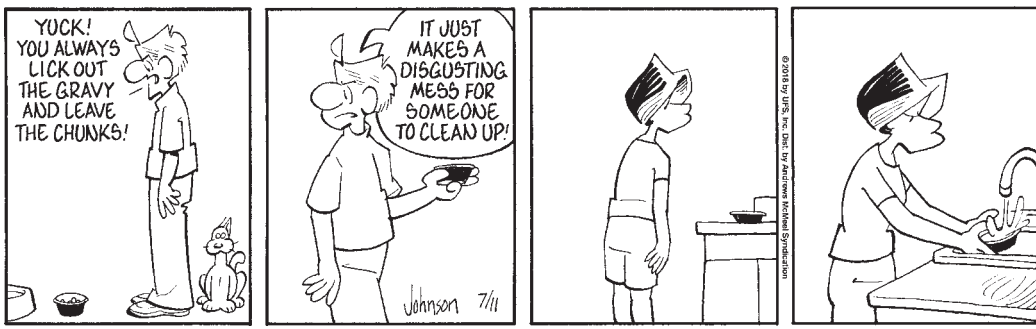
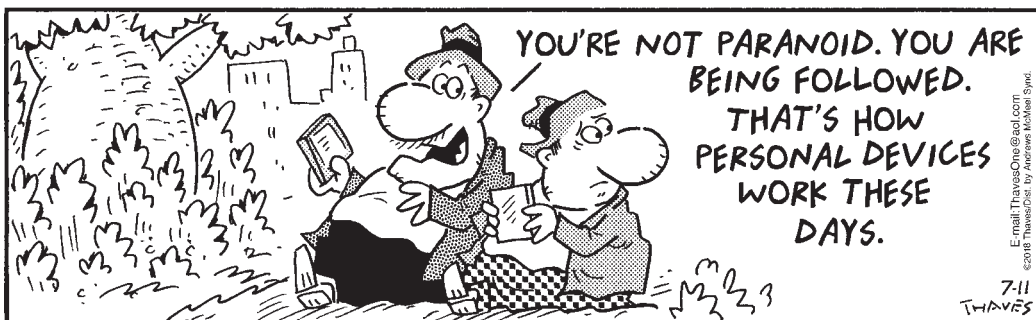


