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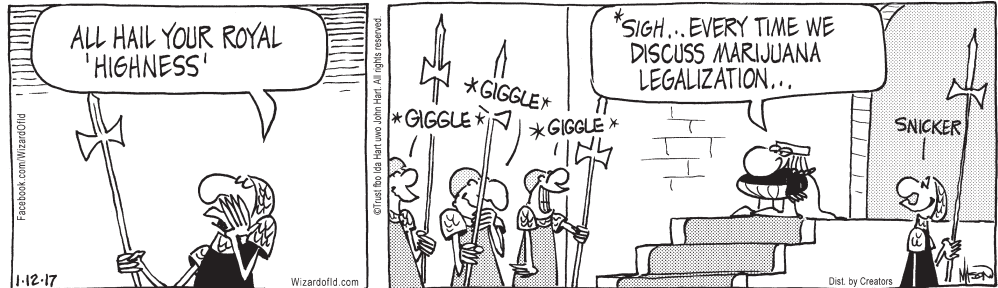
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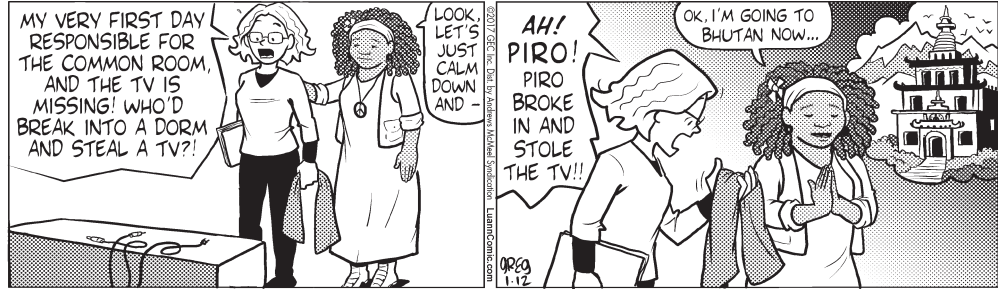
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DEAR ABBY

Girl who shies away from gym can enjoy a good, long walk

Dear Abby: My mom wants me to exercise more. Currently, I just walk a lot (in my house and around the block). I know exercise is a good idea, but I'm really self-conscious about it. I never feel like I'm doing it right (because I know you can easily pull a muscle), and I feel like everyone else in the gym is judging me.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

second home in California, but kept our first home. Every time I call to ask how she and Dad are doing, she responds with, "You don't care how we are. If you did, you would be here."

I love our new life. Our kids are grown, and we are enjoying ourselves to the fullest. We are both in excellent health, and still young at heart. How can we tell her that we have a life we love without her being so resentful? — Loving Life In California

Now that I'm 17, Mom expects me to be more mature about this. I don't even feel comfortable swimming in public places anymore. I feel stressed about it, but Mom just thinks I'm being picky.

Being in a gym makes me feel unhappy and judged. I wish there was a better way to exercise, but I don't know what. How can I get my mom to understand how hard this is for me? — Wondering In Wichita

Dear Wondering: Going to a gym can be fun if you do it with a buddy. Most of the people there are more concerned with what THEY are doing than what anyone else is. That said, going to the gym isn't for everyone. There are many forms of exercise.

Tell your mother you would prefer to exercise on your own rather than go to a gym. Then put on your walking shoes, leave the house and walk for 20 to 30 minutes a day. It's good for you. Listen to music when you're doing it and it will make the time go quickly. And on days when you don't want to go outside, put on some music and dance. It's good for the circulation, and it's also good for the soul.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for 44 years. We eloped in high school and still feel like newlyweds. We built a successful business, ran it for 40 years and recently had an opportunity to sell it.

The problem is my mother. We bought a

Dear Loving: You can't, because your mother feels you should be at her beck and call. She has had you close since you were a child, and now she may be feeling deserted.

At this point, I don't advise telling your mother that you "have a life you love" without her. Instead, I suggest that you phrase your greeting to her more carefully.

Rather than ask how she and your dad are doing, say that you are "calling to check in." Say that you were thinking about her. And if she starts in with "you don't care," tell her that you DO care or you wouldn't be on the phone with her, but if she keeps giving you a guilt trip, she'll be hearing from you less.

