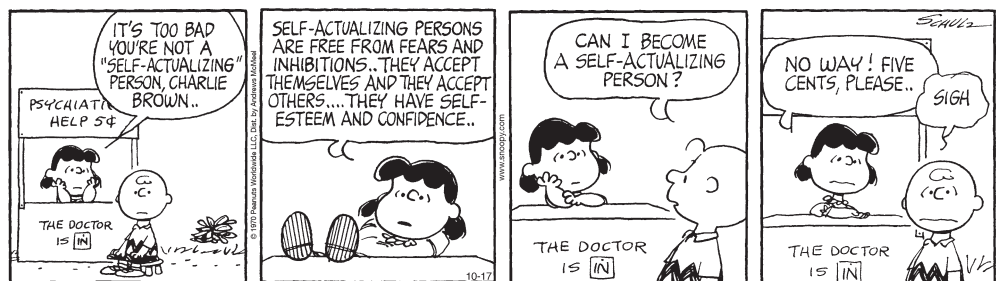


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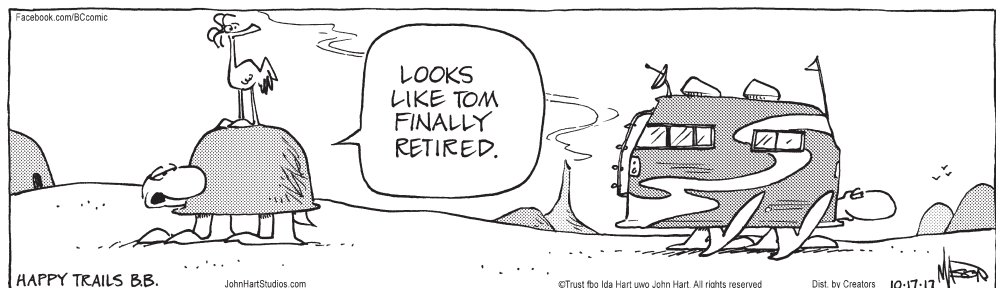
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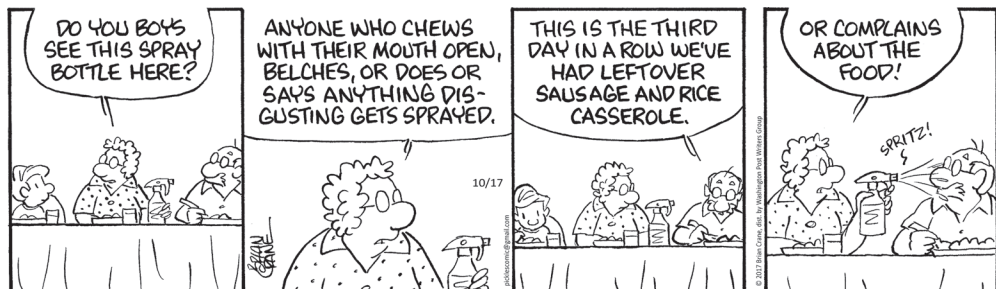
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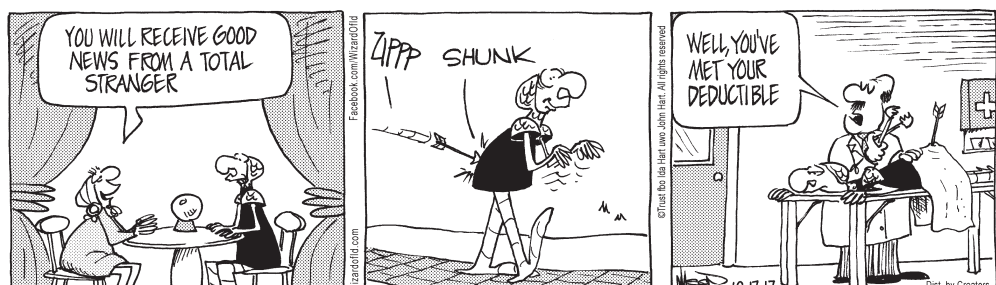
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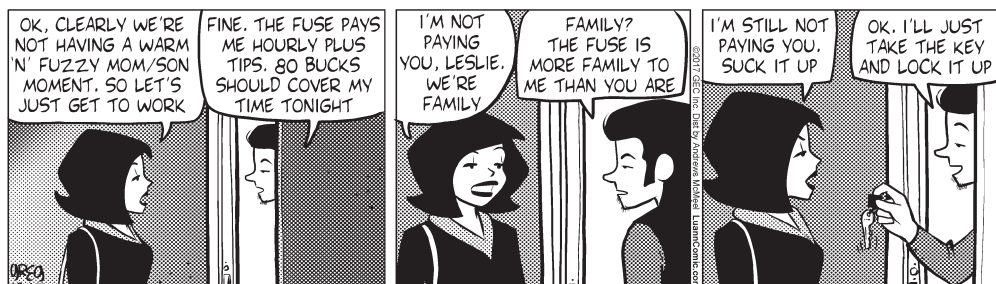
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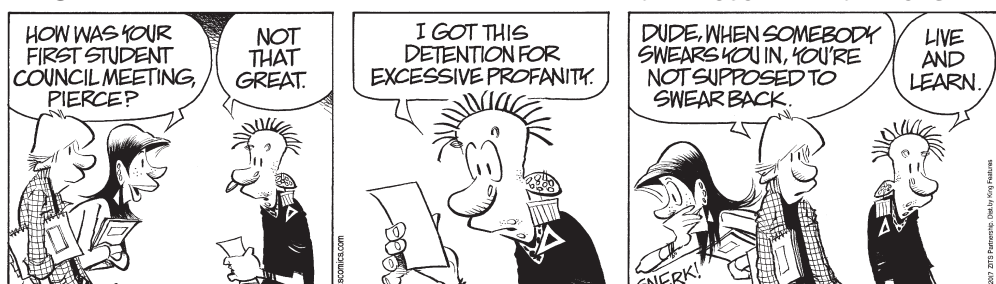
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DEAR ABBY

