the man she thinks he could be. I have come to the conclusion that marrying him would bring her only misery. What should I do? — Very Worried Dad

I miss being able to turn to her for support, but do not want the world to know my business. I understand that her friends are like family to her, but they are not MY family, and I think she has chosen gossip over our relationship. Is keeping her at arm's length my only choice here, or is there another path that I can't see? — None Of Their Business

Dear Very Worried Dad: It would not be wrong if, without putting her fiancé down, you expressed to your daughter your concern about his employment record (or lack of one) and the impact it may have on their future. And when you do, raise the question of what she thinks might happen if for some reason she becomes unable to work, because it's a good one, and something she should carefully consider before tying the knot.

Dear None Of Their Business: Your mother's judgment is terrible. Her friends may be "like family" to her, but they are not FAMILY. If you prefer not to have your personal business be fodder for lunchtime conversation, then your only choice is to carefully edit what you tell her.

After that, accept that at 30, your daughter is an adult who has the right to go forward with the marriage if she chooses, and keep your fingers crossed.

Dear Abby: I have an issue with my

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 12-13, 1916

A river road from Pendleton to Echo is the very latest road agitation in the county and one that gives promise of some fruition. Such a road would, it is urged by the chief advocates of the road, eliminate the notorious Echo-Pendleton stretch of bad road, would serve more people, be more scenic and would have an easier grade. The present road from Pendleton to Echo goes up over the hill most of the way and is some distance from the river. However, there is already a fairly good road along the river from Echo as far as Yoakum while at this end the county is building a good road from Pendleton to Rieth. This would leave only the Yoakum-Rieth stretch yet to build

reported today that two men had been treated during the weekend after their axes slipped and struck them in the foot while cutting Christmas trees in the mountains.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 12-13, 1991

A newly formed company said Wednesday it will build a \$2.5 million onion processing plant next spring at the Port of Morrow in Boardman. Boardman Foods Inc. will employ 60 people to make frozen onion products and to pack fresh onions as well, company president Brian Maag said. "We're excited about the prospects of locating here and we hope it's reciprocal in the community," he said. Maag's comment came during a public hearing on a request for up to \$1 million in industrial development revenue bonds to build the plant on five acres of port land. Maag said the company will be contracting for about 300 acres of Spanish-type onions to be grown next year in the Boardman-to-Hermiston area.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Dec. 12-13, 1966

Amateur lumberjacks ought to rely on saws, not axes. Pendleton Community Hospital

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 348th day of 2016. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 13, 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

On this date: In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire received its charter.

In 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" had its premiere at Carnegie Hall in New York.

In 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces; what followed was a

massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains as many as 300,000 people were killed; Japan says the toll was far less.)

In 1944, during World War II, the light cruiser USS Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack off Negros Island in the Philippines that claimed 133 lives.

In 1962, the United States launched Relay 1, a communications satellite which retransmitted television, telephone and digital signals.

In 1974, Malta became a republic. George Harrison visited the White House, where he met President Gerald R. Ford.

In 1994, an American Eagle commuter plane crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15 of the 20 people on board.

In 1996, the U.N. Security Council chose Kofi Annan of Ghana to become the world body's seventh secretary-general.

In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

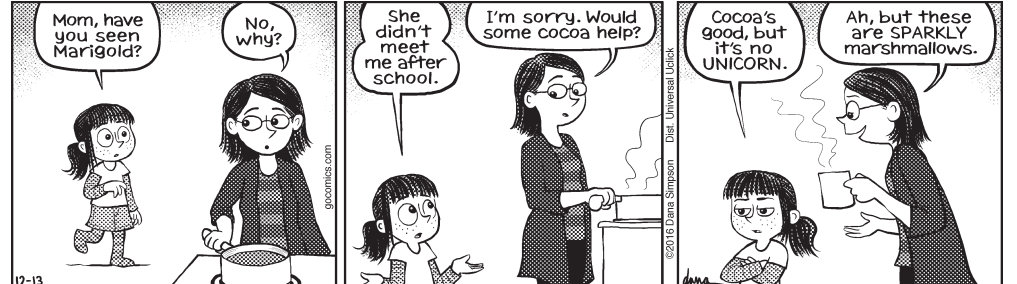
Today's Birthdays:

Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 96. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 91. Actor Christopher Plummer is 87. Country singer Buck White is 86. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 83. Singer John Davidson is 75. Actress Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Affair") is 71. Singer Ted Nugent is 68. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 68. Country musician Ron Getman is 68. Actor Robert Lindsay is 67. Country singer-musician Randy Owen is 67. Actress Wendie Malick is 66. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is 66. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is 63. Country singer John Anderson is 62. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 62. Singer-actor Morris Day is 60. Actor Steve Buscemi is 59. Actor Johnny Whitaker (TV: "Family Affair") is 57. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 49. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 41. Country singer Taylor Swift is 27.

Thought for Today: "My theory is to enjoy life, but the practice is against it." — Charles Lamb, English essayist (1775-1834).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

