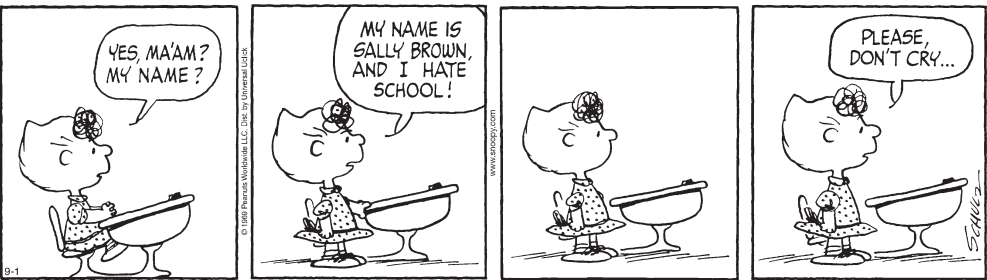


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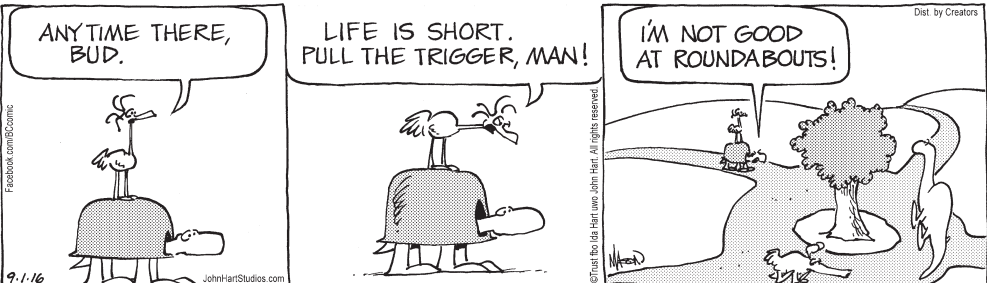
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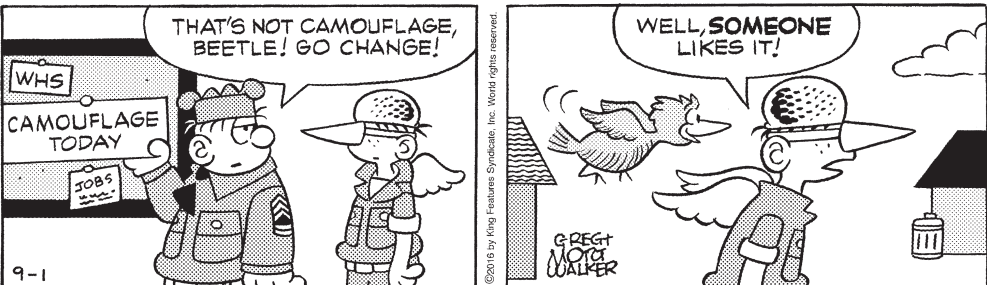
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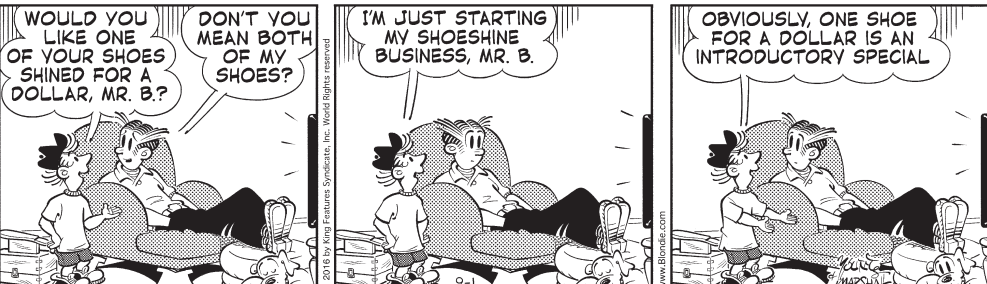
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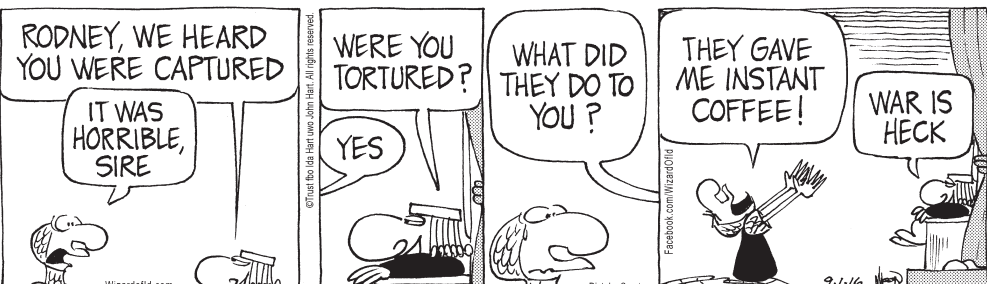
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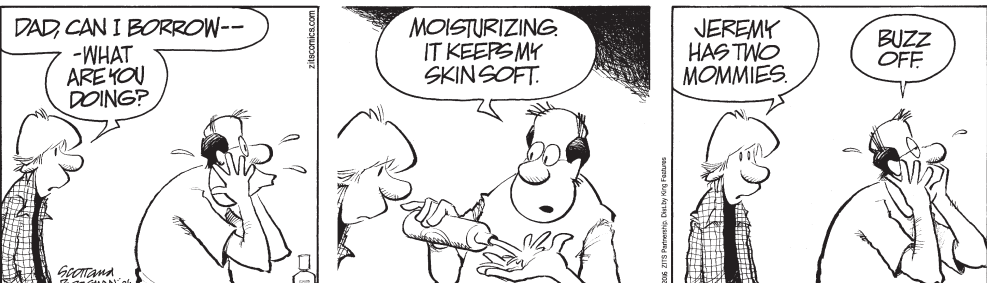
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DEAR ABBY

Girl feels pressure to choose her path after high school

Dear Abby: I'm a young woman of 16 years and I'm in the second year of high school. Next year will be my last, and then I will have the pressure of relatives and friends wondering what I will do with my life.

