

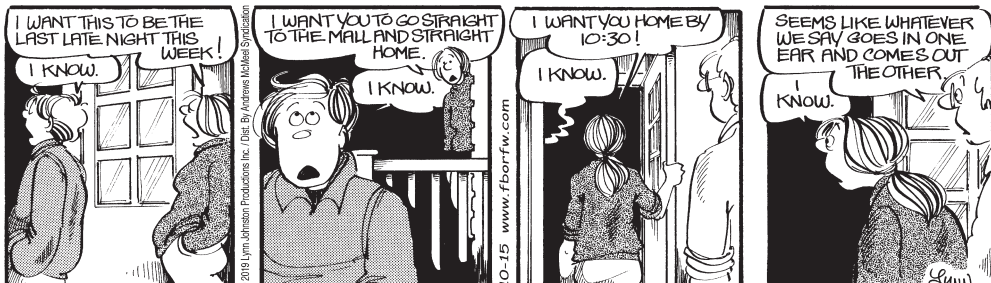
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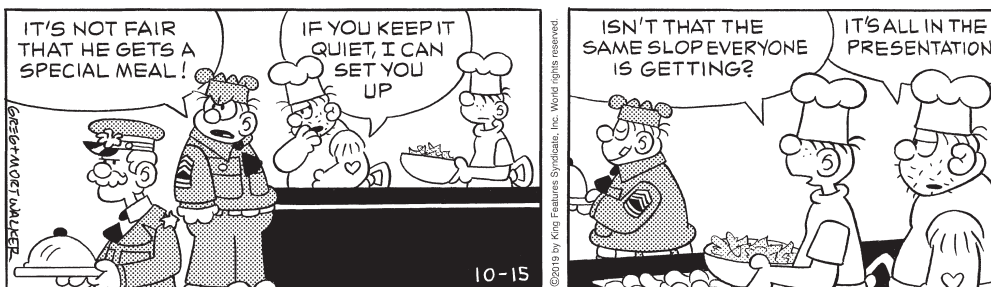
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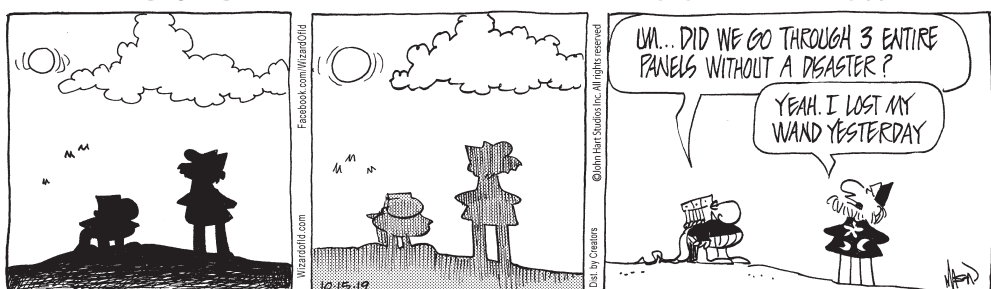
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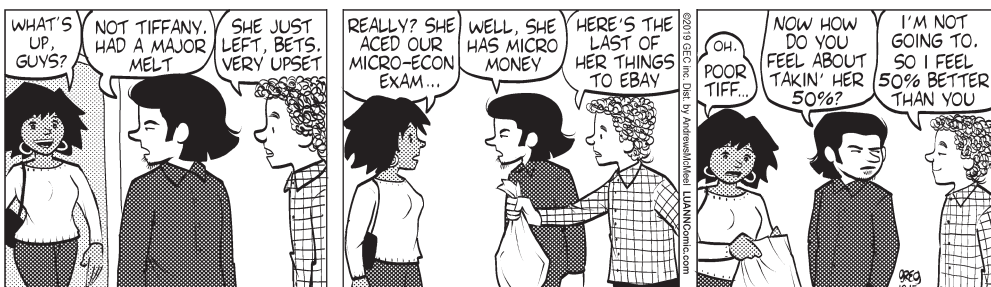
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DEAR ABBY

Happy smartphone user stops short of becoming an addict

Dear Abby: I have a smartphone, and I love its convenience. I check my email, texts and voicemail three or four times a day and always try to respond promptly. But I do not carry my phone with me every moment of the day.



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picked her up from work in it, which embarrassed her in front of her co-workers.

It's not like we don't have other vehicles. Both my parents have nice, functional cars. Abby, please help me figure out a way to tell my dad without hurting his feelings. — Freaked Out in Frankfort, Ky.

Dear Freaked Out: People should not be judged because of the clothes they wear or the vehicles they drive, but sometimes they are by shallow people who should know better. I think you could get your message across by telling your father how your brother's classmates reacted when they saw him pick up your brother. What they did was cruel. Leave it up to your mother to tell him she felt embarrassed in front of her co-workers. I'm sure she can get the message across.

Some family members insist that the polite thing to do is to return a text message or voicemail immediately. They carry their phones with them and constantly interrupt whatever they are involved with to answer the phone, send a text, etc.

For my birthday, one relative gave me a little pouch on a string so I could wear my phone around my neck wherever I went because she texted me one day early in the afternoon saying she wanted to drop by, but I didn't see or respond to it until dinner time. Is making oneself available every moment of the day and night now required for good manners? — Not A Phone Addict

Dear Not An Addict: Of course not! A cellphone is not supposed to be a leash. Your relative has become hooked on the concept of instant gratification, which isn't healthy for either of you. If you humor her, your cellphone will become an annoying and unending inconvenience for you. Do not take the bait.

