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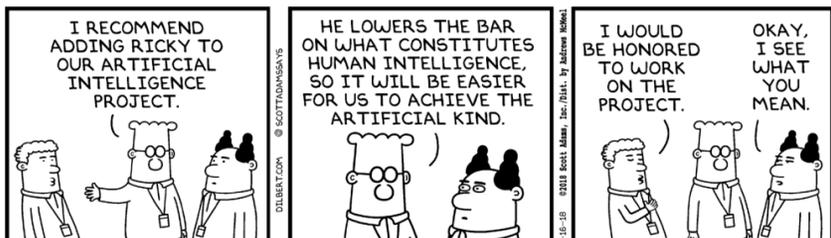
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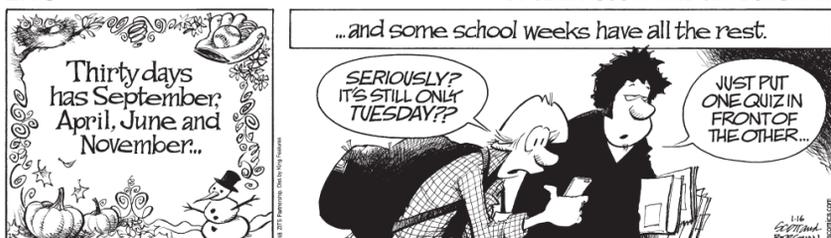
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DEAR ABBY

Husband's long beard is hard for wife to stomach at dinner



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My husband has a long, bushy, ugly beard, and although I don't like it, I realize he's entitled to wear his facial hair any way he likes it. The problem is, when he eats, his beard gets into his plate and in the food, which I find nauseating. — Too Much Hair In Texas

None of these men ever help her out financially. Should I say nothing and let her disappear? What happens to the people who depend on her? — Just Her Daughter In Colorado

Dear Just: What happens to the ADULTS who depend on your mother is they arrange for outside assistance during the time she's in Arizona. And if this is the first time in years that she will have taken a break, you should all wish her well.

Dear Too Much Hair: If your husband's beard is so long it drags his food off his plate, the first thing you should do is suggest that he sit up straighter when he's eating. However, if he's unwilling — or unable — to do that, perhaps he would consider using one hand to hold his beard aside when he's about to take a forkful, or using hair clips to keep it away from his food.

Dear Abby: One of my co-workers constantly interrupts when I'm having a conversation with other people. It doesn't seem to matter who I am speaking with or what the subject is. She'll interrupt in the middle of the conversation, and everyone must stop and look at her or acknowledge her.

Readers, if you have suggestions to help this grossed-out Texas wife, I'd love to see them.

We are in a professional environment, and I feel her behavior is extremely discourteous. The subjects she discusses are things like the sandwiches her husband bought the day before, what they had for dinner that night or whatever is trending at the moment. She never discusses work-related issues.

Dear Abby: My mother is a smart, independent woman — until she gets a boyfriend. She has been dating ever since Dad died in 1994.

This happens every day and it's disruptive. Would you kindly share some ideas on how to deal with her interruptions? — Bothered Office Guy

Every relationship starts out well; the guy seems nice. Then he moves into her house and things change. Mom stops thinking for herself and turns into a brainless, spineless puppet. It causes conflict between us because she thinks I'm selfish and trying to sabotage her relationship.

Dear Office Guy: Obviously, your co-worker was never taught that interrupting while others are talking is rude. Because it bothers you, the next time she does it, tell her it's distracting when she breaks into your conversations and to please stop. If she persists, and other co-workers feel as you do about it, bring it to the attention of your supervisor or HR and let that person handle it.

She has had her current boyfriend for two years. I'm 37, disabled and require some help from Mom. So do my grandparents and a family friend Mom takes care of to supplement her income. The boyfriend is pushing Mom to spend three to four months of the year with him in Arizona, leaving those of us who need her without help.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 15-16, 1918

Owing to the fact he is short of blanks required in filling out income and profit tax returns from men of heavy earnings, William Kennedy, deputy internal revenue collector, who has offices at the court house during the month is anxious to have men with incomes under \$5000 a year call on him during the next few days so he may dispose of their cases. All single men with incomes over \$1000 and all married men with incomes over \$2000 per year are required to make returns. Exemptions are allowed men with children, there being an exemption of \$200 per child.

nity College archery supplies, according to city police. The theft was reported by Don Phillips, BMCC coach, who was informed by James Wilson, Round-Up grounds caretaker, that a hasp had been broken on the shed door. Phillips said some damage also was done to some equipment not stolen.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 15-16, 1993

Snow depths reached 15 inches in areas of Pendleton on Thursday, one of the deepest measurements in the snow-covered Columbia Basin. Thursday's snowfall varied between 1 and 5 inches depending on the area — with Heppner the lowest at 1 inch and Hermiston, the normal dry spot in Umatilla County, taking the most with 5 inches of new snow. Administrators for some Umatilla County schools this morning decided snow conditions warranted canceling classes, giving students a four-day weekend because of the Martin Luther King holiday Monday.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 15-16, 1968

Bows, arrows, finger gloves and more valued at about \$200 were stolen from a shed on the Round-Up grounds near the Memorial Armory used to store Blue Mountain Commu-

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 16th day of 2018. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 16, 1978, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

On this date: In 27 B.C., Caesar Augustus was declared the first Emperor of the Roman Empire by the Senate.

In 1547, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

In 1865, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman decreed that 400,000 acres of land in the South would be divided into 40-acre lots and given to former slaves.

In 1967, Alan S. Boyd was sworn in as the first U.S. secretary of transportation.

In 1920, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took

effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In 1935, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Florida.

In 1942, actress Carole Lombard, 33, her mother, Elizabeth, and 20 other people were killed when their plane crashed near Las Vegas, Nevada, while en route to California from a war-bond promotion tour.

In 1957, three B-52's took off from Castle Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, which lasted 45 hours and 19 minutes. Classical music conductor Arturo Toscanini died in New York at age 89.

In 1988, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was fired as a CBS Sports commentator, one day after telling a reporter for WRC-TV in Washington, D.C., that, during the era of slavery, blacks had been bred to produce stronger offspring.

Today's Birthdays:

Author William Kennedy is 90. Author-editor Norman Podhoretz is 88. Opera singer Marilyn Horne is 84. Hall of Fame auto racer A.J. Foyt is 83. Singer Barbara Lynn is 76. Country singer Ronnie Milsap is 75. Singer Katherine Anderson Schaffner (The Marvelettes) is 74. Country singer Jim Stafford is 74. Talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger is 71. Movie director John Carpenter is 70. Actress-dancer-chooreographer Debbie Allen is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxine Jones (En Vogue) is 59. Pop/rock singer-songwriter Jill Sobule is 59. Rock musician Paul Webb (Talk Talk) is 56. Actor-writer-director Josh Evans is 47. Model Kate Moss is 44. Actor-playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda is 38. Country musician James Young (The Eli Young Band) is 38. Rock musician Nick Valensi (The Strokes) is 37.

Thought for Today:

"Goodwill is the only asset that competition cannot undersell or destroy." — Marshall Field, department store founder (1834-1906).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

