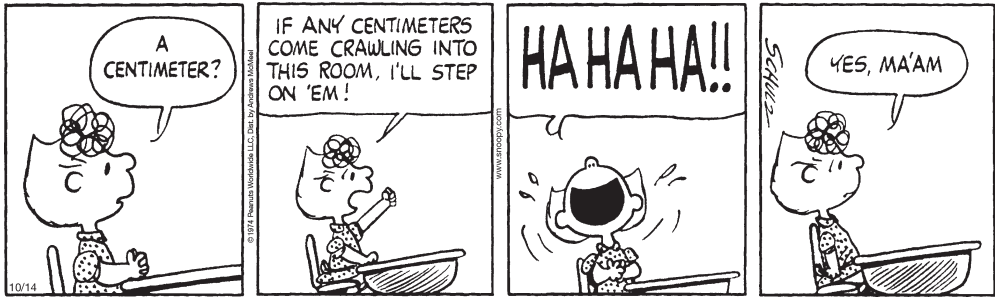


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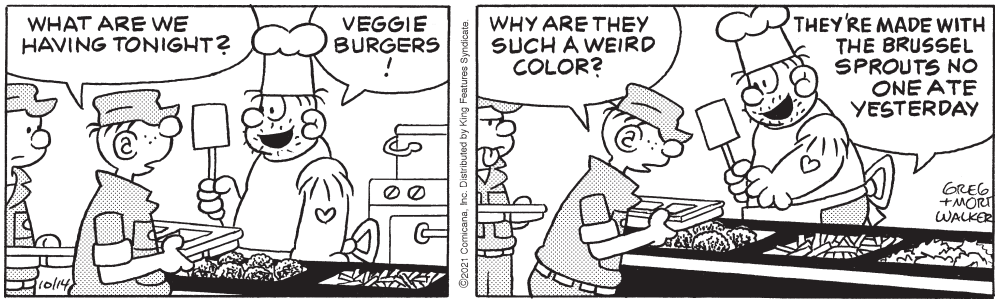
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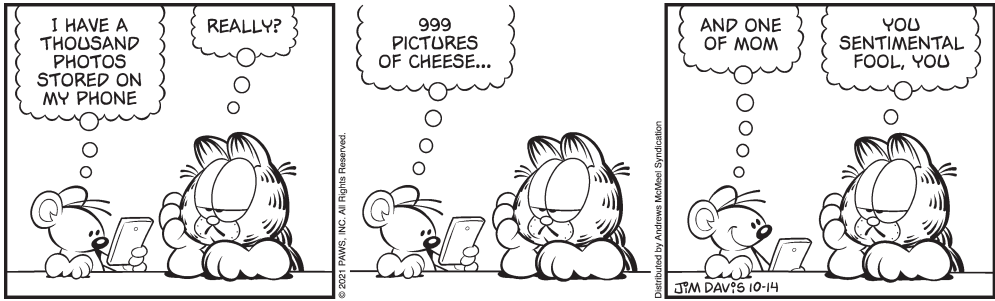
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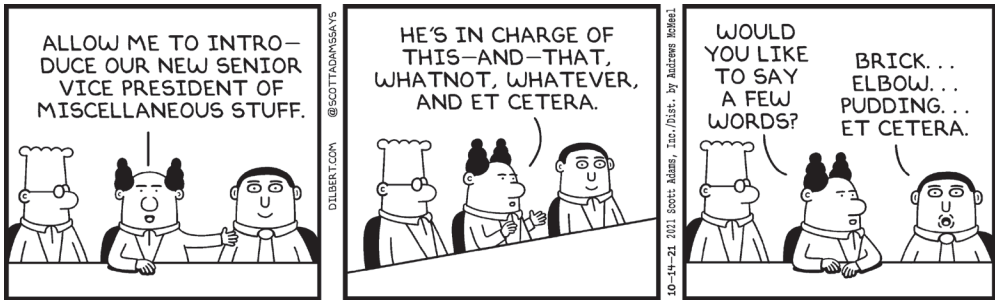
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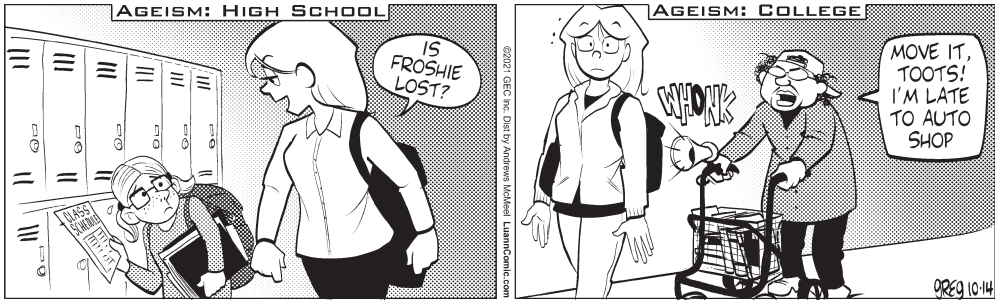
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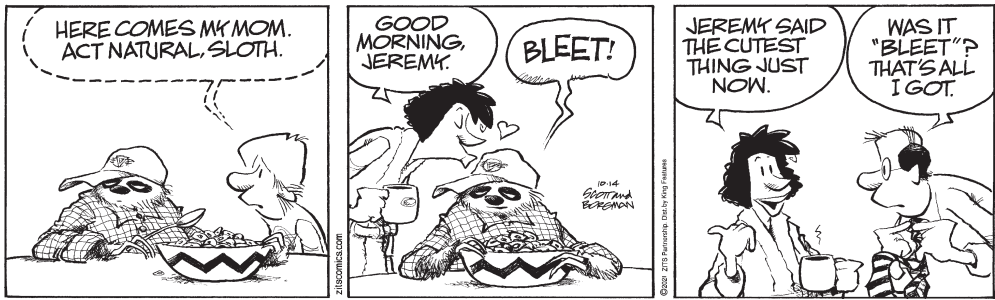
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DEAR ABBY

