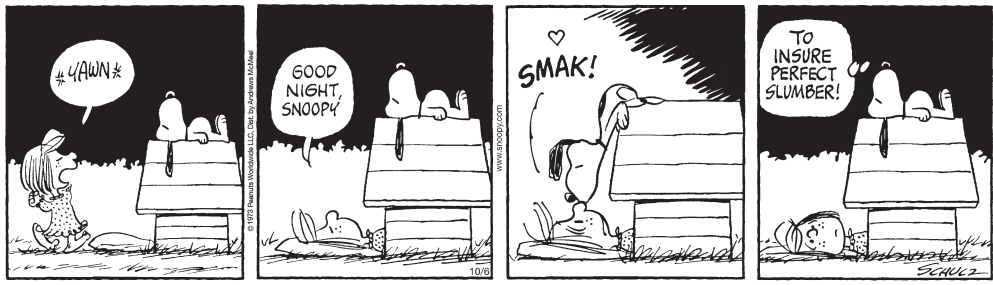


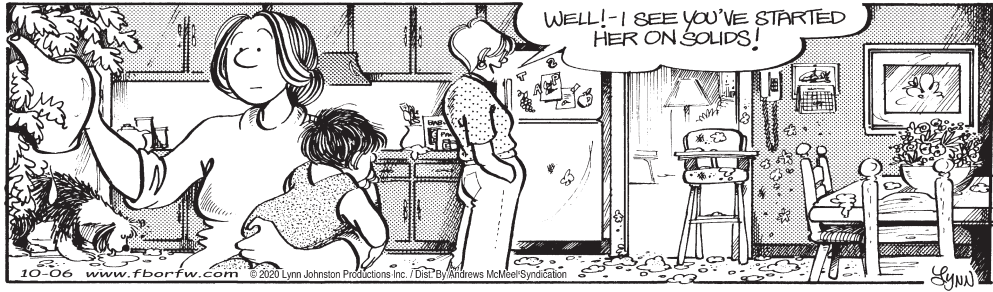
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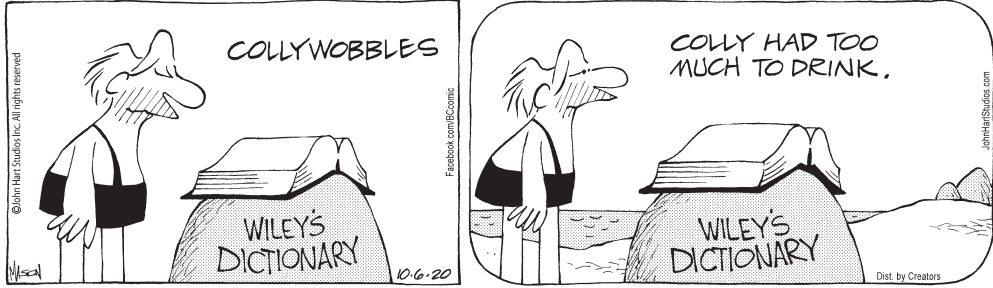
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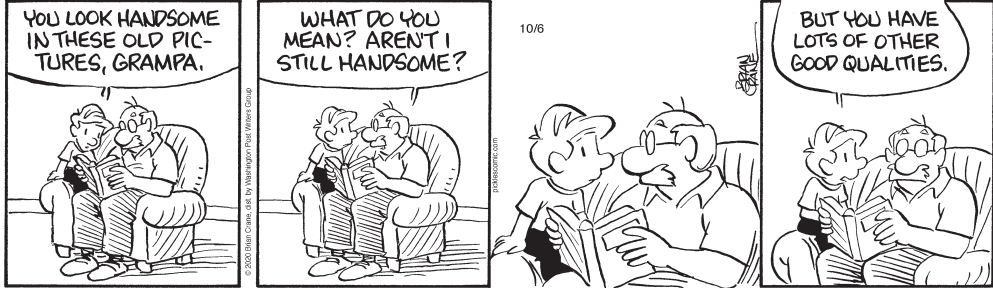
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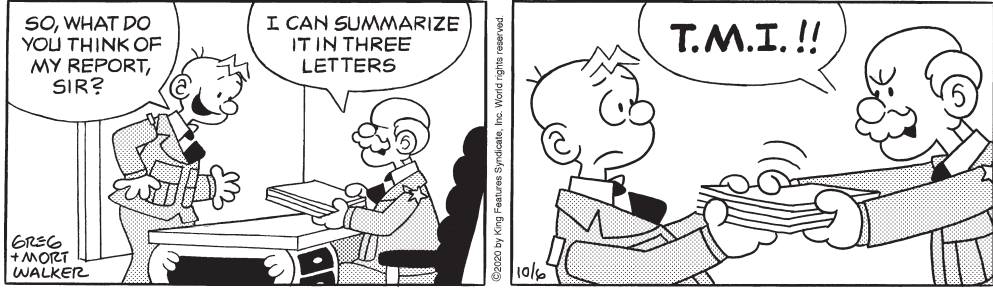
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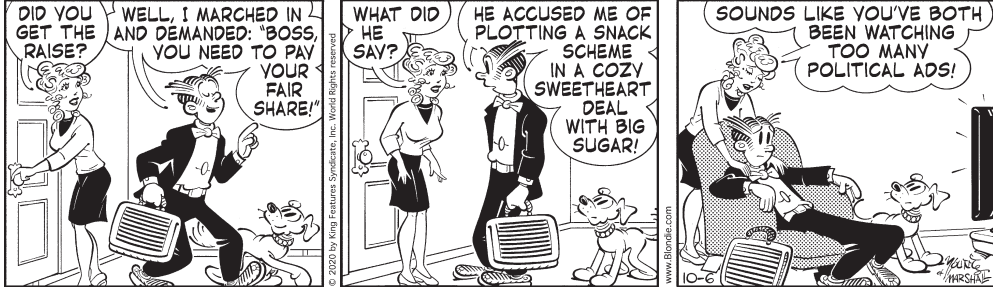
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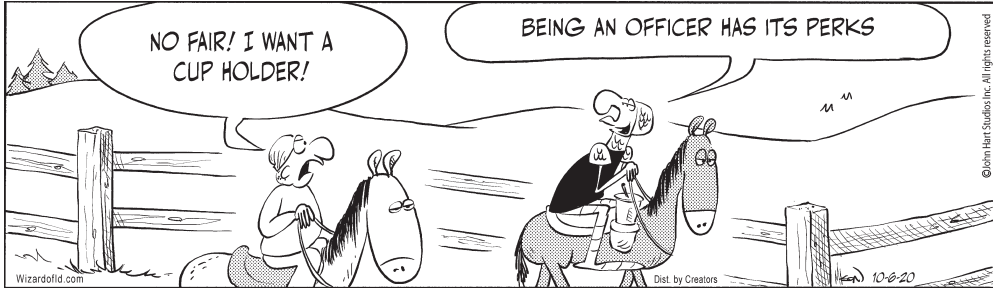
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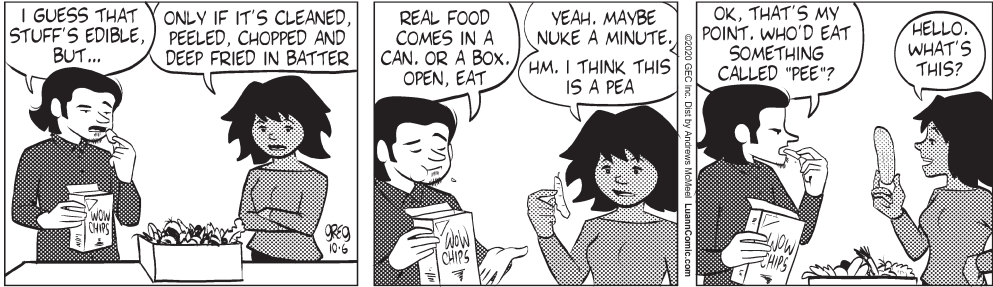
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DEAR ABBY

