

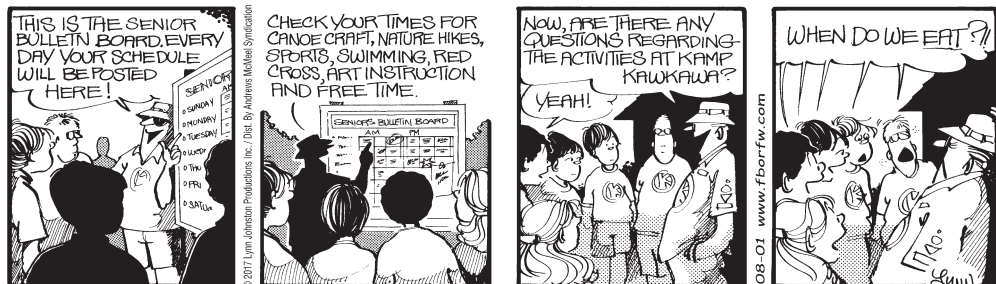
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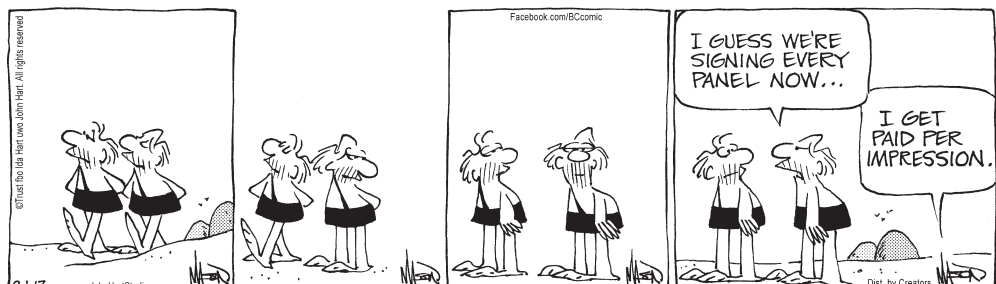
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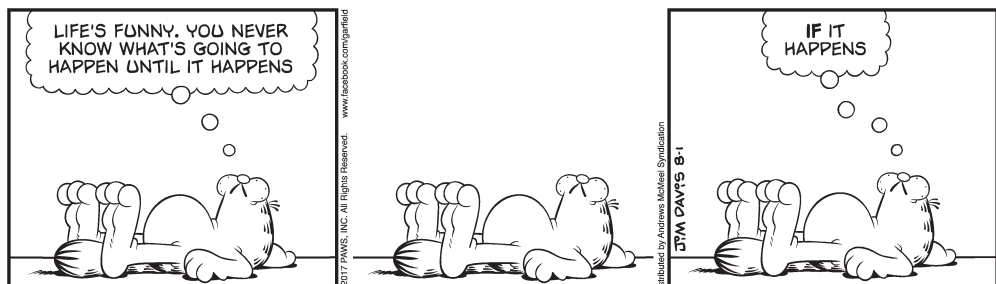
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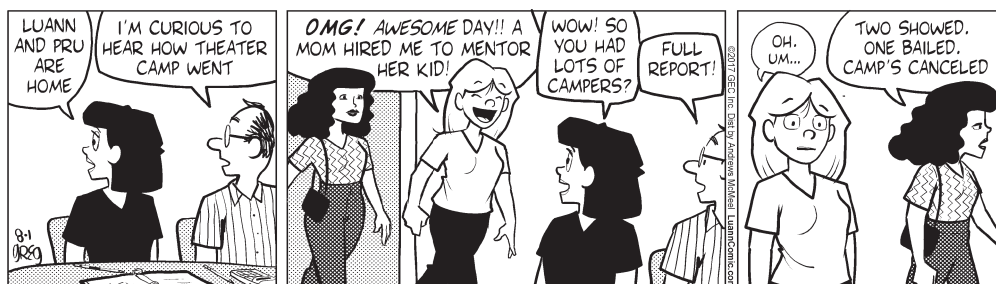
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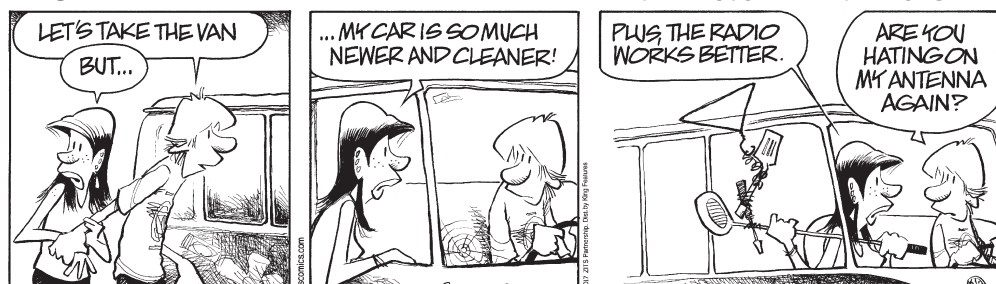
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DEAR ABBY

Mom suggests best approach to asking about gun safety

Dear Readers: Today's column is a continuation of yesterday's about the importance of gun safety and parents feeling confident enough to raise the subject with other parents. Read on:

Dear Abby: I am a physician and the mother of four curious, intelligent, energetic boys. My primary job as a mom is to keep them healthy, love them and educate them.

