

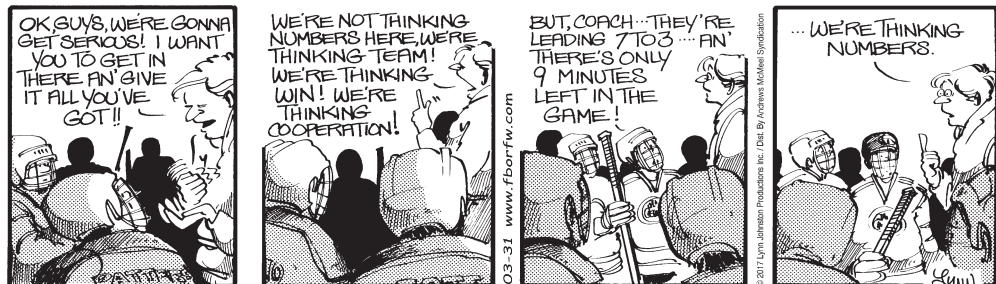
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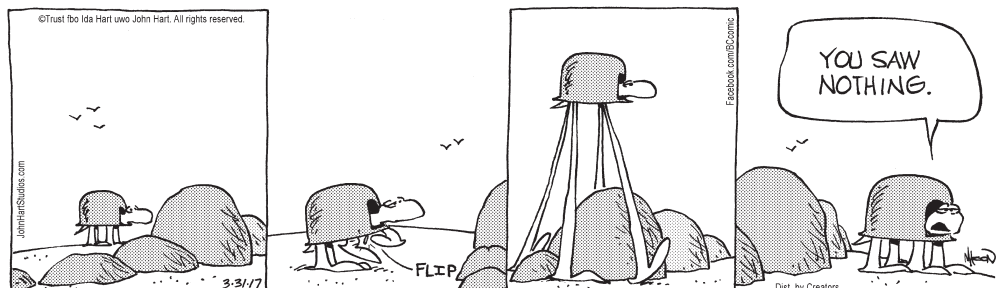
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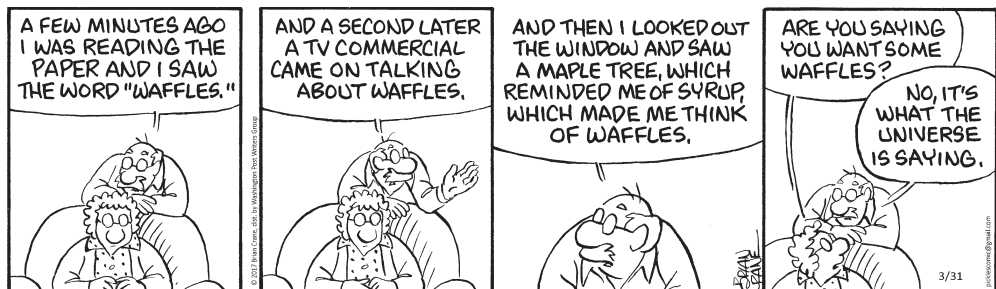
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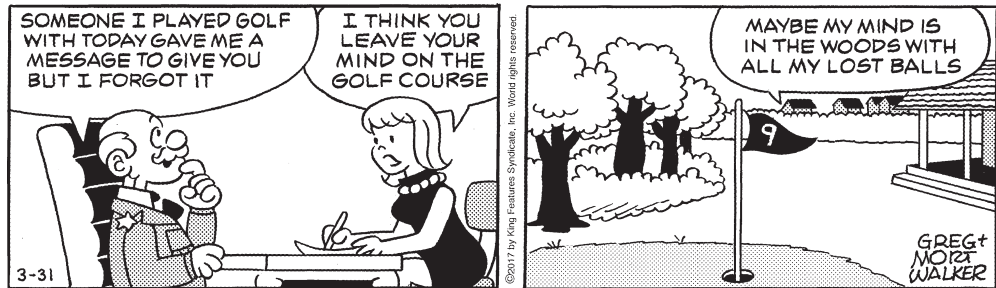
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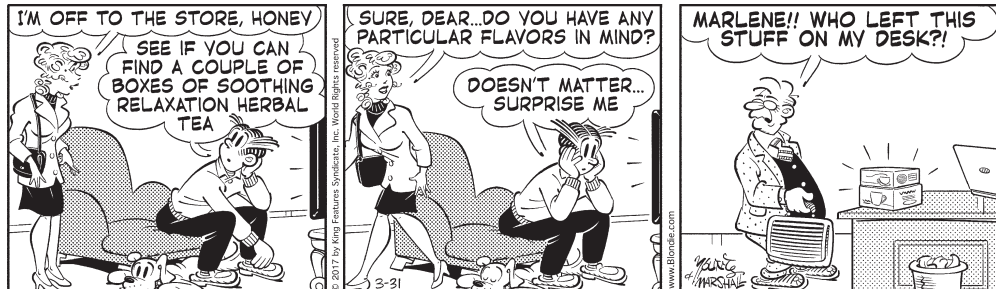
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DEAR ABBY

Teen would rather text than talk to her crush at school

Dear Abby: There is a boy I like at school. He is a very well-known person around school. I'm not. I do have a wide variety of friends, and I even talk to some of his.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

only good manners, they also make common sense. I hope that readers who don't know better will learn from your letter for the sake of everyone's health.

