COFFEE BREAK

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

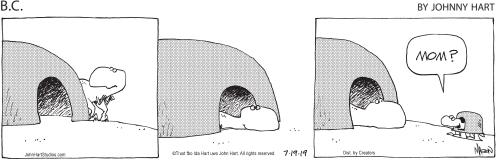
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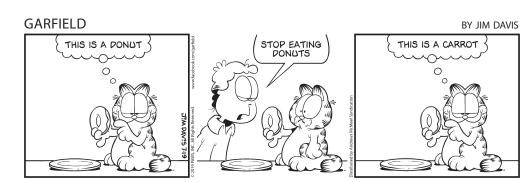


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BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE

DEAR ABBY Sisters planning Europe trip plot to leave husband behind

Dear Abby: My son just got a job in Europe and has invited me to visit when he and his family are settled. I have never traveled out of the country, and I'm excited to go. I suggested staying at least a month, and he and his wife agreed.

When I told my sister, she excitedly told me she'd like to come along. We would be very happy to have this time together because she lives across the country, and we don't see each other often.

We are in good health, but her husband has many health issues. He falls a lot and has had concussions while using his walker. He coughs almost constantly, uses CPAP at night, takes multiple medications throughout the day and needs to stop often to rest and catch his breath. He also needs frequent naps.

We are all around 70, and Sis and I want to go while we are still in good health. She has not told Hubby about the monthlong trip to Europe because she knows he will want to come. He would not be alone at home. Their two adult children and four grandchildren live in their large home and can assist him with food, doctor appointments, etc. We also have a brother who takes him out once a week.

I'm thinking the best way of letting him know the trip is out for him would be to have his doctor explain why it's not advisable. Any other suggestions would be most appreciated. — Europe-Bound

DEAR Europe-Bound: If your sister truly plans to take a monthlong trip to Europe while her husband has one foot on a



banana peel, then she should be the one to break the news to him. If she needs backup, I'm sure the doctor can explain to him why it would be too risky for him to tag along.

My questions would be, how do your son and his wife feel about you bringing along an extra guest (guests?) for a month, and if something terrible should happen to your sister's husband in her absence, could she live with the guilt?

Dear Abby: Years ago, when I

was trying to get into a professional school, I took some classes to prepare for the entrance exam. It cost my dad money to put me through the training. A few of my classmates/friends asked me to share the training material with them. Because it was expensive and I was preparing for a competitive exam, which they were also taking, I refused.

Long story short, none of us passed the exam. We moved on and have all become successful in life, but that incident haunts me all these years (decades) later. I was living outside of the U.S. for a long time, so I didn't try to get in touch with them or discuss why I behaved the way I did. I am likely to meet them in the near future, and I don't know how to handle this if it comes up. What do you think I should do? — Remembering the Early Days

Dear Remembering: It is entirely possible that these individuals will not remember the incident. If they raise the subject, apologize and explain to them the reasons you were reluctant to share the material. If they don't mention it, then let it lie.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 19, 1919

D.W. Bailey, for 35 years a practicing attorney of this city, dropped dead yesterday afternoon in his office in the Despain building, while conversing with a client. Heart disease is given as the cause of his death. It is thought that exertions while rearranging his office yesterday caused the attack, as Mr. Bailey had been suffering from frequent attacks of heart disease. Mr. Bailey was 62 years of age, being born April 9, 1857, in Otoe county, Nebraska. In 1862 he crossed the plains with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bailey, who settled in Pendleton.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 19, 1969

John Abraham has been named winner of the Charles F. Luce, Nancy Odon Trust Grant Scholarship by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Abraham, a member of the Walla Walla-Arikara and Umatilla tribes, will attend Yakima Valley Community College next

year. Abraham, Toppenish, Wash., is the only Indian Eagle Scout in Washington. He is on the planning committee at Faragut, Idaho, for the world-wide Boy Scout Jamboree. He is council chief for the Order of the Arrow in the Granger-Toppenish area. He is the grandson of Chief John Abraham of the Walla Walla Tribe.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian July 19, 1994

When Dick Collins went to pharmacy school more than two decades ago, all his classmates had the same goal: to own their own pharmacy. For Collins, the dream came true. He and his wife took over Collins Drug 14 years ago on Main Street in Pendleton. For the eight years before that he was a partner in a pharmacy across the street. Now he's ready for a break. He's closing Collins Drug this week and going to work for PayLess as a staff pharmacist. Like today's pharmacy school graduates who no longer dream of owning their own place, Collins is longing to have less responsibility and more free time.





THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 19, 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1812, during the War of 1812, the First Battle of Sackets Harbor in Lake Ontario resulted in an American victory as U.S. naval forces repelled a British attack.

In 1848, a pioneering women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, New York.

In 1944, the Democratic national convention convened in Chicago with the nomination of President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered a certainty.

In 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies as it presented "By Love Possessed" to first-class passengers on a flight from New

York to Los Angeles. In 1985, Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle. (McAuliffe and six other crew members died when the Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff in January 1986.)

In 1989, 111 people were killed when United Air Lines Flight 232, a DC-10 which suffered the uncontained failure of its tail engine and the loss of hydraulic systems, crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton announced a policy allowing homosexuals to serve in the military under a compromise dubbed "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue."

In 2016, Republicans meeting in Cleveland nominated Donald Trump as their presidential stan-

dard-bearer; in brief videotaped remarks, Trump thanked the delegates, saying: "This is a movement, but we have to go all the wav.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Sue Thompson is 93. Country singer-musician Commander Cody is 75. Actor Peter Barton is 63. Rock musician Kevin Haskins (Love and Rockets; Bauhaus) is 59. Classical singer Urs Buhler (Il Divo) is 48. Actor Benedict Cumberbatch is 43. Actor Trai Byers is 36. Actress Kaitlin Doubleday ("Nashville") is 35. Actor/ comedian Dustin Ybarra is 33. Actor Steven Anthony Lawrence is 29.

Thought for Today: "An optimist will tell you the glass is half-full; the pessimist, half-empty; and the engineer will tell you the glass is twice the size it needs to be." — Author unknown.

BY DANA SIMPSON

