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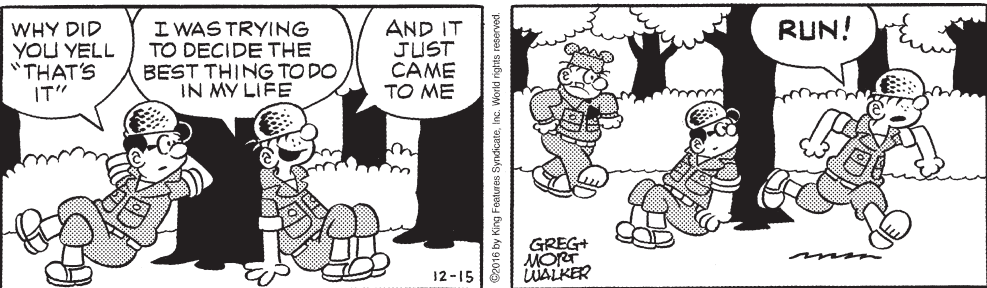
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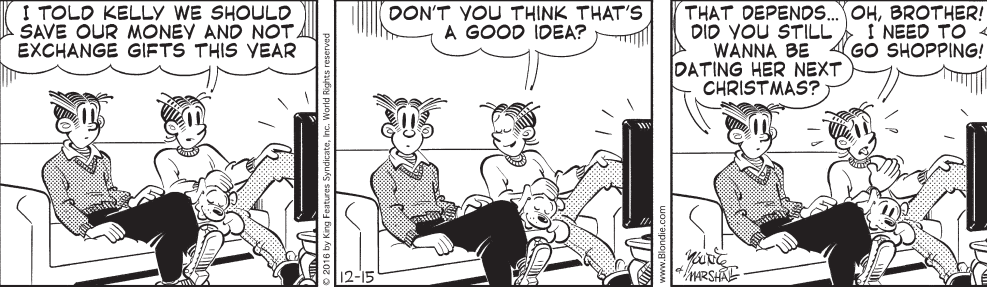
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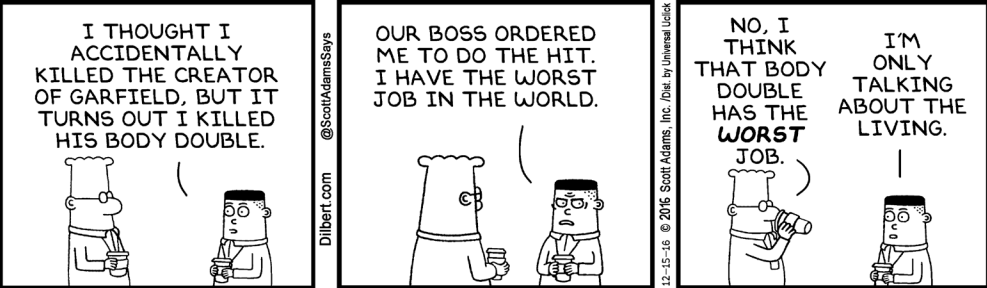
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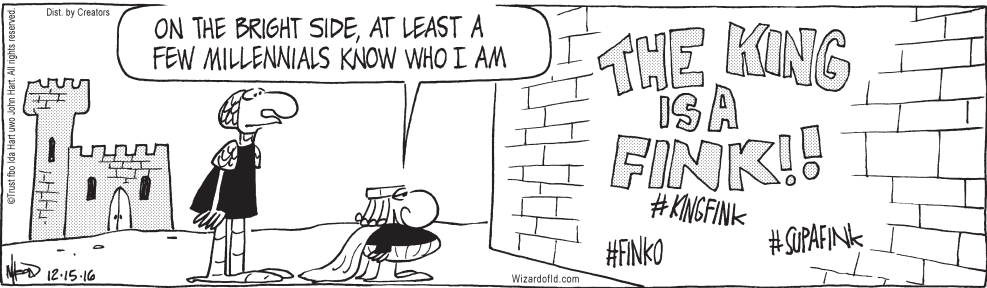
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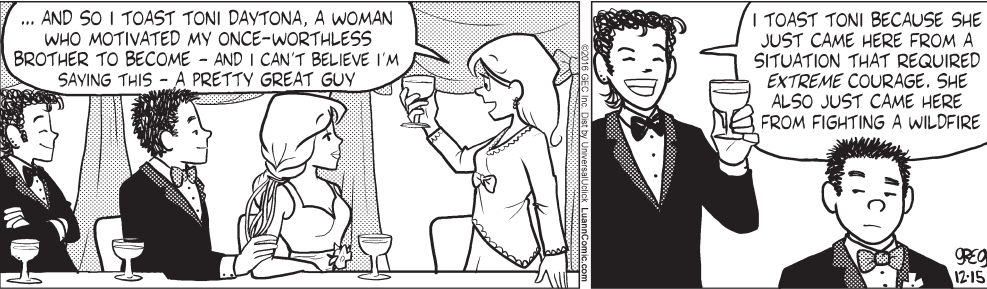
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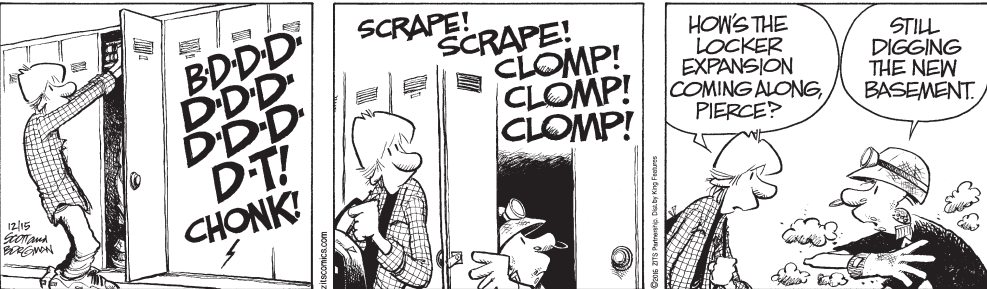
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Nephew's table manners make him unfit for civilized company