Friendship mysteriously ends after 30-year relationship

Dear Abby: I need help moving past the end of a longtime friendship. I don't know what happened. My friend, my former college roommate, just drifted away.

After school we continued to be friends — not besties, but we would meet for coffee or dinner a few times a year. Fast-forward 25 years. She called me the day she left her husband, 10 years ago, to tell me the news. I was her emotional lifeline for a few days, and it was intense. We continued to be in touch a few times a year.

Then, a few years ago, I sent a message suggesting we meet soon. She replied that she was busy but would get back to me about a date, but she never did. I waited six months and again suggested we meet. She replied that she had a conflict but would let me know a date that would work. She didn't do it. I didn't reach out again and haven't heard from her since. It has been three years, and I know through other sources she is doing well.

I'm having difficulty dealing with being dropped after a 30-year friendship. I can't think of anything I did to cause it, and I don't understand how a friendship like that can just be kaput. What do you think? — **Disappointed in Washington**

Dear Disappointed: I find it interesting that when this woman was in turmoil, she reached out to you. However, after her marriage and the emotional dust-up that surrounded it, I suspect she may have decided to close that chapter of her life.

You stated that the two of you didn't stay in contact other than "a few times a year."



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Think back. Did she contact you only when she needed emotional support? If that's the case, recognize the relationship for what it was. Now that she is doing well, she may be firmly focused on the present rather than the past, and frankly, although it may sting, I think you should do the same.

Dear Abby: I have a family friend who at one time I considered to be like a sister. The issue is, my family hosts her family every Thanksgiving. They are never invited. They just say they are coming over.

