

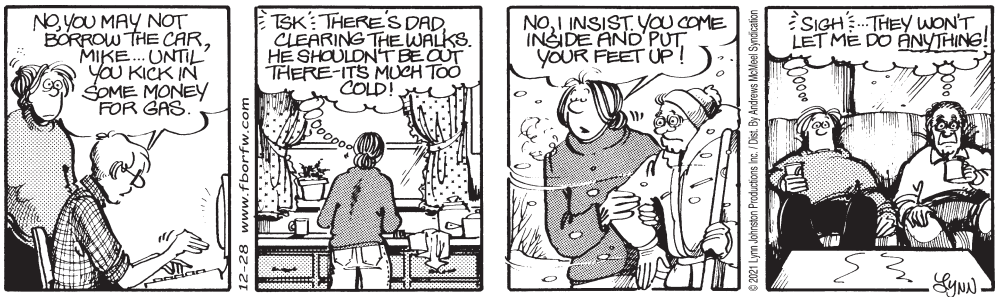
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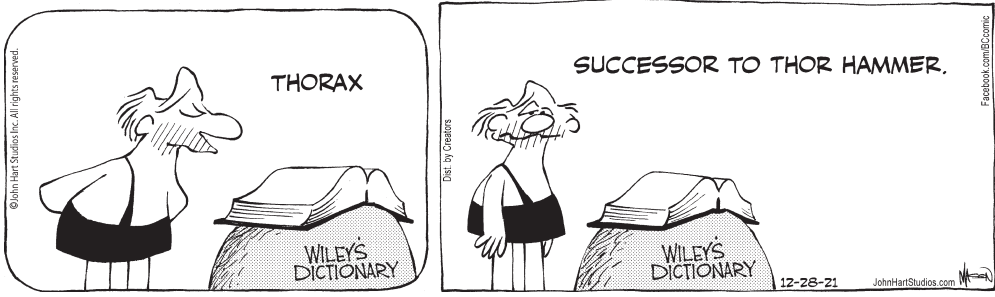
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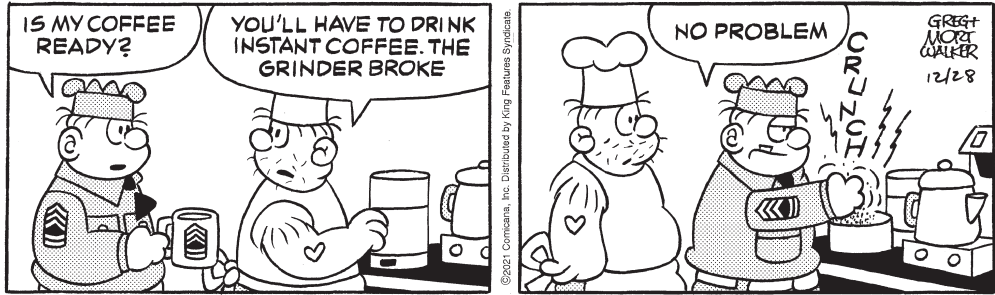
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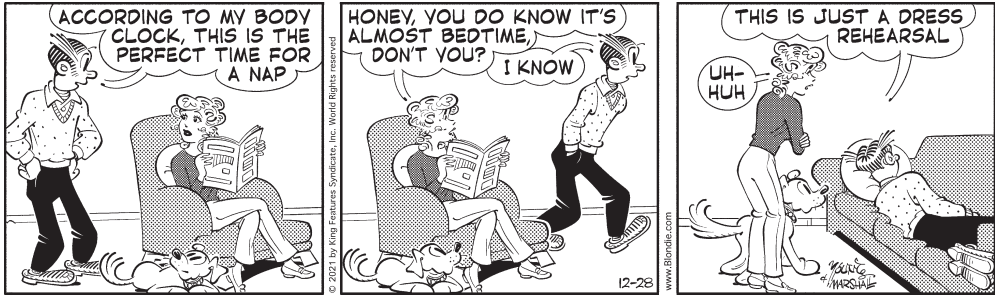
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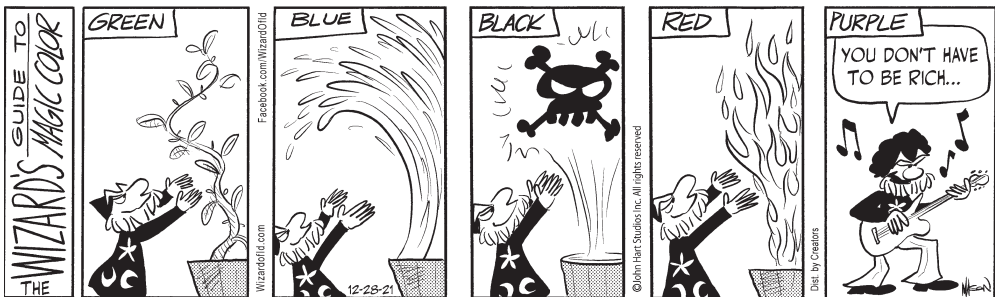
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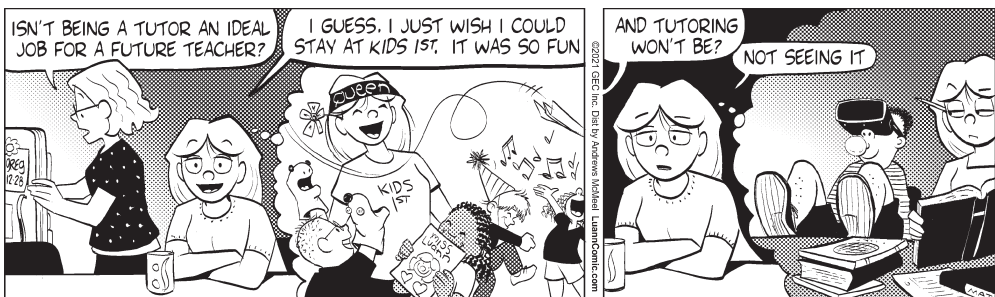
THE WIZARD OF ID