Mom's judgment hinders her daughter's recovery



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm a woman in my mid-30s without much family. I'm an only child and have no relationship with my father. The relationship I have with my mother is extremely toxic.

I have suffered my entire life from a severe shopping addiction. I recently relapsed, and I'm trying to recover financially. I can't afford counseling right now, and I can't ask for help from my mother because of how horribly she shames me about my addiction. In fact, I have realized that having her in my life at all is a massive trigger because she constantly puts me down for not being financially stable as an adult. She also constantly compares me not only to herself when she was my age, but to others in my generation.

How can I tell her I no longer want her in my life for the sake of my mental health and addiction recovery? — Pulling Back In Texas

Dear Pulling: I'm not sure if you are already aware of it, but many people use shopping as a way of coping with depression. You may be one of them. Before taking on that difficult conversation, do some research and find out what county mental health services may be available in your area. They are usually offered on a sliding fee scale. There are also 12-step programs for compulsive shoppers that you might find helpful. Please go online and research some of them as well.

As to what to say to your mother, try this: "Mom, I know I need help for my shopping addiction. I am seeking it now. While I am in recovery, you won't be hearing from me for a while, so don't worry. We will talk eventually."

Dear Abby: I lost my best friend of 32 years in a car accident three months ago. She was the best friend a person could possibly have. She would not only give you the shirt off her back, but she would then ask what else you needed. We had been through so much together. This would be the kind of thing I would turn to her for comfort while going through. She was cremated, and I didn't see her before that, so I didn't get closure. I feel so empty and unfinished. What do I do? — Not Well In The South

Dear Not Well: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your dear friend. The circumstances of your loss make it more difficult, but it is not insurmountable. Because there is no "place" you can go to mourn her, you might find closure by writing her a letter telling her all the things you weren't able to say before her death. Then choose a private site you both used to enjoy, read it aloud to her and burn it, knowing she will always be alive in your heart. If this is not sufficient, consider asking your physician or religious adviser about a grief support group to help you work this through.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago Oct. 14, 1921

