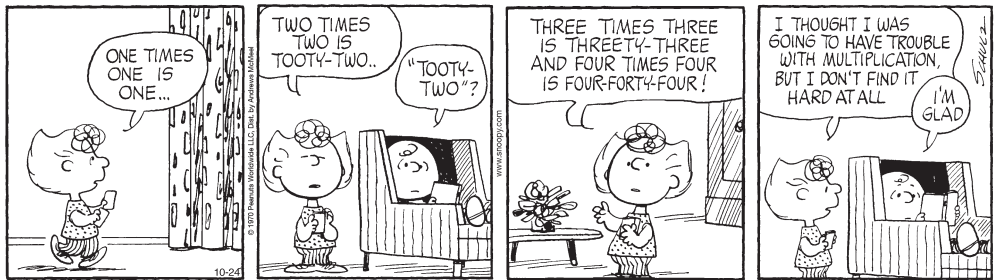


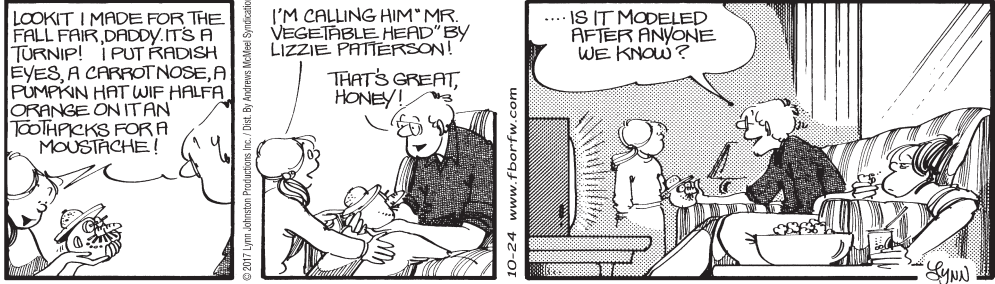
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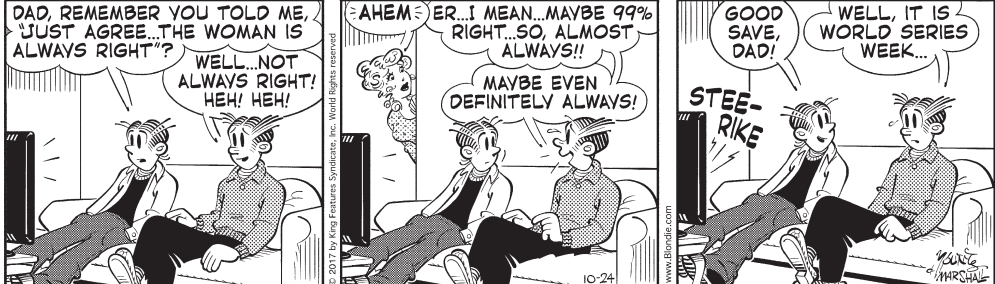
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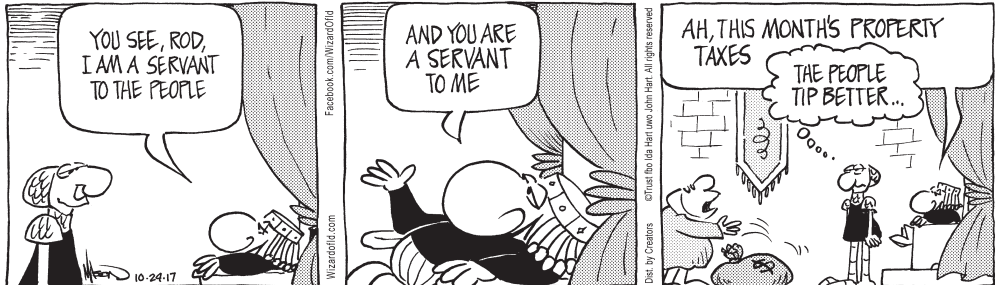
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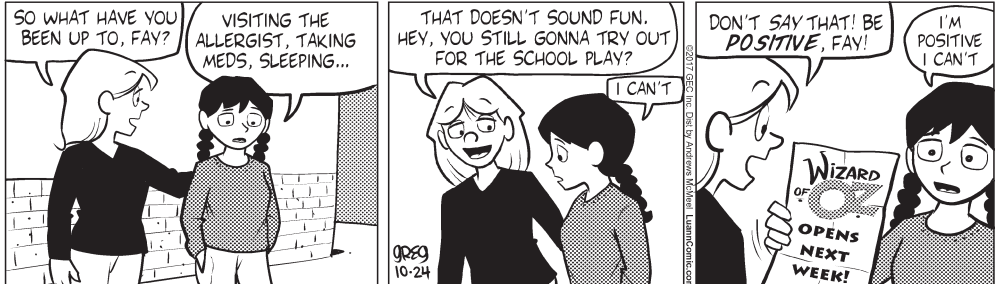
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DEAR ABBY