Dear Abby: If you go to a party and bring something (chips, soda, etc.), what is the rule of etiquette about taking it home when you leave? — Practical In Idaho

Dear Practical: When someone brings food to a party, it could be considered a host/hostess gift. Before taking any of it home, first ask your host or hostess if it would be all right. While some people wouldn't mind, others may, so you shouldn't assume that because you brought something that the leftovers are yours.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 12, 1917

The muddy conditions of the O.-W. R. & N. stockyards, complained of to and by the city council, was caused by the flooding of the yards from a ditch residents had dug to drain the water from the Thompson street hill, according to Agent T.F. O'Brien. He states that the ditch was dug across Thompson street and under the sidewalk so that all of the waters were run down into the stockyards. They were flooded before he discovered the situation, he states. He at once took steps to direct the water on down Bluff street, and since then has been having the muck left in the yards hauled out as fast as possible. Agent O'Brien further states that no hogs have ever been turned into the muddy yards. The only hogs fed there at all, he states, were fed on dry wooden floors which had been laid temporarily over the mud.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 12, 1967

A circuit court jury of 10 men and two women deliberated less than 20 minutes in Heppner Wednesday before finding Bill Joe Thorn, 28, Texarkana, Tex., innocent of a charge of burglarizing Price's IGA super-

market in Milton-Freewater July 15. The prosecution, directed by Umatilla County District Attorney Richard Courson, was unable to prove Thorn was in Milton-Freewater at the time the burglary. The \$15,000 taken in the crime has not been found. Thorn was returned to the Umatilla County Jail. He now faces trial on March 14 on a charge of burglarizing the J.C. Penney store in Pendleton.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 12, 1992

Don Sampson may be leaving the Confederated Tribes' fisheries program, but he'll continue tracking the progress of a pet project — the Northeast Oregon Hatchery. Sampson, a biologist with the tribal fisheries program for the last six years, will start a new job next month in Portland as fisheries resources coordinator for the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority. He said it will be hard to walk away from the hatchery project. Four potential sites have been selected — three on the upper Umatilla River and one on the south fork of the Walla Walla River — for construction of a hatchery that will produce some 4.5 million salmon and steelhead smolts using seed from fish that are reared here and return to spawn.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 12th day of 2017. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1910, at a White House dinner hosted by President William Howard Taft, Baroness Rosen, wife of the Russian ambassador, caused a stir by requesting and smoking a cigarette — it was, apparently, the first time a woman had smoked openly during a public function in the executive mansion. (Some of the other women present who had brought their own cigarettes began lighting up in turn.)

On this date: In 1773, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1828, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same

as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate after initially being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a major, successful offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

In 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

In 1966, The TV series "Batman," starring Adam West and Burt Ward as the Dynamic Duo, premiered on ABC, airing twice a week on consecutive nights.

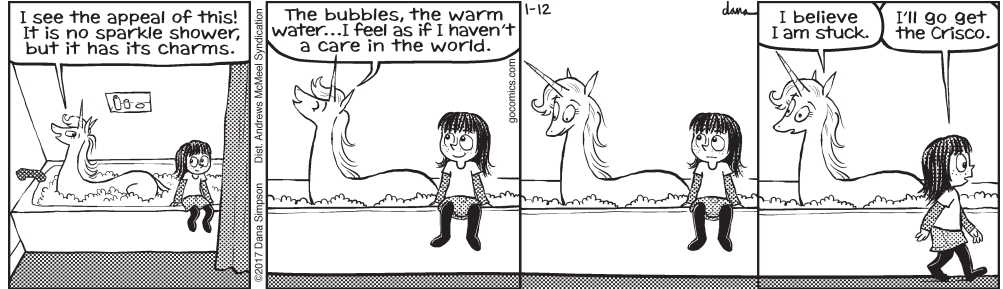
Today's Birthdays:

Actress Katherine MacGregor (TV: "Little House on the Prairie") is 92. The Amazing Kreskin is 82. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 78. Actor Anthony Andrews is 69. Movie director Wayne Wang is 68. Actress Kirstie Alley is 66. Radio commentator Rush Limbaugh is 66. Legal affairs blogger Ann Althouse is 66. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 65. Radio-TV personality Howard Stern is 63. Actor Oliver Platt is 57. Basketball Hall of Famer Dominique Wilkins is 57. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 52. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 47. Rock musician Matt Wong (Reel Big Fish) is 44. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 43.

Thought for Today: "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts." — Daniel Patrick Moynihan, U.S. politician and diplomat (1927-2003).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

