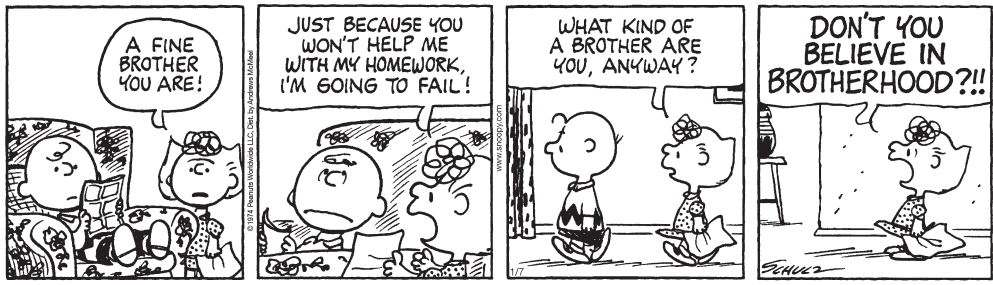


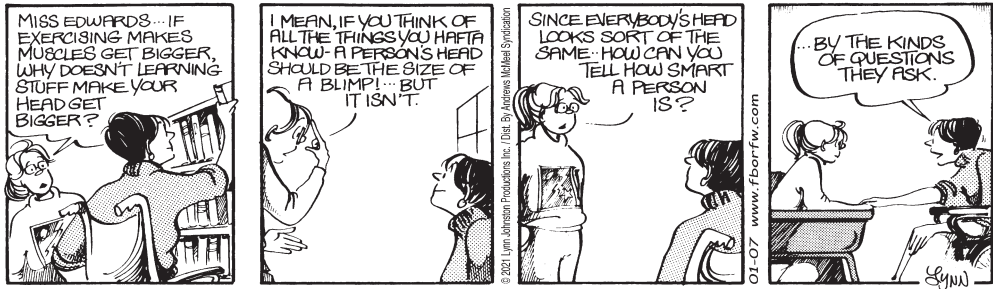
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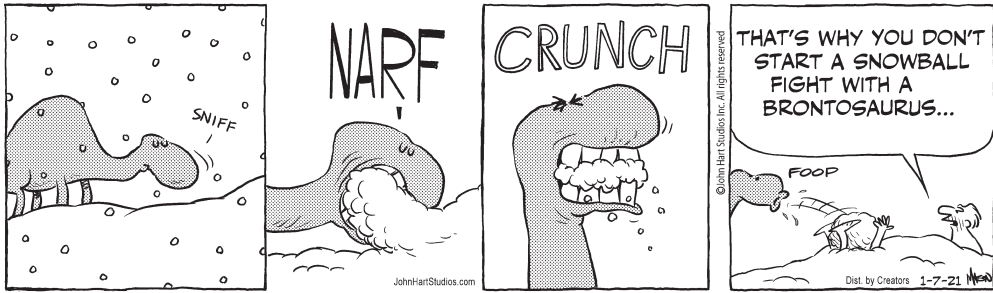
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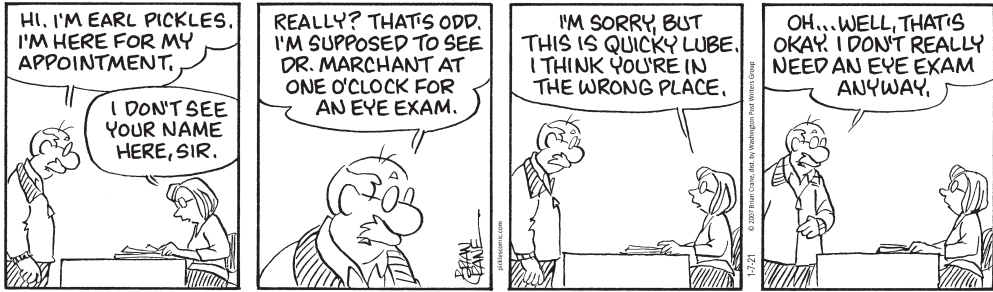
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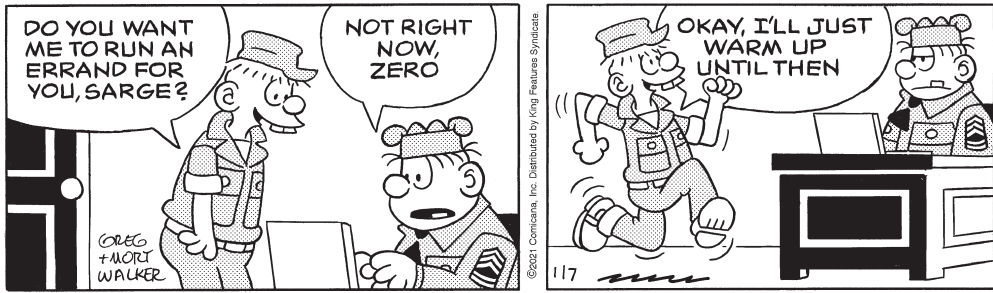
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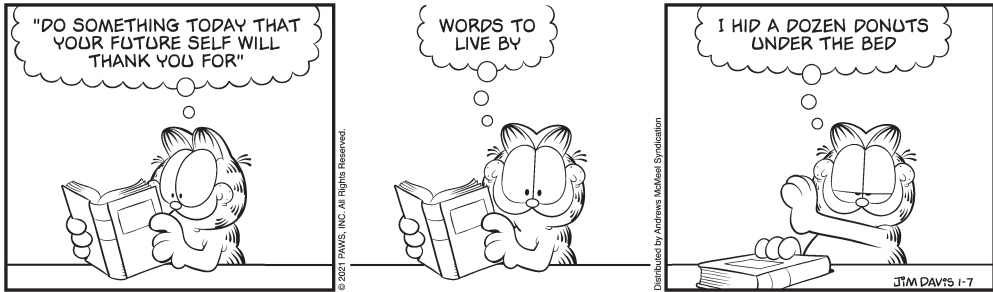
