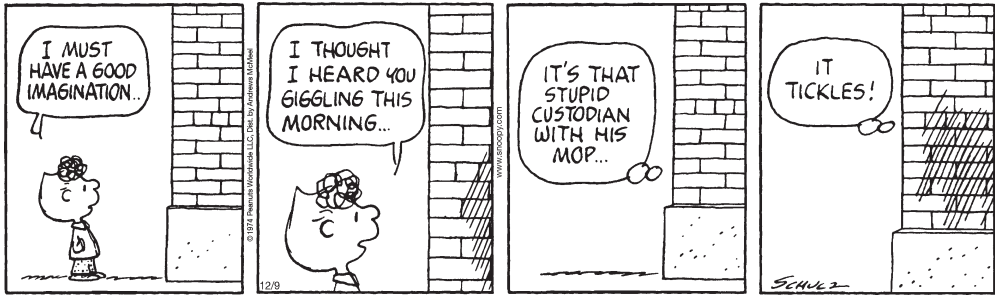


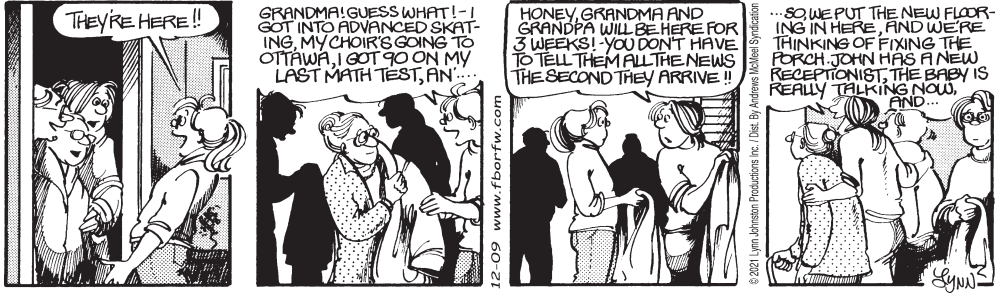
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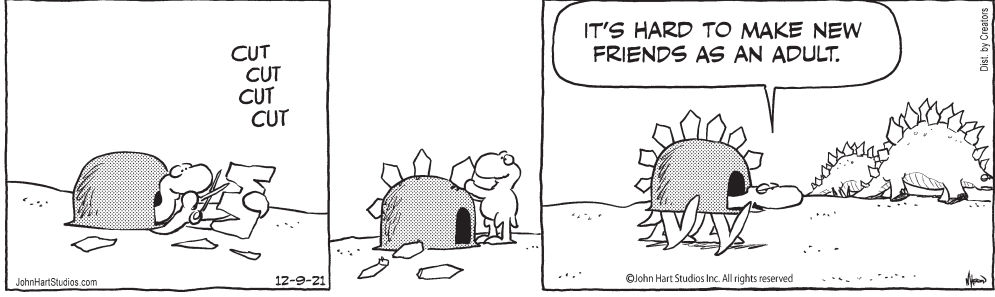
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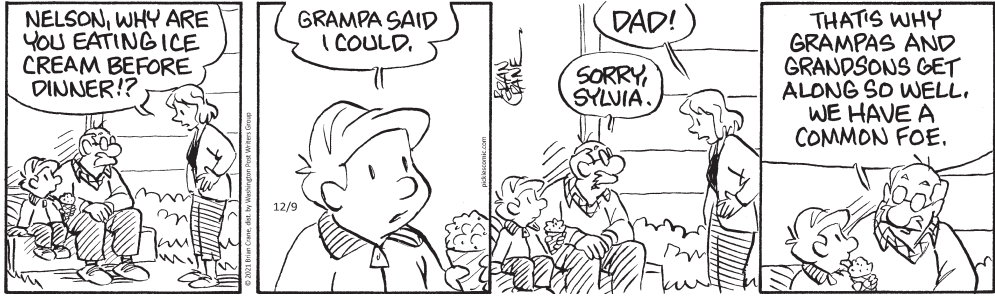
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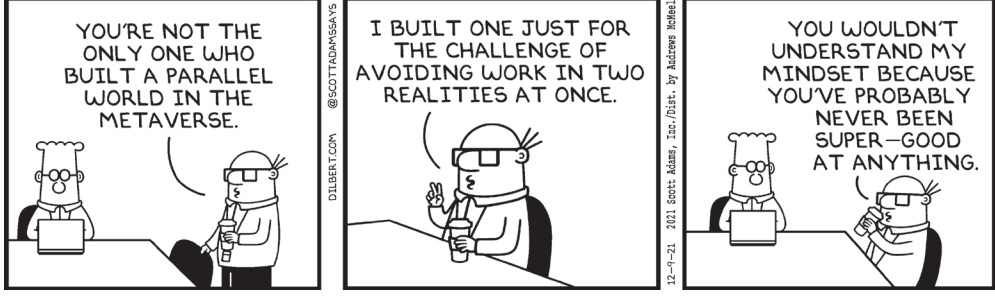
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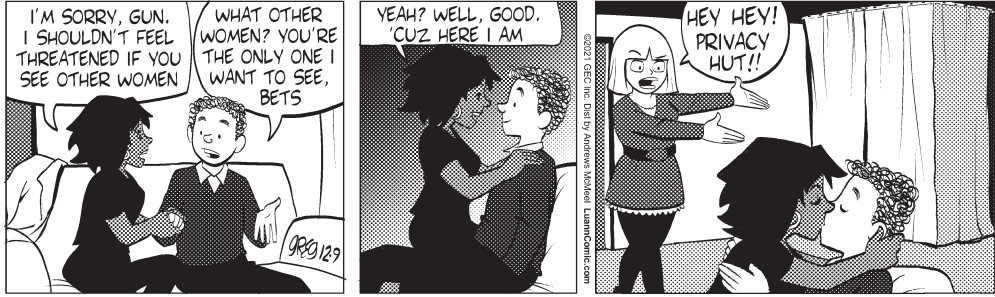
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DEAR ABBY

