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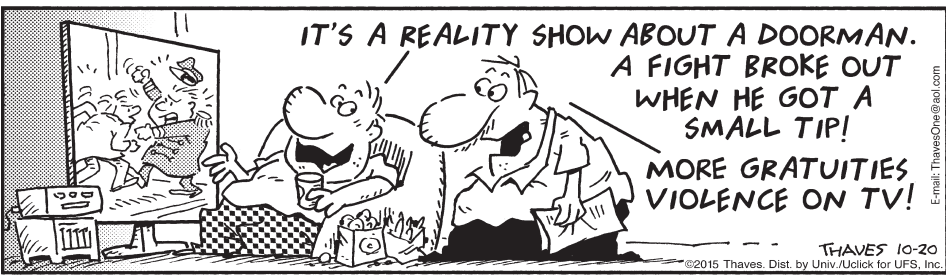
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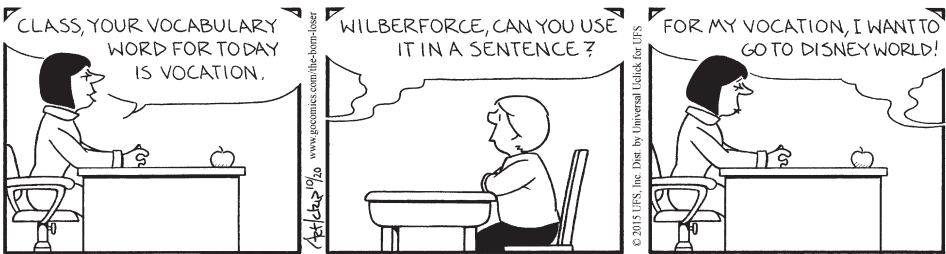
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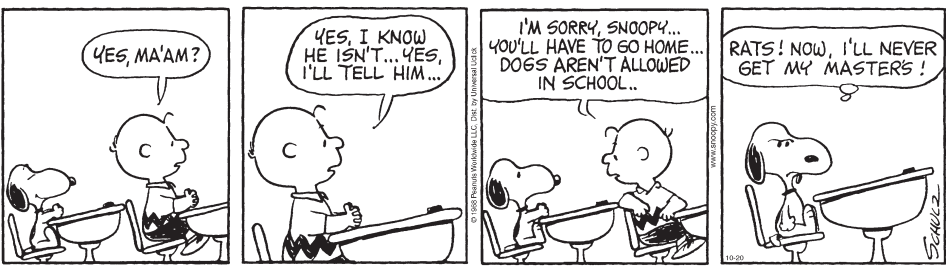
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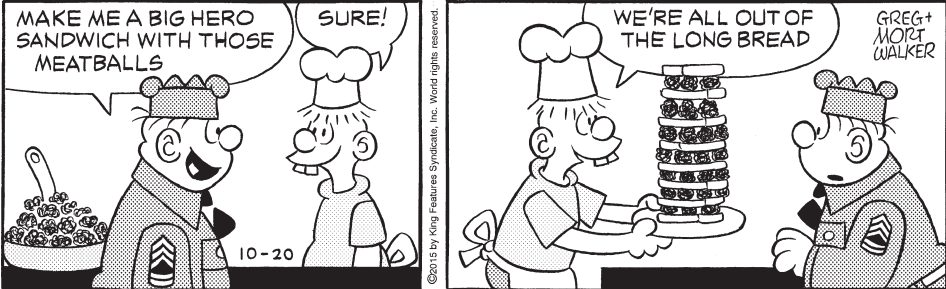
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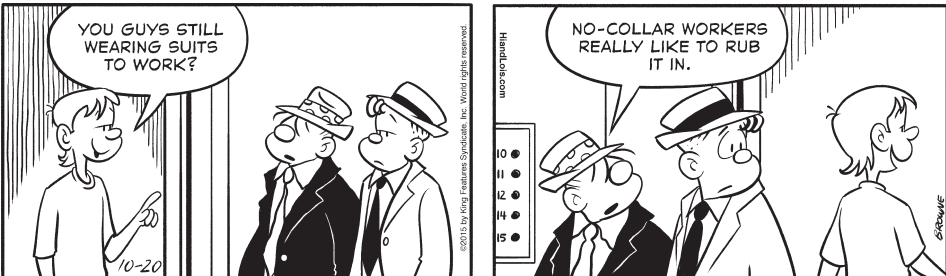
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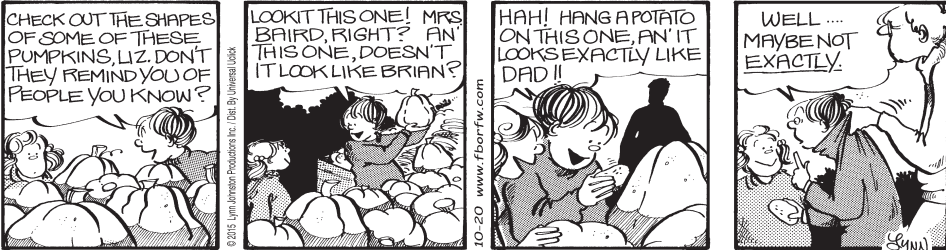
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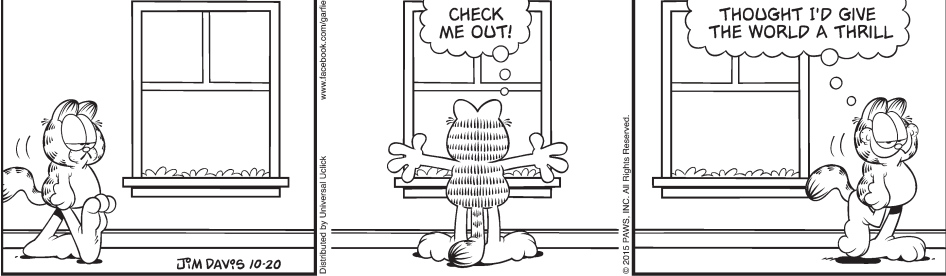
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Wife Needs A Wake-Up Call On Family's Sleeping Patterns

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 16 years. We have three boys, ages 12, 6 and 2. My 6-year-old doesn't sleep in his bed. He sleeps on the couch. My wife sleeps in a recliner in the den. The 2-year-old usually sleeps with her. Sometimes he sleeps in a crib in our room. I sleep by myself in a king-size bed.