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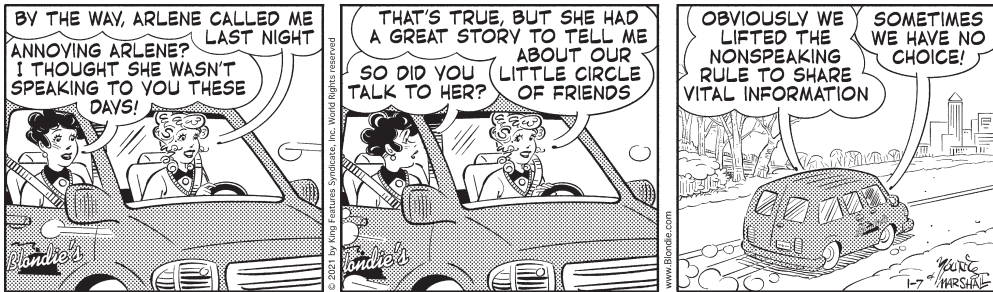
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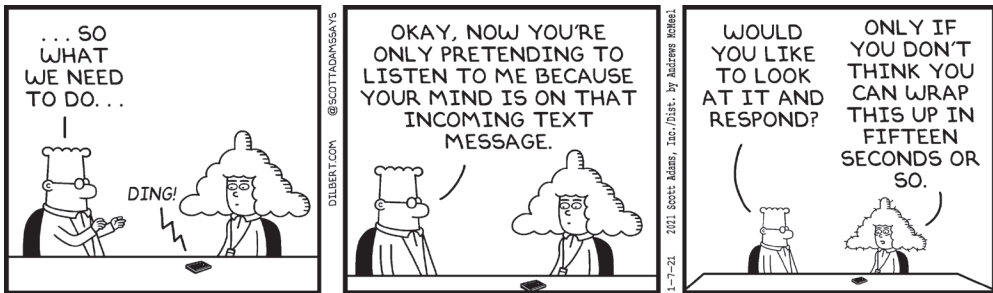
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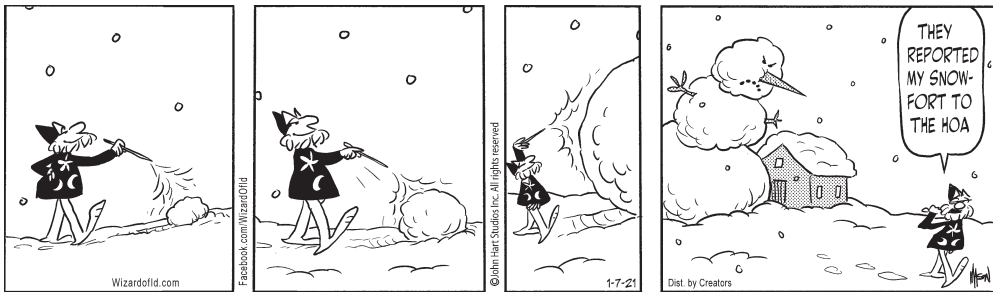
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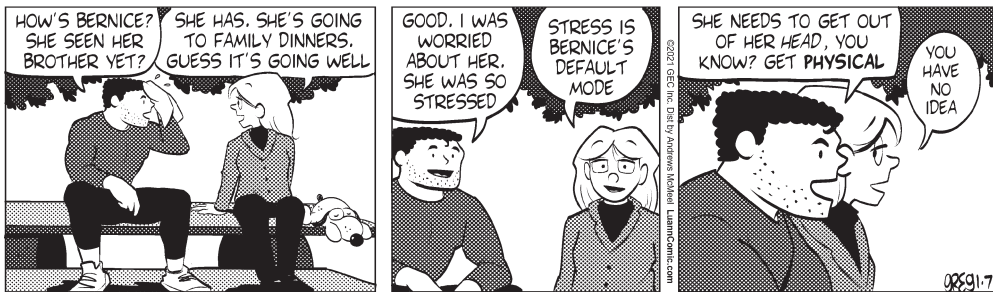
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DEAR ABBY

