

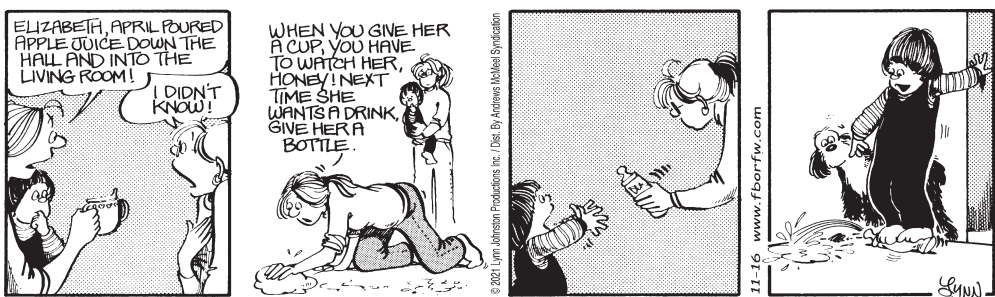
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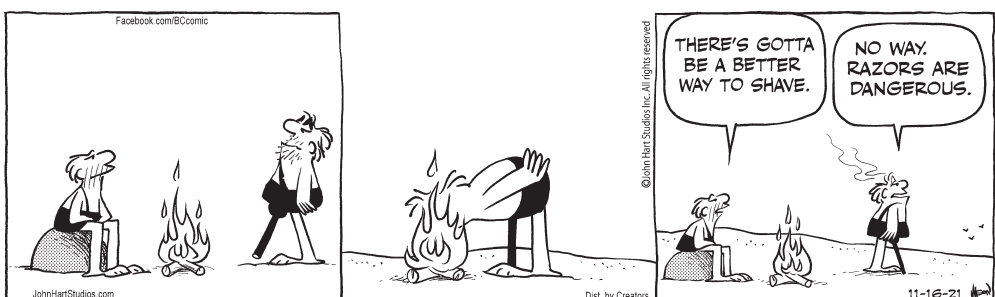
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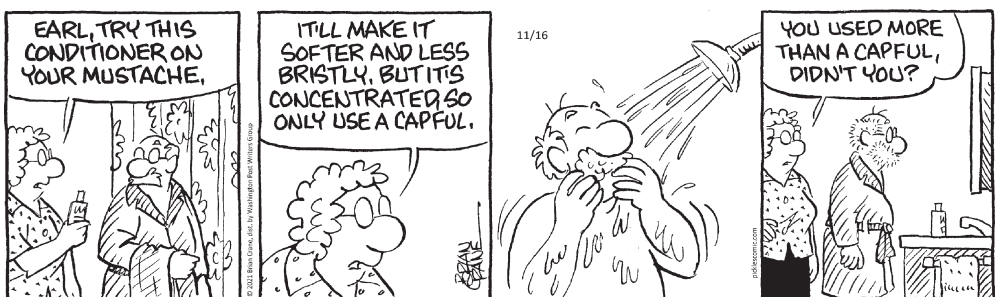
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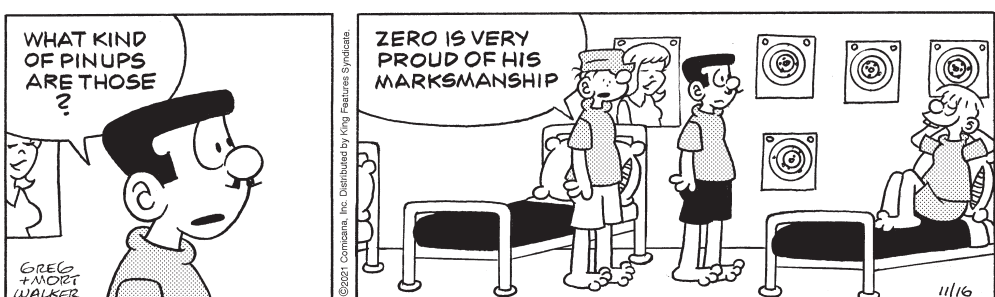
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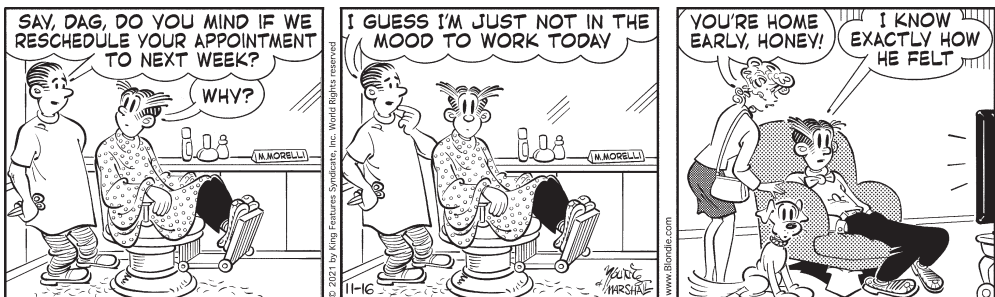
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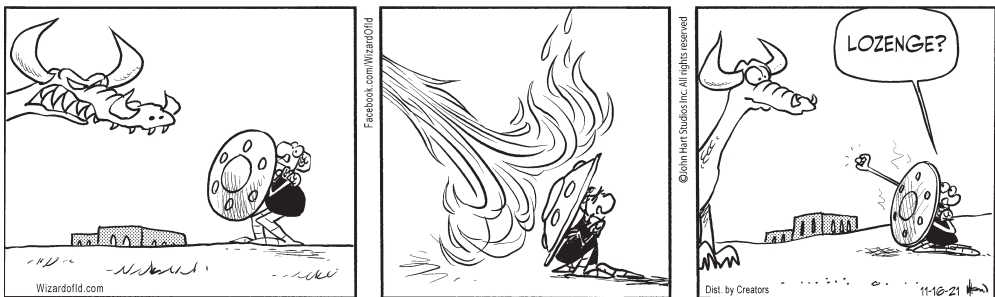
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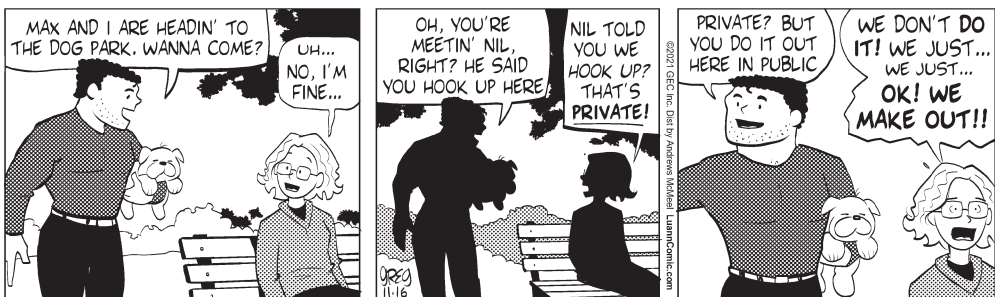
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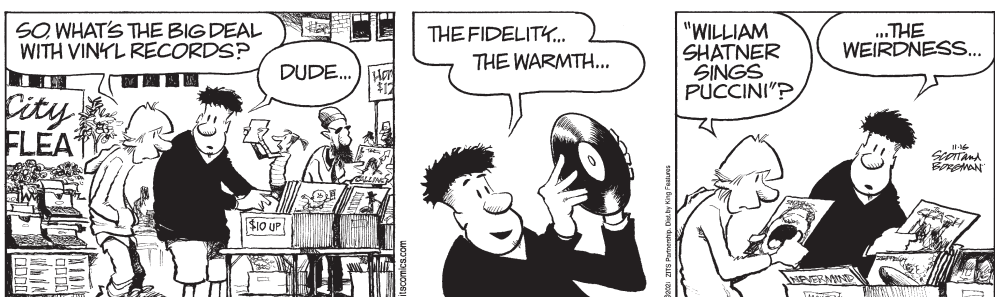
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DEAR ABBY