Dear Abby: I'm a 50-something single man living with my elderly mother. My father passed away a while ago, and the only members of my family left are me, my mom and my older sister, who has a 27-year-old son, "Jeff." They do not live with us.

My sister has been divorced for 10 years. Jeff and his parents never had a scheduled dinnertime, and they never ate together. Jeff's meals consisted of whatever he wanted, eaten in his bedroom.

Once a week, my mother makes a nice dinner and invites my sister and nephew over. The problem is, Jeff was never taught proper table manners. He eats like a caveman, slurps his food and holds the utensils like a 2-year-old. It's embarrassing. When I mention this to my mother, she gets on my case about "criticizing" him. She sees the problem, but doesn't want to say anything for fear of offending him. His mother sees it, too, but does nothing.

Jeff has no girlfriend or significant other at the moment, but if he were to go to any "nice" restaurant, he'd end up looking idiotic. It has reached the point that I can no longer look at him while we are at the table because it ruins my appetite. How can someone tactfully teach this kid how to eat and conduct himself properly? — **Caveman's Uncle**

Dear Uncle: This is a sad situation, considering how many social occasions revolve around food. If no one ever took the time during the last 27 years to explain basic table



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

etiquette to Jeff, you can't blame your nephew for his atrocious manners.

You should speak to him about this — but privately — and ask if he would like you to give him some pointers. However, if he refuses, you might be happier eating elsewhere when your mother invites Jeff and his mom for dinner.

Dear Abby: Recently, my wife and I went dancing with my friend "Dick" and his wife. While I was in the middle of a conversation with Dick,

my wife kept trying to interrupt. She even laid her hand on my arm to try to get my attention. I ignored her and told her later she had been rude to try to interrupt my conversation. She thinks I disrespected her and our marriage by putting conversation with my friend above her. This happens often when the four of us are together.

Am I being insensitive to my wife's feelings? We frequently disagree, but we have been married 44 years. Your input would be appreciated. — **Always A Loving Husband**

Dear Loving Husband: It is generally considered rude to interrupt someone when he or she is talking. The next time your wife does it, stop and ask her what's so important. (Could it be that the band is playing your song?)