Mom is pressured to teach native language to daughter

Dear Abby: I came to this country 30 years ago, at 16. My parents were very abusive and neglectful, so my uncle in the U.S. took me in. I have worked with therapists, and my mind is clear about my past.

I now have a 14-year-old daughter. I do not speak to her in my native language. It is not very good at expressing love and caring, and has more emphasis on strict hierarchy and obedience.

There are many things I cannot convey in my native language. One must understand the huge cultural difference between my native country and the U.S. In addition, I do not want to force my daughter to learn something because someone other than her insisted. I prefer to spend my resources helping her learn something she is interested in.

If she says she wants to learn my native language, I'll teach her. So far, she has shown no interest. My friends criticize me for not teaching it to her. I'm bothered by their insistence that I'm robbing my daughter of the opportunity to learn it. How do I tell them it is none of their business? — Reader in Hawaii

Dear Reader: Your daughter may not have asked to learn your native language because it hasn't occurred to her that it might one day be a valuable asset. I do think you should offer to teach it to her if she's interested in knowing more about the culture that shaped her mother, because her answer might surprise you.

That said, because your friends' com-

ments bother you, tell them that because you don't tell them how to raise their children, you prefer they not tell you how to raise yours.

Dear Abby: I have a unique problem, and if it isn't resolved, I'm afraid my marriage is going to end in divorce. Ten years ago, at my brother-in-law's wedding, I was left in charge of the bar. I got drunk and made a fool of myself. This included overtly flirting with one of the bridesmaids. I'm incredibly sorry about the embarrassment it caused my wife.

