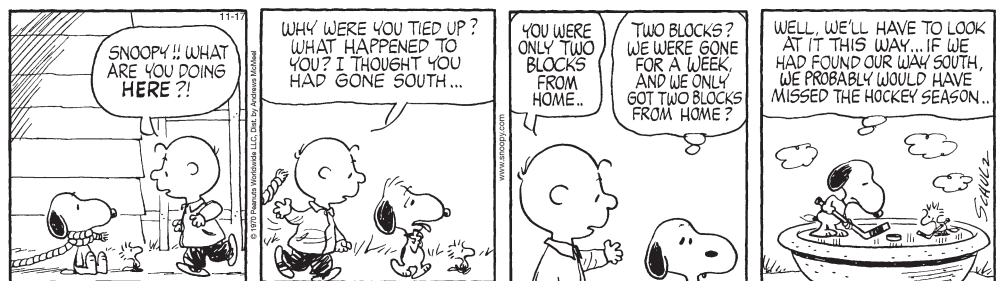


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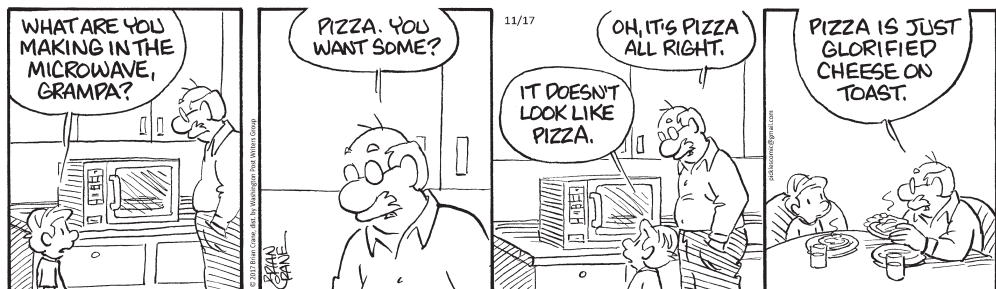
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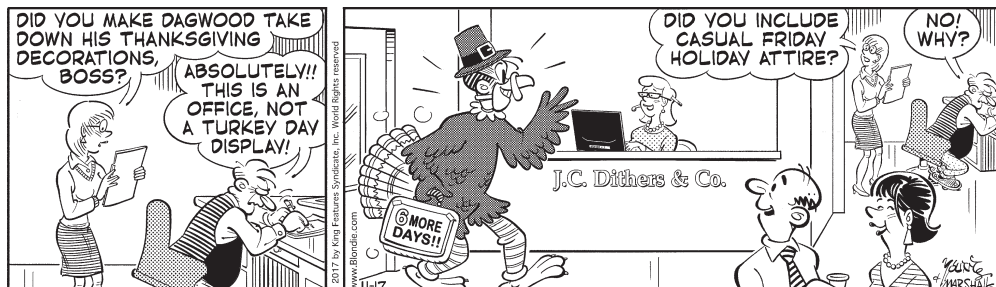
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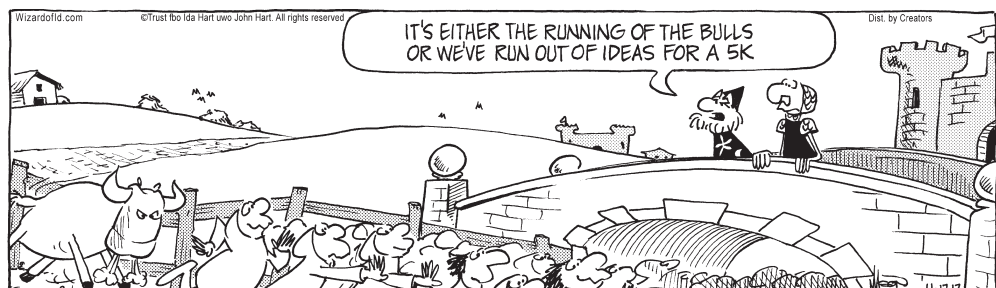
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DEAR ABBY

Friendship fades following criticism of husband's jokes

Dear Abby: I have been friends with "Martha" for 40 years. We live a few hundred miles apart, so I like to call her and chat. The problem is, her husband always answers the phone, and he likes to give me a hard time.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

When I identify myself and ask to speak to Martha, he says he doesn't know anyone by my name, or says there's no Martha living there. Once he told Martha to ask me how my ex-husband was. (I have not seen my ex for 40 years, since our divorce.)

The last time it happened, I told Martha her husband was annoying and that she should call me from now on. She said he was just trying to be funny. I haven't heard from her since, not even a birthday card. Was I wrong to speak up? Should I apologize or just lose this friendship? — Problem Husband In Florida

Dear Problem: Martha's husband doesn't strike me as being particularly witty. After a few repeat performances of his lame material, I can understand how someone would become annoyed. I don't think you owe Martha an apology for being honest about how you felt. Because you left the ball in her court, it's possible that since you did all the work staying in touch, your 40-year friendship was not as close as you assumed or you would have heard from her.

Dear Abby: A friend and I belong to a book club and have regularly gone to lunch and a movie afterward. We have occasionally mentioned a movie we liked while chatting prior to the start of the book club meeting. This has prompted other people to invite

themselves along or ask if they can go with us.

