

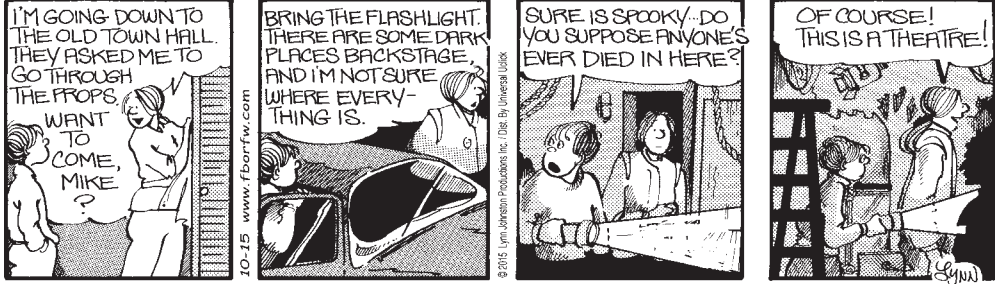
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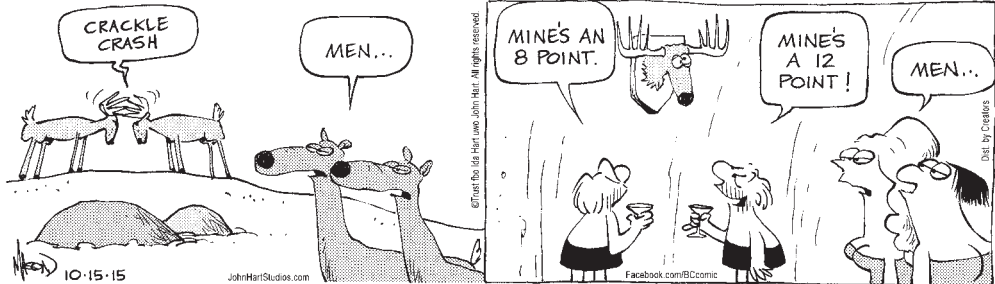
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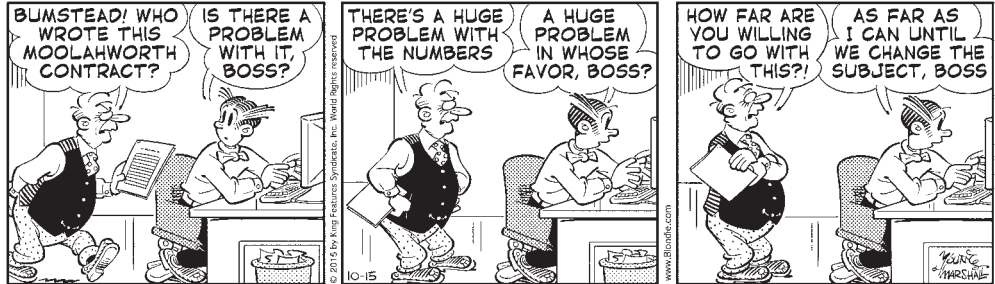
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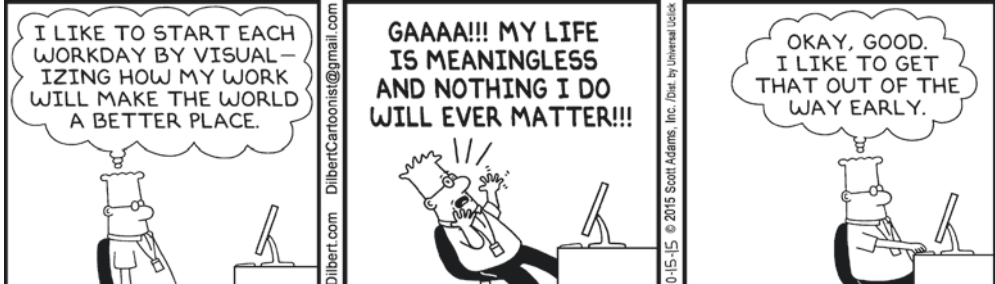
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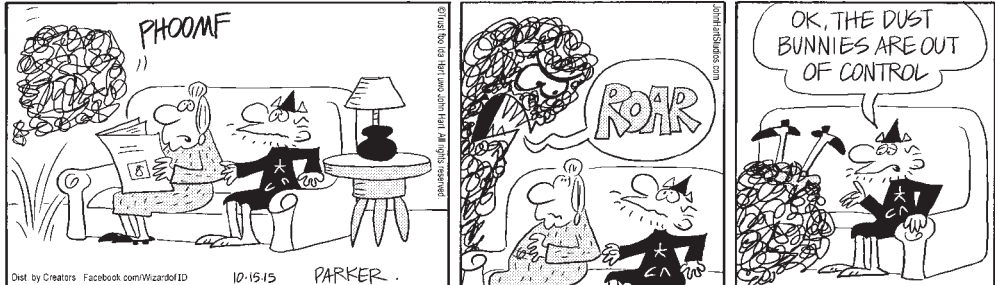
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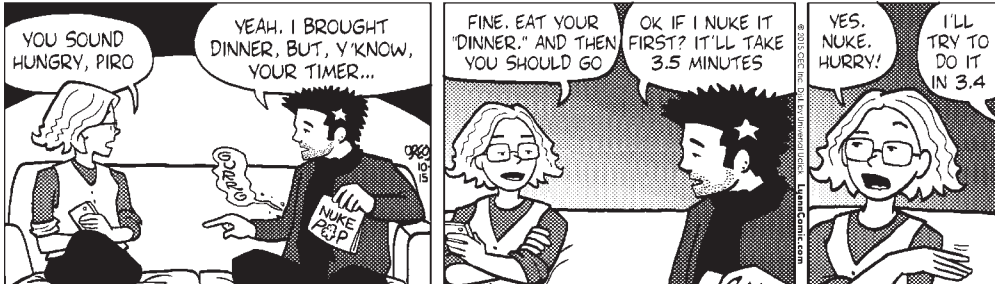
THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Widower tells mom to butt out of plans with pregnant girlfriend



