

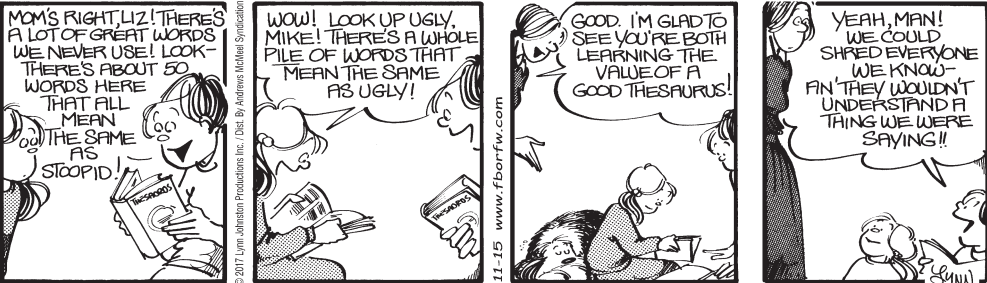
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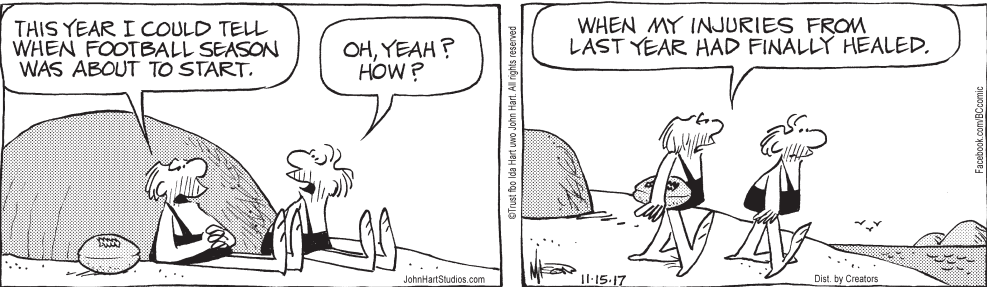
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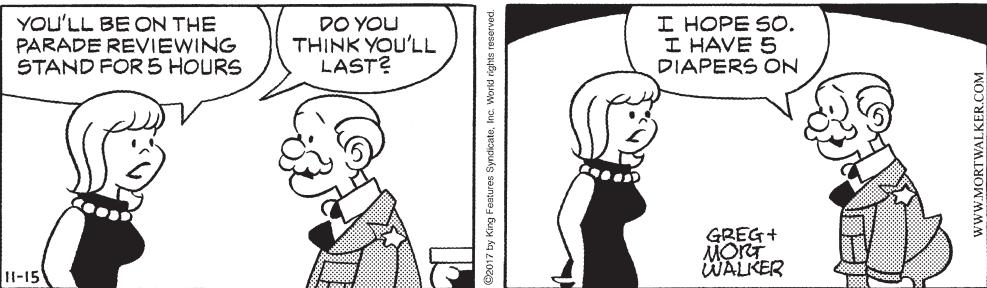
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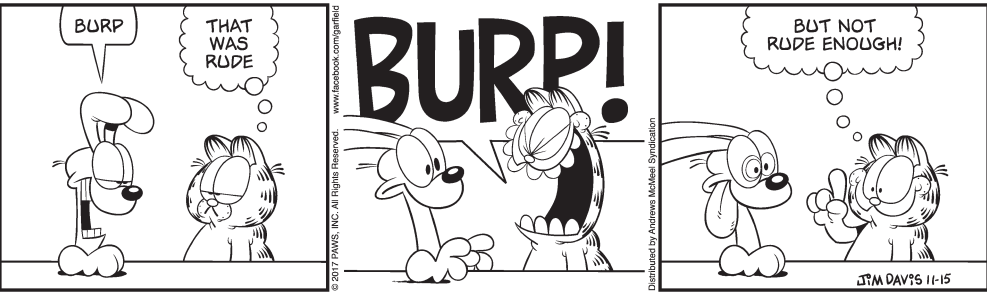
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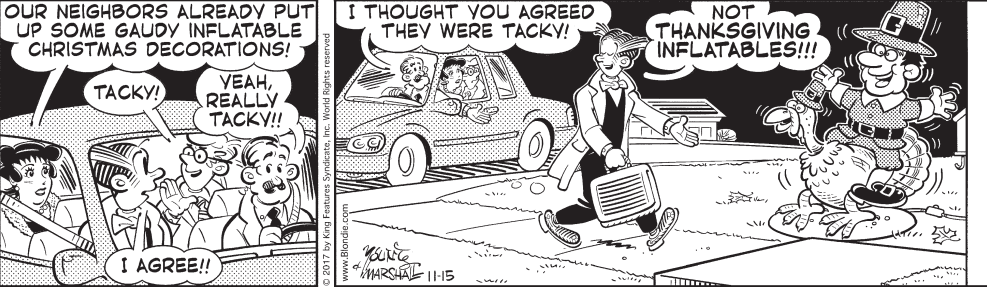
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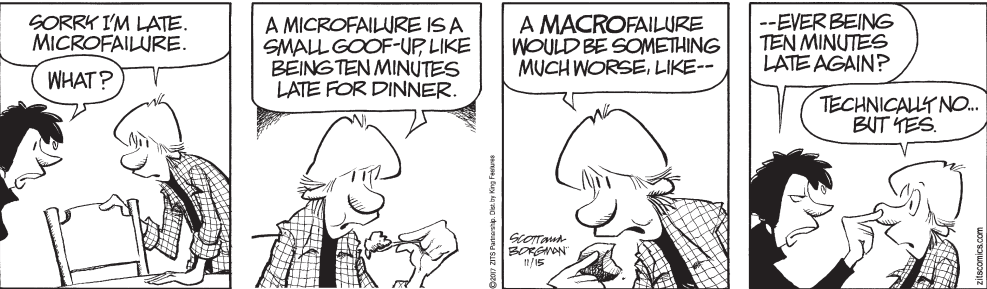
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DEAR ABBY