Afternoon delight ends when wife stops to take a call



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My wife and I have been married for many years, work long schedules, and actually sleep when we go to bed at night. Saturday afternoon, we had "nothin' to do," so I suggested some hanky-panky. We were just getting into it when the phone rang.

I told her to let it go to voicemail, but when our married daughter's name was caller-ID-announced, she said she had to take the call because they had been playing phone tag all day. There was no important matter, just idle chit-chat. What a mood killer!

Am I wrong to be angry that my needs were ignored so my wife could say, "Hello, how are you?" to our daughter (who calls eight times a day anyway)? — **Thwarted In Michigan**

Dear Thwarted: Wrong? I don't think so. I think it's time to calmly ask your wife WHY she prioritized taking that call over the opportunity to be intimate with you.

P.S. The next time you're in "H-P" mode, put both of your phones on "do not disturb."

Dear Abby: I was diagnosed with lung cancer last year. After months of chemo, I had surgery and my lung was removed. Fifteen months after my diagnosis, my husband is still smoking cigarettes.

I feel so hurt and alone going through this. I thought he would have stopped smoking for his own health as well as moral support to me. He says I don't have the right to change him

and quitting is too hard, even though he refuses to get help to stop.

Am I being overly sensitive to think he should stop smoking? I don't think he is being fair to our children because of the potential of them having to watch another parent receive the same diagnosis. — **Needs Moral Support**

Dear Needs: You are not "overly sensitive." People have been known to get cancer from secondhand smoke. Face it, you are married to an addict.

Not only is he being unfair to the children, he is being unfair to you and himself. Because he's unwilling to even try to quit, my advice is to insist that he do it outside and away from you.

Dear Abby: A few days ago, my daughter had a sleepover at a friend's house, and the girl's dad broke my daughter's eyeglasses by accidentally stepping on them. He said he would pay for them. In the meantime, I glued them together.

Fast forward to two days later, and our dog finished the job and broke the side that was still OK. Is the dad still responsible for paying or is he not, since my dog used the glasses as his chew toy? — **Blind As Bats In Florida**

Dear Blind As Bats: The man who stepped on your daughter's glasses should pay to replace them as promised, and in the future, when those glasses are not on your daughter's nose, they should be safely stored in their case and in a secure location!