New mother feels guilty for canceling adoption



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I recently backed out of an adoption. I feel terrible about it. How can I mentally and emotionally get over this? My baby girl is 4 months old now, and my guilt is getting worse. I backed out three days before she was born.

The couple I had chosen turned out to be unprofessional and unstable. They not only caused me several problems but also my job, which I loved. I realized it was better for my little one not to go through with the adoption.

They are now trying to make me out to be a bad person who used them financially — something I really did not. I'm glad now that I kept my daughter. So why do I keep feeling so bad about my decision? — Guilt-Ridden In The Midwest

Dear Guilt-Ridden: A way to assuage your guilt might be to work out a payment plan so they are not out the money they spent. (The lawyer or agency that arranged the adoption may be able to guide you.)

Dear Abby: I have two sisters. We were very close until our mother passed away two years ago. In her trust, the proceeds from the sale of her house were to be divided among the three of us. Only one sister has children. (They are grown.) My two sisters have decided we should split the proceeds from Mom's house five ways to include the adult children. Their mother has threatened to "disown me" if I don't go along with the five-way split.

I have always done right by her "kids," and neither sister bothered to ask for my reason for not wanting to include my nephew and niece in the inheritance. I love my sisters and do not want to lose them, but I also don't want to be bullied into a decision I cannot support. — To Divide Or Not To Divide

Dear To Divide: Your MOTHER'S wishes were that the money be divided three ways. Your sisters should abide by the directions of the trust. I agree you shouldn't be bullied or threatened into taking less than your mother wanted you to have. If your sisters want "the kids" to have a share of the inheritance, they should gift the amount from their portion rather than extort it from you. Their attitude has not only tarnished something that should have been a blessing, but also created a rift in the family, and that's a shame.

