

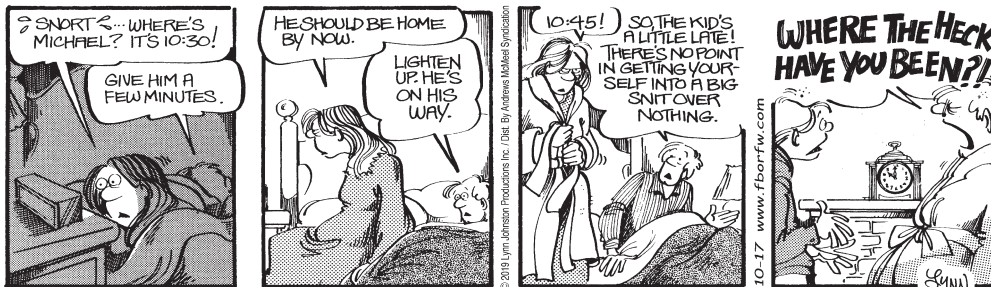
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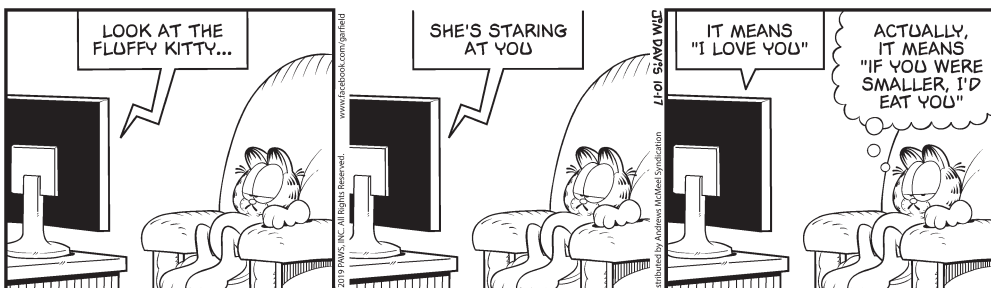
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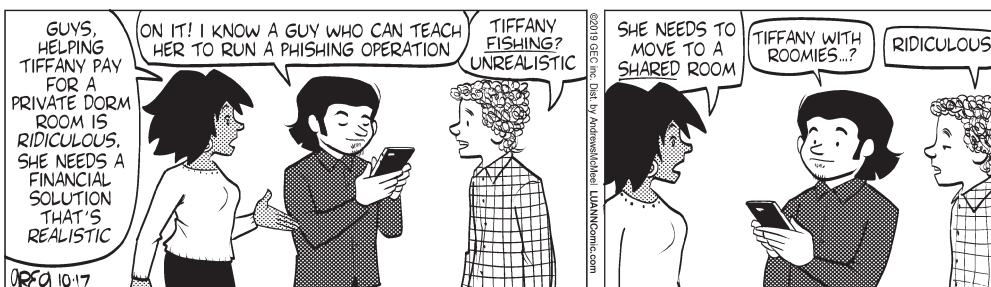
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DEAR ABBY

Divorced mother gets cold shoulder at family events



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a 67-year-old divorced mother of five and grandmother of eight. My marriage to the father of my first four children ended 30 years ago because he was physically and emotionally abusive. After the divorce, I managed to put myself through college, and I am now a retired teacher. I also remarried, which resulted in having one more child, a beautiful daughter who is now 27. My second husband is now deceased.

beneficial mentally and physically. Recently, I started taking classes at a new studio with lovely teachers and — mostly — great students.

One individual, though, seems to think the class is his own social event. He over-chants "ohm" and moans loudly throughout the class. Would it be rude to say something to him, or should I just find another studio? It's gotten to the point where the entire purpose of relaxing and clearing my mind is impossible. —

Mentally Drained in New Jersey

Dear Drained: Do not address the over-chanter directly. Instead, discuss your concerns with the teacher because you may not be the only participant who finds the person's vocalizations to be a distraction. Or, consider attending another class that is held at a different hour if there is one.

Dear Abby: My best friend is having a party and has invited my ex-boyfriend. He broke up with me a few months ago and already has a new girlfriend. He totally broke my heart, and I have been a mess ever since. She thinks it was OK to invite him, and she knows he will most likely bring his new girlfriend to her house for the party. I told her I'm not going if he goes, and she's still inviting him! Should I stop being friends with her? How should I handle this? — Not OK in the North

Dear Not OK: Because seeing your ex-boyfriend with his new girlfriend would be too painful for you, handle it by not attending the party. As to whether you should stop being best friends with the hostess, it appears that she may have stopped being best friends with you.

My first husband remarried soon after our divorce, and I always supported our grown children having a close relationship with him. What hurts me deeply, though, is that whenever there is a family event that includes all of us, my children from my first marriage act like my youngest daughter and I don't exist.

