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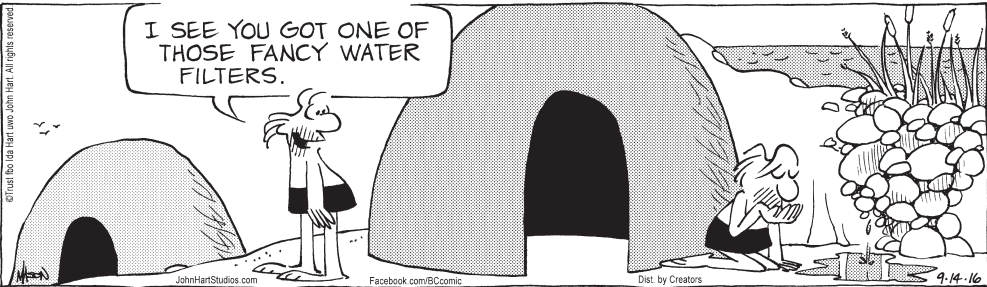
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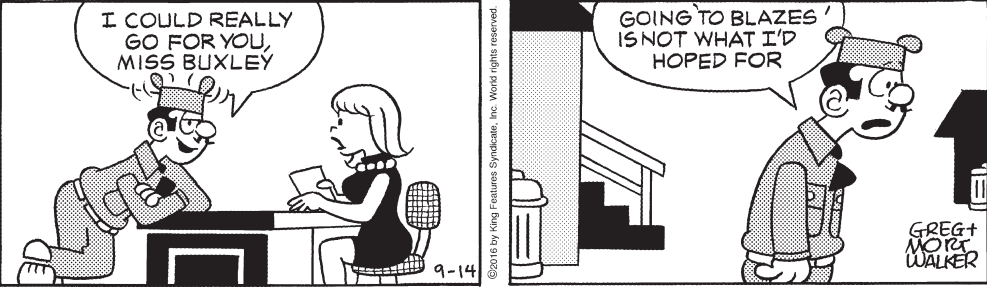
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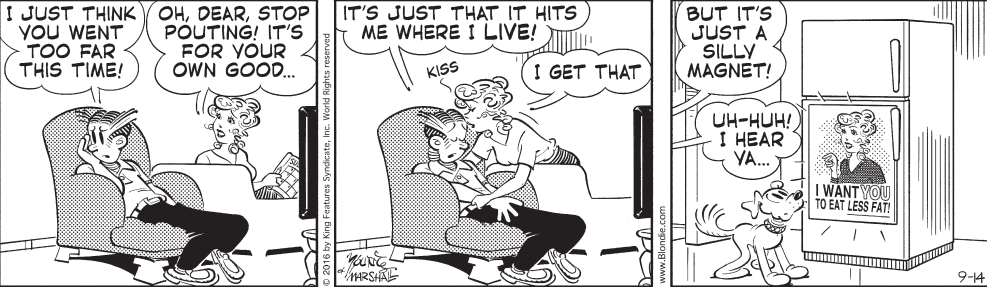
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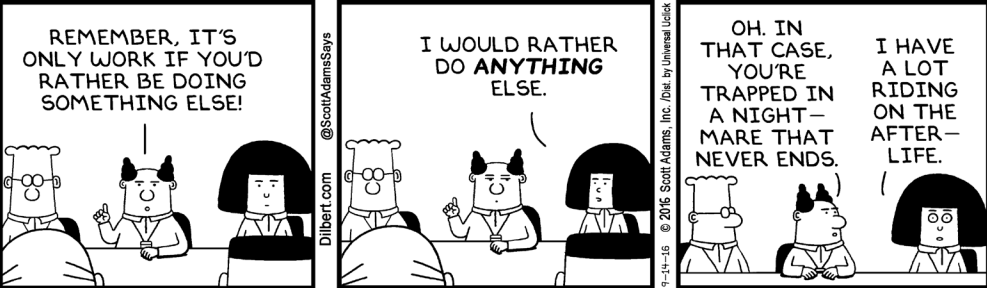
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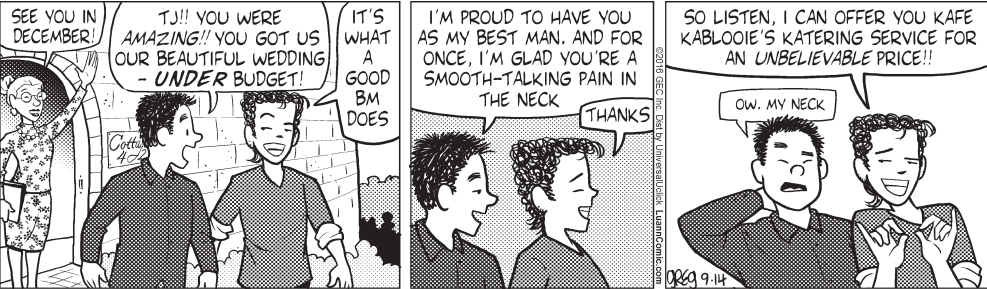
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DEAR ABBY

Shy woman wants some tips for starting a conversation

Dear Abby: I'm an educated, attractive 24-year-old woman who hasn't dated much. I'm eager to break out of my shell and start putting myself out there, but I'm afraid my shyness may make me unapproachable.

How do I strike up a pleasant conversation with a cute guy at the gym or a friendly customer at work? It looks easy in the movies, but this is real life. I don't want my awkwardness to hold me back.