If we wanted to spend more time with these women, we would have invited them. The two of us feel that this afternoon outing is OUR time together and we would prefer it being just us. We changed the day, which was a bit inconvenient but preferable to the alternative. How do we handle it when future inquiries come up without hurting feelings or sounding snobbish? — Our Time Together

Dear Our Time: Your mistake was in talking about your movie dates in front of the other women. In the future, handle it by refraining from doing that, and your problem will go away.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. We are in our 50s and have both been married before. My problem is I don't know how to respond to his friends and family when they talk to me about his first wife. They tell story after story, and it makes me uncomfortable. I feel disrespected but smile politely to not be rude. Any thoughts? — Girlfriend In New Jersey

Dear Girlfriend: I am sure no one does it out of a desire to make you uncomfortable or disrespect you. How you respond would depend upon whether your boyfriend's marriage ended in death or divorce.

If his former wife is deceased, a way to change the subject might be to say, "It sounds like she was a wonderful (mother, daughter, woman)." However, if the marriage ended in divorce, all you need to say is that you'd rather focus on the present than the unhappy past.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 17, 1917

Though the Pendleton high school football team was defeated by Walla Walla high school yesterday 39 to 0, the score was much better than the most sanguine of the local supporters expected. Pendletonians who saw the game state that bets were made in Walla Walla that Pendleton would be defeated by 100 points just as North Yakima was. The Pendleton boys put up a great scrap against big odds and fought gamely to the end. At the end of the first half the score was only 13 to 0 but in the latter part of the second half the strain told on the lighter boys.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 17, 1967

A motion has been filed in Umatilla County District Court charging that state police made an illegal search in a raid Nov. 5, that resulted in the arrest of 14 persons who were charged with liquor law violations. Ronald Edward Thomas, Holdman Route, through his attorney, Donald Yokum, Pendleton, said in the motion that the state police "beat on

the door," but did not identify themselves or their purpose. Thomas said a state policeman forced entry through a bedroom window of the Thomas home and unlocked the door to let in the other policemen. The motion asks suppression of any beer or whisky bottles seized, of any observations made by the officers and of any statements made to them. Thomas was charged with furnishing liquor to a minor, and 13 persons were charged as minors in possession of beer. All have pleaded innocent.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Nov. 17, 1992

Three men on probation for past crimes have been arrested on aggravated murder charges in the shooting death of Brian David Smith. Smith, 22, of Hermiston, was found dead Thursday afternoon at the edge of Cold Springs reservoir, about five miles northeast of Hermiston. Arrested were Don Carlos Ball Jr., 22, of Hermiston; Steven Lee DeRush, 22, of Stanfield; and Nathaneal John Miller, 21, of Umatilla. Although officials say they have a motive in the murder, they would not give details. However, they said the victim and the three suspects were all acquaintances.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 321st day of 2017. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin died in Meudon at age 77.

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the English throne upon the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary, beginning a 44-year reign.

In 1800, Congress held its first session in the partially completed U.S. Capitol building.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon, as well as Chicago and San Francisco.

In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born Roy Harold Scherer Jr. in Winnetka, Illinois.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman, in an address to a special session of Congress,

called for emergency aid to Austria, Italy and France. (The aid was approved the following month.)

In 1968, NBC outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin the TV special "Heidi" on schedule. (After being taken off the air, the Raiders came from behind to beat the Jets, 43-32.)

In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 black and/or female American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

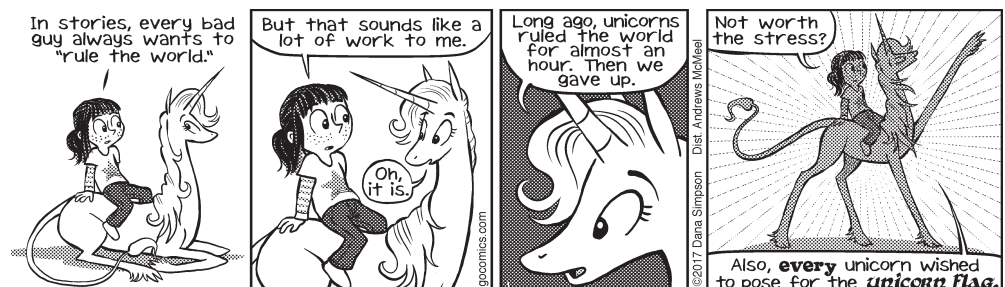
In 1987, a federal jury in Denver convicted two white supremacists of civil rights violations in the 1984 slaying of radio talk show host Alan Berg. (Both men later died in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., is 83. Rock musician Gerry McGee (The Ventures) is 80. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 79. Singer-songwriter Bob Gaudio is 76. Movie director Martin Scorsese is 75. Actress Lauren Hutton is 74. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 73. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 73. Baseball Hall of Famer Tom Seaver is 73. Movie director Roland Joffe is 72. Former Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean is 69. Former House Speaker John Boehner is 68. Entertainer RuPaul is 57. Actress Rachel McAdams is 39. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 37. Actor Justin Cooper is 29. Musician Reid Perry (The Band Perry) is 29.

Thought for Today: "Education is a private matter between the person and the world of knowledge and experience, and has little to do with school or college." — Lillian Smith, American writer and social critic (1897-1966).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

