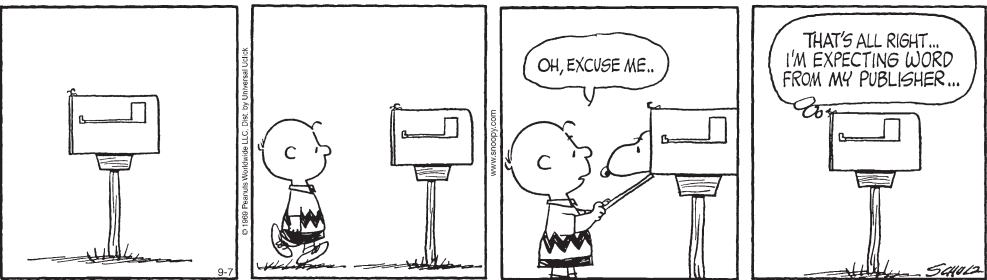


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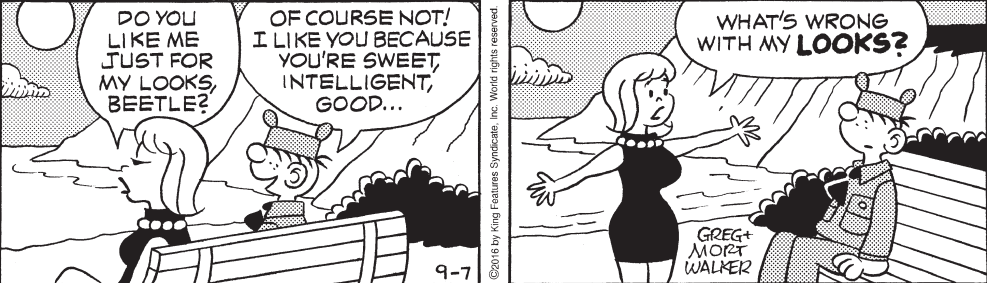
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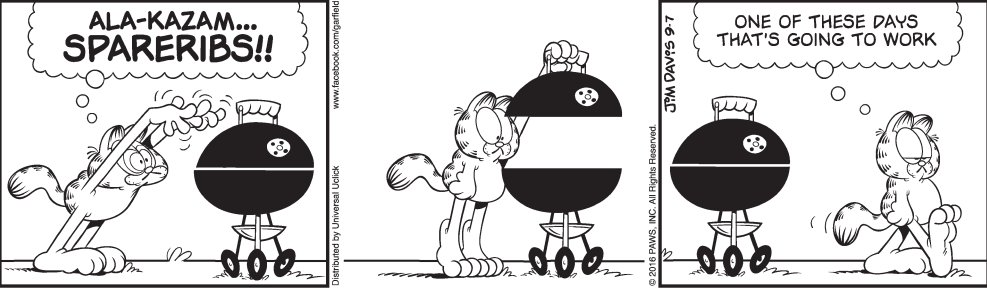
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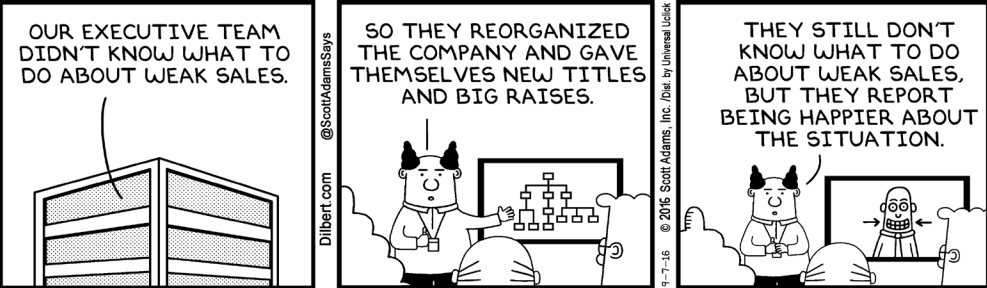
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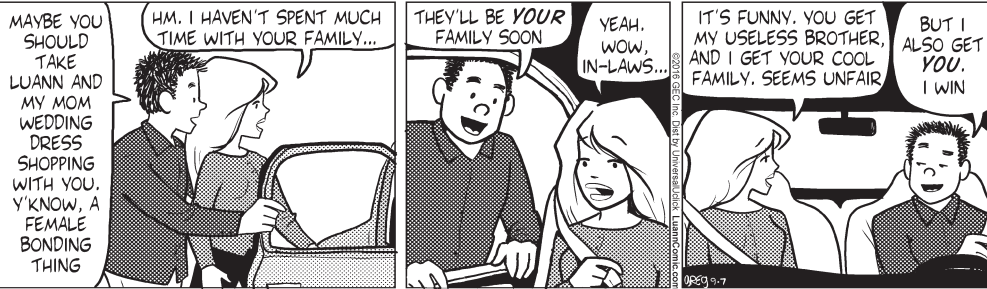
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DEAR ABBY

Husband's secret teenage affair has awkward epilogue

Dear Abby: When my husband was a teenager, he had an ongoing affair with his mother's 20-plus-years-old friend "Nicolle." He would call her by a nickname to signal he wanted sex.

Fast-forward three decades. His family, unaware of their illicit and illegal relationship, regularly invites Nicolle to our family functions. They even call her by that pet nickname, unaware of the connotations.

