

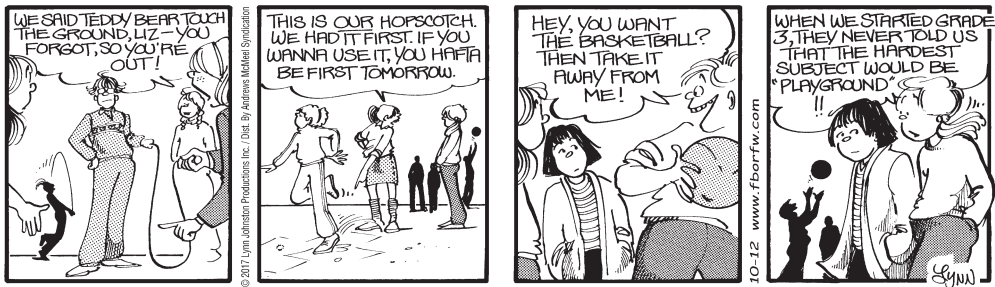
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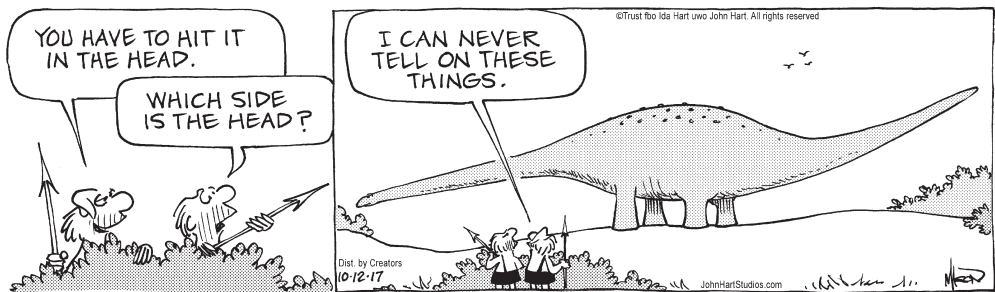
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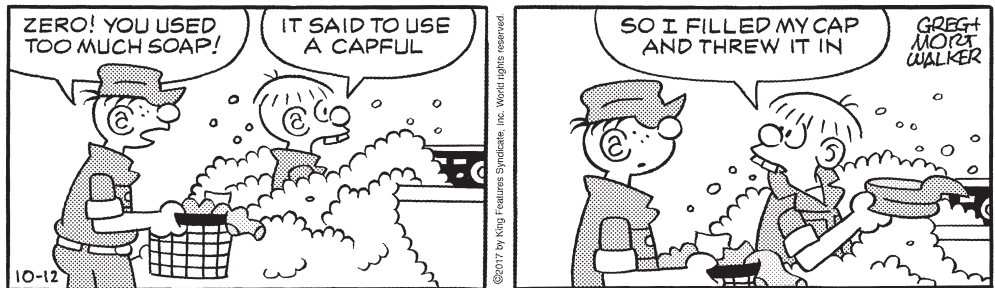
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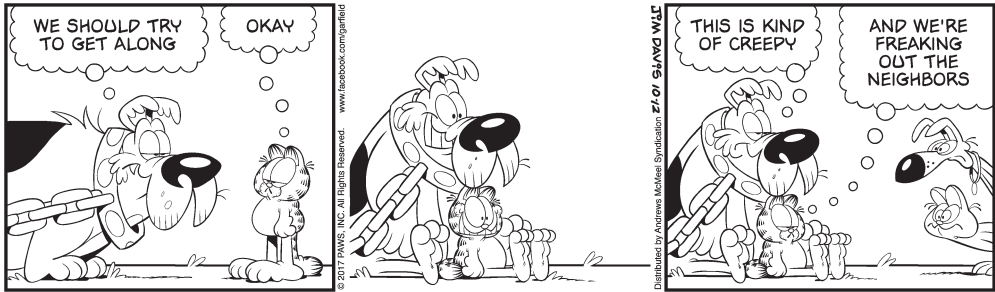
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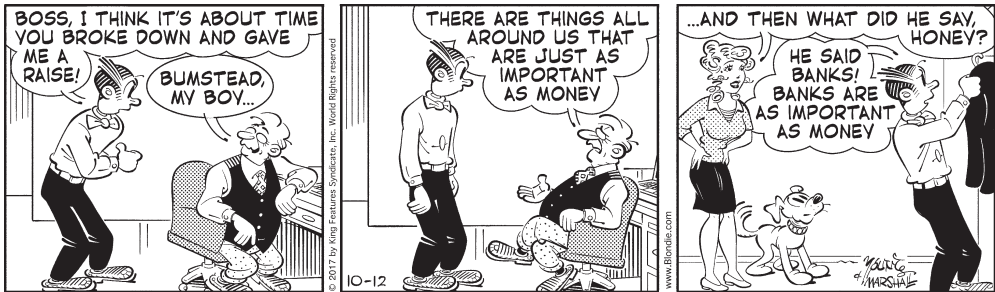
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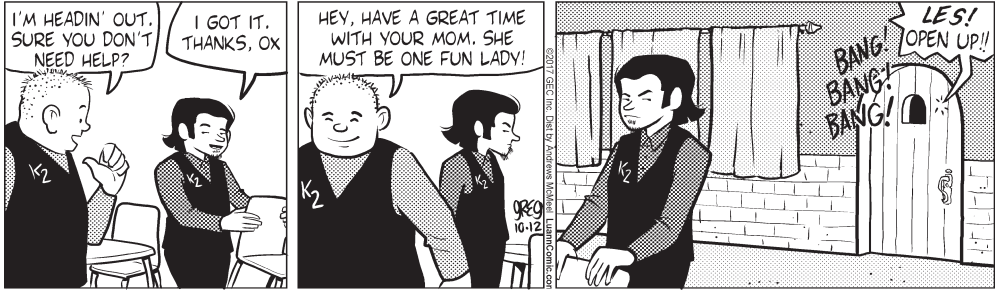
THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Meat-and-potatoes man pans his friend's vegan cooking



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I retired after a 40-year career. A friend from work, "Bernie," is the same age I am (62) but is still working.

