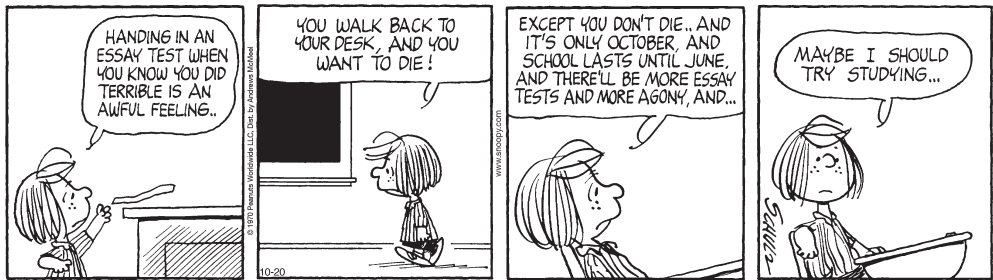


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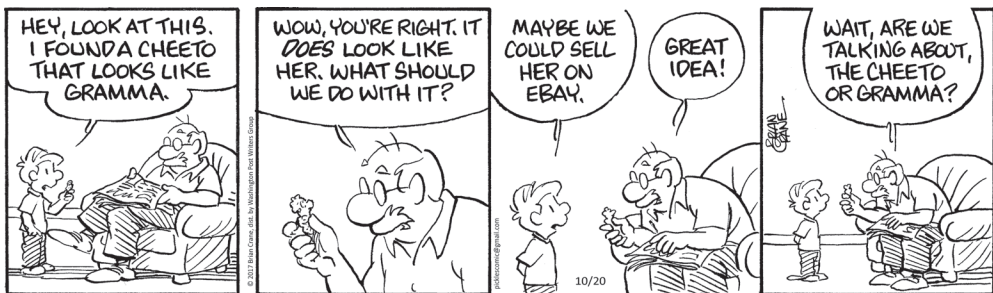
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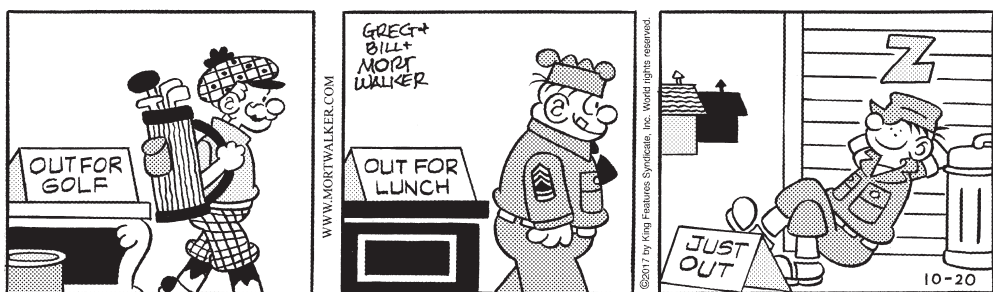
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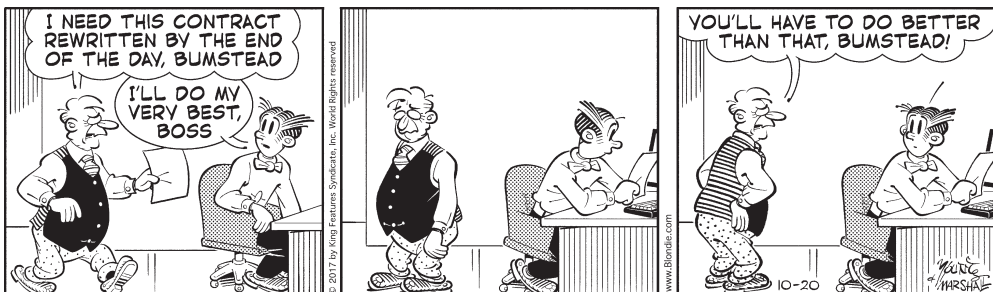
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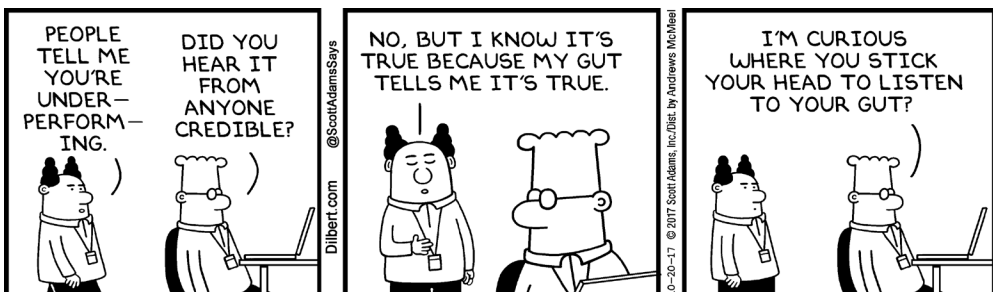
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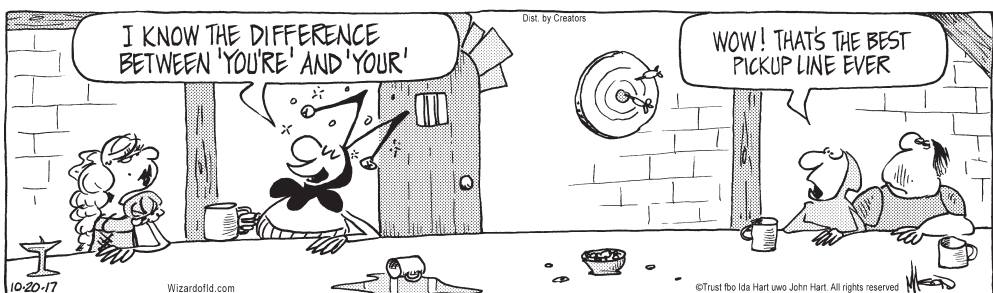
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DEAR ABBY