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DEAR ABBY

Wife considers leaving man because of weight



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I'm in my late 30s and have been married for seven years. My husband and I have two young children, a beautiful home, good jobs, etc. However, over the last few years, I have lost my attraction to him.

He has gained more than 40 pounds since we met, and he refuses to eat healthy or exercise. He watched me spend countless hours working out to lose all my baby weight. We are rarely intimate anymore, and when we are I do it out of obligation.

I know these things happen, but he seems to be happy. I think if I told him I wanted to leave, he would be floored. Divorced friends of mine who have young children have advised me against it, and say my children's happiness should come before mine.

Dear Weighty Subject: Before your marriage deteriorates further, have a frank discussion with your husband. He seems to be happy because he doesn't know what's going on in your head. For reasons that go beyond animal attraction — including the welfare of his children — he needs to make some lifestyle changes and get a handle on his health.

try marriage counseling before you consult a lawyer.

Dear Abby: I'm in my early 40s. A few months ago, I was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. I keep reading the five-year survival rate is only 28%, and I'm concerned that despite receiving treatment, I don't have many years left.

My question is, should I make a will? I live in an apartment and don't have many assets except for some savings.

Dear Making Plans: Because you have financial assets, a daughter and a beloved pet you want to provide for in the event of your death, it's important that you consult an attorney NOW about ANY end-of-life documents you need to have in place.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1921

After the strenuous days of a busy holiday period, a tired bunch of saleswomen of the J. C. Penney Company forgot their fatigue Saturday night when Manager J. E. Akey presented seven of them with checks aggregating a little over five hundred dollars.

50 years ago — 1971

Arlin Phillips knows all about sinking feelings. Last week he was working with a Milton-Freewater city crew burning weeds at the bottom of what's known as Milton hill, where Highway 11 enters the city from the south.

the other foot sank deeper. In moments he was chest deep in the mud. His fellow city employees looped a fire hose under his arms and tugged. But they couldn't get him out.

25 years ago — 1996

Earlier this month, the Yellowhawk Clinic lost the services of a natural resource known as Tessie Williams. Williams retired after 28 years as a community health representative.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Dec. 28, 2014, the war in Afghanistan, fought for 13 bloody years and still raging, came to a formal end with a quiet flag-lowering ceremony in Kabul that marked the transition of the fighting from U.S.-led combat troops to the country's own security forces.

In 1972, Kim Il Sung, the premier of North Korea, was named the country's president under a new constitution.

In 1973, the Endangered Species Act was signed into law by President Richard Nixon.

In 1975, the "Hail Mary pass" entered the football lexicon as Dallas quarterback Roger Staubach tossed the ball to Drew Pearson for an improbable 50-yard touchdown with 24 seconds left to help the Cowboys come back to edge the Minnesota Vikings 17-14.

In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American "test-tube" baby, was born in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1991, nine people died in a crush of people trying to get into a rap celebrity basketball game at City College in New York.

In 2007, Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was laid to rest as the country's army tried to quell a frenzy of rioting in the wake of her assassination.

In 2015, a grand jury in Cleveland declined to indict a white rookie police officer in the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, a Black youngster who was shot while playing with a pellet gun.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

