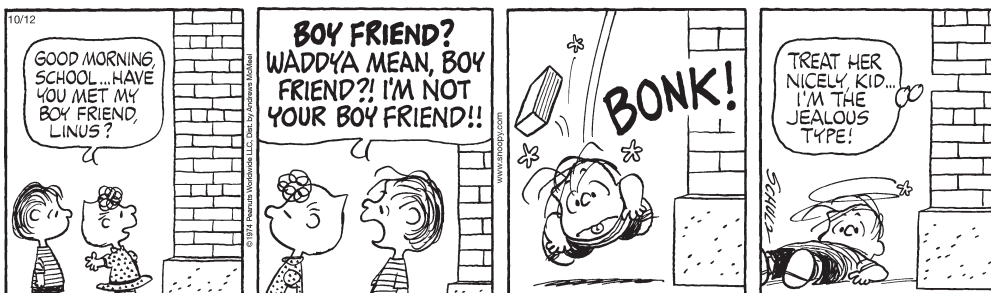


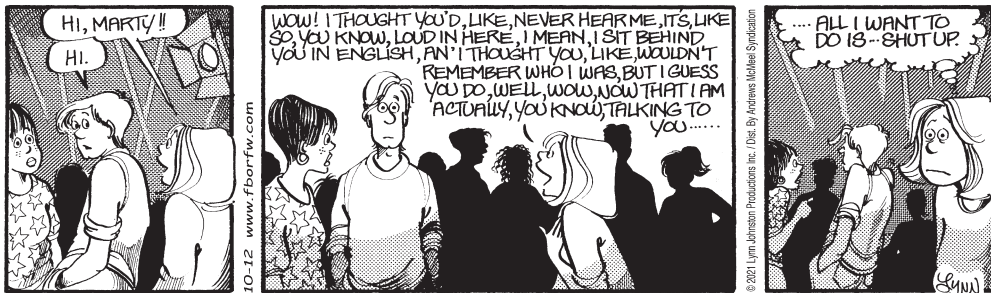
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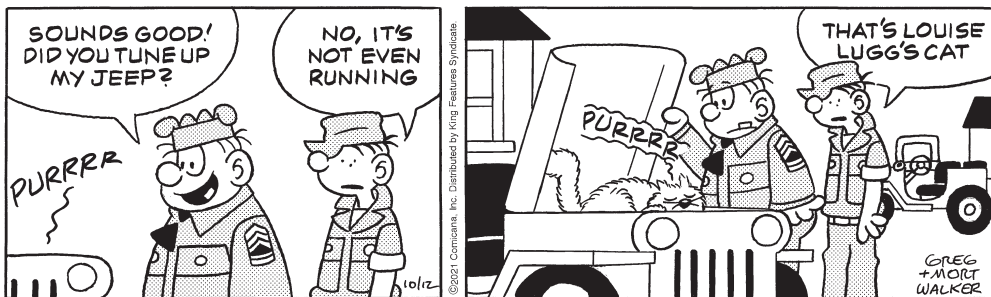
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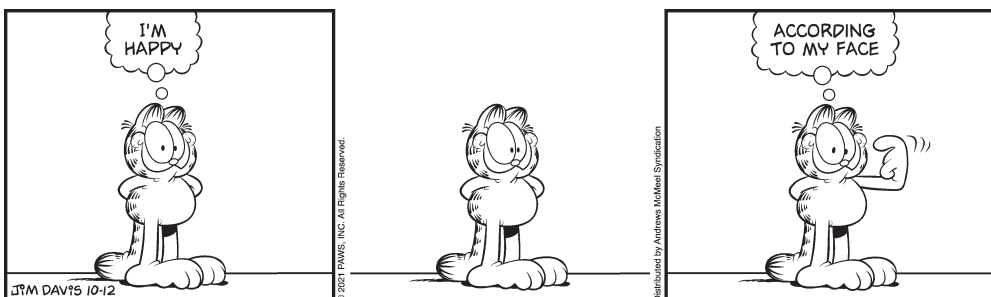
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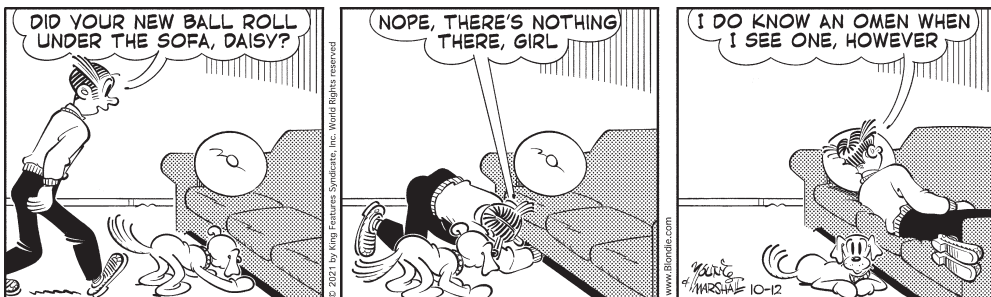
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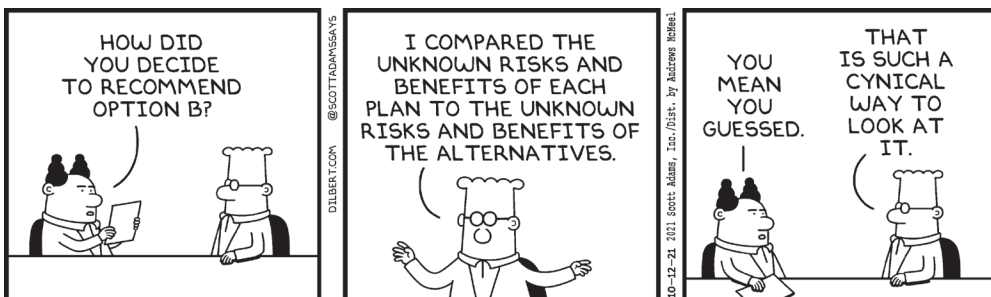
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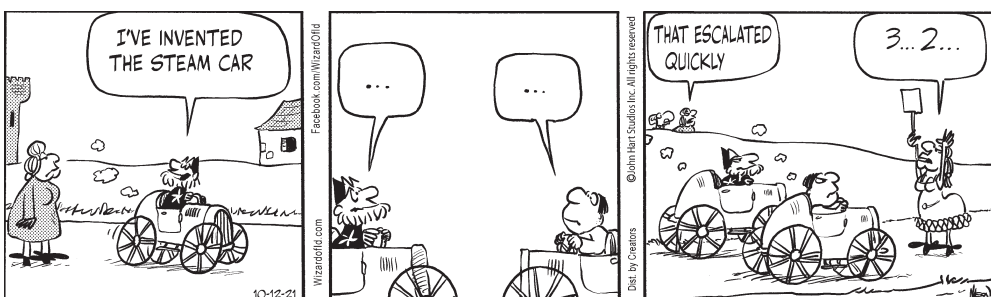
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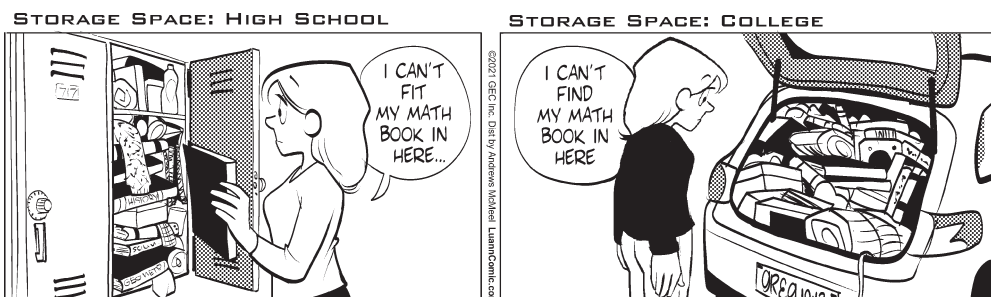
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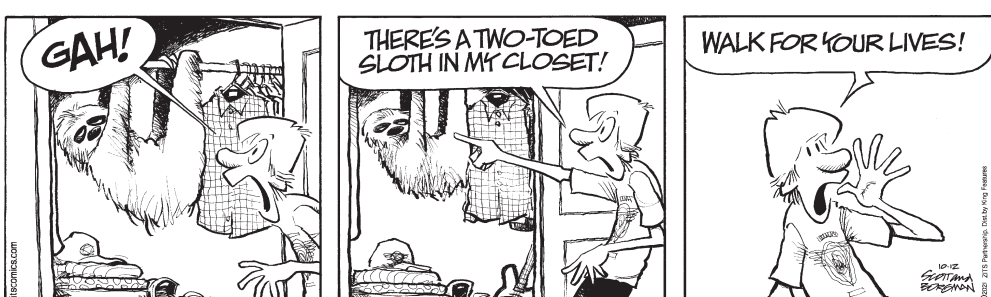
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DEAR ABBY

New neighbors quickly establish property lines

**Dear Abby:** When the house next door sold, we were delighted to have new neighbors. My husband and I greeted them with a welcome gift. They asked us three times about the property line, and we showed them the marker. They asked the people on the other side, as well as those in the back of them. Shortly after, they put a barrier between us and a fence at the other property line. Now they have installed stakes and a string so everyone will know where their property is.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

When my husband mows the lawn, they stand outdoors watching to make sure he stays on our property. It's very uncomfortable to be outside when they are. When they are on their deck, I feel like an intruder, so I don't go out on that my deck anymore. We have no children and mind our own business.