Their affair ended years before I met my husband. But whenever she is around, she follows him like a lost puppy. How do I get over being uncomfortable and angry at her? I know the truth, but she doesn't know I know. And, of course, my husband doesn't want his family to know. What do I do? — **Knowing Too Much**

Dear Knowing: Have you spoken to your husband about this? He should talk to Nicolle and say, "My wife knows about us, and she is bothered by it." He should also tell her to stop following him around or decline future invitations to the family gatherings.

Dear Abby: One of my dear friends is pregnant with her first child, and she couldn't be more excited. Even though she's only in her second trimester, her "baby bump" is conspicuous, and it seems people (friends, family and complete strangers) can't help but comment that she seems "ready to pop." When they learn she still has many weeks to go, invariably people ask if she's having twins (she's not). Her grandmother went so far as



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to ask for ultrasound photos to prove she's carrying only one baby.

It has made my friend very self-conscious. Even though she's in perfect health, the comments are really getting to her. Any advice on how to graciously deflect these unwanted comments? — **No Twins In The Twin Cities**

Dear No Twins: When someone volunteers that your friend is so big she must be carrying twins, she should say, "Nope! Only one healthy baby in there, ACCORDING TO MY GYNECOLOGIST."

She needs to remember that there is no end to the insensitive personal comments that people make, and that it's important to keep her sense of humor and keep in mind she'll have to hear them only for a few more months.

Dear Abby: My husband is in his mid-70s. We live in the Pacific Northwest. When the temperature is warm, my husband walks around the yard with his shirt off. He's not fat, but he's not thin either. He has gray hair on his chest. It looks awful and it's embarrassing. I think it's rude to the neighbor ladies who see him walk around like this. What do you think? — **An Eyeful In Washington**

Dear Eyeful: You may think an eyeful is awful, but unless your neighbor ladies complain, I'm advising you not to nag your husband about it. While you may find his gray chest hair unattractive, others may not find it offensive at all, and a man walking shirtless in his own yard is hardly shocking.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 7, 1916

Accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Frank Saling, Queen Muriel arrived home this morning from Astoria where her reign over the 21st annual Regatta closed Monday night with a ball given in honor of her and Admiral Cronan by the Elks. Later in the month she will be called upon to rule her third big municipal festival of the year when she is crowned queen of the seventh annual Round-Up. Miss Saling and her mother are very enthusiastic in their praise of the Astoria people. They were received with genuine hospitality and extended every courtesy during their stay there. Almost their every moment was occupied by some function, formal or informal, and they enjoyed themselves fully.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 7, 1966

Douglas Kent McCoy, 17, of Milton-Freewater lost his life in an accident Labor Day at the state agriculture experiment station near Milton-Freewater. McCoy, who worked with other youths at the beef feed yard experiment station as part of a Neighborhood Youth Corps program, was found dead by a girl friend at about 12:30 p.m. He was pinned between the loader bucket of a tractor and a feed bin on a wagon. Apparently McCoy, who usually

works with a partner at the experiment station, decided to go out to the station alone on Labor Day and unload some sacks of feed into the bucket on the tractor which was about 10 feet in the air. McCoy apparently slipped, fell and the bucket came down, crushing him between the wagon bin and the bucket. The bucket was later checked and it operated in its normal fashion.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 7, 1991

A pioneer sheriff pulls a badge from his vest and pins the star on a man's chest. "You are hereby deputized," the sheriff says, in a scene made famous on the silver screen of Western cinema. But life is not so simple for Sheriff Otho Caldera of Wheeler County. Modern law enforcement requires insurance and special training, which costs money. And money is one thing thinly-populated Wheeler County does not have. Caldera is more like the lone ranger these days. He is the only full-time peace officer in the 1,713 square miles that is Wheeler County. His job is to serve and protect the 1,400 people who still live in the least-populated county in Oregon. The only state police officer stationed in Wheeler County retired earlier this year, and a replacement may not be named until early in 1992. Caldera's only full-time deputy was also lost earlier this year to the budget ax.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 251st day of 2016. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 7, 1916, the Federal Employees Compensation Act, providing financial assistance to federal workers who suffer job-related injuries, was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.

On this date:
In 1533, England's Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich.

In 1812, the Battle of Borodino took place as French troops clashed with Russian forces outside Moscow. (The battle, ultimately won by Russia, was commemorated by composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky with his "1812 Overture.")

In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

In 1927, American television pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth, 21, succeeded in transmitting the image of a line through purely electronic means with a device called an "image dissector."

In 1936, rock-and-roll legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

In 1957, the original animated version of the NBC-TV peacock logo, used to denote programs "brought to you in living color," made its debut at the beginning of "Your Hit Parade."

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 86. Actor Bruce Gray is 80. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 73. Singer Alfa Anderson (Chic) is 70. Actress Susan Blakely is 68. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 65. Actress Julie Kavner is 65. Rock musician Benmont Tench (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 63. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 62. Actor Michael Emerson is 62. Pianist Michael Feinstein is 60. Actress-comedian Leslie Jones (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 49. Actress Shannon Elizabeth is 43. Actress Evan Rachel Wood is 29.

Thought for Today: "When you have a great and difficult task, something perhaps almost impossible, if you only work a little at a time, every day a little, suddenly the work will finish itself." — *Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen), Danish author (born 1885, died this date in 1962).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

