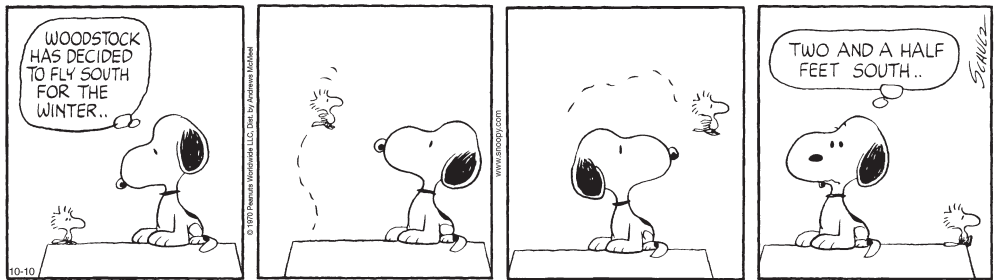


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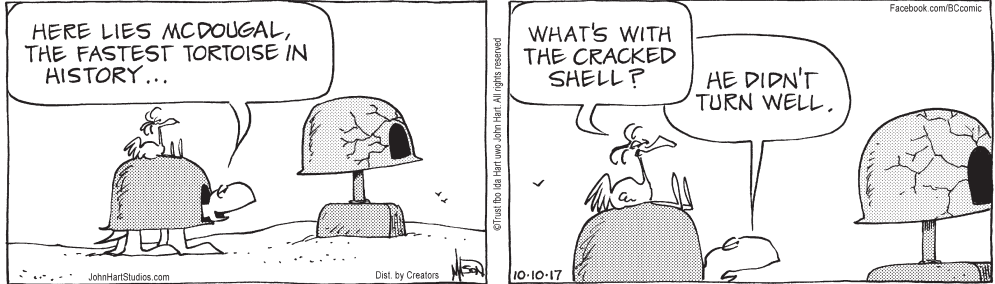
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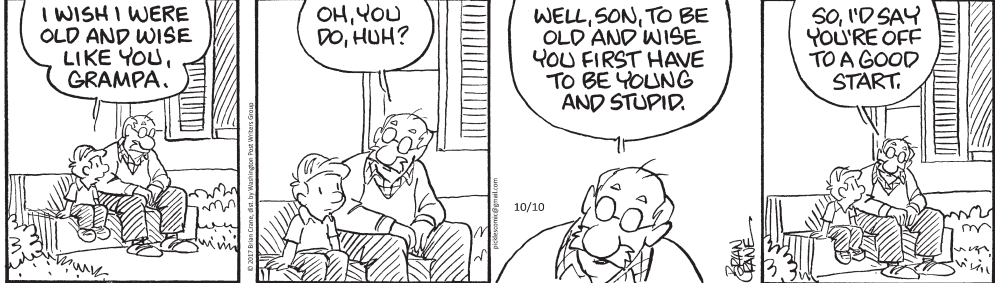
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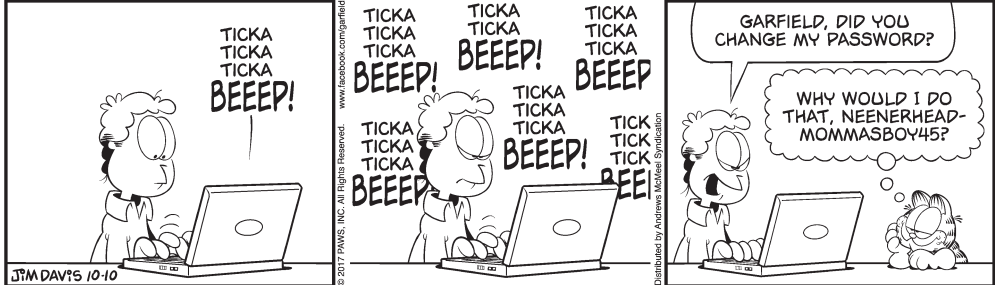
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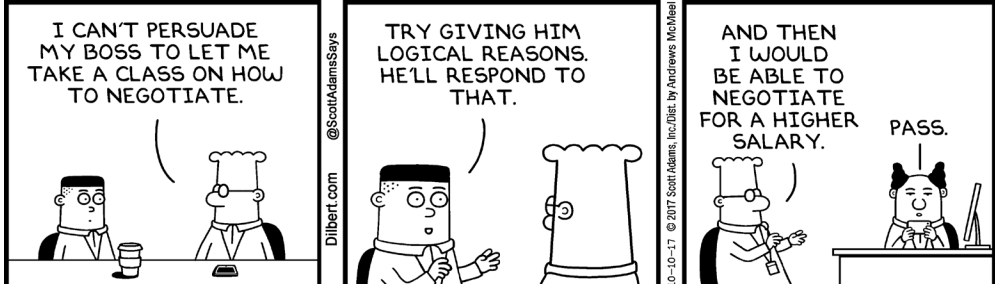
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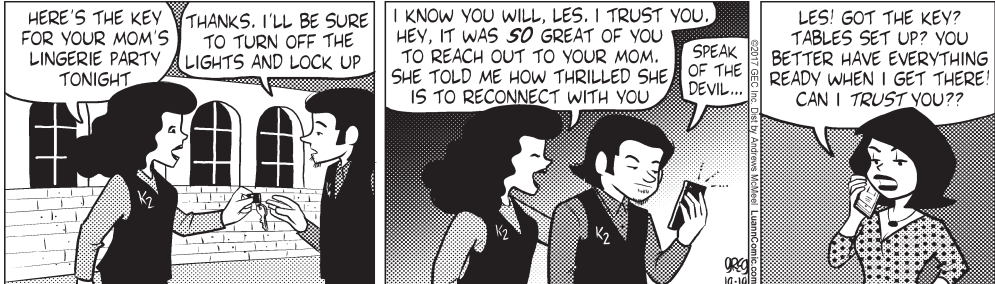
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DEAR ABBY