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 16-17, 1917

Pendleton is today at the halfway station on the road to her full share of the second Liberty Loan. Of the \$1,250,000 apportioned Umatilla county, local bankers figure that it is up to Pendleton to subscribe \$700,000, leaving \$550,000 for the remainder of the county. This afternoon the total subscriptions made through the two local banks was almost to the \$350,000 mark. The heaviest individual subscriber of the day was Julius A. Guderain, well known Birch creek rancher. He came into the First National Bank and wrote out his check for \$10,000. "The time has come for every man to show his colors and take a stand in his county," he said, and his statement is fraught with more than usual significance because he came to this country from Germany.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 16-17, 1967

Many Condon businesses remained open all night when the usual invasion of hunters passed through the town. While no fatalities occurred here the opening week, there were several accidents. The first occurred at 12:30 a.m. Saturday when Gary Wilson, 20, Portland, shot himself in the left foot with a pistol near Gwendolen. At 5 a.m. Saturday, Gilbert

Hunt, Portland, failed to make a curve on the Lonerock highway, 10 miles east of Condon and went over an embankment. Saturday afternoon Bob Eastman, The Dalles, received first aid after stabbing himself between the eyes while dressing out a four-point buck. And Tuesday morning Leon Gress, 18, Gresham, was treated in Condon after accidentally shooting himself in the right foot with a 30/30 rifle.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 16-17, 1992

Richard Courson, although not properly elected in 1986, legally holds the office of District Court Judge and his decisions are binding, according to a legal opinion issued this week by a La Grande judge. The issue of Courson's legality arose last spring when Dennis Hachler, the defense attorney for Jody Butterfield, a Stanfield man accused of murder, challenged the validity of the 1986 election and asked the Umatilla County Circuit Court to dismiss charges of aggravated murder against his client. Hachler argued that Courson was not legally elected and therefore should not have been allowed to preside over Butterfield's preliminary hearing, which found that he was culpable and should stand trial. Hachler filed a motion in the criminal case, but later made his claim as a civil matter, charging Courson with usurpation of office.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 290th day of 2017. There are 75 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 17, 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted in Chicago of income tax evasion. (Sentenced to 11 years in prison, Capone was released in 1939.)

On this date:

In 1610, French King Louis XIII, age nine, was crowned at Reims, five months after the assassination of his father, Henry IV.

In 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, New York, in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1807, Britain declared it would continue to reclaim British-born sailors from American ships and ports regardless of whether they held U.S. citizenship.

In 1919, Radio Corp. of America was chartered.

In 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States

as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

In 1941, the U.S. destroyer Kearny was damaged by a German torpedo off the coast of Iceland; 11 people died.

In 1957, the movie "Jailhouse Rock," starring Elvis Presley, had its world premiere in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1967, Puyi, the last emperor of China, died in Beijing at age 61.

In 1979, Mother Teresa of India was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck northern California, killing 63 people and causing \$6 billion worth of damage.

In 1992, Japanese exchange student Yoshi Hattori was fatally shot by Rodney Peairs in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after Hattori and his American host mistakenly knocked on Peairs' door while looking for a Halloween party.

Today's Birthdays:

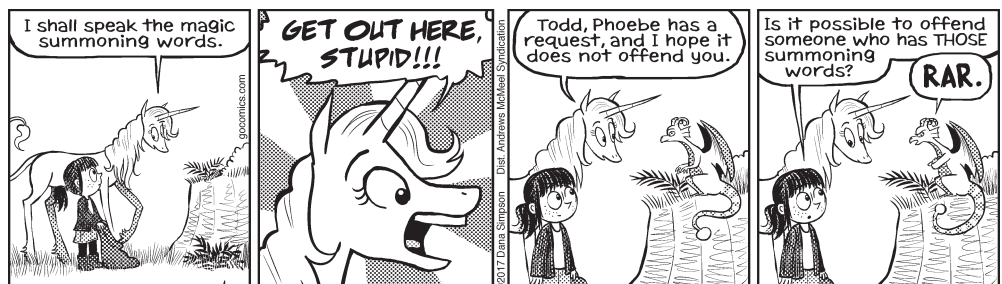
Actress Marsha Hunt is 100. Actress Julie Adams is 91. Country singer Earl Thomas Conley is 76. Singer Jim Seals (Seals & Crofts) is 75. Singer Gary Puckett is 75. Actor Michael McKean is 70. Actress Margot Kidder is 69. Actor George Wendt is 69. Actor-singer Bill Hudson is 68. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 61. Country singer Alan Jackson is 59. Movie critic Richard Roeper is 58. Movie director Rob Marshall is 57. Actor Grant Shaud is 57. Animator Mike Judge is 55. Rock singer-musician Fred LeBlanc (Cowboy Mouth) is 54. Actor-comedian Norm Macdonald is 54. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 49. Singer Chris Kirkpatrick ('N Sync) is 46. Rapper Eminem is 45.

Thought for Today:

"To talk to a child, to fascinate him, is much more difficult than to win an electoral victory. But it is also more rewarding." — Colette, French author (1873-1954).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

