

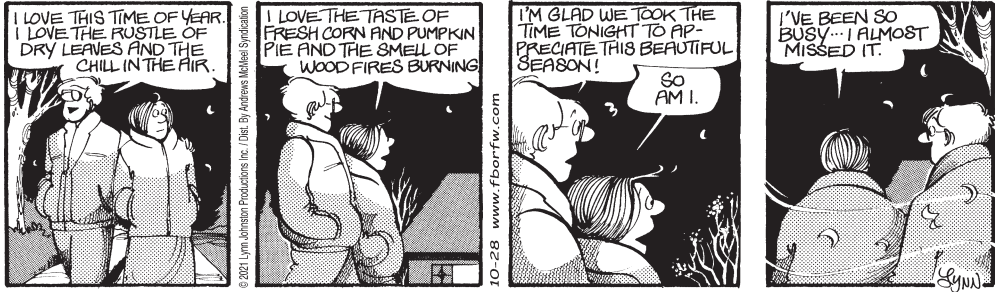
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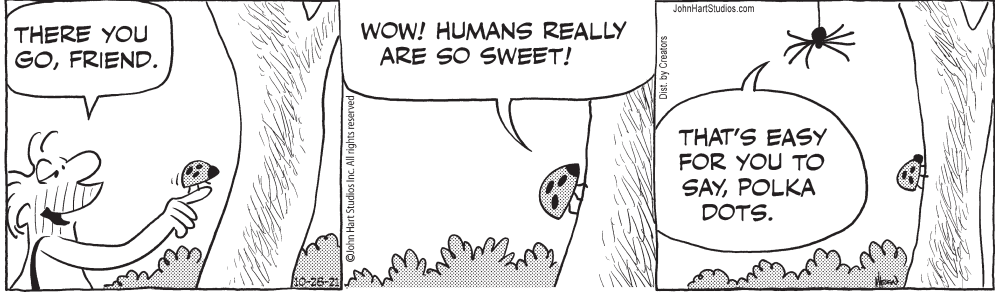
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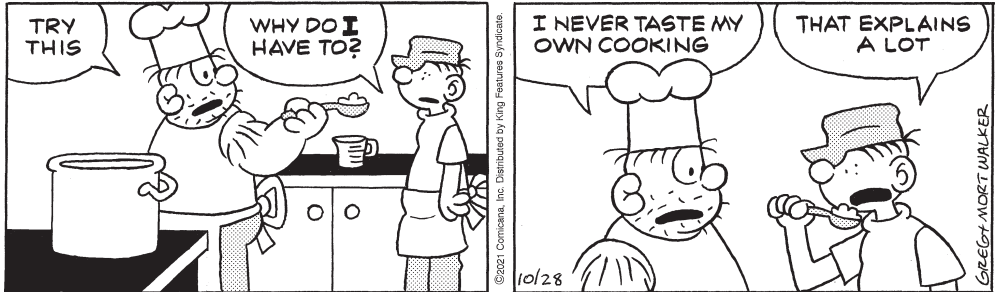
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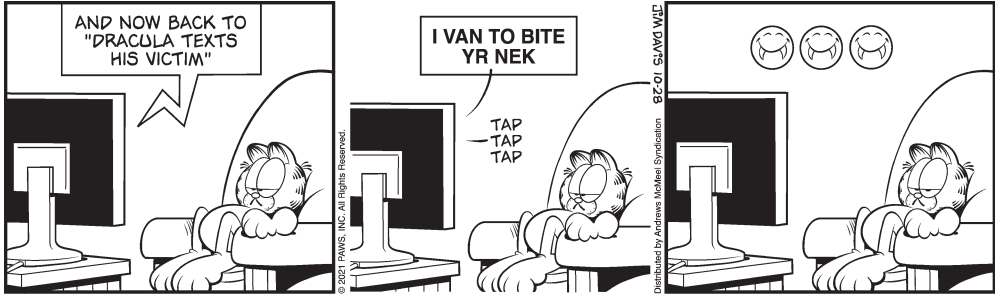
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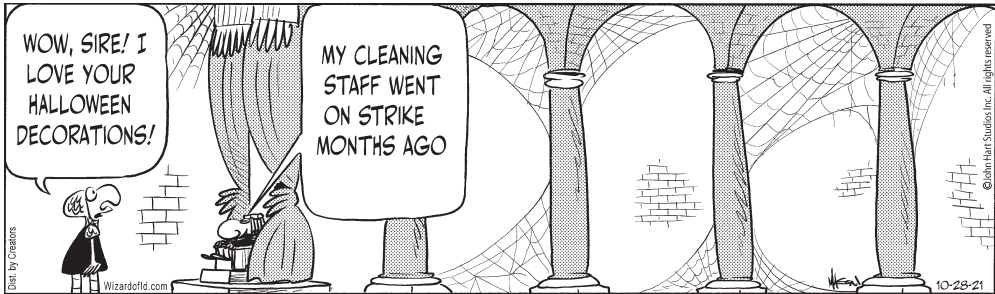
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DEAR ABBY

The staff members don't want to date customers



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My co-workers and I want to know how to handle customers who ask us out. We are an all-female staff at a liquor stor. Our customers are happy to see us after a long day at work and sometimes misinterpret our excellent customer service skills as flirting and ask us out.

It is sometimes a very uncomfortable situation because we are paid to be kind and don't know how to say no without causing a loss of business for our company or possibly putting ourselves in a dangerous situation. Can you give us some guidance?

— On The Job In Missouri

Dear On The Job: A polite turndown to the invitation would be, "Thank you for the compliment, but I never date a customer. It's against the rules."