Man's devotion to his family leaves girlfriend feeling lonely

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I just moved in together. We have been a couple for seven years. Until now, we have lived with our parents.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I am single, 33, and have two kids. I have dipped my toe in the dating pool without success. I am not lonely, but I find myself wanting a relationship.

When I tried dating websites, I got a mixed bag of colorful characters. When I do find someone I'm interested in, it fizzles out quickly.

We start out by messaging on the site, then we text each other. The problem I am having is that these men don't ask "get to know you questions"

or keep up a conversation at all. If I don't text first or keep the conversation going, there's no communication at all. All of them state they want a relationship, but they don't put forth the effort. I'm not sure what the problem is.

Every time this happens, I forget about dating for a while, but it happens again and again. Have any sage advice for me? — Looking In Nebraska

Dear Looking: You say you are messaging back and forth. After a few days of conversation, have you suggested getting together for a coffee date? It might provide an opportunity to find out more about these men. If you have done that and encountered resistance, it might suggest you are coming on too strong or they aren't quite as ready as they have advertised.

Because there is so much distraction and so much choice in online dating, perhaps you should consider meeting men the old-fashioned way — through friends, relatives or social groups. Meeting someone special when one least expects it has been known to happen.

I knew moving in would be a struggle for him because he's very close to his four siblings. Now that we've moved in, he calls and video chats with them every day, visits twice a week or more and has sleepovers. He also leaves work early to take his siblings on field trips or attend their sports events.

I'm finding it very frustrating being alone all the time. I have talked to him and expressed my feelings about the amount of time he spends with his family. In my opinion, it's excessive, especially since neither of his parents works.

He asked me to give him time to adjust, but it has already been a month. This is the man I want to marry one day, but I can't help but feel like I'm never put first. Please help! — Confounded In California

Dear Confounded: You and your boyfriend have been living together a grand total of one month. This is a period of adjustment for BOTH of you. It's unrealistic to expect your boyfriend — who appears to be tightly bound to his parents and siblings — to instantly focus all his attention on you.

My advice, and I hope you will heed it, is to devote time to your own interests and activities so you won't be so dependent on him. Give it six months. If things haven't resolved in that amount of time, write me again.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 9-10, 1917

On orders from the war department, Major Richard Parks of the United States army is now here for the purpose of inspecting a local site for another proposed national army camp site. The site recommended to the department is in the triangle south of the Columbia river and west of the Umatilla, about three miles from Hermiston. The location was first suggested to the war department by the Hermiston Commercial Club last spring and now further data as to the availability of the place is being submitted. The site consists of many thousands of acres of level, unused land, with good drainage, ample water abundant in the Columbia or from Minnehaha springs and on top of this the winter season is such that open air drilling may be carried on most of the time.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 9-10, 1967