Wife tires of long marriage to a resentful curmudgeon

Dear Abby: I will soon be married 48 years, but it is not much of a marriage. There is no sex, no touching, no kind and compassionate words, only bickering and arguing. I can't figure out why I'm still here. I have thought about leaving many times.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I have written three books, and because of it, my husband has ridiculed me. I have also owned and operated two businesses. I'm active in the community, which he resents. He is an introvert, while I am an extrovert. He no longer accompanies me to activities, but when he did, he would make snide remarks to people who stopped to chat with us. So I no longer invite him. Help me, please! — Sad, Lonely Wife

in their activities or pickups and drop-offs, but never hesitates to interject her opinions about what I should do with their time. It causes communication problems between their father and me. I don't want to be rude to her. Where does the line need to be drawn? — Momma Knows Best

Dear Momma Knows Best: Give your ex's current wife the benefit of the doubt. She may be trying to be helpful. Then, for the sake of your own sanity, simply ignore her comments and continue communicating with your ex in parenting matters.

Dear Wife: I will try. If you are asking my permission to divorce your husband, I can't give it to you. Instead, I suggest you ask yourself why you have tolerated such a lonely marriage for 48 years and what you feel you would have to gain by leaving. As an intelligent woman, once you answer that, I think you will know what to do.

Dear Abby: Many years ago, as I was about to graduate from college and begin looking for a job, I read a book called "Dress for Success." One of the things I remember from it is that a man's tie should be tied to a length that is between the last button of his shirt and the top of his belt buckle.