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My son, a widower with two boys, ages 6 and 9, has just informed me that his 33-year-old girlfriend, "Karen," is pregnant and due in five months.

cross your fingers and hope it isn't necessary.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married 10 years. Half of his family are smokers. Every year, there has been a family gathering at his dad's house.

This year, however, the party will be held at the home of another where smoking will be permitted. I can't handle smoke. It gives me a sore throat and I cough for a week after exposure.

Because of my reaction and for the health of my children, I don't want to attend. (When we get home we have to immediately shower and launder our clothing to get rid of the smell.)

My husband is adamant that we SHOULD attend and bring the kids. He was raised around smoking and doesn't see what the "big deal" is. What can I say or do to convince him not to force me and our children to be exposed to the health hazards of secondhand smoke?

Dear Hater Of Smoking: I think so.

Much as you might like, you can't raise your children in a bubble. I would hate to see you isolate your children from their aunts, uncles, cousins and any grandparents who are still alive during their once-a-year holiday celebration.

If you would prefer not to attend because you can't stand the smell of the smoke, stay home. But do not prevent your children from knowing the family. Assuming they don't have health issues, one evening of exposure to cigarette smoke shouldn't be harmful.

Karen has never been married and has no children, so she will become a stepmom and a new mom in a short period of time. Neither my son nor Karen seems to realize how difficult it will be to bring a stepparent into this situation, especially with a new baby on the way.

I think this relationship has moved too fast and they are clueless about how all this will affect the boys. My son has told me I need to "get over it, it's his life and his kids."

It appears that in trying to be helpful you may have come across as negative or judgmental. If that's true, apologize to your son and suggest that if the adjustment becomes difficult for his boys, a family therapist could help to nip any problems in the bud.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1915

A meeting was held this morning by the girls in which great enthusiasm was shown on their part in interest of the athletics carried on at the high school.

Milton-Freewater fire fighting crews until 8:30 p.m. to subdue the blaze. The 60 foot by 108 foot building is located on Elizabeth St. across from Key Equipment.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1990

Saturday was moving day for the Byrd Schoolhouse, from West Birch Creek about seven miles south of Pilot Rock to the Umatilla County Historical Society Museum grounds in downtown Pendleton.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1965

Only the walls were left standing following a fire in Milton-Freewater Wednesday which destroyed the Seventh-day Adventist Church's youth recreation center.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 288th day of 2015. There are 77 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 15, 1915, "The Metamorphosis," Franz Kafka's famous absurdist tale about a man named Gregor Samsa who wakes up one morning to discover that he has been transformed into a huge, insect-like creature, was first published in the German literary journal Die Weissen Blaetter (The White Pages).

British-ruled South Atlantic island of St. Helena, where he spent the last 5 1/2 years of his life in exile.

In 1905, Claude Debussy's "La Mer" (The Sea), a trio of symphonic sketches, premiered in Paris.

In 1914, the Clayton Antitrust Act, which expanded on the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890, was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1940, Charles Chaplin's first all-talking comedy, "The Great Dictator," a lampoon of Adolf Hitler, opened in New York.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country as part of a "moratorium" against the Vietnam War.

Today's Birthdays:

Former auto executive Lee Iacocca is 91. Jazz musician Freddy Cole is 84. Singer Barry McGuire is 80. Actress Linda Lavin is 78. Rock musician Don Stevenson (Moby Grape) is 73.

Thought for Today: "A friend to all is a friend to none." — Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384-322 B.C.).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