A Pendleton man shot and killed himself Saturday night as police closed in on him in connection with the theft of a Walla Walla coin collection. The victim was Fred E. Sanders, 45. Inspector Don Woods of the Walla Walla police said Sanders had carried out about 20 boxes of coins from the home of Mr. and

Mrs. David Mitchell and was bringing out more, when the Mitchells returned home and surprised him. Sanders fled in his car. A nearby patrolman pursued him in his squad car and trapped him on a dead-end street. As officer Ronald Brookshore was making the arrest, Sanders took the gun from under the seat of his car and shot himself. He died one hour and 20 minutes later.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 9-10, 1992

Leon Reese says founders of Peace Lutheran Church — Germans who settled about 10 miles north of Pendleton — must have been tenacious people. Or just plain stubborn, he adds, with a smile. Reese and Leeroy Ehlers are co-chairmen for the Pendleton church's centennial this weekend, which will feature an open house, banquet and worship. The church today is located at Northwest Ninth and Carden. Farmers near Myrick Station wanted to establish a German Lutheran church and met to consider organizing on Oct. 9, 1892. They returned two weeks later and adopted a constitution. Twenty men signed the charter for "Evangelisch Lutherische Frieden-Kirche." The exact translation is Evangelical Lutheran Peace Church.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 283rd day of 2017. There are 82 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 10, 1967, the Outer Space Treaty, prohibiting the placing of weapons of mass destruction on the moon or elsewhere in space, entered into force.

On this date:

In A.D. 19, Roman general Germanicus Julius Caesar, 33, died in Antioch under mysterious circumstances, possibly from poisoning.

In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy was established in Annapolis, Maryland.

In 1913, the Panama Canal was effectively completed as President Woodrow Wilson sent a signal from the White House by telegraph, setting off explosives that destroyed a section of the Gamboa dike.

In 1917, legendary jazz composer and pianist Thelonious Monk was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

In 1935, the George Gershwin opera "Porgy and

Bess," featuring an all-black cast, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 124 performances.

In 1938, Nazi Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologized to the finance minister of Ghana, Komla Agbeli Gbedemah, after the official was refused seating in a Howard Johnson's restaurant near Dover, Delaware. The Milwaukee Braves won the World Series, defeating the New York Yankees in Game 7, 5-0. The TV series "Zorro," starring Guy Williams as the masked hero, debuted on ABC.

In 1966, the Beach Boys' single "Good Vibrations" by Brian Wilson and Mike Love was released by Capitol Records.

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

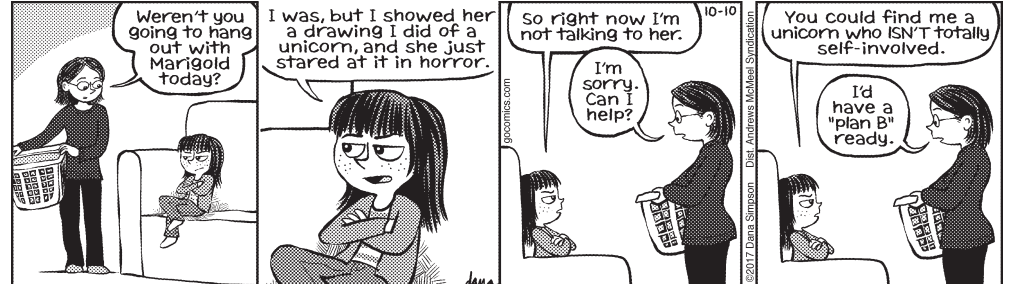
Today's Birthdays:

Former Illinois Sen. Adlai Stevenson III is 87. Actor Peter Coyote is 76. Entertainer Ben Vereen is 71. Singer John Prine is 71. Actor Charles Dance is 71. Rock singer-musician Cyril Neville (The Neville Brothers) is 69. Actress Jessica Harper is 68. Author Nora Roberts (aka "J.D. Robb") is 67. Singer-musician Midge Ure is 64. Rock singer David Lee Roth is 63. Country singer Tanya Tucker is 59. Rock musician Mike Malinin (Goo Goo Dolls) is 50. Pro Football Hall of Famer Brett Favre is 48. Actor/TV host Mario Lopez is 44. Race driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. is 43.

Thought for Today: "The imperceptible process of age has a point which, once passed, cannot be retraced. I knew I had passed that point and was getting old the day I noticed that all the cops looked so young." — Harry Lewis Golden, American author, editor and publisher (1903-1981).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

