## **COFFEE BREAK**

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placed in a large, sealed plastic

bag in the receptacle. When gar-

bage collectors pull the bag out,

the small poop bags can spill out and the contents disperse onto

the street. Worse, if the bags are

thrown into a neighbor's gar-

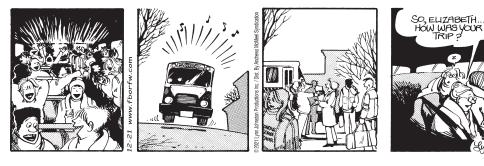
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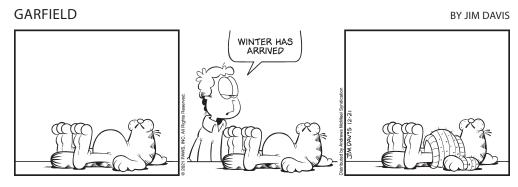
BY LYNN JOHNSTON





#### **BEETLE BAILEY**





### **BLONDIE**

DILBERT

BY DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL

# **DEAR ABBY Dog-walking habit raises** big stink with readers

Dear Abby: I'm responding to your request for comments about your answer to "Doggy Business" (Oct. 28). Please IM-PLORE your readers not to put their dog's poop in their neighbor's garbage cans. I live near a park and daily dog walkers use my trash can like it's a public service.

My garbage quickly fills with endless poop bags, sometimes between five and 10 a day. Gar-

bage is collected only every other week in my community. Then I end up having to work around all this poop, and not only does my garbage can perpetually stink to high heaven, but I have to be judicious with what I throw away myself.

Rough materials will rupture those bags and poop gets all over the inside of the can. I'm currently saving up to modify my property's retaining wall so I can keep the receptacles away from the street.

Please, if you have a dog, be responsible for its waste. If you don't want to carry it, get your dog a harness or pack with a pocket, and dispose of it in your own can when you get home. - Peeved In The Pacific Northwest

Dear Peeved: I advised "Doggy Business" that disposing of his dog's waste in neighbors' garbage cans is a big no-no. After asking for readers' thoughts, an AVALANCHE of responses descended. The vast majority agreed with me, expressing disdain at the practice and ex-



ADVICE

bage container AFTER collection, those bags remain at the bottom and smell for days. Readers, encourage dog walkers to

take a larger bag with them or wear a fanny pack with multiple compartments to transport their pets' "souvenirs" back to their own home.

Dear Abby: Our nosy children have been pressuring us to explain their inheritance. I'm appalled. I was taught that this is something for the parents to tell, not the kids to ask. Several friends of ours who are executors for their parents are now being questioned by siblings while the parent is sick and fighting for life. Please explain to readers what is the best etiquette with regard to inheritance. — Unsure In California

Dear Unsure: Too often money is used to manipulate and control family members. If adult children are going to inherit, they need to learn early how to wisely and responsibly handle money. And, if circumstances change and the estate is affected, the heirs should be given as much forewarning as possible so they are prepared and not shocked.

# DAYS GONE BY

#### 100 years ago - 1921

The United School Band of Pendleton has been organized a little more than one year, and to give account of its efforts during the more than 12 months which its members have spent working together, the band is planning to present a concert some time in January. Practices are being held now by the membership under the direction of A. W. Lundell to get the program in readiness. The band consists of about 50 pieces. The players have been taken from all of the schools of the city, and the organization is now playing a medium grade of music, according to Director Lundell. Some of the boys are also practicing with the Round-Up band. There is some slight indebtedness to be met by the boys' organization, and they have chosen the concert method as a good way to raise the funds they need to pay the amount they are now owing.

#### 50 years ago — 1971

Steelhead are moving and if the Umatilla

weight at six pounds. Fresh eggs were the bait. The Umatilla's steelhead run won't peak for more than two months, however, according to Game Commission records. The electronic fish counter that in past years gave anglers some indication of the number of steelhead in the stream is out of action, so the only way to find out if the steelhead are present is to try to catch them. The Umatilla is open to steelheading from the mouth upstream to the Mission bridge

#### 25 years ago — 1996

Gas prices average 20 cents less per gallon in Hermiston than in Pendleton, although the towns are just 30 miles apart. But local fuel distributors and station managers say there are several factors contributing to price differences. "In Hermiston, you have more competition. You have the AM-PM and the truck stop in Stanfield," said Rudy Olbrich, general manager of Bonbright Oil, a fuel distributing company. AM-PM at the south edge of Hermiston on Highway 195, which often prices its fuel more than a dime lower than any other station in the area, sends many Hermiston gas merchants scrambling to set their prices as low as profitably possible. Today's prices at the station were \$1.05 for regular unleaded,





THE WIZARD OF ID



BY SCOTT ADAMS

BY PARKER AND HART

BY MORT WALKER

River doesn't muddy up, fishing could be good this weekend. Don Brandt, Stanfield, caught the first Pendleton steelhead of the season Thursday, while fishing near Main Street during the noon hour. He estimated its

# TODAY IN HISTORY

**On Dec. 21, 1988,** 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman concluded their "March to the Sea" as they captured Savannah, Georgia.

In 1891, the first basketball game, devised by James Naismith, is believed to have been played at the International YMCA Training School

#### PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN **BY GREG EVANS**

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in Springfield, Massachusetts.

In 1914, the U.S. government began requiring passport applicants to provide photographs of themselves.

In 1945, U.S. Army Gen. George S. Patton, 60, died in Heidelberg, Germany, 12 days after being seriously injured in a car accident.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1976, the Liberianregistered tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Nantucket Island off Massachusetts almost a week after running aground, spilling 7.5 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1991, eleven of the 12 former Soviet republics proclaimed the birth of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the death of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In 1995, the city of Bethlehem passed from Israeli to Palestinian control.

In 2012, the National Rifle Association said guns and police officers were needed in all American schools to stop the next killer "waiting in the wings," taking a noretreat stance in the face of growing calls for gun control after the Newtown, Connecticut, shootings that claimed the lives of 26 children and school staff.

You in particular

BY DANA SIMPSON

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YEAH.



#### BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN





I HATE TO BREAK THIS TO YOU, NATE, BUT ALL GIRLS ARE **NOT** ALIKE! MALL YEAH KNOW





Is that to the tune of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"?





It is an old unicorn holiday song. It is about me!

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