When I was little, I said I was going to be a stylist. I liked that idea, but after I did some research about it, I realized it is not for me. I have also thought about journalism and specializing in fashion, but don't know if it's something I want for my life.

I would love to do medicine, perhaps pediatrics or oncology. They are very beautiful professions. Should I pursue the career I always wanted as a child, or a career that I think is beautiful and will give me a good life? Help! — **Julia From Brazil**

Dear Julia: The dreams people have as children usually change as they mature. It appears that yours are no different. The careers you are contemplating now can make a huge difference in the lives of others, and reward you well if you work hard and are successful. If you would love the practice of medicine and have the aptitude for it, that's the way I think you should go.

Dear Abby: I am terrified of driving on the interstate. It is keeping me from going places I want to go and doing things I want to do. I don't know anyone else with this phobia. Is there any help for someone like me? — **Ready To Roll In Montana**

Dear Ready: Of course there is. Your first step should be to contact a driving school to



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find out if it offers courses for people with a fear of driving on the interstate. However, if you can't bring yourself to dip your toe in the water that way, ask your physician to put you in touch with a psychotherapist who specializes in relieving people of their phobias.

Dear Abby: I don't know what's wrong with me. I work in a school, so I have the summers off, but I can't relax and enjoy myself. Every day I constantly think about having to go back to work when summer is over,

and I dread it. I also find myself dwelling on past mistakes I have made and regrets about things I did or didn't do. As a result, it prevents me from enjoying the present.

Do other people have this problem? Have you any advice to help me stop thinking about the past and the future and how I can enjoy the here and now? — **Can't Relax In New Jersey**

Dear Can't Relax: Nothing lasts forever, including summer vacation. However, may I point out that if you have a job you "dread" returning to, it may be time to consider finding a new one?

As to past regrets spoiling your present, a way to stop dwelling on those negative thoughts would be to say ALOUD to yourself: "That was then. This is NOW. I'm wiser now." Then make a conscious effort to reorient yourself to the present. I'm not saying it won't take vigilance and practice, but hearing yourself speak the words may snap you back to where you belong.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 1, 1916

The work of building the new Happy Canyon was begun this morning and will be completed on or before September 17. The directors asked for bids from local contractors for furnishing the tools and labor but only one bid was received. Inasmuch as it was \$700 more than the engineer's estimate, it was refused, and the directors will do the work by day labor under the direction of C.A. Lansdowne, supervising engineer. What with the \$2,300 paid for the lease and old Oregon Feed Yard buildings, the cost of labor, new lumber and the materials and the cost of staging the show, the expenses this year will run between \$10,000 and \$12,000, according to the budget prepared last evening. Facing a deficit unless the price of admission is raised or a subscription paper passed among the business men again, the directors decided to charge 50 cents for admission this year for adults and 25 cents for children under 12.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 1, 1966

Why would anyone deliberately enter a private yard and cut young maple shade trees? Once it could be termed "malicious

mischief." But to do it again weeks later when a tree was planted to replace the ones already destroyed could be called a crime, especially in an area in need of more good trees. The mystery becomes more complex when the act is committed against Miss Maud Alexander, who says she doesn't know of any enemies, and who chose Hermiston as her home for retirement 11 years ago. City police are investigating and are as puzzled as Miss Alexander. She won't plant any more trees in the immediate future, or at least until the mystery is cleared up.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 1, 1991

The violent storms of summer spelled doom for a noted landmark along the Oregon Trail north of the south Morrow county town of Ione. A locust tree, which had provided shade for a century along the wagon-tire rutted desert landscape, toppled over earlier this month at Lower Well Spring. Robin Baker, Oregon Trail chairman for the Morrow County Historical Society, said the tree was probably planted in the early 1870s by an area farmer for shade at the natural spring. The death of the tree likely was caused by lack of water, since the spring became inactive more than 20 years ago after deep-well irrigation became common.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 245th day of 2016. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:
In 1715, following a reign of 72 years, King Louis XIV of France died four days before his 77th birthday.
In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.
In 1914, the last passenger pigeon in captivity, "Martha," died at the Cincinnati Zoo.
In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.
In 1941, the first municipi-

pally owned parking building in the United States opened in Welch, West Virginia.

In 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1976, U.S. Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, resigned in the wake of a scandal in which he admitted having an affair with "secretary" Elizabeth Ray.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird is 94. Actor George Maharis is 88. Conductor Seiji Ozawa is 81. Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 78. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 77. Actor Don Stroud is 73. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 72. Singer Archie Bell is 72. Singer Barry Gibb is 70. Rock musician Greg Errico is 68. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 66. Singer Gloria Estefan is 59. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 55. Jazz musician Boney James is 55. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 53. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 52. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 50. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost Boyz) is 46.

Thought for Today: "The most dangerous of all falsehoods is a slightly distorted truth." — *Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, German scientist (1742-1799).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