Teen rebelling through apathy is challenge for dad to reach

Dear Abby: I am a divorced and remarried man with two teenage daughters. My ex-wife has custody of my girls one state away. I see them as often as time and the courts allow — two months during the summer, a week during winter break, rotating Thanksgivings, etc.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Both of my daughters are failing miserably in school, but I am most concerned about my younger daughter. She is 13 and is rebelling badly. I recently spoke with the principal at her school and was told she puts forth zero effort. She arrives at school unclean, and fellow students have complained about the way she smells.

She blames her actions on my absence. This devastates me. I have always tried my best to make her understand that she was not any part of the reason her mother and I divorced. I try to call her often.

My biggest problem is I'm not good at casual conversation and idle chitchat. Generally when we talk, we end up sitting in silence until one of us says, "Well, I gotta go." My question is, how do I get better at talking to my baby girl so I can let her know how important she is to me? — "Gotta Go" In Florida

Dear Gotta Go: Living one state away, you can't force your child to shower and make sure she is clean and dressed in fresh clothes before she goes to school — but her mother can and should. Shame on her for allowing it, because the girl will become a social pariah, if it hasn't happened already. If her poor grades and hygiene are caused by depression, she should be seeing a counselor.

Those phone calls might become easier if you take a few minutes and make a list of topics you think she's interested in, as well as questions to draw her out, before picking up the phone. Ask her what she THINKS about something or how she FEELS about things rather than yes or no questions. Tell her you are thinking about her and that you love her every time you call, because that's really the most important message you are trying to convey, and the one she needs the most to hear.

Dear Abby: I am a first-time uncle of a 4-month-old nephew. My brother and sister-in-law are extremely close with my wife and me. We see them three or four times a week, and we are very fond of our nephew. I love being an uncle, and my wife loves being an aunt.

My sister-in-law grew up calling all her parents' friends "Aunt Sally," "Aunt Jenna" and so on. Naturally, she plans to have my nephew call her friends "aunt" and "uncle" as well. I feel that being an aunt or uncle is much more than just a title. We are family; we are blood. I'm a bit put off when I hear my sister-in-law say, "Here's Uncle John," when they see "John" only a couple of times a year. He's not an uncle to my nephew! Should I be offended, or is it just a title like saying "Mr.?" — Real Uncle In Maryland

Dear Real Uncle: Simmer down. Your SIL is using the term as an honorary title. As you stated, she does this because it's the way she was raised. In no way does it diminish either your emotional or blood tie with your nephew.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 23-24, 1917

There is a woman living at 611 Pine street who can give anyone else in the city lessons in patriotism. She is Mrs. Susan Denck. Yesterday one of the Liberty Loan committee called at her home. She met them with a smile and invited them in. "I haven't any money," she said, "but I am giving what I can to my country. I have given my five sons." "Madam," said the chairman of the committee, "after such a gift I would burn with shame to ask you to take a Liberty Bond." "Well, you needn't," she said, "because I'm going to take a bond if I can possibly rake enough money together. There's a fellow down town owes me \$40 for work I have done and, if he will pay me and I can dig up another \$10, I'm going to take a \$50 bond. The boys have to be backed up with money if they're going to win."

