

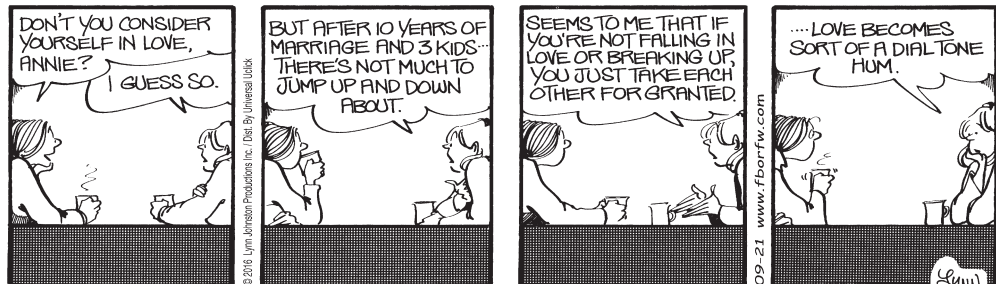
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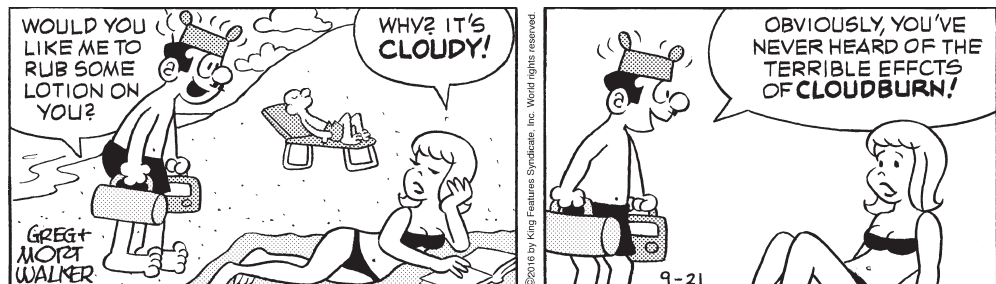
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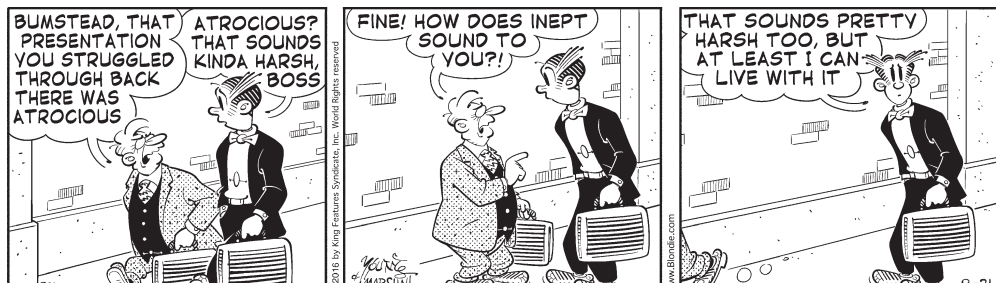
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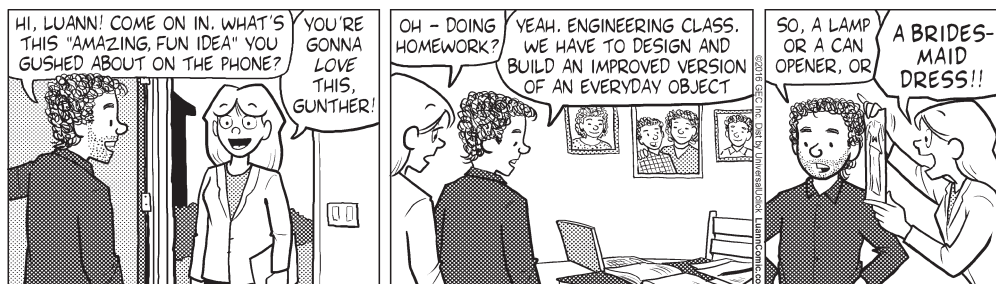
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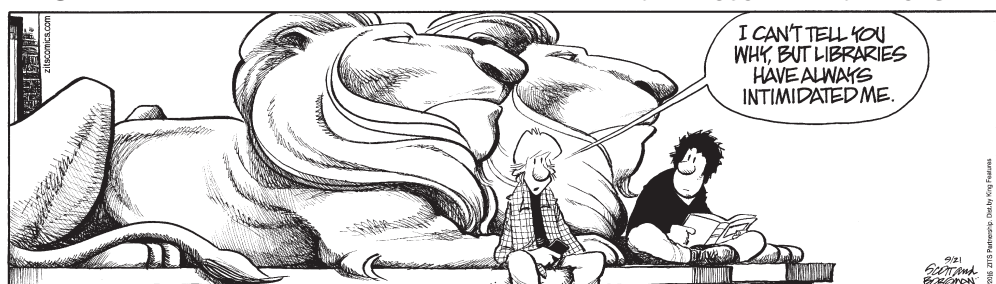
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DEAR ABBY

