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GARFIELD DOGS REALLY ARE MAN'S BEST FRIEND



DEAR ABBY Relative says family fundraiser has gone to the well too often

Dear Abby: A family member keeps setting up fundraisers every time she wants to buy something for her family. If a child needs a special class, she asks the relatives to pitch in to pay for it. When her husband wanted to return to college, she brought all the extended family together to see who could contribute.

She has now set up a fundraiser for family and friends to raise \$6,000 to send her teenaged daughter to an

expensive performing arts camp. I think this is extravagant. If they can't afford it, they should select a camp they CAN afford or have the 16-year-old go out and earn the money. I also think they should be saving for college rather than camp.

This woman's father was a preacher, and sometimes I think she never got the message that fundraising is usually for charity, not for individuals who happen to need some cash. Am I wrong to be embarrassed by what she's doing, or is this a new normal? - Embarrassed In Texas

Dear Embarrassed: You say your relative is the daughter of a preacher. There is a saying in the Bible, "Seek and ye shall find." Another way of putting it is, "It never hurts to ask." If you feel your relative is using others for something that should be her responsibility, you are free to just say no, and to do so without embarrassment.

Dear Abby: I'm retired and have the time to sew and quilt projects, which I give as gifts. I presented a "Quilt of Valor" to my father to honor his military service. I also gave a sibling one of my personalized projects as a birthday gift.

Abby, when we visited their home recently,



Advice

I was horrified to see one of their dogs sleeping on one of the pillows I had made for them. When the dog woke up, it proceeded to scratch itself and then drag the hair-covered pillow through the house. I have been asked to make a quilt for a disabled child living at home who also has a dog that sleeps on her bed.

I no longer want to invest my time and energy after what happened to my gift. I feel unappreciated. Would it be wrong to refuse the request and

say something about "gift abuse"? - Sew **Perplexed In The Northwest**

Dear Sew Perplexed: Verbalizing your refusal would be undiplomatic. Regardless of the fact that your hard work wasn't appreciated as you hoped it would be, I do not recommend that you accuse the family of "gift abuse." It appears they're dealing with more important issues right now.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been together for 21 years. I'm extremely social, while he is not. For the past six to 10 years he has become increasingly resistant to going out in public places, especially when it involves getting together with my family or friends.

During last year's holidays, I pleaded yet another "sudden illness" on his behalf. I feel he makes himself ill with anxiety so he can bow out at the last minute. When I cancel plans we've made — which is often — he generally "feels better" after we cancel. It's frustrating. While I am sympathetic, I'm tired of making excuses knowing he's probably fine. What can I do? - Social Butterfly In Portland, Ore.

Dear Butterfly: I think you should go without him, and stop making excuses.

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 5, 1917

The 640 acre homestead law only went into effect Tuesday but already many applications for entry have been made in this county. Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes yesterday assisted nine different men to make entries and has been busy all day today with the same work. None could get 640 acres in one piece but the land office advised Mr. Parkes to accept all applications until instructions from Washington were more definite. All of the land is grazing land.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 5, 1967

There was a lot of slipping and sliding on the way to work this morning, especially on Highway 395 toward Sherwood Heights in Pendleton. Cars, trucks and buses were backed up for hundreds of feet due to the icy road conditions. No serious accidents were reported.

An empty school bus near Adams skidded off the road, but no one was hurt. The weatherman said the snow first started to fall at 6 a.m. while the ground was still warm, causing the snow to melt. As the temperature dropped the snow began to freeze to the road prompting the icy driving conditions

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 5, 1992

Gene Britain has been fishing for steelhead on the Umatilla River for 45 years. He drowned a few more worms Thursday in a hole west of Rieth. "This year ain't any worse, but it could be a lot better," he said, apparently unaware that this year already is better than last. Jim Phelps, a fisheries biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, said more than 1,300 steelhead migrating up the Columbia took a left at the Umatilla in November and December. The entire count last year was just over 1,100.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

DAYS GONE BY

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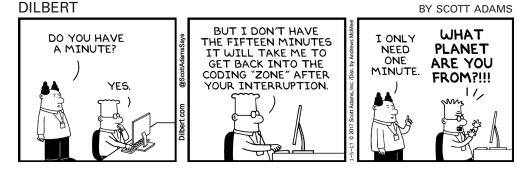
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BY BRIAN CRANE





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2017. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

On this date:

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1905, the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals was incorporated in New York State.

In 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Northampton, Massachusetts, at age 60. Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.)

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1953, the Samuel Beckett play "Waiting for

Godot" premiered in Paris. In 1964, during a visit to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI met with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople in Jerusalem.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, the killings.) "All My Children" premiered on ABC-TV.

In **1972**, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of the space shuttle.

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 89. Actor Robert Duvall is 86. Juan Carlos, former King of Spain, is 79. Singer-musician Athol Guy (The Seekers) is 77. Talk show host Charlie Rose is 75. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 71. Actor Ted Lange is 69. Rhythmand-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 68. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 67. Actor Vinnie Jones is 52. Rock musician Troy Van Leeuwen (Queens of the Stone Age) is 49. Rock singer Marilvn Manson is 48. Actor Bradley Cooper is 42. Actress January Jones is 39.

Thought for Today: "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." George Washington Carver, American educator and scientist (born 1864, died this date in 1943).

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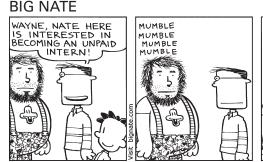




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