There is no possibility for romance. The only time there can be is when my wife comes to bed. If this happens, I know something is going to take place, but I have no chance to initiate. Our sex life is totally up to her. Once a month or so is fine with her, but not for me.

I have told her how I feel about our "sleeping arrangements," but nothing has changed. I know I snore, but she has not complained about it keeping her awake or used it as an excuse.

Our 6-year-old will not sleep in his bed as long as his mother sleeps in the recliner. The longer this goes on, the harder it will be to get him in his bed. Do you have any advice on what I should do or say about this situation? — SLEEPING SOLO IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SLEEPING SOLO: Obviously this arrangement isn't working for you. Unless you want to live the rest of your life this way, you are complaining to the wrong woman.

Your wife is doing the children no favors by allowing these unorthodox sleeping arrangements. It's time to lay your cards on the table with her. Tell her you need some straight answers about why she's unwilling to share your bed. But if her answers are not forthcoming, marriage counseling may be necessary to improve your level of communication.

DEAR ABBY: I recently saw a link on Facebook to a fundraising site for the son of a childhood friend. (He is under 18.) When I clicked on it, I discovered he is in rehab at a

private-care facility that requires he stay for months. It is very expensive. I contributed as generously as I could, considering my limited finances, and received a thank-you for my support. I was happy to help.

Now, less than three weeks later, I'm seeing pictures of my friend on vacation. I don't plan to say anything to this person, but I have learned a valuable lesson. From now on, I will donate my hard-earned money only to organizations I believe in and have researched.

Is this a new trend, people asking others to fund their family problems so they can go on with life as usual? I recently saw a GoFundMe page for a funeral, and I know the family is well-off. I think this is very tacky. Or am I behind the times? Your thoughts? — NO VACATION FOR ME

DEAR NO VACATION: More than a few individuals are using crowdfunding to pay for various things. It has helped some people enormously in their time of need. But for someone who is not in need to do this, I agree is tacky. However, regardless of what you and I may think, it's happening nonetheless. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, I guess.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 9:38 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, OCT. 20, 2015:

This year you must keep your eye on your long-term goals, as you often will be distracted. You know what you want, and you know how to get there. Bosses and supervisors demand a lot from you, which often might cause a problem. You will not be bored. If you are single, you will have to go through quite a few suitors before you meet the right person. Give yourself the space to date. If you are attached, the two of you often need an escape from your daily life. Plan a special few days away together as soon as you can. AQUARIUS provokes a wildness in you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★ You'll shake up the status quo and cause someone to become upset. Know that this, too, will pass. The results are very much in the ballpark of what you had projected would happen. A conversation with someone will add a fresh perspective. Tonight: Enjoy whomever is around.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You could be facing quite a bit of volatility in the daytime. As a result, you will need to come to terms with the existing situation. A higher-up is likely to give you feedback. You know when you have had enough, so don't be afraid to speak up. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Continue dealing with people directly, as you do better in one-on-one discussions. You could be overwhelmed by everything you hear from a friend or loved one. This person seems to want some distance. Use this time to evaluate and think. Tonight: Opt for the unusual.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, as you might not have any other choice. It is as if people are running in and out the door telling you their plans. Maintain a sense of humor, and you'll experience less tension. Be willing to break patterns and routines. Tonight: Follow your heart.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by all the

requests you are receiving. You have a lot to do, and not enough time to do it. You could be jolted by news from someone afar. Don't sell yourself short. Postpone a conversation until later in the day. Tonight: Catch up with friends.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★★ Your senses of direction and creativity merge once again. You might surprise some friends who seem to have pigeonholed you. If you get a strange reaction here and there, try not to worry. Curb frivolous spending, and you'll be happy you did. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are all over the place because of your latest interactions. Understand that you are likely to hear a lot of conflicting information. The unexpected hits when a loved one or dear friend reacts in a shocking way. Tonight: Add some spice to your life.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ Conversations will reveal others' natural resistance, especially someone in your daily life. Your instincts might not help you at present, because they come from your perspective. Be willing to break patterns, and opt to head down a new path. Tonight: Reach out to a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might feel as if you need to have different concerns from those around you. You might want to ask more questions and come to terms with a changeable situation. Use caution with your finances and spending. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to leave your wallet empty.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ Your effectiveness will be challenged by someone you look up to. Know that this person simply wants to present a different perspective. The unexpected continues to run through your personal life. Take a step back, and don't worry so much. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Maintain a low-key profile during the day. You have a tendency to do the unexpected and shake up the status quo. You won't even have to work on it -- it will just happen. A long-distance call will prove to be enlightening. Tonight: Take a power nap, then decide.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ Don't avoid a meeting, even if you would prefer not to be present. You will realize how important it is soon enough. Network and extend your immediate circle. Don't lose sight of a goal. Have a talk with someone on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Make it early.

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