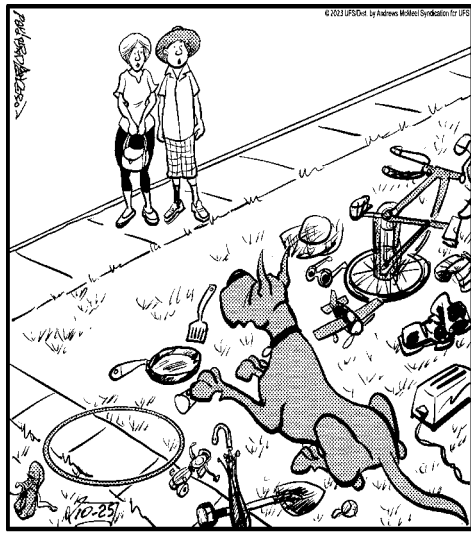


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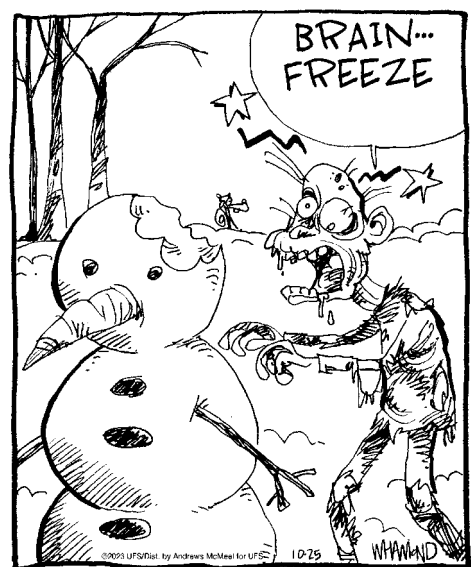
"Maybe he's part retriever."

HERMAN



"If women change after marriage, I'm in luck! My fiancée can't cook and argues every five minutes."

REALITY CHECK



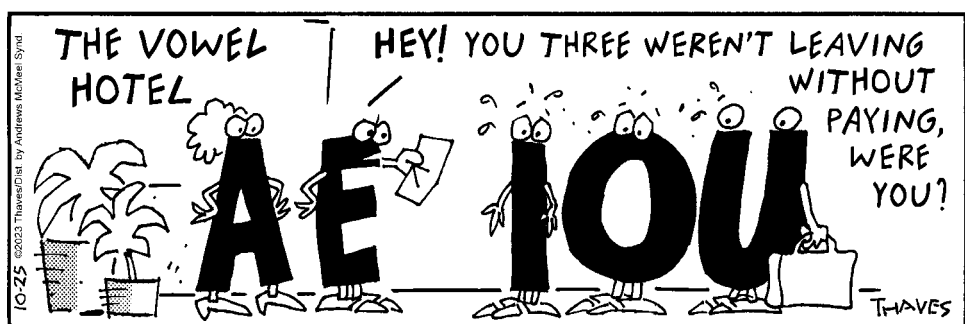
BRAIN... FREEZE

MODERATELY CONFUSED



I WANT YOU TO GIVE US 110%. I EXPECT I'LL BE PAID 110%?

FRANK & ERNEST



THE GRIZZWELLS

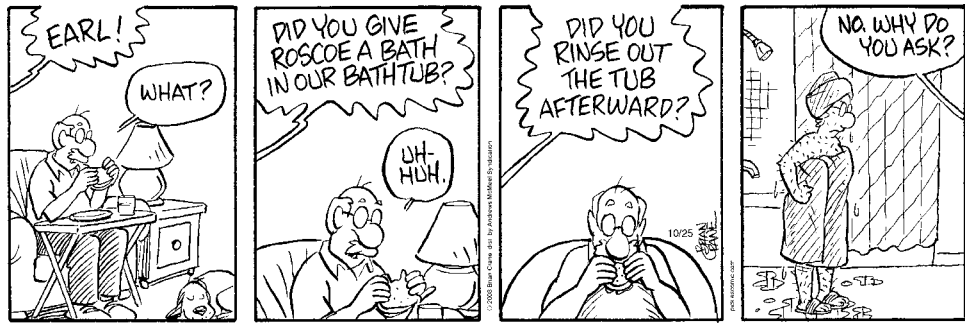


See Dick. See Jane.