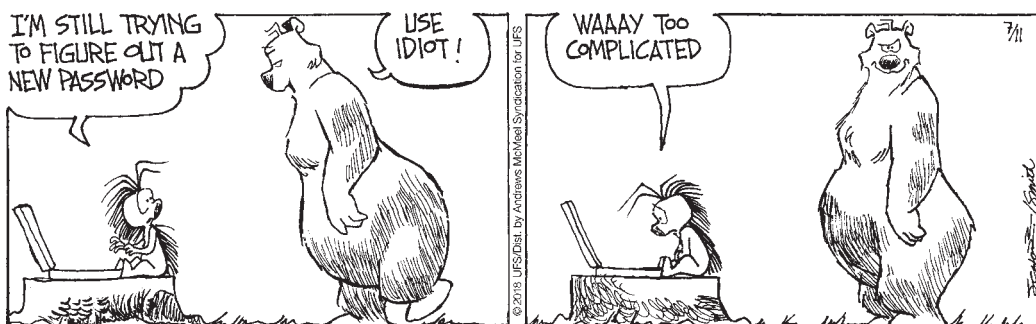
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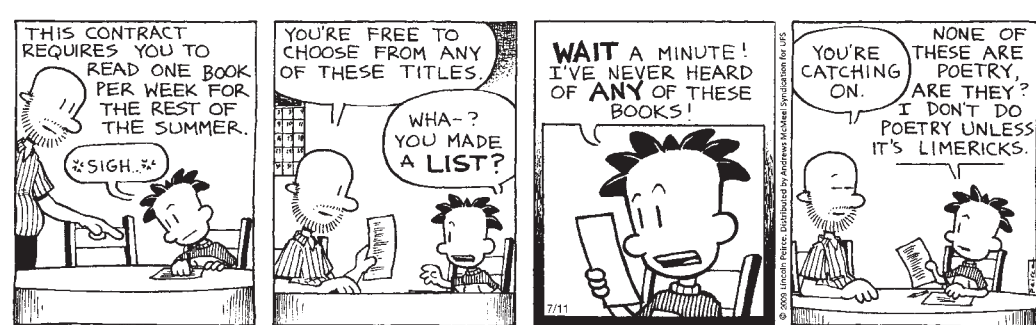
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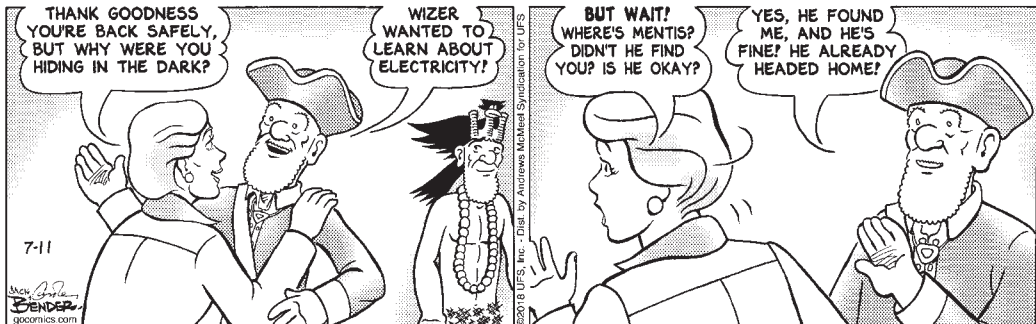
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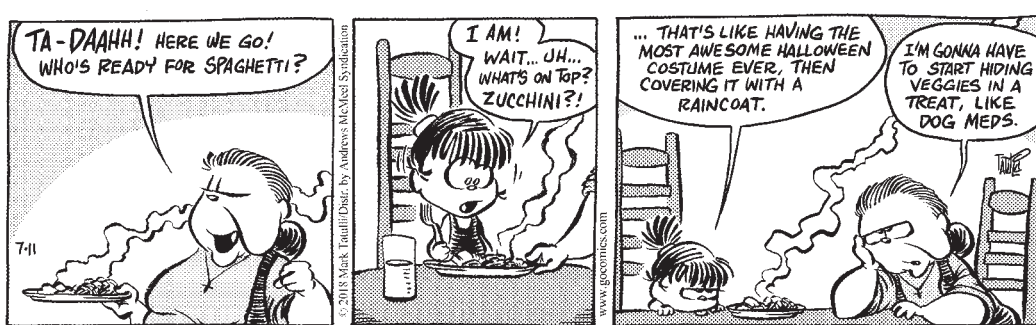
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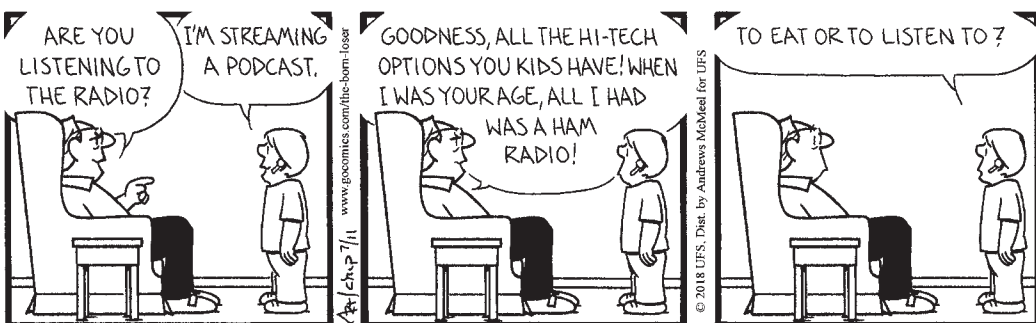
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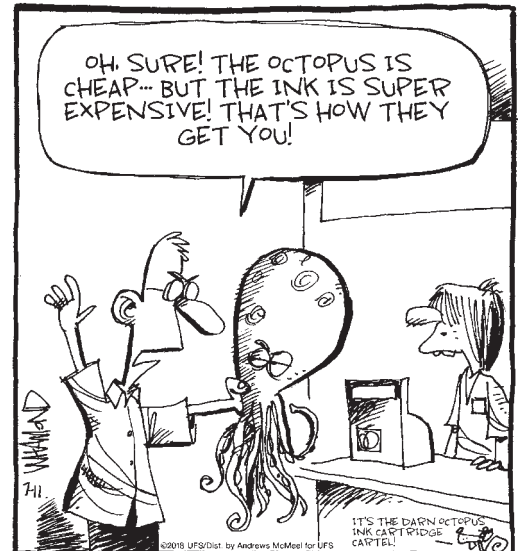
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## SENSE AND SENSITIVITY