They bring drinks, more for themselves than for us. Their kids run around, break things and behave disrespectfully, while the parents seem to regard the behavior as amusing. They also bring along Tupperware for leftovers but don't bother staying around to help clean up.

When my family told them we weren't cooking for Thanksgiving last year, her response was that they'd do something just for their immediate family. I was shocked, because my family has hosted them for more than 15 years. I have kept my distance since, but I'm still upset about it. How do I bring up the subject without anyone getting their feelings hurt? — **Returning the Favor**

Dear Returning the Favor: Why are you worried about bruising the feelings of these self-entitled people? They haven't shown they are concerned about your family's feelings. Be glad to be rid of them. If the subject comes up, tell her that your family has again made "other plans" for Thanksgiving — just your immediate family.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 6, 1920

A representative of the U. S. reclamation service is here organizing a crew to make a topographic survey of the McKay Creek reservoir site. This work will include a subsurface investigation and will be supplementary to work already accomplished by the government. The site has been approved by the reclamation engineers but they have not yet acquired all the data desired. This information will be obtained by the topographic survey. It is expected the surveying work will require two months. West end people have strong hopes of getting actual work on the reservoir started soon through an appropriation by congress providing for starting the project.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 6, 1970

The streets of Hermiston are becoming unsafe for junior high students to walk in broad daylight in fear of getting a beating for being suspected of being "narcs." John Cermak, director of elementary education and junior high principal, said. An older youth delivers narcotics in Hermiston on Tuesdays and Fridays and his identity is known by city police, according to Cermak, but they have not been able to catch the youth in the act of pushing the drugs. In recent weeks three Hermiston Junior High students have been beaten by older boys.

One boy suffered a double fracture of the jaw. The junior high has an enrollment of 650. Cermak said approximately 25 of the students have admitted to him the use of narcotics. In several cases he has called in the parents. "Students have asked us not to be called to the office because they will be suspected by the pushers and will be beaten up," Cermak said. "I am greatly concerned about the youth of the community."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Oct. 6, 1995

Huddled around televisions and radios, people in all parts of Umatilla and Morrow counties took a collective coffee break to hear the verdict of American's most-watched trial. The silence was shattered several minutes later with sighs, shouts and a few I-told-you-sos as northeast Oregonians handed down their own appraisal of the guilt or innocence of football star O.J. Simpson, who was acquitted of killing his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. People running errands downtown found themselves gathered outside of M.J.'s Hallmark, where an outdoor speaker broadcasting spooky Halloween sounds stopped long enough to bring news of the verdict. Some saw the verdict as a statement on the state of the judicial system, which has been in question since the Rodney King trial — which sparked riots in Los Angeles following the acquittal of police officers who were videotaped beating him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 6, 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday. (Israel, initially caught off guard, managed to push back the Arab forces before a cease-fire finally took hold in the nearly three-week conflict.)

In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1928, Chiang Kai-shek became president of China.

In 1939, in a speech to the Reichstag, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler spoke of his plans to reorder the ethnic layout of Europe — a plan that would entail settling the "Jewish problem."

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed the Mutual Defense Assistance Act, providing \$1.3 billion in military aid to NATO countries.

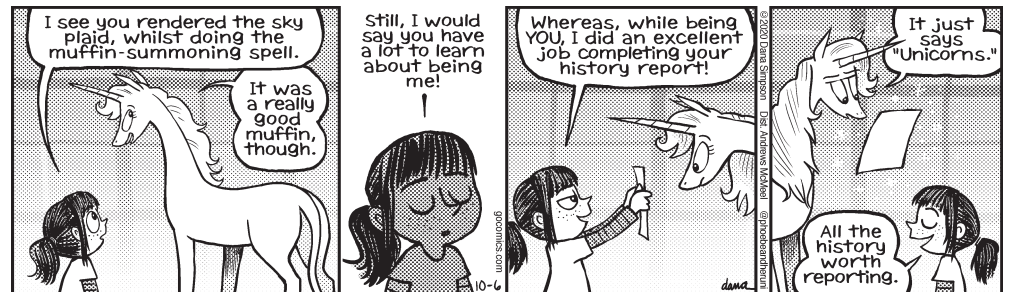
In 2004, the top U.S. arms inspector in Iraq, Charles Duelfer, reported finding no evidence Saddam Hussein's regime had produced weapons of mass destruction after 1991.

In 2014, the Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States as it rejected appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, effectively making such marriages legal in 30 states.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcaster and writer Melvyn Bragg is 81. Musician Sid McGinnis is 71. Actor Elisabeth Shue is 57. Actor Jacqueline Obradors is 54. Actor Emily Mortimer is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Melinda Doolittle is 43. Actor Stefanie Martini is 30.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

