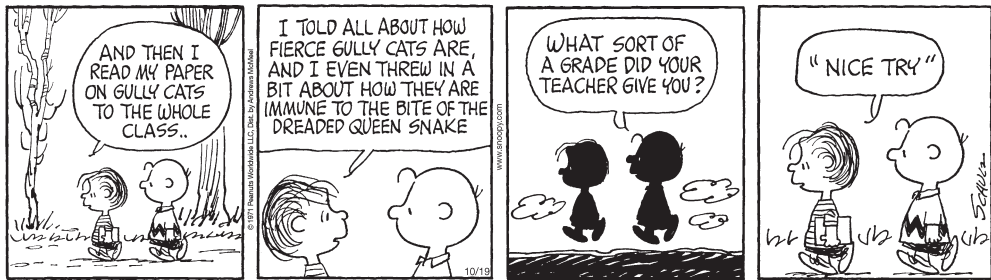


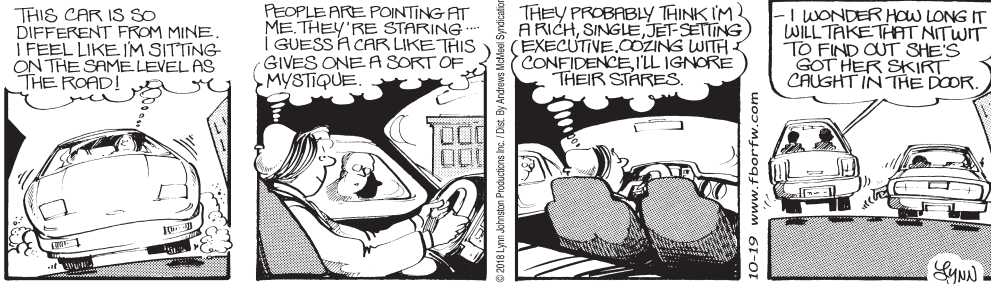
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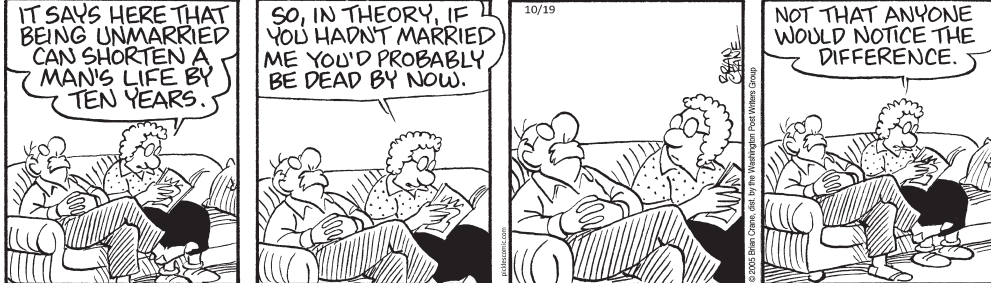
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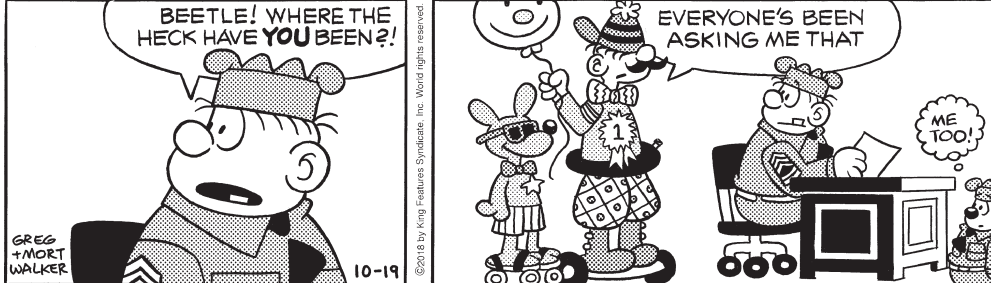
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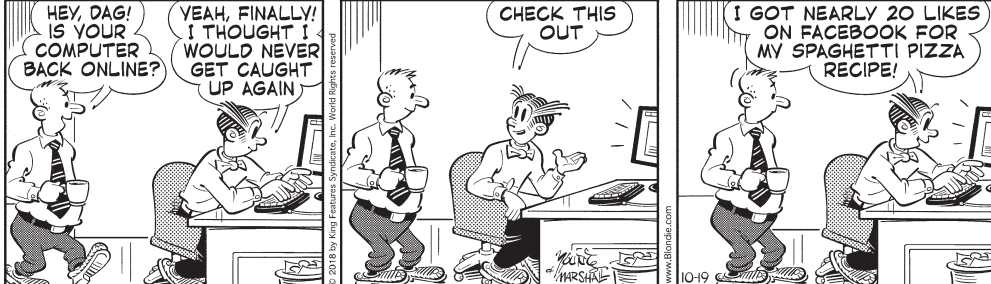
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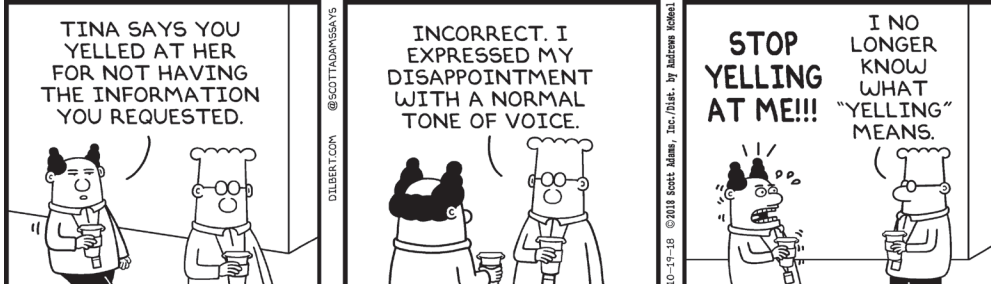
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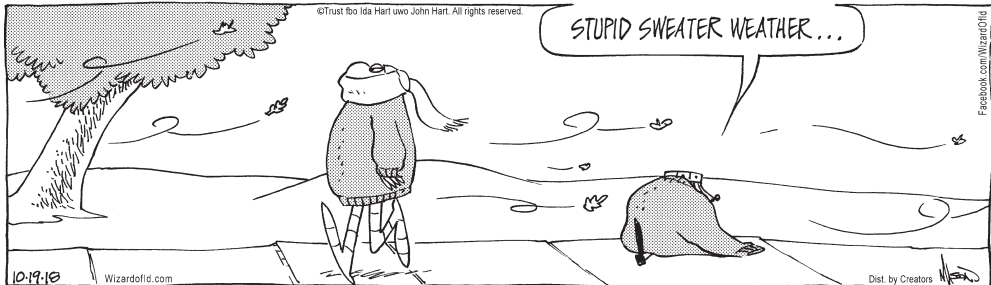