Well-written thank-yous don't have to be long compositions

Dear Abby: You have mentioned in the past that you have a booklet on writing letters, including thank-you notes. Where do I send for it? I'll need four because my grandkids are lacking in that area.

It's truly a shame that younger generations haven't been taught about the importance of such notes. A simple "thank you" can not only open doors of opportunity both socially and in employment, but also help grandparents feel appreciated after their heartfelt gift-giving. — **Nancy In Nevada**

Dear Nancy: If there is one subject that crops up repeatedly in my mail, it's thank-you notes — or rather, the lack of them. I print letters about it because of the number of complaints I receive. When a gift or a check isn't acknowledged, the (unwritten) message it sends is that the item wasn't appreciated, which is insulting and hurtful.

Chief among the reasons that thank-you notes are unwritten is that many people don't know what to say. They think the message has to be long and flowery when, in fact, keeping it short and to the point is more effective. My booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," contains samples of thank-you letters for birthday gifts, shower gifts and wedding gifts, as well as those that arrive around holiday time. It also includes letters of congratulations and ones regarding difficult subjects, such as the loss of a parent, a spouse or a child. It can be ordered by sending your name, mailing address, plus check or money



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Advice

order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.) With the holiday season approaching, this is the perfect time to reply with a handwritten letter, note or well-written email.

Because the composition of letters is not always effectively taught in the schools, my booklet can serve as a helpful tutorial, one that is valuable for parents as a way to teach their children to write using proper etiquette.

Dear Abby: I have been dating this guy for a year and a half and he's not into making love. He's happy if we only do it once a month and, when he does give in, he will only do the same old position. I, on the other hand, enjoy sex.

My ex (we have been apart eight years) is now in a sexless marriage. We started hooking up six months ago — just for sex — and it is awesome. Part of me feels guilty because I'm against cheating, but I need sex. What should I do? — **Cheating In The North**

Dear Cheating: Because the man you have been dating for a year and a half is a sexual mismatch, you need to end the romance. It would be kinder than continuing to cheat on him.