Six years ago, I had a serious health crisis. Three years ago, Bernie survived a heart attack. Since then, Bernie worries incessantly about dying. He exercises rigorously and eats a strictly vegan diet. I like to spend time with him, but I'm more casual about diet and exercise.

Neither of us is going to be a GQ model, regardless of how much we diet or exercise. I say life should be enjoyed, but Bernie is too busy obsessing, compulsively taking medicine and working out.

Today he invited me out to supper. Instead of going to a restaurant, he said he was cooking another of his (not-too-tasty) vegan meals. I don't want to offend or discourage Bernie, but I hate his cooking. What should I do? Would a steak and a baked potato kill him? — Paunchy But Happy In Kentucky

Dear Paunchy: Because you enjoy Bernie's company, call him and tell him you would love to come to supper, but because you are a carnivore you will be bringing your own steak and potato with you, so fire up the broiler.

Dear Abby: My mother died from a heroin overdose when I was 8. As a mother with children of my own, I often find myself getting upset when people say nice things about her — things that would normally make people feel good, such as, "Oh, she would have been so proud of you," or, "She was such a great woman." I feel that if she was such a great woman, she wouldn't have chosen drugs

over her (or our) well-being. How can I let go of the anger I feel toward her when everyone else sees her only in a good light? — Mixed Feelings About Mom

Dear Mixed Feelings: I'm sorry for the loss of your mother at such a tender age and under such tragic circumstances. Far more is understood about drug addiction today than was known when you were a child. We now know that addiction can be less about a lack of character than a medical problem.

I seriously doubt that when your mother gave herself her final fix she realized it would be her last. While I sympathize with your anger at being cheated out of her presence in your life, it would be better for your own quality of life if you could accept that she was a human being and fallible. A licensed mental health professional can help you work through your anger, and I hope you will talk to one soon.

Dear Abby: We host many gatherings in our home during the year, including picnics. We have a downstairs bathroom that is intended for guests. But twice now, I have encountered guests using my upstairs bathroom. I have never offered it, and I'm offended that they take it upon themselves to go uninvited into private territory. I would never do that in someone else's house. Am I wrong, or are they overstepping the boundaries here? — Wondering In The East

Dear Wondering: To use your upstairs bathroom without asking your permission is overstepping. The exception might be if the downstairs bathroom was in use, and the need to get into one was urgent.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 12, 1917

A 14-year-old orphaned Indian girl, Winnie Kanine, came forward this morning to prove that the white Americans have no monopoly on patriotism. Through the First National Bank she subscribed \$2000 for Liberty Bonds and expects to double her subscription later in the campaign. She owns 250 acres of land and had \$6500 in the bank and, the government having given permission to the agent to invest trust funds in Liberty Bonds, she was the first to respond. Supt. Swartzlander expects other Indians to follow suit.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 12, 1967

School Supt. Ellis Neal told the school board last night that the state department standardization team that visited Pendleton schools Sept. 28 helped identify issues and problems in the district. Ray Speulda, school standards consultant from the state department of educa-

tion, visited Adams, Lincoln, Hawthorne and Washington elementary schools and the Helen McCune and John Murray junior high buildings. He said Washington and Lincoln schools were obsolete and hampered instruction. The Lincoln building, if improved, might be considered standard, his report stated.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 12, 1992

Pendleton Woolen Mills has been weaving sweaters, skirts and blankets in America since 1909, but it may expand to Mexico if a test production run is successful. The Portland-based company, which still has a plant in its namesake town — Pendleton — is making up to 600 blouses south of the border to gain some experience before the expected removal of tariff barriers under the North American Free Trade Agreement between the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Trade representatives from the three countries signed the agreement Wednesday in Texas, but it has yet to be formally ratified by all three governments.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 285th day of 2017. 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' expedition arrived in the present-day Bahamas.

On this date: In 1792, the first recorded U.S. celebration of Columbus Day was held to mark the tricentennial of Christopher Columbus' landing.

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 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was executed by a German firing squad for helping Allied soldiers escape from occupied Belgium during World War I. Former President Theodore Roosevelt, speaking to the Knights of Columbus in New York, criticized native-born Americans who identified 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 1957, the Dr. Seuss Yuletide tale "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" was first published by Random House.

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.

In 1997, singer John Denver was killed in the crash of his privately built aircraft in Monterey Bay, California; he was 53.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Antonia Rey is 90. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 85. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 82. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 70. Actress-singer Susan Anton is 67. Rock singer-musician Pat DiNizio is 62. Pop/rock singer/songwriter Jane Siberry is 62. Actor Hiroyuki Sanada is 57. Actor Carlos Bernard is 55. Jazz musician Chris Botti is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Claude McKnight (Take 6) is 55. Rock singer Bob Schneider is 52. Actor Hugh Jackman is 49. Actor Adam Rich is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Garfield Bright (Shai) is 48. Country musician Martie Maguire (Courtyard Hounds, The Dixie Chicks) is 48. Actor Kirk Cameron is 47. Rock singer Jordan Pundik (New Found Glory) is 38. Actor Josh Hutcherson is 25.

Thought for Today: "Christopher Columbus, as everyone knows, is honoured by posterity because he was the last to discover America." — James Joyce, Irish author and poet (1882-1941).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