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 23-24, 1967

The postal service has an unpaid security guard in Lady, eight-year-old dog, owned by Wayne Harris, a veteran Hermiston postman. Lady accompanies postman Harris on his

route, and stays close to the mail cart. Her owner says Lady claims all the carts at the post office. The hot weather kept the half German shepherd-border collie sheepdog at home, but when the temperature dropped Lady was back on the job. Her owner says her presence helps in some of the problems with the bad dogs on his postal route.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 23-24, 1992

A Portland man who confessed he tied up his mother last winter before robbing her Pendleton home and stealing her car was handed a sentence much stiffer than court guidelines recommended. Keith H. Reynolds, 43, was ordered to serve 18 years in prison for kidnapping — almost double the term advised by the court's sentencing guidelines and years longer than the recommendation made by a pre-sentence investigator. Reynolds was also sentenced to three years in prison for first-degree robbery, and will serve the time concurrently with the kidnapping sentence. Circuit Court Judge Robert Abrams said he was making an "upward departure" from the sentencing guidelines because of the aggravating factors involved in the case.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 297th day of 2017. There are 68 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 24, 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in Detroit, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.)

On this date: In 1537, Jane Seymour, the third wife of England's King Henry VIII, died 12 days after giving birth to Prince Edward, later King Edward VI.

In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia ended the Thirty Years War and effectively destroyed the Holy Roman Empire.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent by Chief Justice Stephen J. Field of California from San Francisco to President Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C., over a line built by the

Western Union Telegraph Co.

In 1931, the George Washington Bridge, connecting New York and New Jersey, was officially dedicated (it opened to traffic the next day).

In 1936, the short story "The Devil and Daniel Webster" by Stephen Vincent Benet was published in The Saturday Evening Post.

In 1939, DuPont began publicly selling its nylon stockings in Wilmington, Delaware.

In 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect.

In 1962, a naval quarantine of Cuba ordered by President John F. Kennedy went into effect during the missile crisis.

In 1972, Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson, who'd broken Major League Baseball's color barrier in 1947, died in Stamford, Connecticut, at age 53.

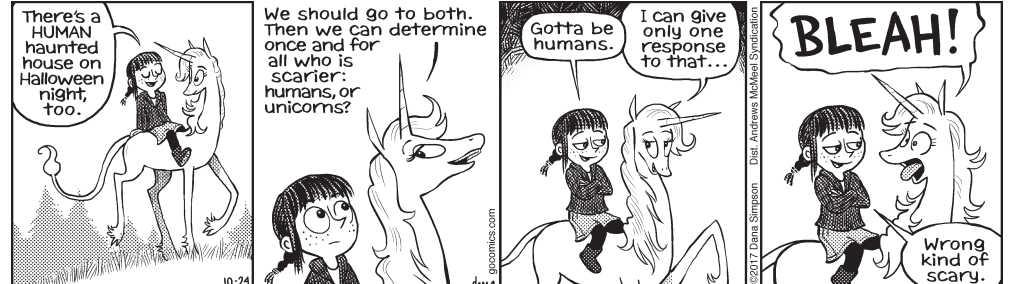
Today's Birthdays:

Rock musician Bill Wyman is 81. Actor F. Murray Abraham is 78. Movie director-screenwriter David S. Ward is 72. Actor Kevin Kline is 70. Former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume is 69. Country musician Billy Thomas (Terry McBride and the Ride) is 64. Actor Doug Davidson is 63. Actor B.D. Wong is 57. Actor Zahn McClarnon is 51. Singer Michael Trent (Americana duo Shovels & Rope) is 40. Rock musician Ben Gillies (Silverchair) is 38. Singer-actress Monica Arnold is 37. Actress-comedian Casey Wilson is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Adrienne Bailon (31w) is 34. R&B singer-rapper-actor Drake is 31.

Thought for Today: "Procrastination is the bad habit of putting off until the day after tomorrow what should have been done the day before yesterday." — Napoleon Hill, American writer (1883-1970).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