I grew up in a small, conservative, gun-friendly community. My grandfather was a hunter. My friends growing up all owned guns at young ages. Many of them today own guns for hunting or because they are first responders. I don't fear the gun. I fear the person who doesn't respect its power enough to properly secure it.

As parents, we have an obligation to ask parents where our child will be spending time: "Do you have a gun in your home? Yes? How is it stored?" What we should be doing is coaching each other how to ask politely without giving offense. What words do you use? I practiced asking because I think the subject is touchy, but it does get easier with practice. (It took me a long time to learn to do it well.)

Abby, please encourage your readers to think about it and share their experiences and best advice. Over the years, I've developed a multitude of openings that allow me to go from funny to sincere quickly. The ultimate question, however, never varies:

1. "You know, I'm so sorry to be 'that' mom, but since we don't know each other well, I need to ask you about a safety issue. Please understand that my question isn't a

judgment — just something I need to ask. Do you keep guns in your home, and if so, how do you secure them?"

2. "This may be me just being overprotective, but the news lately has me fearful, so I have to ask. Do you keep guns in the house, and if so, how do you secure them?"

3. "I love how well our boys play together! It's fun to see their energy have an outlet. But I have a question before their playdate at your house. It's one that always makes me a

little uncomfortable, so please forgive me if this seems forward. Do you keep guns on the premises, and if so, how do you secure them?"

This is simple information-gathering so I can make an informed decision for my kids. I write this because I want all parents to feel empowered to ask these questions, and because I know that MY asking prompted at least two moms to re-evaluate and change the way they stored guns in their own homes. — Kemia Sarraf, MD, MPH

Dear Dr. Sarraf: Thank you for taking the time to write, and for providing a road map for other concerned parents to follow.

Dear Abby: All of the major national health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, have defined gun violence as a public health epidemic. The protocol for health care providers is to teach parents to ask about guns when children are going to another home to visit. Please educate your readers that asking is critical. This is a public health issue, NOT a political one! — Lisa Kiser, CNM, WHNP



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 31-Aug. 1, 1917

In addition to the damage done by the drouth on Camas Prairie near Ukiah the farmers of that community are sufferers also from an unseasonable frost that struck the whole south end last Saturday night, according to reports brought down. Potatoes and much other growing stuff was killed by the frost, according to reports. The frost extended as far down as Yellowjacket hill.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 31-Aug. 1, 1967

Dixie Lee and Walter Barnes, children of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Barnes of Milton-Free-water, danced their way to first place honors at the Tri-City Water Follies talent show July 20. And Dixie Lee, who was 13 this month, won the "best-of-the-best" trophy the following night, when nine first-place winners vied for the award. Walter, 10, won first in the junior

division with a tap dance. Dixie Lee qualified for the championship round in the senior division by winning first place in the novelty dance category with an acrobatic number.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 31-Aug. 1, 1992

AG Northwest pilot Tom White never thought flying a crop duster would make him a hostile target, but after examining the bullet holes that pierced his plane Wednesday he has his doubts. White was making passes over a field near Walker and Westland Road Wednesday, spraying insecticide, when Russel E. Smith allegedly began firing at him with a .22 caliber rifle. Three rounds ripped into the left wing of the plane and one deflected off the underside of the right wing. Oregon State Police officer Gary Workman said Smith was charged with endangering an aircraft, reckless endangering and criminal mischief after indicating at his arrest that he was not trying to kill the pilot.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 213th day of 2017. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 1, 1957, the United States and Canada announced they had agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

On this date: In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1913, the Joyce Kilmer poem "Trees" was first published in "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse."

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1947, Mickey Spillane's first novel, "I, the Jury," featuring the debut of private eye Mike Hammer, was published.

In 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on an armed rampage at the University of Texas in Austin that killed 14 people, most of whom were shot by Whitman while he was perched in the clock tower of the main campus building. (Whitman, who had also slain his wife and mother hours earlier, was finally gunned down by police.)

In 1975, a 35-nation summit in Finland concluded with the signing of a declaration known as the Helsinki Accords dealing with European security, human rights and East-West contacts.

In 1977, former U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, working as a traffic reporter for KNBC-TV in Los Angeles, was killed with his cameraman, George Spears, when their helicopter ran out of fuel and crashed; Powers was 47.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed they'd been secretly married 11 weeks earlier. (Presley filed for divorce from Jackson in Jan. 1996, citing irreconcilable differences.)

Today's Birthdays:

Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 86. Former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is 80. Actor Giancarlo Giannini is 75. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams is 67. Blues singer-musician Robert Cray is 64. Singer Michael Penn is 59. Rock singer Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) is 58. Rock singer-musician Suzi Gardner (L7) is 57. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 57. Actor Jesse Borrego is 55. Actor Demian Bichir is 54. Rapper Coolio is 54. Actor John Carroll Lynch is 54. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 53. Movie director Sam Mendes is 52. Country singer George Ducas is 51. Country musician Charlie Kelley is 49. Actress Jennifer Gareis is 47. Actor Charles Malik Whitfield is 45. Actress Tempestt Bledsoe is 44. Actor Jason Momoa is 38. Actress Honeysuckle Weeks is 38. Singer Ashley Parker Angel is 36.

Thought for Today:

"Pride, like humility, is destroyed by one's insistence that he possesses it." — Kenneth Bancroft Clark, American educator and psychologist (1914-2005).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