Dear Abby: I could really use your help. I don't know how to respond to people I hardly know who end conversations with "I love you." I don't feel comfortable saying that to someone and not meaning it. This isn't like saying, "Have a nice day." Is there a polite way of responding without saying something that to me is totally inappropriate to someone I only have a casual relationship with? — Uncomfortable In The Midwest

Dear Uncomfortable: Respond this way: "What a sweet thing to say. Thank you!" Then smile and fade out.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921

A running fight in the streets of Pendleton during which a speed of 40 miles an hour was made across intersections and shots were fired by officers in an effort to stop alleged booze runners was staged last night, and as a result of this fight, three men are in the toils today. According to Special Agent E. F. B. Ridgway, he lay in wait for the men out on top of the hill last night, and when they passed, he followed them. His car was cold, he declares, and he had difficulty in catching them until the men had got into town. He ran along behind them, down Court street in an easterly direction, turned at the intersection of Franklin and Court and kept going at a speed of 40 miles. After the men were arrested the officers went back to Webb street and were able to get all of the glass and about a quart and one-half of whiskey.

50 years ago — 1971

When you see a man wearing a uniform, a badge, and a gun, you can be pretty sure he's a cop. If you see a woman wearing a badge and a uniform but no gun, are you looking at a lady cop? "Well, not exactly," said Pendleton police chief Ernest Gallaher. "We call her a police matron." One police matron in Pend-

leton, Carol (Mrs. Jim) Cameron, has been with the force for eight years. She is a certified police officer, and has all the authority that goes with the title. However, she doesn't carry a weapon. "They are highly responsible women with a big job," Gallaher said. "They have to be thoroughly trained in office procedure. They have to know how to make quick decisions, how to evaluate a situation instantly. Their job is very complicated, and I think they should be reclassified upward."

25 years ago — 1996

When Johnny Cash came to Portland last week, he did more than show thousands at the Rose Garden why he remains a music legend. He also made a dream come true for a developmentally disabled Hermiston man who is one of his biggest fans. Stanley LaFontaine, a resident of Betha House, spent a few moments before the Portland show visiting with his idol, "John John," the Man in Black. The idea to take LaFontaine to the show came less than 36 hours before Cash was due to take the stage, said Betha Medical Coordinator David Florea. A former professional musician, Florea started working the phones to arrange the meeting. "It was the coolest thing," Florea said. "Johnny treated him just like a relative."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Nov. 16, 1914, the newly created Federal Reserve Banks opened in 12 cities.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1945, "The Friendly Ghost," an animated short featuring the debut of Casper, was released by Paramount's cartoon division.

In 1961, House Speaker Samuel T. Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as speaker since 1940 except for two terms.

In 1981, the Senate confirmed Dr. C. Everett Koop to be surgeon general. Oscar-winning actor William Holden, 63, was found dead in his

Santa Monica, California, apartment.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

In 1989, six Jesuit priests, a housekeeper and her daughter were slain by army troops at the University of Central America Jose Simeon Canas in El Salvador.

In 1991, former Louisiana governor Edwin Edwards won a landslide victory in his bid to return to office, defeating State Rep. David Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan leader.

In 2001, investigators found a letter addressed to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., 63, was found dead in his

the second letter bearing the deadly germ known to have been sent to Capitol Hill.

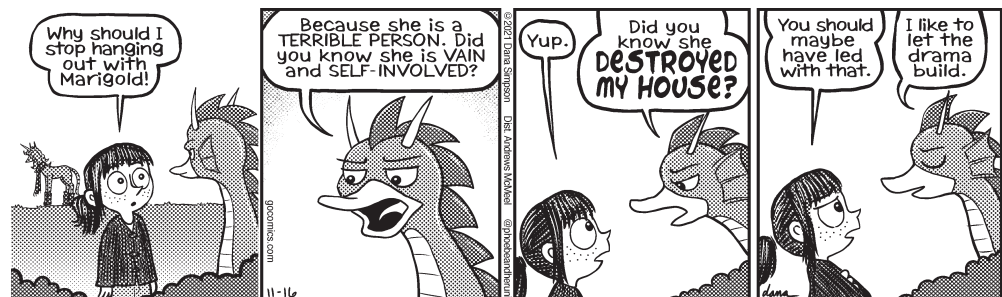
In 2004, President George W. Bush picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to be his new secretary of state, succeeding Colin Powell.

In 2006, Democrats embraced Nancy Pelosi as the first female House speaker in history, but then selected Steny Hoyer as majority leader against her wishes.

In 2018, a U.S. official said intelligence officials had concluded that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman had ordered the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