See Dick run. See Jane run.

Dick and Jane are having an active-shooter drill.

PICKLES



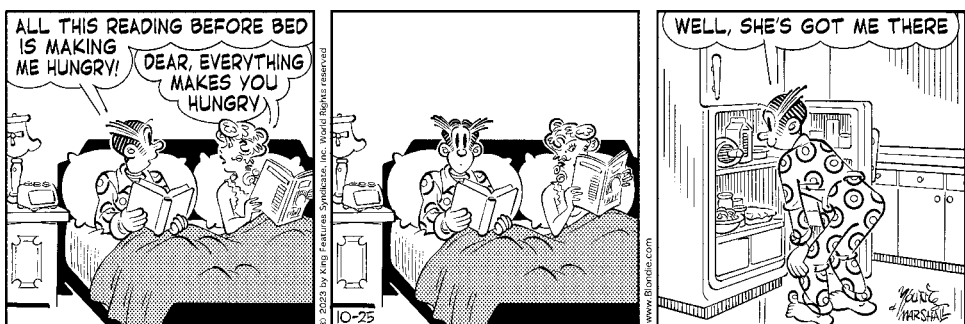
EARL! WHAT?

DID YOU GIVE ROSCOE A BATH IN OUR BATHTUB?

DID YOU RINSE OUT THE TUB AFTERWARD?

NO, WHY DO YOU ASK?

BLONDIE



ALL THIS READING BEFORE BED IS MAKING ME HUNGRY!

DEAR, EVERYTHING MAKES YOU HUNGRY!

WELL, SHE'S GOT ME THERE

BORN LOSER



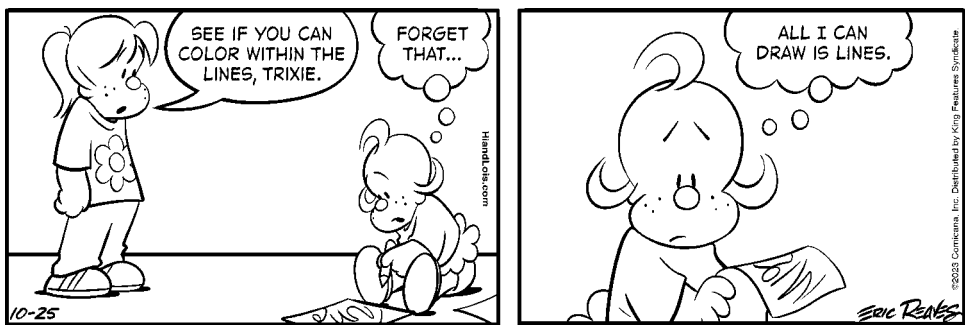
I'VE DECIDED TO TAKE UP YOGA.

TO WHAT END?

I'M SEEKING INNER TRANQUILITY.

HAVE YOU TRIED A GOOD ANTACID?

HI AND LOIS



SEE IF YOU CAN COLOR WITHIN THE LINES, TRIXIE.

FORGET THAT...

ALL I CAN DRAW IS LINES.

CRABGRASS



THE WAY I SEE IT YOU'VE GOT TWO CHOICES. EITHER LIVE IN THIS WARDROBE FOREVER...

...OR GO OUT THERE AND DO WHAT CAPTAIN SUPERIOR™ WOULD DO.

ACTUALLY, CAPTAIN SUPERIOR™ LIVES BY A STRICT CODE OF NON-VIOLENCE, RESORTING TO FORCE ONLY WHEN ABSOLU-

SHOCK

Bringing Down Bullies Is a Group Effort

Dear Annie: This is addressed to the many people who have written to you on the subject of being bullied.

Have you noticed that most, if not all, bullies ply their trade to impress their peers? Bullies bully to gain the attention and approval of someone or some group. They usually pick on someone they think won't fight back -- someone they consider weak.