However, if you have been droning on with your buddy for a long time, she may simply be craving some attention. If that's the case, perhaps it would be better if you saw Dick on a one-to-one basis without the wives around. That way you won't be interrupted.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 15, 1916

Walter Mountain, Gus Phoebe, Tony Masters, W.A. Townsend and Chester Foster were arrested last evening in the rear end of Billy Bogert's place by Officer Lou Rayburn and changes of gambling were placed against them. They stood trial this morning in police court but were adjudged guilty. Because of the nature of the cases, however, Judge Fitz Gerald continued them for sentence. The men were playing "freezeout," they said, for "hickies" or trade checks. However, the evidence showed that they had been making side-bets with 50-cent checks. Practically all of the cigar stores in the town give trade checks for games and it is the practice for the loser to pay for the game and the winner to take the checks. Judge Fitz Gerald was not quite sure that the men brought into court were any more guilty than those playing for trade checks at other places.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 15, 1966

Two men already in jail here on charges of burglary not in a building were indicted Wednesday by the grand jury and charged with

the burglary here of the J.C. Penney Co. store on Nov. 28. They were Charles M. Mathis and Billy Joe Thorn, both of Texarkana, Tex. They previously had been charged with burglary of Price's IGA in Milton-Freewater earlier this year. In addition, Sheriff Jim Kindred Jr. of McAlester, Okla., told the Umatilla County Sheriff's office he is mailing bench warrants for the two men charging them with failure to appear there on burglary charges and asking that bail of \$10,000 be set. The two were unable to appear before the Oklahoma court because they were in jail here.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Dec. 15, 1991

Gilbert "Cecil" Conner Jr. of Madras, a 1940 Pendleton High School graduate, recently attended ceremonies in Hawaii to mark the bombing of Pearl Harbor's 50th anniversary. On Dec. 7, 1941, Cecil was visiting Hawaii when the attack occurred. He traveled there with the Willamette University football team from Salem. His sister, Etta Conner Scott of Pendleton, reported Cecil and his teammates fulfilled guard duty and rotated shifts as sentries back then. Now a retired federal employee, Cecil served four years with the U.S. Marine Corps.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 350th day of 2016. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 15, 1791, the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

On this date:

In 1814, the "Hartford Convention" began as New England Federalists opposed to the War of 1812 secretly gathered in the Connecticut capital. (America's victory in the Battle of New Orleans and the war's end effectively discredited the Convention.)

In 1864, the two-day Battle of Nashville began during the Civil War as Union forces commanded by Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas attacked Confederate troops led by Gen. John Bell Hood; the result was a resounding Northern victory.

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, South

Dakota, during a confrontation with Indian police.

In 1938, groundbreaking for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C., with President Franklin D. Roosevelt taking part in the ceremony.

In 1939, the Civil War motion picture epic "Gone with the Wind," starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable, had its world premiere in Atlanta.

In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller, a major in the U.S. Army Air Forces, disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris.

In 1965, two U.S. manned spacecraft, Gemini 6A and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other while in orbit.

In 1966, movie producer Walt Disney died in Los Angeles at age 65.

In 1995, European Union leaders meeting in Madrid, Spain, chose "euro" as the name of the new single European currency.

Today's Birthdays:

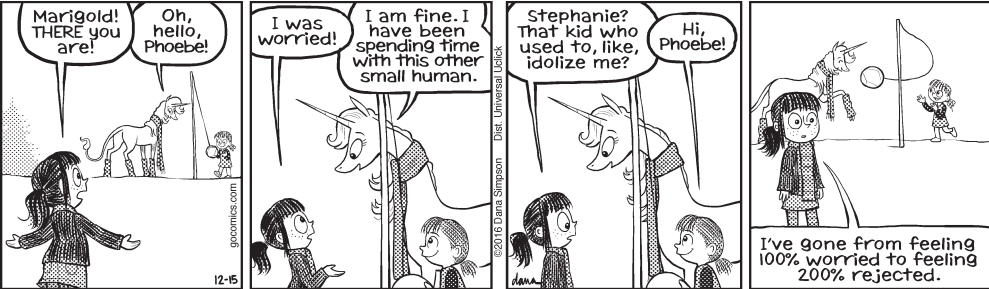
Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 83. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 77. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 74. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 70. Actor Don Johnson is 67. Actress Melanie Chartoff is 66. Movie director Julie Taymor is 64. Movie director Alex Cox is 62. Actor Justin Ross is 62. Rock musician Paul Simonon (The Clash) is 61. Movie director John Lee Hancock is 60. Acting Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Donna Brazile is 57. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 56. Movie producer-director Reginald Hudlin is 55. Actress Helen Slater is 53. Actress Molly Price is 51. Actor Garrett Wang is 48. Actor Adam Brody is 37.

Thought for Today:

"History is the record of an encounter between character and circumstances." — Donald Creighton, Canadian historian (1902-1979).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