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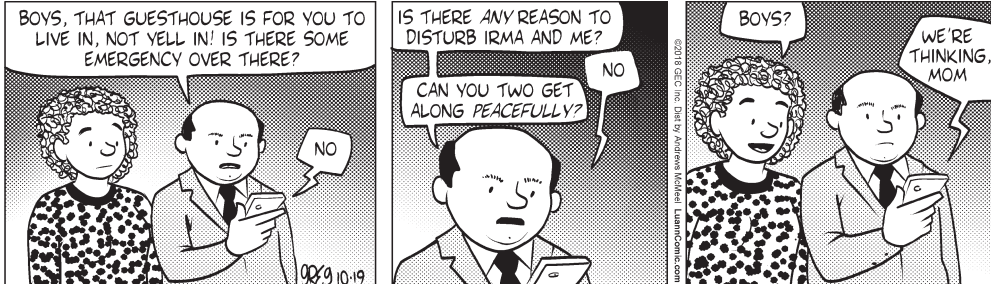
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DEAR ABBY

Grown child keeps meetings with ex-stepfather a secret from mom

Dear Abby: When I was in my first year of college, my mother divorced my stepdad. "Charlie" was part of my life for 12 years, but since their divorce, she insists I have no contact with him.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

thinks it's perfectly fine to get in them and start playing with them, because "no one's using them." The rest of my family thinks it's rude to use a wheelchair as a toy.

