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BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ

COFFEE BREAK

FOR BETTER OR WORSE









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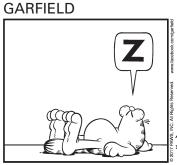


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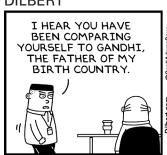
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NEEDS TO TREAT HIS EMPLOYEES WITH KINDNESS AND RESPECT!





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DEAR ABBY

Teen's parents learn too late about alcohol at friends' homes

Dear Abby: I have seen letters in your column from parents who want to ensure their children's and teenagers' safety when visiting their friends' homes. A question parents need to ask the hosting parents is what their drug and alcohol policy is.

We wrongly assumed (and trusted) that our daughter's friends' parents did not facilitate access to alcohol or drugs to minors. We realized — too late — that from the time she was 15, our daughter had access to unmoni-

tored alcohol and was sometimes encouraged to consume it in these homes.

Many parents think it's OK if teens drink alcohol under supervision, as long as the parents are there and they have possession of the car keys. They wrongly rationalize that the teens are going to do it anyway, so why not under supervision?

What these good-time parents don't consider is that a teen who may have a genetic predisposition to addiction may have just gotten a switch turned on in his or her developing brain. You can't look at people and know if they are prone to addiction. In our case, our daughter's addiction became a long, difficult struggle, which led to the untimely death of our smart and talented daughter at age 24. — Grieving Mom In Reno Dear Grieving Mom: I am sorry for the

tragic loss of your daughter. In most states, providing alcohol to minors is against the law, not only for public safety, but also for the reason you stated.

Years ago, I spoke with a gentleman who was active with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD), when he repeated something he'd heard at an AA meeting. He said the subject being discussed at the meeting was what it felt like

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having that "very first drink." One of the members stood up and said, "It was like someone switched a light on in my head, and I said to myself, 'So that's what it's like to feel normal!" This is why it is imperative that families with a history of addiction make their children aware of it and clearly understand why it's important they avoid addictive substances even if their friends are indulging.

Dear Abby: My husband is obsessed with his personal electronic devices and insists on using one most of the time. He gets angry if I ask him to stop even for a short time. But the worst part is, he routinely takes his tablet into the bathroom with him for extended periods. And no, he does not sanitize the tablet afterward — or

ever, for that matter. Abby, he reads your column and I'm hoping you might comment on this unsafe and repulsive habit. Please help, because he won't listen to me. — Grossed Out In New Mexico

Dear Grossed Out: Because your husband gets angry when you ask him to put his electronics down, it appears he may have an obsession. Not only is what he's doing rude, but it isn't healthy for your marriage because communication is important between spouses. When he takes his tablet into the bathroom "for a long time," could he be viewing or texting things he wants to keep from you?

As to his hygiene habits, smartphones and tablets can be more unhygienic than toilet seats if they're used for "toilet texting." The user's hands should be washed afterward. and the device should be disinfected, too particularly if it will be in contact with the user's face.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1917

So successful was the experiment of serving "off the tray" lunches to passengers on O.-W. R. & N. trains No. 7 and 8 between Pendleton and Spokane that the railroad company has arranged to extend the service to all passenger trains on the main line, effective yesterday. The first service was started last October, the dining car waiters passing through the train with trays of coffee, sandwiches, doughnuts and pie which passengers in the day coaches found a pleasant help to the high cost of living.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1967

Three Condon-area ranchers have been given the first permit in Oregon to kill golden eagles. Lloyd Keller, Tom Cimmiyotti and Brice Logan each received a permit this week from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service headquarters in Portland. Each permit is for four eagles. The ranchers in their applications said the eagles are killing lambs. The three

ranchers run sheep on grasslands in the deep canyons of Hay Creek west of Gwendolin in Gilliam County. Fred Kreller, Pendleton, USFWS agent, said Tuesday it is unlikely all 12 of the eagles allowed will be killed. "That's the maximum," he said.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 2, 1992

Nikki Lapsley of Pendleton should be excited to watch "America's Funniest Home Videos" on ABC television at 8 p.m. Sunday. A videotape of her son, Kevin, sleeping in an unusual and funny position will be featured. The video was taped a year ago when Kevin was 4. While sleeping on the couch, the boy slid off and landed with his head on the floor. But his feet remained on the couch. In October 1991, she submitted the video with four different clips and a lengthy written explanation. But the show's staff returned the tape without viewing it. Nikki resubmitted it with a note saying, "start tape here." After a screening process, KVEW Television in Tri-Cities notified Nikki Wednesday that her video would premiere this weekend.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 61st day of 2017. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 2, 1867, Howard University, historically black school of higher learning in Washington, D.C., was founded as it received a congressional charter. Congress passed, over President Andrew Johnson's veto, the first of four Reconstruction Acts. providing for "the more efficient Government of the Rebel States" by dividing the South into five military-run

districts. On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Virginia.

In 1836, the Republic of Texas formally declared its independence from Mexico. In 1877,

Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship as President Woodrow Wilson signed the Jones-Shafroth Act. Actor, producer, director and bandleader Desi Arnaz was born in Santiago de Cuba.

In 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks' famous act of defiance, Claudette Colvin, a black high school student in Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white passenger.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

In 1989, representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons), synthetic compounds blamed for destroying the Earth's ozone layer, by the end of the 20th century.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Cullum is 87. Author Tom Wolfe is 87. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 86. Actress Barbara Luna is 78. Author John Irving is 75. Actress Cassie Yates is 66. Actress Laraine Newman is 65. Former Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., is 64. Former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is 62. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 61. Tennis player Kevin Curren is 59. Country singer Larry Stewart (Restless Heart) is 58. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 55. Actor Daniel Craig is 49. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 40. NFL quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is 35.

Thought for Today: "Just as we are often moved to merriment for no other reason than that the occasion calls for seriousness, so we are correspondingly serious when invited too freely to be amused." — Agnes Repplier, American essayist (1858-1950).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN





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BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

BY DANA SIMPSON