Have you written anything about this? Can you give me some tips on how I can bring myself to be sociable? — **Perpetual Novice In Minnesota**

Dear Novice: Gladly. Start today by making a point of smiling and saying hello to everyone. It's friendly and welcoming.

At the gym, ask other members about their routine or the machines they're using. When greeting a customer, lead off with a friendly remark or a compliment. I have met very few people who don't like receiving one, as long as it's sincere. ("Nice shirt," "Nice cellphone," etc.)

If you freeze up, keep in mind that the majority of people have the same insecurities that you do. My booklet "How to Be Popular" contains many useful tips for polishing social skills for people of all ages. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Please allow four to six weeks for delivery. A surefire way to contribute in any social situation is to be well-informed about what's going on in



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Advice

the world. You do not have to be an authority on every subject.

Good conversationalists are interested in what others have to say rather than feel pressured to fill the air with the sound of their own voices. And remember: Most people can concentrate on only one thing at a time. So forget about yourself and concentrate on the OTHER person. Ask about what he or she is interested in. If you try it, you'll find that it works.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. We have good conversations, and he would give me the world if I asked him to. He's kind, gentle and helps me out financially. He opens the car door, cooks and cleans. Basically, he is what every woman wants.

But ... he is lacking in the sex department. He had a groin injury as a child, and later, as an adult, he reinjured "it." Viagra doesn't help. He apologizes when sex lasts less than five or 10 minutes. Sometimes "it" doesn't work for a week or two.

He says he loves me and wants to marry me. But I know I wouldn't be completely happy if I married him. On the other hand, I'm afraid to lose such a good man. I don't want to cheat on him, which is what he said most of his girlfriends have done in the past. What should I do? — **Great Guy, But —**

Dear G.G.B.: What you should do is be honest with your boyfriend. Tell him it's time for him to consult a urologist, if he hasn't already, because there may be medical help for this. If there is, your problem is solved. If there isn't, then you will have to prioritize what's really important to you in a life partner.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 14, 1916

Harvey Bazell is witness to the fact that Montana is a producer of fine liquor. This morning Sheriff T.D. Taylor and deputies Blakely and Estes poured into the gutter in front of the office of Judge Joe H. Parkes the contents of a ten gallon barrel of whiskey and 23 quarts of the same beverage. Scenting the occasion from afar the Pendleton connoisseur quickly retired to his home, where he procured a large glass. With this, he scooped from the bubbling stream in the gutter two glasses of the liquor. The liquor was confiscated by the state yesterday following the arrest of Hans Gorcke. Gorcke had received the booze from Montana in a trunk and three suitcases and was proceeding to take it home when he was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Joe Blakely and the liquor confiscated.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 14, 1966

First Lt. Donald D. Sams of Hermiston received U.S. Air Force silver pilot wings from his wife, Fay, upon graduation from helicopter pilot training at Sheppard AFB,

Wichita Falls, Texas. Lt. Sams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A Sams of Hermiston, is being assigned to Southeast Asia for flying duty with the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service which flies combat and peacetime rescue and aeromedical evacuation missions. A graduate of Hermiston High School, the lieutenant received a B.S. degree in 1962 from Oregon State University. He was commissioned upon completion of Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 14, 1991

Former Round-Up champion Butch Knowles of Heppner reached up and scratched "Papa Smurf Skoal" behind the ear as he got situated in the saddle. Ten wild and woolly seconds later, amidst the foot-stomping cheers of some 9,000 rowdy fans, Knowles hit the ground with a score of 84 points to take the saddle bronc lead in the second day of the Pendleton Round-Up. Knowles knew from the get-go he had the right horse to win on. "Ever since I saw Billy Etbauer on him at the National Finals I wanted him. I thought, man I would love to get on him. What an opportunity right in Pendleton."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 258th day of 2016. There are 108 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem "Defence of Fort McHenry" after witnessing the American flag flying over the Maryland fort following a night of British bombardment during the War of 1812; the poem later became the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner."

On this date:
In 1715, Benedictine monk Dom Pierre Perignon, credited with advances in the production of champagne, died in Hautvillers, France, at age 76.
In 1829, the Treaty of Adrianople was signed, ending war between Russia and the Ottoman Empire.
In 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner

Judah off Pensacola, Florida.

In 1901, President William McKinley died in Buffalo, New York, of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin; Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car she was riding in.

In 1941, Vermont passed a resolution enabling its servicemen to receive wartime bonuses by declaring the U.S. to be in a state of armed conflict, giving rise to headlines that Vermont had "declared war on Germany."

In 1954, the Soviet Union detonated a 40-kiloton atomic test weapon.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI opened the third session of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, also known as "Vatican II." (The session closed two months later.)

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Zoe Caldwell is 83. Feminist author Kate Millett is 82. Actor Walter Koenig is 80. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown is 76. Singer-actress Joey Heatherton is 72. Actor Sam Neill is 69. Singer Jon "Bowzer" Bauman (Sha Na Na) is 69. Rock musician Ed King is 67. Actor Robert Wisdom is 63. Rock musician Steve Berlin (Los Lobos) is 61. Country singer-songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman is 60. Singer Morten Harket (a-ha) is 57. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev is 51. Rock musician Mike Cooley (Drive-By Truckers) is 50. Actor-writer-director-producer Tyler Perry is 47. Rapper Nas is 43.

Thought for Today:

"I venture to suggest that patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." — *Adlai E. Stevenson, American statesman (1900-1965).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