Witnesses usually look the other way. The only way to stop bullies is for witnesses (in most cases, their own peers) to show disapproval in no uncertain terms. Don't encourage bullies! When you witness bullying, speak up. If someone else speaks up, support them. Unfortunately, the only way to stop a bully is to, for the moment at least, be a bigger bully. -- Great Grandpa Bill

Dear Great Grandpa Bill: I love your analysis of bullying. Conventional wisdom is that the best way to stop a bully is for children who are being bullied to stick up for themselves. But that is often too difficult for them, which is why your analysis is so perceptive -- to



ANNIE LANE
DEAR ANNIE

encourage others to stick up to the bully on behalf of the child being bullied. My guess is that if the victim of the bully were to see his or her peers showing disapproval, it might give them a little courage to stick up for themselves.

At the end of the day, there is power in numbers, so let's put that power toward kindness and helping each other. One of my favorite quotes is by Albert Einstein: "The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything."

Dear Annie: This is in regard to your advice to "Sweet Tooth." My husband has diabetes. I had gestational diabetes when I was pregnant. I would not recommend honey or maple syrup or dark chocolate for people trying to cut down on sweets. If you eat quantities of (SET ITAL)anything(EN

ITAL) sweet, and you are at risk, you can get diabetes, even if you are eating "healthy sweets." When I had gestational diabetes, I could have two pieces of fruit a day. That was the extent of my sweet allowance. "Sweet Tooth" should get herself to a nutritionist or a dietitian to get sound advice. Cutting down is hard; she will get a headache for a few days. And the cravings are real. But it's better than getting a chronic illness. -- Also Loves Sweets

Dear Also Loves Sweets: Thank you for your letter. I hope it inspires others in similar situations to cut down on sweets.

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Stop hesitating; make things happen. If you believe in yourself, you can control the outcome of anything you engage in and let your skills, experience and discipline kick in and run the show. The opportunities are present, and you can bring about change if you are willing to put in the time. Don't sit on the sideline dreaming when progress is within reach.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't take on what doesn't belong to you. Concentrate on your goal, and you'll make headway. Let go of your inhibitions and pursue what excites you. Don't procrastinate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Pay attention to what others say and do, and be wary of false claims. Getting an honest account of what's possible will help you deter any interference. Don't let anyone take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take the initiative. Letting someone take care of your affairs will end up costing you. Adjust your lifestyle to cater to your needs and budget. Speak from the heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Stop and consider your options. Don't let anyone make decisions for you. Resist temptation. Refuse to be lured down the wrong path. Watch your words before you say something you'll regret.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Follow your intuition and embrace change. Don't hesitate when life is calling to you. Execute your plans, reveal a new look and prioritize love and romance. Get out there and experience new things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Take nothing for granted. Hold your cards close to your chest and be ready to go the distance. Speed will come in handy, but endurance will be necessary to make your mark.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Claim what's yours and keep marching. You will achieve happiness if you are diligent. Don't downplay your creativity or fear being different. Romance is favored.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Bide your time, work behind the scenes and be thorough. The prep work you do will not be in vain. Research will lead to something that helps you claim victory when the time is right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You're in the driver's seat; don't hesitate to go after what you want. Use your imagination, be forceful in your demands and have a solid plan in place. Networking and negotiations are favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take a moment and evaluate your situation. Be observant of how others react to changes, and think about how you can use what's happening to your advantage. Don't lollygag when action is needed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) -- Pay attention to how you present yourself to the world. An update or change will build the confidence you require to reach your objective. Opportunity is present. Follow your instincts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Listen carefully to gain insight into what others want from you. Consider what you can do without jeopardizing your position or reputation. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you.

ACROSS

- 1 Fitting
- 4 Cover
- 7 Tilly or Ryan
- 10 Chimney deposit
- 12 Brainchild
- 14 Paved rd.
- 15 Ill-humored
- 16 Time in office
- 17 "It's a -- to Tell a Lie"
- 18 Hit again and again
- 20 "I give up!"
- 22 Wash
- 25 Actor -- Affleck
- 28 Ladybugs
- 32 Snow-covered peaks
- 33 Prod
- 34 Down Under bird
- 35 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 36 Sulk
- 37 Spoken

DOWN

- 38 Retirement plan
- 40 Fellows
- 41 Hanging ornament
- 43 Sweetie
- 46 Time to come
- 50 Zoo denizen
- 51 Converse
- 54 Roulette bet
- 55 Frontiersman -- Carson
- 56 Emerald Isle
- 57 Woodwind need
- 58 USN rank
- 59 Road goo
- 60 Capone and Pacino

Answer to this puzzle

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