By Harriette Cole

### Mother frets moving to Dubai with children

DEAR HARRIETTE: My husband recently got a job offer for a better-paying, higher position that fits his interests. The one big downside to this new job is that it is in Dubai.

If it were just my husband and me, I wouldn't question the decision for one second, but since we have our children to consider, I need some help. Our kids are in elementary school. We have lived in the same house for their whole lives, so it feels wrong pulling them out of school and uprooting them. At the same time, it might be an amazing opportunity for us as a family! What do you think is the best situation for my family? Stay where we are? Or leave?

-- Move to Dubai?, Denver

people.

I enjoy hanging out with my mom and her boyfriend, but I hate being around my dad and his new girlfriend. I feel like she has changed him. Since he started dating her, he has been acting differently. He asks my siblings and me to hang out with him and go over to his house every now and then, but we don't like being around him that much. I tried explaining this to my mom, but she doesn't care to listen because she and my dad don't speak anymore.

I feel bad that my dad genuinely wants to spend time together but I don't want to because of who he has become. Is it rude of me to tell him the ways in which he has changed when I know that he's happy?

-- Daughter of a Different Dad, Atlanta

DEAR MOVE TO DUBAI?: While this is a big move, know that many Americans have made it. I know families who have moved to Dubai and to Abu Dhabi, and it has worked for them.

Dubai offers more flexibility than some think. Yes, there are recommendations about dressing more modestly than Americans, especially for women, but it is a cosmopolitan city that welcomes foreign nationals.

The good news for your children is that they are young and adaptable. They might be sad at first due to the unknown and the thought of losing their friends. If you move over the summer, it will be easier than in the middle of the school year.

My suggestion: Go for it! It doesn't have to be forever.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My parents have been separated for eight months now, and they have both been seeing other

DEAR DAUGHTER OF A DIFFERENT DAD: The person you need to talk to is your dad. Your duty is to be open and honest with him and attempt to forge a solid relationship with him.

Tell him the truth, with specifics, about what he has done that bothers you. Ask him to be mindful of what he says and does as it hurts you. Commit to making the effort to spend more time with him to see if you can work it out. Ask to spend alone time with him when his girlfriend isn't around.

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## CROSSWORDS

- ACROSS
- Volcanic dust
  - and hiss
  - Arcade foul
  - Letter before sigma
  - Fungus
  - Brainstorm
  - Lead astray
  - Spiky flower
  - Variety of onion
  - Arduous journey
  - Refrain syllables
  - Hematite
  - Peony part
  - Watch places
  - Mew
  - Injury result
  - Only
  - Dainty swallows
  - Major
  - Jimmy's successor
  - Be submissive
  - Dazed, with "out"
  - Call in sick
  - Schmooze
  - Meadow rodent
  - Noted wise guy
  - Pickle flavor
  - Ambling along
  - Efficient
  - Length x width
  - Overtime reason
  - Within sight
  - and don'ts
  - Summer in France

- DOWN
- Tattoo site
  - Argosy, in poems
  - Water supplier
  - Gives off steam
  - Vintage
  - Keats opus
  - Fierce predator
  - Run in neutral
  - Pipe problem
  - A little bit
  - Wall paintings
  - Benefit, often
  - Star Pictures
  - Scepter go-withs
  - Email senders
  - Guitarist — Clapton
  - Book boo-boo
  - On the lookout
  - Unable to decide
  - gin fizz
  - Select the best
  - Draw to a close
  - Shrunken shrub
  - Flowering shrub
  - Diner staple
  - Knuckle under
  - Neon and ozone
  - Intuition
  - Earthenware pot
  - Refer to
  - Stretchy fabric
  - Actor — Aykroyd
  - Frenzied
  - Conquistador's quest
  - whiz!

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