It's sad having such standoffish neighbors. They treat everyone in the neighborhood this way. I love our neighborhood. However, it's uncomfortable having semi-friendly people next door. Abby, what say you about such friendly yet unfriendly neighbors? — **Unhappy Next Door**

**Dear Unhappy:** Your new neighbors are antisocial. When they come out to watch your husband mow the lawn, he should give them a friendly wave and concentrate on what he's doing. If you feel that by using YOUR deck you are "intruding" on them, install plants or

some other barrier to shelter you from their view. It is important for your own sake that you teach yourself to accept this couple for who they are.

**Dear Abby:** I've been married for 38 years and have three grown kids and three grandkids. MY wife is a teacher, and my kids are doing well. I have always been unfaithful throughout the marriage. My wife and kids suspect it but none of them say anything about it. I can't live like this anymore. I feel very guilty, and I want to move to another country — my home country. Should I tell my wife about all my affairs, that I'm seeing someone else and that I don't want to be with her? — **Ready In New Jersey**

**Dear Ready:** And what's the alternative? Would it be that you will change your ways, forgo the philandering you have engaged in for the last 38 years of your marriage, and remain in the U.S.? Somehow, I doubt it.

Yes, you should level with your wife. And when you do, do not delude yourself into thinking she'll be pleased to hear her marriage has been a lie from the beginning. And don't expect your children to respect you for the choices you have made — and are making. You owe it to your wife to ensure that she will be financially secure after you go galloping off. Considering what you are planning, it may be the only way you'll be able to look yourself in the eye.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
Oct. 12, 1921

What is the name of the man who lost a good sheep dog and told Jinks Taylor to find the canine and then collect \$5 for his trouble? This is a question which the chief of police is asking the whole world, and he is serious about it, too. The reason for it is that he has found the dog, a crossbreed shepherd and collie, but he has forgotten the name of the owner. "Shep" is taking life easy at the police station. He is quiet and well behaved and apparently is well satisfied with his quarters, but Chief Taylor would rather have \$5 than the good dog.

50 Years Ago  
Oct. 12, 1971

Proposed nuclear-agriculture developments in the Boardman area were hailed Monday as possibly the nation's first commercial-scale, nuclear-age complex. Speaking at Riverside High School following a dinner, Wyatt M. Rogers Jr, associate director of the Western Interstate Nuclear Board, said: "With the great agricultural firms such as the Boeing Co., electrical utilities, farmers and other community leaders, you have the basis for planning and developing what might well become the nation's first truly commercial-ag-

ricultural-residential center with a high standard of living and a healthy environment. The advent of the breeder reactor, new hybrid field crops and new uses for radioisotopes are just a few innovations which will provide impetus to nuclear-agri-industrial development."

25 Years Ago  
Oct. 12, 1996

A quick glance at Ross Phillips probably wouldn't reveal anything out of the ordinary. The 65-year-old small business owner looks just like who he is: the hard working owner of Up Front Auto Service. But his real love — his hobby, he says — is in the gym, where he is definitely out of the ordinary. The Pendleton powerlifter owns seven world and national records for his weight class and age group. Phillips owns four dead-lift world records, including a 520-pound lift in 1993 in New York. At that same meet, he earned his lone world title in the combination dead lift, squat and bench press for a ground total 1,215 pounds. Impressive numbers especially for someone who has been lifting less than eight years. "I found out there were very few people who could beat me," he said. Phillips said it takes a lot of preparation and training. He figured it out one day that in a three-hour span he moved more than 47,000 pounds.

TODAY IN HISTORY

**On Oct. 12, 2000,** 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

**In 1933,** bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

**In 1942,** during World War II, American naval forces defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance. Attorney General Francis Biddle announced during a Columbus Day celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

**In 1973,** President Richard Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.

**In 1986,** the superpower meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, ended in stalemate, with President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev unable to agree on arms control or a date for a full-fledged summit in the United States.

**In 2007,** former Vice President Al Gore and the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change won the Nobel Peace Prize for sounding the alarm over global warming.

**In 2017,** President Donald Trump lashed out

at hurricane-devastated Puerto Rico, saying the federal government can't keep sending help "forever" and suggesting that the U.S. territory was to blame for its financial struggles.

**In 2019,** a Black woman, Atatiana Jefferson, was fatally shot by a white Fort Worth, Texas, police officer inside her home after police were called to the residence by a neighbor who reported that the front door was open. (Officer Aaron Dean, who shot Jefferson through a back window, resigned in the days after the shooting and is charged with murder; he has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to go to trial in November.)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

