

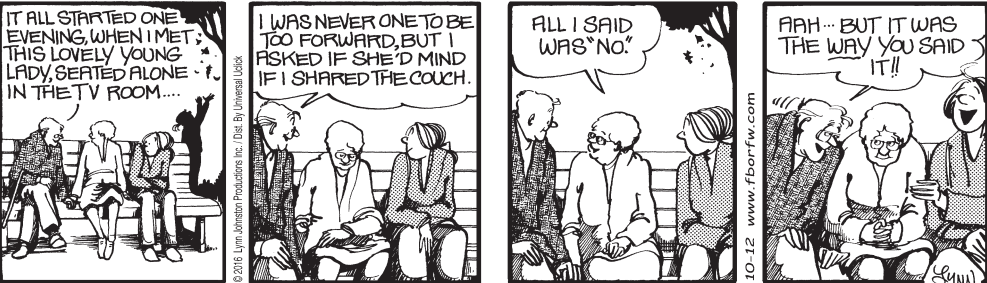
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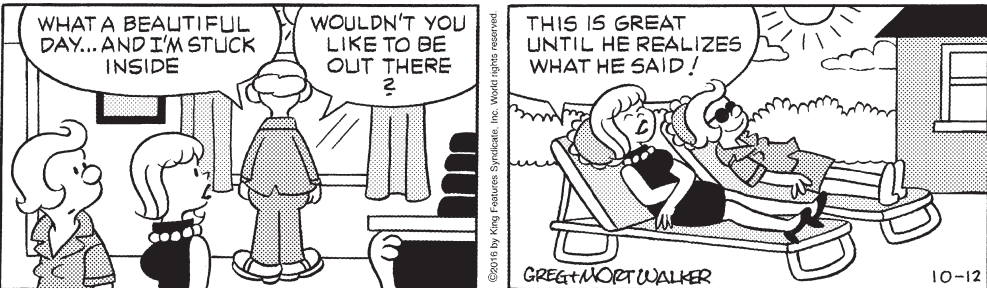
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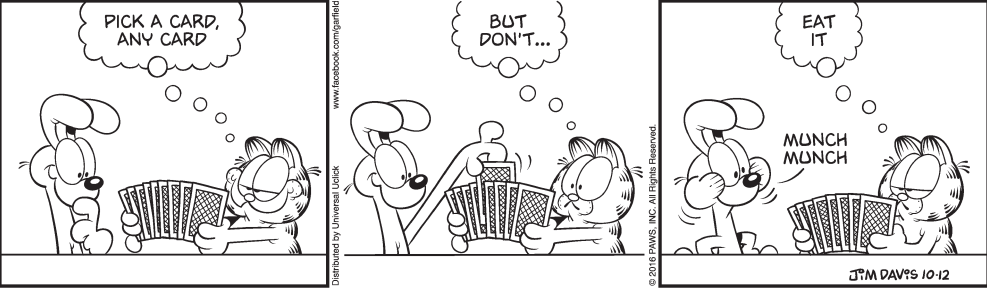
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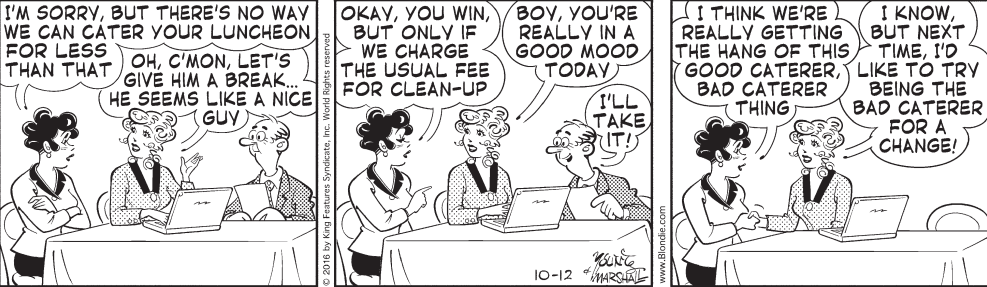
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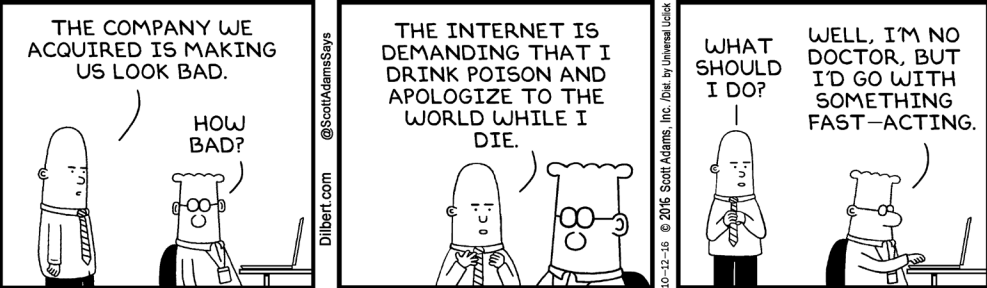
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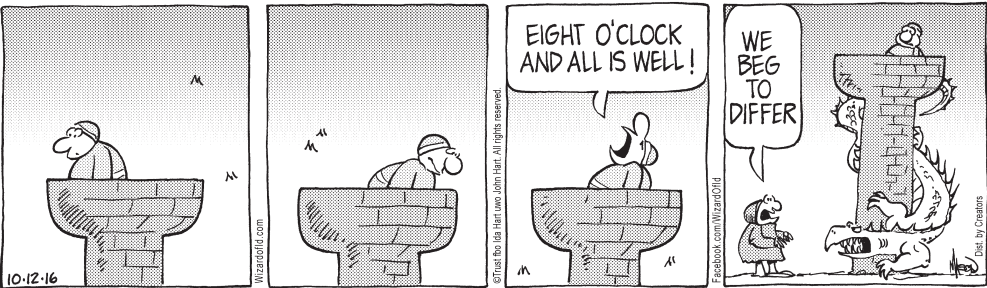
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DEAR ABBY

