PEANUTS

Secretly, Kitten Kaboodle wished she were a dog.







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FOR BETTER OR WORSE











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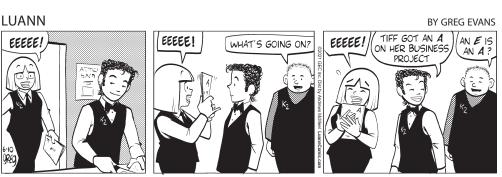




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DEAR ABBY

Woman spurred to action by her grandchildren's plight

Dear Abby: I have a grandson (25) and granddaughter (22) who are both extremely overweight (300 pounds each). They not only have health issues, but also mental issues. Both work part time at the same company as their mom and dad — and still live at home. They don't date, don't drive and are very dependent on their parents because their parents encourage it. My granddaughter is being treated with meds; my grandson is not.

I'm very close to him, and he shares a lot with me. He has issues with both of his parents, but more so with his mom. They were raised in a very Christian home. There were always weight issues for the entire family because they eat most of their meals out. My daughter-in-law rarely cooks, and the house resembles a "Hoarders" home.

In the past, I tried talking with my son and his wife but they have a convenient excuse for everything I bring up. During my last conversation with my grandson, he was so unhappy he mentioned suicide. Please can you help me? How can I get through to my son and his wife? — Distraught Grandma in Texas

Dear Grandma: Do your son and his wife know their son is depressed to the point of talking about suicide? If they are unaware, put them on notice. While you're at it, give him the number of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255.

Because you have already tried talking to his parents and found them unreceptive, would you consider inviting your grandson to live with you for a while? It would be a way of teaching him healthier eating habits, and if he needs medication, you might be able to see that his doctor prescribes it. Living



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apart from his parents might also be an incentive for him to become more independent in other ways, such as continuing his education if he is able, which would improve his employment prospects.

Dear Abby: There is a trend happening these days. Young people live together for several years, get pregnant and go to the justice of the peace to get legally married. Then, a year or more later, they sometimes

decide to have a formal wedding ceremony. Friends throw them a shower, and the wedding is often elaborate.

I thought a shower gift or wedding gift was to help the new couple to get their household set up. These couples already have everything in their house. I feel this is a slap in the face of tradition. What are your thoughts? — Old-Fashioned

Dear Old-Fashioned: Yes, it's a break with tradition. These changes have occurred because of changes in social mores, the economy and gender roles. The tradition used to involve a young woman going directly from her parents' house to that of her husband.

More recently, young people have postponed marriage, established themselves in the workplace and achieved economic independence before coupling up. This is a positive step because if the marriage fails or the spouse dies, the widowed spouse isn't left without the tools to support themselves and their family.

While you may think the couple "already has everything they need," take a peek at their bridal registry because it may be an eye-opener. And remember, if you cannot celebrate happily with the couple, no rule of etiquette dictates that you must attend the wedding.

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago June 10, 1921

Several suggestions for a new name for Cabbage Hill have been received by the East Oregonian. One suggestion made by a prominent business man is that whatever name be chosen that the "Hill" be dropped and the boulevard substituted. Mrs. Susan Darr of Adams writes suggesting the names "Meeker Heights"; "Meeker View"; "Meeker Observatory" or "Meeker Hill." Her desire is to honor the name of Ezra Meeker who aided in remarking the Old Oregon trail. C.P. Strain, now in California, writes that since the hill overlooks a mighty empire that it have a name in keeping with the importance of the view. He suggests "Empire Crest," "Crest Lookout," "Golden Empire Crest," "Empire Gate" or "Threshold of the Golden Empire."

50 Years Ago June 10, 1971

James (Jim) Ross, 21, Hermiston, a chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army, will never forget March 24, 1971. That's the date his helicopter was shot down in Laos 15 miles northeast of Khe Sanh. The other two members of his crew lost their lives and Ross suffered several major injuries. Ross is visiting his

parents, Mr. ad Mrs. Robert Ross, on Butter Creek highway near Hermiston. He is scheduled to return to Madigan Hospital, Tacoma, Wash., for more treatment. The 1968 Hermiston High School graduate was shot down the first time on the Laotian border in October 1970. In this action, Ross was awarded the Silver Star for bravery. He helped his crew get away from the disabled aircraft and then remained by himself with the helicopter.

25 Years Ago June 10, 1996

Work on the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program's alert notification system has halted because, at least for now, it doesn't work. For starters, the system is unable to send data between the program's three operations centers. CSEPP spokesman Tom Groat said the local area network linking emergency operations centers in Pendleton, Heppner, and at the Umatilla Army Depot overloads when attempting to convey both meteorological information and other data, information that needs to be exchanged continually. Development of the \$7 million system of sirens, reader boards and computer equipment has been at an impasse since January, Groat said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On June 10, 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Equal Pay Act of 1963, aimed at eliminating wage disparities based on gender.

In 1692, the first execution resulting from the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts took place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1922, singer-actor Judy Garland was born Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

In 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio.

In 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich.

In 1944, German forces massacred 642 residents of the French village of Oradour-sur-Glane.

In 1967, six days of war in the Mideast involving Israel, Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Iraq ended as Israel and Syria accepted a United Nations-mediated cease-fire. In 1977, James Earl Ray,

the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from prison in Tennessee with six others; he was recaptured June 13.

In 1978, Affirmed, ridden by Steve Cauthen, won the 110th Belmont Stakes to claim horse racing's 11th Triple Crown.

In 1991, 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard of South Lake Tahoe, California, was abducted by Phillip and

Nancy Garrido; Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.

In 2013, jury selection began in Sanford, Florida, in the trial of neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, charged with second-degree murder in the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. (Zimmer-

man was acquitted.) Today's Birthdays: Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 88. Actor Alexandra Stewart is 82. Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 80. Actor Gina Gershon is 59. Actor Jeanne Tripplehorn is 58. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 57. Actor Ben Daniels is 57. Actor Kate Flannery is 57. Model-actor Elizabeth Hurley is 56.

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