Dear Abby: I have a longtime friend who is an amazing person. He has almost every positive attribute anyone could want.

His only flaw is a big one. He lacks empathy and is sometimes very insensitive. Over the years, on a number of occasions, he has said or done things that left me feeling humiliated. He doesn't seem to understand that it isn't how generous you were to them, people remember how you make them FEEL.

He has few real friends who can tolerate him, and some have walked out of his life. I'm on the verge of doing the same thing. How can I get him to change

his behavior before it is too late? (We are both older men.)
— **Humiliated In Albuquerque**
Dear Humiliated: Point out to this person that, more than once, he has said or done things that made you feel humiliated. While you're at it, mention that this unpleasant trait is what has caused "Tom," "Dick," "Harry," "Sleepy" and "Grumpy" to walk out of his life. Then tell him you no longer intend to allow it to happen to you, and if it happens again, you will join the others.

Dear Abby: I am looking for advice about whether I'm violating any ethics while walking my dogs. I walk my two dogs almost every day so the dogs can perform their business. I always pick up what they leave behind, as I don't like having any dog's business left on my lawn. During these walks, I pass trash containers on the street that belong to my neighbors. Sometimes I place my dog's business in their trash containers. Since my walks are long, it's not convenient to carry the used bags all the way home. Is this wrong to do? — **Doggy Business**

Dear Doggy: What you are doing is a big no-no. Many homeowners feel as territorial about their trash receptacles as you do your lawn. If you think I'm exaggerating, let a few of those homeowners catch you in the act. Readers, do you agree with me? One of my staff members feels that if the container is on the curb awaiting pickup, there is no harm.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
Oct. 28, 1921

No, the smoke curling up from the Blue Mountains does not come from a forest fire. It comes from a number of tourists who were caught on the bad stretch of road between Pendleton and La Grande by the present break in the weather and they are floundering in the mud with every make of car known to the automotive industry. The smoke is very blue in appearance and might be caused by streams of profanity as the wheels spin in the mud and the car sinks deeper and deeper. Reports from the mountain state that quite a camp was established last evening by the travelers who could not turn a wheel to help themselves out of the mud.

50 Years Ago
Oct. 28, 1971

Construction is expected to begin immediately on the development of 3,000 acres of Utah and Idaho Sugar Co. land across the Columbia River from Umatilla. The initial project calls for delivering Columbia River water to the southeast corner of the 50,000 acres which U & I acquired this year from the Prior Land Co., Yakima, Wash. The U & I development is being hailed by community leaders as a boost to the Umatilla economy. The close proximity of the project is expected to mean that

Umatilla area labor and services will be used. A pumping station will be built on the river with a penstock capable of pumping 600,000 gallons per minute. Amfac, which has a large farm development operating immediately west of Paterson, will be transporting potato crop into the Hermiston area to be processed at the Lamb-Weston plant that is due for construction after the first of the year.

25 Years Ago
Oct. 28, 1996

Pendleton's largest retail store opened Saturday with a nearly full parking lot and stuffed aisles bulging with all manner of merchandise as eager shoppers got their first peek at the new Wal-Mart. The 101,000-square-foot store showed its cornucopia approach to retail, with a wide variety of departments, an in-house McDonald's restaurant and a Tire & Lube Express. Dozens of blue-smocked employees darted among the store's aisles on what is known as a "soft opening" day. The store, which plans a grand opening Tuesday with a ribbon-cutting, was seemingly stocked with as many employees as it was with wall-to-wall tires, fishing poles, socks and coffee pots. "I've never seen a store this big before," said David Culimore, 16. "Anything you're looking for, you could probably get here."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

In 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a legislative act establishing Harvard College.

In 1858, Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.

In 1914, medical researcher Jonas Salk, who developed the first successful polio vaccine, was born in New York.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the

dismantling of missile bases in Cuba; in return, the U.S. secretly agreed to remove nuclear missiles from U.S. installations in Turkey.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

In 1991, what became known as "The Perfect Storm" began forming hundreds of miles east of Nova Scotia; lost at sea during the storm were the six crew members of the Andrea Gail, a swordfishing boat from Gloucester, Massachusetts.

In 1996, Richard Jewell, cleared of

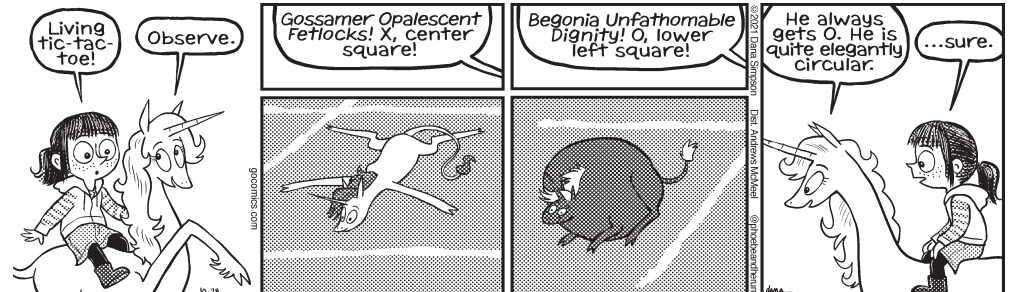
committing the Olympic park bombing, held a news conference in Atlanta in which he thanked his mother for standing by him and lashed out at reporters and investigators who'd depicted him as the bomber, who turned out to be Eric Rudolph.

In 2001, the families of people killed in the September 11 terrorist attack gathered in New York for a memorial service filled with prayer and song.

In 2002, American diplomat Laurence Foley was assassinated in front of his house in Amman, Jordan, in the first such attack on a U.S. diplomat in decades.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