Doctor's wife serves penance after being caught in affair

Dear Abby: Four years ago, after three years of marriage, I had a brief affair and was caught by my husband, who is a doctor. We had little girls, so he decided not to divorce me, but I had to cut my long hair short in a man's style and stop wearing makeup or jewelry except for my wedding ring. He donated all my designer clothes, and bought me men's clothes. I have begged him to let me wear women's clothes again and allow me to wear even a short woman's hairstyle, but he refuses.

Our two daughters are old enough now to notice, and they are a little embarrassed by how Mommy dresses. I no longer have any desire for an affair, but simply want to look attractive. I was a beauty queen in college, but now even my female friends think dressing like this is my idea. Sometimes I feel so embarrassed in public that I want to hide. What do you suggest I try to get him to let me wear my hair long and women's clothes again? — **Wants To Be Me Again**

Dear Wants To Be You: I hope you are aware that what your husband has been doing is considered emotional abuse. What you did was wrong, but you should not have to spend the rest of your life looking like a man if you don't want to.

To say that your husband is controlling would be an understatement. Because you need more help than anyone can give you in a letter, I'm urging you to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The website is thehotline.org; the toll-free phone number is 800-799-7233. Please don't put this off.

Dear Abby: I am 64 and still a virgin. I now feel I haven't done all the things I wanted



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

to do with my life, and I realize I won't live forever. When I see young kids having fun, I regret wasting my younger years.

The biggest issue I have is with being a virgin. I have always believed in true love, but I still haven't met anyone. I have been going to bars and have multiple accounts on dating websites, but no men close to my age have been interested.