Divorced father carries the torch 10 years later



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I am a 45-year-old divorced father of three. Two of them I share with my ex-wife. We were married for 14 years and have been divorced for 10 years now. Our marriage started falling apart when I became addicted to prescription pain medication. I was using for a couple of years, but I'm sober now.

opened the door to you doing what you are contemplating. If they are not married, you have every right to tell her you have never stopped loving her and ask if she might have similar feelings. If she doesn't, it would be better for you to know that. But if her answer is yes, it would be worth a try.

Our divorce was amicable, and I think we still maintain a great friendship. We call each other occasionally and talk about things other than the kids. After our divorce we both dated and moved in with other people. I am currently single; she's still in a relationship. She recently called and asked me for advice because she's not happy in her current relationship.

I have never stopped loving her, but I don't want to take advantage of her present situation. My kids know how I feel and so do my friends, so she probably does, too. Would it be wrong of me to try to rekindle what we once had, even if there's the slightest chance of she and her current partner working through their issues? I'm not sure she feels the same way about me as I do her. — Torn In Wisconsin

Dear Torn: When your ex-wife called to tell you things aren't going well between her and her current partner, she

I always planned on retiring to Florida. Our son, who is married with children, has been diagnosed with a slow-progressing but deadly disease. My husband still wants to move, but now I am not sure. Our son said we should live our life because we worked hard to retire and should go. I don't know if I could be happy that far away from him and his family now. Please advise. — Hesitant Grandma In Ohio

Dear Hesitant Grandma: I am sorry for the pain you are experiencing regarding your son's diagnosis. Your husband wants to make the move, and your son has told you he does not want you to change your plans. If it's financially feasible, it might make sense for you and your husband to rent a place in Florida for a year and, depending upon how well your son is doing, decide later if you want to make it permanent. Perhaps your husband could go ahead without you if you choose to stay behind.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921 Pendleton marveled, laughed, applauded and was pleased last night when an opportunity to see Tony Sargs marionettes perform in "Rip Van Winkle" was afforded. The auditorium at the high school was comfortably filled for the evening performance, and the temper of the crowd indicated that the novel show struck just the right chord in the heart of the audience. With true American inquisitiveness, the guests on every lip was, "how do they manipulate those puppets?" and to satisfy the curiosity aroused by the performance, many people made a "close up" study of the mechanisms whereby the miniature men and women were made to act their parts in the drama. The show was put on under the auspices of the school of the city, and tickets were sold by the grade children.

too big to get over the narrow Meacham Lake road. There are several year-around homes at Meacham Lake, and 30 or more weekend cabins. Snow depth at Meacham was said to be about four-feet on the level at the time the Meacham Lake families called for help.