My friends know I like him, and they would like for me to talk to him. I wouldn't mind that, but what would I say? They want it to happen in person, but I want to do it by text, where I feel more me. What should I do? — Tennessee Teen

Dear Teen: Listen to your friends and approach him in person. A smile and a hello should break the ice. Then follow it up with a question about some activity that's happening at school.

Dear Abby: Could you please address the etiquette of tasting samples at stores, events, food shows, etc.? People walk up and try to grab a sample with dirty, bleeding, scabby hands not realizing that other people will also be sampling that food.

Samples are supposed to be GIVEN to each person. And when that happens, the food handler should be wearing clean gloves and be the only person touching the food.

Please let people know that once someone without gloves touches this food, the demonstrator must discard it for health reasons. Also, samples cannot be given to children without their parents' permission, and any food allergies must be addressed before someone asks for a sample. — Mary In Florida

Dear Mary: Your suggestions are not

twins are considered low-income.

Students should also know about government assistance programs, such as the Pell Grant, which can give additional money toward tuition for any low-income student. They can get more information through their schools when they fill out their FAFSA forms. — Title I Teacher

Dear Teacher: Thank you for the pertinent information. Read on for some instructive input from another reader:

Dear Abby: Many schools have "Helping Hands" funds available for this purpose and would allow the family to donate to these specific girls anonymously, if need be. As an educator, I encourage everyone to reach out to a local school to offer help to struggling high school students. If they are in a position to do so, they should ask if they can sponsor a student in the college application process or sign up to mentor. — A Little Goes A Long Way

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 31, 1917

Arnold Reed, high school long distance runner, yesterday established a new local record for the annual cross country run. He made the three and a half mile course over the hills in 18 minutes and 30 seconds, finishing well in the lead of the field. Gene Boylen, brother of Tom Boylen who held the previous record, finished second and Badgett came in third. The weather was very unfavorable for the event but, nevertheless, the start and finish was watched by quite a crowd.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 31, 1967

A Ukiah man lost most of the fingers on his right hand and suffered serious ear injuries when a charge of dynamite he was setting into the ground went off unexpectedly. Albert Howard, 49, of Ukiah was doing some excavating work of his own near Ukiah Thursday afternoon with a friend and was attempting to set in a small charge of dynamite when the cap accidentally went off. The friend, identity unknown, took the injured man to Pendleton

Community Hospital where he was treated for the hand injury and two punctured ear drums.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian March 31, 1992

Leonard Ware's 1940 Ford Coupe, enjoying a second life as a custom street rod, took top honors in four categories and was inducted into the Portland Roadster Show Hall of Fame during competition earlier this month. It was the car's second year of competition in the Portland Roadster Show following a 20-year hiatus. At the Portland show in 1971, the car — then painted black with fire-orange flames — won a sweepstakes in the rod and best engine compartment categories. He tired of showing it and parked it in a garage in the mid-'70s. It was restored just in time for last year's 200-car show, where it won the people's choice award, sweepstakes custom and the best undercarriage competitions. This year, the car, now painted "candy brandy wine" red, won the sweepstakes custom, best paint custom, best Northwest-built custom and best undercarriage custom categories.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 90th day of 2017. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1917, the United States took formal possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

On this date:

In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain issued an edict expelling Jews from Spanish soil, except those willing to convert to Christianity.

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1923, the first U.S. dance marathon, held in New York City, ended with Alma Cummings, who had danced with six consecutive male partners, setting a world record of 27 hours on her feet.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, "Oklahoma!" the first musical play by

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, opened on Broadway.

In 1957, the original version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's TV musical "Cinderella," starring Julie Andrews, aired live in color on CBS.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned the country by announcing during a televised address that he would not seek re-election.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, a young woman in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator.

In 1986, 167 people died when a Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 crashed in a remote mountainous region of Mexico.

In 1993, actor Brandon Lee, 28, was accidentally shot to death during the filming of the movie "The Crow" in Wilmington, North Carolina, when he was hit by a bullet fragment that had become lodged inside a prop gun.

Today's Birthdays: Actor William Daniels is 90. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 83. Actress Shirley Jones is 83. Musician Herb Alpert is 82. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 77. Former U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., is 77. Actor Christopher Walken is 74. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 73. Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, is 73. Rock musician Mick Ralphs (Bad Company; Mott the Hoople) is 73. Former Vice President Al Gore is 69. Author David Eisenhower is 69. Actress Rhea Perlman is 69. Actor Robbie Coltrane (Film: "Harry Potter" films) is 67. Actor Ed Marinaro is 67. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 62. Actor Marc McClure is 60. Alt-country musician Bob Crawford (The Avett Brothers) is 46. Actor Ewan McGregor is 46. Pop musician Jack Antonoff (fun.) is 33.

Thought for Today: "Nowhere are prejudices more mistaken for truth, passion for reason and invective for documentation than in politics." — John Mason Brown, American critic and lecturer (1900-1969).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