A young man who is 39 has asked to meet up. Should I go on a date with him and see what happens? I know it's wrong, but I think maybe with a younger guy I could do all the things I wanted to do. What should I do? Please help. — **Prudence The Virgin**

Dear Prudence: Think carefully about what it is you really want. If you go on that date, the chances are that you will succeed in losing your virginity. But don't count on anything more than that happening.

I'm unclear about what you mean by "doing all the things you wanted to do," but true love takes time and commitment to develop, and rushing to catch up on all the things you think you have missed is no guarantee you will find it.

Dear Abby: I'm new in the business world and I have a question. At networking events, how do I politely excuse myself from a conversation when I encounter a "Stage 1" clinger? — **Trapped Again In Toronto**

Dear Trapped Again: Because at networking events it's important to make as many contacts as possible, you should say, "It's been nice meeting you, but please excuse me because I have to circulate, and so should you."

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 12, 1916

The city will purchase a small runabout for the fire department, the same to be used as a supply auto and as an inspection car for Chief Ringold. The chief pointed out to the council last evening that at the fire last Thursday morning every bit of the fire equipment in the city was in use. Had another call come in, the department would have had nothing with which to answer it. The chief therefore recommended that a small auto, capable of carrying 500 feet of hose, be purchased and suggested that the same could be used by himself in making inspections. At present he finds it necessary to walk, thus keeping him away from the central station for a considerable length of time. The fire committee approved his recommendation and the council adopted it. Bids on small cars will be called for.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 12, 1966

An 80-year-old retired Hermiston man, Emmett Johnson, was attacked on Main Street at 9:40 p.m. Friday by three local high school boys. Johnson said he was slugged in the face by one of the boys and fell to the sidewalk in front of the Pacific Power & Light Co. office.

Robbery was not the motive. The 17-year-old juvenile, admitting hitting the elderly man, said in his statement to city police, "I don't like dirty old men." The three youths were charged with assault and battery. Johnson said he did not know the youths, and does not understand why they attacked him. The young men said in the police statements they had been drinking beer. They refused to name their beer supplier.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Oct. 12, 1991

A grass fire that started near Pendleton Junior High Thursday afternoon created billows of black smoke but no injuries or serious damage. An investigation into the cause of the fire was continuing today, a fire department official said, who added that some juveniles were spotted near the scene of the fire, which started just north of the junior high but changed directions several times thanks to shifting winds. The fire worked into a ravine between the school and Indian Hills, setting on fire a pile of tires and other refuse, which accounted for the heavy black smoke that could be seen throughout most of the Pendleton area. The fire got close to some private property but never seriously threatened the junior high or other buildings, according to the fire department.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 286th day of 2016. There are 80 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 12, 1492 (according to the Old Style calendar), Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

On this date:

In 1810, the German festival Oktoberfest was first held in Munich to celebrate the wedding of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen.

In 1870, General Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Virginia, at age 63.

In 1915, Former President Theodore Roosevelt, speaking to the Knights of Columbus in New York, criticized native-born Americans who identi-

fied themselves by dual nationalities, saying that "a hyphenated American is not an American at all."

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

In 1942, during World War II, American naval forces defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance. Attorney General Francis Biddle announced during a Columbus Day celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Antonia Rey is 89. Comedian-activist Dick Gregory is 84. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 84. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 81. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 69. Actress-singer Susan Anton is 66. Rock singer-musician Pat DiNizio is 61. Pop/rock singer/songwriter Jane Siberry is 61. Actor Hiroyuki Sanada is 56. Actor Carlos Bernard is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Claude McKnight (Take 6) is 54. Actor Hugh Jackman is 48. Country musician Martie Maguire (Courtyard Hounds, The Dixie Chicks) is 47. Actor Kirk Cameron is 46. Rock singer Jordan Pundik (New Found Glory) is 37.

Thought for Today: "To know one's self is wisdom, but not to know one's neighbors is genius." — *Minna Antrim, American writer (1861-1950).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