Dear Abby: I am a mother of two. I share 50 percent custody of my children with their father. My children also have two stepparents. How involved in decision-making should the stepparents be? I value their opinions, but I think I know what is best for my children. Their stepmother isn't particularly involved

Since the last election I have noticed that many politicians, our new president included, wear their ties several inches below their belt. Is this a fashion trend or just them being unique? — Chris In Washington

Dear Chris: I brought your question to the attention of the Brooks Brothers corporate office and was told that what you read in "Dress for Success" was correct. That some people wear their ties longer is an individual style decision, and not a fashion trend.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 20, 1917

It is rumored that a new \$8000 building is to be built at Rieth. It is to be a hotel, restaurant and barber shop and confectionery store combined. Excavation for the building has been started and if it is completed will make quite an addition to Rieth.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 20, 1992

Deepika Sharma of Hermiston says a summer working at a national research laboratory was the most enlightening experience of her life. "I thought I was going to be a 'gofer,' but it turned out I had my own office, telephone, computer and mailstop, and an assignment waiting for me to work on." Sharma, a high school junior, had been selected for an apprenticeship program at the Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories in Richland, one of the nation's five national energy research laboratories. Sharma worked with scientists J.V. Ramsdell, Ken Burk and Chris Simonen in the Atmospheric Science Department. One of her assignments was to help translate a complex Fortran computer program known as "Ratchet" from a Sun computer version to an IBM PC version. The work allowed staff members access to the Sun software on their personal computers.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 20, 1967

Jubilee Lake is filling today. The 24-inch gate in the bottom of the new dam was closed Wednesday and began backing up the waters of Motet Creek. Flow in the creek and in two other trickles of water into the lake basin are low now and Jubilee won't fill noticeably until fall rains come. The spring runoff will complete the job. The manmade, 100-acre lake is about 10 miles north of Tollgate in the Blue Mountains.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 293rd day of 2017. There are 72 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 20, 1967, a jury in Meridian, Mississippi, convicted seven men of violating the civil rights of slain civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner; the seven received prison terms ranging from 3 to 10 years.

On this date: In 1714, the coronation of Britain's King George I took place in Westminster Abbey.

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1936, Helen Keller's teacher, Anne Sullivan Macy, died in Forest Hills, New York, at age 70.

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration in the U.S. motion picture industry.

In 1964, the 31st president of the United States, Herbert C. Hoover, died in New York at age 90.

In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

In 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor

Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

In 1976, 78 people were killed when the Norwegian tanker Frosta rammed the commuter ferry George Prince near New Orleans.

In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd, including lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, were killed along with three others in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Mississippi.

In 1987, 10 people were killed when an Air Force jet crashed into a Ramada Inn hotel near Indianapolis International Airport after the pilot, who was trying to make an emergency landing, ejected safely.

In 1994, actor Burt Lancaster died in Los Angeles at age 80.

In 2007, Republican Congressman Bobby Jindal, the U.S.-born son of Indian immigrants, was elected governor of Louisiana; he became the first non-white to hold the job since Reconstruction. Former Green Bay Packers receiver Max McGee died in Deephaven, Minnesota, at age 75. Peg Bracken, author of the "I Hate to Cook Book," died in Portland, Oregon, at age 89.

Today's Birthdays:

Japan's Empress Michiko is 83. Rockabilly singer Wanda Jackson is 80. Former actress Rev. Mother Dolores Hart is 79. Actor William "Rusty" Russ is 67. Actress Melanie Mayron is 65. Retired MLB All-Star Keith Hernandez is 64. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., is 62. Movie director Danny Boyle is 61. Former Labor Secretary Hilda Solis is 60. Actor Viggo Mortensen is 59. Rock musician Jim Sonefeld (Hootie & The Blowfish) is 53. Rock musician David Ryan is 53. Rock musician Doug Eldridge (Oleander) is 50. Journalist Sunny Hostin (TV: "The View") is 49. Political commentator and blogger Michelle Malkin is 47. Actor Kenneth Choi is 46. Rapper Snoop Dogg is 46. Singer Dannii Minogue is 46. Singer Jimi Westbrook (country group Little Big Town) is 46. Country musician Jeff Loberg is 41. Actor Sam Witwer is 40. Actor John Krasinski is 38. Rock musician Daniel Tichenor (Cage the Elephant) is 38. Actress Katie Featherston is 35. Actress Jennifer Nicole Freeman is 32.

Thought for Today:

"Everybody's private motto: It's better to be popular than right." — Mark Twain (1835-1910).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