Your married ex may seem like an oasis in the sexual desert right now, but don't waste more time on him. He isn't your future; he's your past for good reason, I'm sure — so KEEP him there.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 15, 1917

The stork is showing a patriotic spirit in Pendleton. He delivered two pairs of twins here last night. One pair was born to Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Porter of this city and the other pair to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blahm of Rieth. Of the Porter twins, one was a boy and the other a girl and by a peculiar coincidence, the father of the twins is himself a twin. He and his sister are the twin children of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Porter. Both the Blahm babes are girls.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 15, 1967

Powderpuff football at McEwen High School Saturday afternoon was not for the faint of heart. In one of the roughest gridiron battles on the local field this year the Lucky

Lights defeated the red-jerseyed Pigskin Pussycats 12-6. Peggy Adams carried the ball for the two touches for the Lucky Lights and Sally Geissel scored the lone-run for the losers. Eric Pickard, Ron Hill and Bob Johns were cheerleaders.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Nov. 15, 1992

Visitors are rare for 23-year-old Jun Ming from North China who, as a sheepherder in north Morrow County, leads a desolate, singular life with two dogs — Junior and Linda — and sometimes more than 2,000 sheep. Ming is one of seven imported shepherds from China and Peru tending the flocks of Jim West, an lone rancher who runs upward of 5,000 sheep over land ranging from the alfalfa fields south of the Columbia River to the national forest lands in the Blue Mountains near Tollgate.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 319th day of 2017. There are 46 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 15, 1942, the naval Battle of Guadalcanal ended during World War II with a decisive U.S. victory over Japanese forces.

On this date: In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.

In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes Peak in present-day Colorado.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman began their "March to the Sea" from Atlanta; the campaign ended with the capture of Savannah on Dec. 21.

In 1889, Brazil was proclaimed a republic as its emperor, Dom Pedro II, was overthrown.

In 1926, the National Broadcasting Company began operating its radio network.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1959, four members of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas, were

found murdered in their home. (Ex-convicts Richard Hickock and Perry Smith were later convicted of the killings and hanged in a case made famous by the Truman Capote book "In Cold Blood.")

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12, the final mission of the Gemini program, ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic after spending four days in orbit.

In 1979, the British government publicly identified Sir Anthony Blunt as the "fourth man" of a Soviet spy ring.

In 1986, a government tribunal in Nicaragua convicted American Eugene Hasenfus of charges related to his role in delivering arms to Contra rebels, and sentenced him to 30 years in prison. (Hasenfus was pardoned a month later.)

In 1987, 28 of 82 people aboard a Continental Airlines DC-9, including the pilots, were killed when the jetliner crashed seconds after taking off from Denver's Stapleton International Airport.

In 1998, Kwame Ture, the civil rights activist formerly known as Stokely Carmichael, died in Guinea at age 57.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ed Asner is 88. Singer Petula Clark is 85. Comedian Jack Burns is 84. Actress Joanna Barnes is 83. Actor Yaphet Kotto is 78. Actor Sam Waterston is 77. Classical conductor Daniel Barenboim is 75. Pop singer Frida (ABBA) is 72. Actor Bob Gunton is 72. Former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is 70. Actress Beverly D'Angelo is 66. Director-actor James Widdoes is 64. Rock singer-producer Mitch Easter is 63. News correspondent John Roberts is 61. Former "Jay Leno Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks is 60. Comedian Judy Gold is 55. Actress Rachel True is 51. Rapper E-40 is 50. Country singer Jack Ingram is 47. Actor Jay Harrington is 46. Actor Jonny Lee Miller is 45. Actress Sydney Tamiia Poitier is 44. Christian rock musician David Carr (Third Day) is 43. Rock singer-musician Chad Kroeger is 43. Rock musician Jesse Sandoval is 43. Actress Virginie Ledoyen is 41. Actor Sean Murray is 40. Pop singer Ace Young (TV: "American Idol") is 37.

Thought for Today: "In seeking wisdom thou art wise; in imagining that thou has attained it thou art a fool." — *Simon Ben Azzai, 2nd century (A.D.) Jewish scholar.*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