Dear Abby: My father recently purchased a truck for our farm. It's old and in poor shape, but it was worth the \$2,000 he paid for it. The truck was fine until my father used it to pick me and my siblings up from school. When the other kids saw the bumperless truck, they began calling my little brother "Farmer Boy" and made cow noises at us. My mother isn't OK with it either. He

Dear Abby: My wife was sexually active with a classmate in high school. Their relationship lasted until shortly before we were married, 54 years ago. I have often wondered what he did to make her so willing to come to his bed. Perhaps if I knew, I could enhance her pleasure in our lovemaking. However, such information might be injurious to our relationship. What is your take on this? I think about this several times each day. — Obsessed in the West

Dear Obsessed: You have, I hope, been happily married for more than half a century. Has it never occurred to you that her high school romance failed because the sex wasn't that great? If you want to ask your wife at this late date if there is anything you can do to enhance her enjoyment of your lovemaking, by all means do. But do not frame it the way you did to me.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1919

The clock strikes three. The sound of typewriters stops abruptly. The girls put aside their pencils and notebooks. The tea-hour has arrived at the Hartman Abstract company office. The innovation is a recent one and it carries out an idea which originated with James Johns Sr. He says that the girls work all day at top speed and that as the afternoon wears on they need a li'l drink — of tea — to stimulate them for the remainder of the day's work. A mysterious red box is fastened to the wall in the office. The box contains not only tea, but chocolate, tea cakes and "instant" coffee, as well as electrical devices for heating water. When opened the box forms a tea-table.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1969

The city of Hermiston will appeal to its teen-age drivers in an effort to control a traffic problem on Main Street. The problem is caused by what City Attorney Rustin Brewer says is one of the most popu-

lar pastimes in America — driving up and down Main Street. The council has battled with the problem before and the result has been a profusion of signs forbidding turns. It's gotten so bad, said Police Chief Robert Shannon, that visitors are confused and angry. Dan Boone, a senior at Hermiston High School, said the students are interested in helping to find a solution. He said posting driveways and forbidding left turns is not the answer. "The solution is to find a place" where the drivers can turn around "and legalize it."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 15, 1994

The death of a young runaway has been laid to rest 13 years after she was raped and murdered. Her killer, a former California truck driver, was convicted Thursday after the jury deliberated for about an hour. Judge Jack Olsen scheduled sentencing for 8 a.m. Tuesday. David C. Cox, 52, could receive a life sentence for aggravated murder and five years for the rape charge. The decision follows a four-day trial regarding the February 1981 murder of Naomi Marie McMahill.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 15, 1991, despite sexual harassment allegations by Anita Hill, the Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court, 52-48.

In 1783, the first manned balloon flight took place in Paris as Jean-Francois Pilatre de Rozier ascended in a basket attached to a tethered Montgolfier hot-air balloon, rising to about 75 feet.

In 1940, Charles Chaplin's first all-talking comedy, "The Great Dictator," a lampoon of Adolf Hitler, opened in New York.

In 1954, Hurricane Hazel made landfall on the Carolina coast as a Category 4 storm; Hazel was blamed for some 1,000 deaths in the Caribbean, 95 in the U.S. and 81 in Canada.

In 1976, in the first

debate of its kind between vice-presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 1989, South African officials released eight prominent political prisoners, including Walter Sisulu.

In 2001, Bethlehem Steel Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

In 2006, three members of Duke University's lacrosse team appeared on CBS' "60 Minutes" to deny raping a woman who'd been hired to perform as a stripper (Collin Finnerty, Reade Seligmann and David Evans were later exonerated).

In 2017, actress and activist Alyssa Milano tweeted that women who had been sexually harassed or assaulted should write "Me too" as a status; within

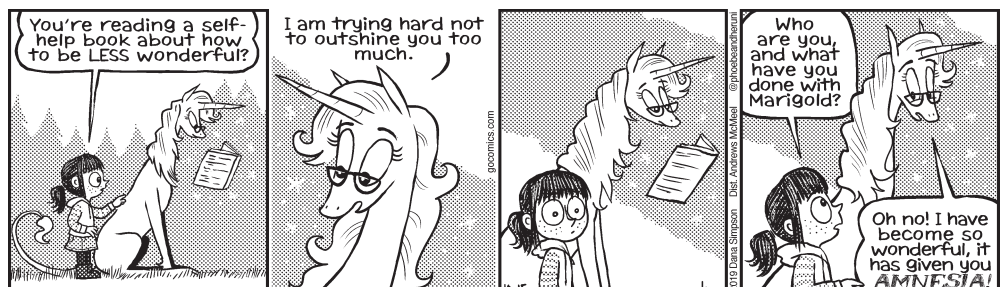
hours, tens of thousands had taken up the #MeToo hashtag (using a phrase that had been introduced 10 years earlier by social activist Tarana Burke.)

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Freddy Cole is 88. Actress Linda Lavin is 82. Movie director Mira Nair is 62. Chef Emeril Lagasse is 60. Actress Tanya Roberts is 60. Singer Eric Benet is 53. Actress Vanessa Marcil is 51. Singer-actress-TV host Paige Davis is 50. Actor Dominic West is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keyshia Cole is 38. Actor Vincent Martella is 27. Actress Bailee Madison is 20.

Thought for Today: "A friend to all is a friend to none." — Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384 B.C.-322 B.C.).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