Fast-forward to today: My wife has accused me of inappropriate behavior and hundreds of affairs that never happened. I have been faithful to her since we started dating. She goes through my business phone and accuses me and my professional contacts of sexual behavior. I have offered to take a polygraph exam, but she continues to accuse me of infidelity. I'm at my wits' end, and marriage counseling isn't an option. — Not Fooling Around in Maine

Dear Not Fooling: Marriage counseling may not be an option for you and your wife, but you should definitely consult a licensed psychotherapist. Something is not right with your wife. Is it possible that the wedding incident so severely unbalanced her that she has never recovered?

What you have described is a miserable existence for both of you. That it has gone unresolved for a decade is tragic. Where you need to go from here I cannot decide for you, but a therapist may be able to guide you.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 7, 1921

With a thrust of a dagger into his own heart, George Francis, known to Round-Up followers as "Long George," recently brought a highly dramatic end to a rather dramatic life. Francis had dragged his injured body a mile through snow and at a temperature of 20 degrees below zero toward civilization in hopes of receiving aid for a broken leg when the pain and cold finally crazed him and caused him to draw the knife that ended his life. Francis drove his automobile off a precipitous cliff while en route to Havre, Montana. In the killing cold and far from habitation, he began the grim fight against death. A red trail in the snow told the dramatic story to persons who found his body. Francis had once been convicted and sentenced to prison in Montana for horse stealing. He hid out in the mountains for 18 months and never was brought in to serve his time. In by-gone years he brought relay strings to Round-Ups where he performed.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 7, 1971

Three prisoners at the Umatilla County Jail are on a hunger strike, refusing the bread they are offered, Sheriff Roy Johnson said. Nine prisoners at the jail were placed on diets of bread and water following a riot in which the prisoners severely damaged jail facilities. Chief Deputy Bill McPherson said the bread and water will continue to be offered to the men staging the hunger strike. Johnson commented that over the years there has been a great change in the type of prisoners handled here and at the state pen-

itentiary. Prisoners are younger and tend to be more hostile toward jailers. "The old convicts weren't like that," he said. "They regarded the jail as their home while they were in it and didn't want it torn apart." The number of prisoners handled at the Umatilla County Jail has increased steadily over the years, taxing jail facilities. Umatilla County Judge C.E. Lassen after the riot said he will launch an investigation of the need for an improved jail here.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 7, 1996

The on-ramp to the bustling information-rich Internet has just become more affordable thanks to a local company of computer entrepreneurs. Oregon Trail Internet, founded by Steve Winterton and his wife, Carrie, promises on-line gabbers all the chatting they want — and researchers a myriad of information at their fingertips — at just \$25 per month. "Pendleton needs this," said Winterton, a U.S. Forest Service telecommunication specialist who plunged around \$40,000 into the new venture with the help of 10 investors. Each has a share of the home-grown company. In the past, local residents could either plug in to national services such as America On Line or tap public Internet access through the state's COMPASS system. Oregon Trail Internet founders considered national services too expensive and filled with "frivolous features" and the state's system ponderous and limited. Customers will also be able to have home pages created for them by the company to be posted in the cyberspace marketplace known as the World Wide Web. None of the company's founders believe the Internet is simply a fad.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Jan. 7, 1789, America held its first presidential election as voters chose electors who, a month later, selected George Washington to be the nation's first chief executive.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1972, Lewis F. Powell, Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the

99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1999, for the second time in history, an impeached American president went on trial before the Senate. President Bill Clinton faced charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; he was acquitted.

In 2004, President George W. Bush proposed legal status, at least temporarily, for millions of immigrants improperly working

in the U.S.

In 2019, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was absent from oral arguments as she recuperated from cancer surgery.

Today's Birthdays: Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 75. Talk show host Katie Couric is 64. Actor Nicolas Cage is 57. Actor Doug E. Doug is 51. Actor Dustin Diamond is 44. Actor Reggie Austin is 42.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