Lack of wind saved the little town of Umapipe from total destruction from a blaze which started at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning in the building owned by the Hudson Bay Hall company and entirely destroyed the grocery store located in the building and the apartment in the rear in which the store's manager and his family lived. A moving picture show brought to Umapipe Tuesday evening from Milton is reported to have been the cause of the fire as it was from the corner in which the projector is thought to be the real origin of the fire. The Williams & Olinger lumber office and shed, located next to the Hudson Bay building, was badly scorched from the fire, which was reported still burning at an early hour Wednesday afternoon.

50 Years Ago Oct. 14, 1971

Interstate 80 North has soared above Pendleton for more than a year, and the city has grown accustomed to the fact that every vehicle traveling east and west doesn't have to go through the business section. The disaster some business people feared when the freeway was built

didn't happen. "The motel business has never been better," said Paul Linnebur, manager of the Tapadara in downtown Pendleton. "We've had the biggest year in our history." "The complexion of our business changed for a while," commented E. M. McClure of the Imperial 400. "But we're back to where we were before the freeway." "Pendleton is a good tourist town," said Les Tinhof, manager of the chamber of commerce. "It is a natural stopping place."

25 Years Ago Oct. 14, 1996

As a domestic violence survivor, Mari-bel Moreno knows what the clients she helps at Domestic Violence Services are going through. Moreno is the sole staff member of the DVS office in Hermiston, which opened in May. Though she operates out of an office little bigger than a large closet at the state office building in Hermiston, she handles a volume of calls nearly equal to the Pendleton office. The Hermiston office was a way for DVS to test the waters to see if it needed to expand its services. Based on the number of assistance calls generated in the past six months, that question has been answered. In June alone, Moreno handled 136 calls from the crisis line, transported 72 women to the shelter in Pendleton and provided assistance in court 17 times.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 14, 1947, U.S. Air Force Capt. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager became the first test pilot to break the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.

In 1939, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak, a British battleship anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1,200 men aboard were killed.

In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel took his own life rather than face trial and certain execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev was toppled from power; he was succeeded by Leonid Brezhnev as First Secretary and by Alexei Kosygin as Premier.

In 1968, the first successful live telecast from a manned U.S. spacecraft was transmitted from Apollo 7.

In 1981, the new president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, was sworn in to succeed the assassinated Anwar Sadat. Mubarak pledged loyalty to Sadat's policies.

In 2001, as U.S. jets opened a second week

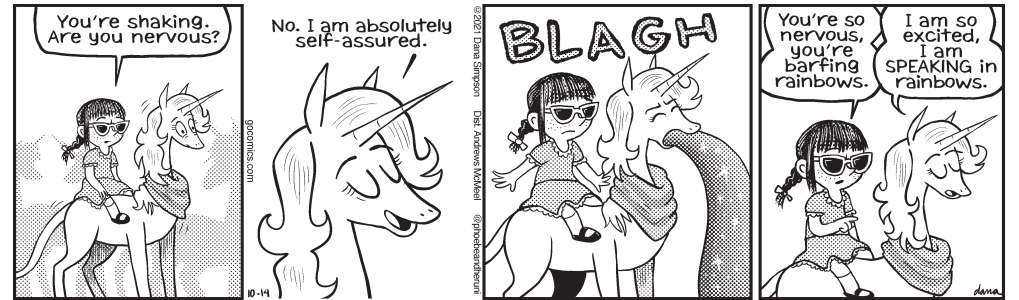
of raids in Afghanistan, President George W. Bush sternly rejected a Taliban offer to discuss handing over Osama bin Laden to a third country.

In 2008, a grand jury in Orlando, Fla. returned charges of first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter against Casey Anthony in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee. (She was acquitted in July 2011.)

In 2014, a second nurse at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas came down with Ebola after contracting it from a dying patient. (The nurse, Amber Joy Vinson, was later declared free of the disease.)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