At the last family gathering, at my oldest daughter's home, I was treated like a stranger. I felt like crying as my older children sat, ate and talked with my ex-husband and his wife. Abby, I have always been there for my kids, through sickness and financial hardships. My ex has a great deal more money to spend on them than I do. I suspect this may be the reason they cater to him. How do I cope with my feelings of rejection and being snubbed by them? — Hurt Mom in the West

Dear Hurt Mom: You aren't going to change the "family" dynamic at this late stage. Rather than sit silently, struggling to hold back the tears as your older children slather their father with attention, consider socializing with them separately as often as possible.

Dear Abby: I have been attending yoga class for several years and find it to be very

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 17, 1919

The Weston community is somewhat stirred up over the large number of cases of smallpox that have developed here lately. It was reported Wednesday evening that there were 16 cases in town. The homes of Porter Graham, Walter Webb, Ben Walden, F.G. Lucas and Crist Thoeny have been ordered by the city physician, Dr. McKinney, to be quarantined. The cases have been very light so far, some of the patients not even going to bed on account of the malady.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 17, 1969

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office recovered the body of Herbert Ramsey, 51, Wednesday, more than two weeks after the houseboat he owned sank in the Columbia River near Umatilla. Jim Cameron, a sheriff's deputy, spotted Ramsey's body while search-

ing by helicopter. He saw the body floating in the river about one mile from Boardman, about 20 miles west of Hermiston. The body was taken to Hermiston, where a fingerprint check identified the victim as Ramsey, a hardware store owner in Power City.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 17, 1994

Nyssa senior James Longoria won the Pendleton Classic high school cross-country boys' title Saturday in the fastest time ever posted at the three-year-old meet. Longoria, who finished the 5,000-meter course in 15 minutes, 34 seconds, led the Bulldogs to second place in team standings. The powerful Hermiston Bulldogs came across the finish line like beads on a string in the second through fifth spots and defended their team title with 25 points. The Pendleton Bucks turned in their best performance of the season in a strong showing to take the third place trophy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 17, 1979, Mother Teresa of India was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1610, French King Louis XIII, age nine, was crowned at Reims, five months after the assassination of his father, Henry IV.

In 1777, British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, New York, in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

In 1807, Britain declared it would continue to reclaim British-born sailors from American ships and ports regardless of whether they held U.S. citizenship.

In 1907, Guglielmo Marconi began offering limited commercial wireless telegraph service between Nova Scotia and Ireland.

In 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted in Chicago of income tax evasion. (Sentenced to 11 years in prison, Capone was released in 1939.)

In 1933, Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

In 1939, Frank Capra's comedy-drama "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," starring James Stewart as an idealistic junior U.S. senator, had its premiere in the nation's capital.

In 1966, 12 New York City firefighters were killed while battling a blaze in lower Manhattan. The TV game show "The Hollywood Squares" premiered on NBC.

In 1967, Puyi, the last emperor of China, died in Beijing at age 61.

In 1973, Arab oil-producing nations announced they would begin cutting back oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result was a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

In 1978, President Carter signed a bill restoring U.S. citizenship to Confederate

President Jefferson Davis.

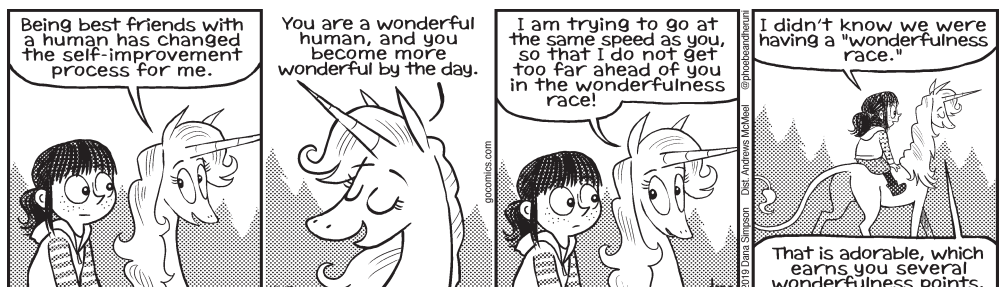
In 1989, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale struck Northern California, killing 63 people and causing \$6 billion worth of damage.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marsha Hunt is 102. Astronaut Mae Jemison is 63. Country singer Alan Jackson is 61. Movie critic Richard Roeper is 60. Movie director Rob Marshall is 59. Actor Grant Shaud is 59. Animator Mike Judge is 57. Singer Rene' Dif is 52. Reggae singer Ziggy Marley is 51. Actor Wood Harris is 50. Singer Wyclef Jean is 50. Singer Chris Kirkpatrick ('N Sync) is 48. Rapper Eminem is 47. Actress Sharon Leal is 47. Actress Felicity Jones is 36. Actor Chris Lowell is 35. Actor Dee Jay Daniels is 31.

Thought for Today: "If you believe that life is worth living then your belief will create the fact." — Arthur Miller (1915-2005).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