Dear Claire: Assistive devices are not toys, and they should not be "played with" by those who don't need to use them.

Growing up, Charlie was a father figure to me — a very important person in my life. Spending time with him is awkward, but it would feel wrong to never see him again.

My question is how do I deal with the barrage of inquiries from neighbors, hairstylist, co-workers and friends who constantly ask if he has found a job yet?

Dear Abby: My son recently graduated with a master's degree. He's a fine young man, did extremely well all through his schooling and has never given his father or me a second of worry.

Dear Forgive: Go with your gut. As an adult, you do have the right to choose with whom you associate, and your mother should not be insisting upon it with no explanation.

My family travels a great deal, and there are always unattended wheelchairs parked around the airport. My teenage brother

Dear Mom: Handle it this way. Say, "When he does, I'll let you know." Then change the subject.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19, 1918

The Home Card campaign is next. A new food pledge card, which is a most eloquent and forceful document, is to be placed in every household in America between the dates of October 28th and November 2nd by the food administration.

phy, daughter of Myrtle Murphy of Hermiston, was taken to the hospital, Dr. Roy Rasmussen Jr. need the finger tip. Then a teacher searched through a waste paper basket, retrieved the piece of finger, got it to the hospital, and Dr. Rasmussen sewed it back in place.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19, 1993

Prison inmate Bryant Woolstenhulme tried to kill Correctional Officer Louis Michaels with a heavy iron weight-lifting bar last May, a Umatilla County Circuit Court jury decided Tuesday.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 19, 1968

A little fourth grade girl at West Park School had the tip of a finger cut off Tuesday in a door when it slammed shut at school.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 19, 1789, John Jay was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the United States.

In 1967, the U.S. space probe Mariner 5 flew past Venus.

Hussein pleaded innocent to charges of premeditated murder and torture as his trial opened under heavy security in the former headquarters of his Baath Party in Baghdad.

In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, as the American Revolution neared its end.

In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

Today's Birthdays: Author John Le Carre is 87. Artist Peter Max is 81. Author and critic Renata Adler is 81. Actor Michael Gambon is 78. Actor John Lithgow is 73. Former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele is 60. Singer Jennifer Holliday is 58. Retired boxer Evander Holyfield is 56. Host Ty Pennington (TV: "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition") is 54. Actor/Director Jon Favreau is 52. "South Park" co-creator Trey Parker is 49. Comedian Chris Kattan is 48.

In 1864, Confederate Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early's soldiers attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Virginia; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1982, automaker John Z. DeLorean was arrested by federal agents in Los Angeles, accused of conspiring to sell \$24 million of cocaine to salvage his business. (DeLorean was acquitted at trial on grounds of entrapment.)

Thought for Today: "If our country is worth dying for in time of war let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace." — Hamilton Fish III, American congressman (1888-1991).

In 1944, the U.S. Navy began accepting black women into WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value (its biggest daily percentage loss), to close at 1,738.74 in what came to be known as "Black Monday."

In 1950, during the Korean Conflict, United Nations forces entered the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

In 1994, 22 people were killed as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district.

In 1953, the Ray Bradbury novel "Fahrenheit 451," set in a dystopian future where books are banned and burned by the government, was first published by Ballantine Books.

In 2001, U.S. special forces began operations on the ground in Afghanistan, opening a significant new phase of the assault against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

In 2005, a defiant Saddam

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