50 years ago — 1971 About six families were reported snow-bound at Meacham Lake in the Blue Mountains 30 miles east of Pendleton Thursday. The road into the lake from nearby Meacham is narrow and winding and lined with trees. Drifts five to six feet deep filled in the road overnight. County Roadmaster Gene Palmer said he planned to send in a crew to open the road. The state highway department has a snow removal headquarters at Meacham but the equipment is

25 years ago — 1996 The Clackamas Cavaliers said they got robbed. The Pendleton Bucks don't care. Pendleton's Kyle Rosselle sank a free throw with 1.9 seconds remaining to beat Clackamas 74-73 in a non-conference boys basketball game at Pendleton's new gymnasium. Tied at 73, the Cavaliers stalled for more than 50 seconds to set up a final shot. Rosselle grabbed his ninth rebound and was fouled. Pendleton coach Jeff Quinn said he thought it was a good call. Clackamas coach Steve Gustovich had a different angle. "It was terrible. I'm never coming back here again," he said. Rosselle made his first shot, then missed his second attempt. "Of course I was nervous," Rosselle said of his moment on the line at the end of an "important" game. It seems strange to call a non-conference game "important," especially the first game of the season. However, the Bucks had a huge crowd at their new home and fans from both teams were vocal. It wasn't the prettiest of games, but Quinn will take his first victory as the Bucks' head man.

TODAY IN HISTORY

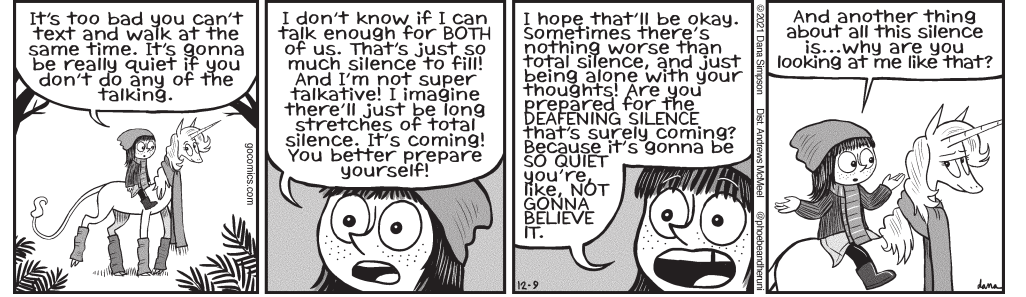
On Dec. 9, 1914, U.S. Senate investigators concluded the United States had brutalized scores of terror suspects with interrogation tactics that turned secret CIA prisons into chambers of suffering and did nothing to make Americans safer after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. In 1911, an explosion inside the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tennessee, killed 84 workers. (Five were rescued.) In 1917, British forces captured Jerusalem from the Ottoman Turks. In 1962, the Petrified Forest in Arizona was designated a national park. In 1965, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the

first animated TV special featuring characters from the "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, premiered on CBS. In 1987, the first Palestinian intefadeh, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli response. In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide. In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final in August 1996.) In 2000, the US Supreme Court ordered a

temporary halt in the Florida vote count on which Al Gore pinned his best hopes of winning the White House. In 2001, the United States disclosed the existence of a videotape in which Osama bin Laden said he was pleasantly surprised by the extent of damage from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In 2006, a fire broke out at a Moscow drug treatment hospital, killing 46 women trapped by barred windows and a locked gate. In 2013, scientists revealed that NASA's Curiosity rover had uncovered signs of an ancient freshwater lake on Mars.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