Husband feels overworked at his job and in his bed

Dear Abby: I am 23, married for four years and have three children. My wife and I have always had strong sex drives. I recently accepted a dream job that pays very well. On the downside, I work 12 to 14 hours a day, and by the time I get home I'm exhausted.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I love my wife very much and want to meet her needs, but she wants sex every night. I'm afraid if I tell her I have to save my energy for my job, it will cause problems. How can I get around this? — Overworked In Arkansas

and losing patience. Is there a graceful way to bow out? — Getting Stressed Out In Virginia

Dear Getting Stressed: Probably not. However, because you feel the responsibility has become more than you are able to handle, you need to tell your ex she needs to make other arrangements for a sitter for her son. Because your relationship with her ended a year ago, I doubt she'll be surprised. But do not expect her to welcome the news or like it.

Dear Overworked: The shortest path to a goal is a direct line. One thing more important in a marriage than sex is communication. Talk to your wife. If you don't, she may think that after three children you find her less attractive.

Sex is most satisfying when both partners enjoy it. To some women, their standard of living is at least as important as frequent sex. It's time to find out if the woman you married is one of them. (If she's not, you may have to change jobs.)

Dear Abby: How do I tell my ex I no longer want to baby-sit her son? The boy is not mine. When we lived together she found a job, and I told her I would watch her son on weekends while she was working.

Dear Abby: I can't wait until election season is over. One side of my family is liberal; the other side is conservative. At my request, they don't argue when we are all together. There are occasional disagreements, but fortunately, they never escalate.

The problem is, when I spend time with any of them separately I am lectured nonstop about the "evils" of the other side. They don't quit. I just want to scream, "Shut up! Shut up! I don't care!" I am at the point that I no longer want to vote. I don't know what to do. There's no way I can avoid my family completely. Please advise. — "Shut Up!" In New Mexico

I moved out of the apartment we shared a year ago. Between working nights at my job and her son having special needs and requiring full-time attention, I'm exhausted

Dear S.U.: Please don't allow your family drama to stop YOU from voting. Try this: The next time your relatives inject politics into the conversation, smile, look them in the eye and say, "Let's talk about something pleasant, shall we?" and change the subject.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 21, 1916

Lee Caldwell, champion buckaroo of the world and winner of the 1915 Round-Up title, was slightly injured yesterday at Round-Up Park during the tryouts. He was riding a new horse and had finished the ride when the animal bolted through the fence catching Caldwell's boot and dragging him on the ground for some distance. The Pendleton lad was unconscious for a short time after being kicked in the head. His injuries were not serious and he will be able to compete today.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 21, 1966

Pendleton television cable viewers can have their cake and eat it too ... if they want to pay for it. This was the upshot of the latest proposal by the Pendleton Community Television Cable Co. to bring Portland television to Pendleton. Currently Pendleton receives

four Washington television signals and one from La Grande. Wes Stone, manager of the cable company, said letters have been sent to all television cable customers asking if they would approve a 95 cent a month rate increase so the cable company can install a microwave system and rebuild its line to add five Portland television stations. Stone said Pendleton would then have a greater variety of television than any place in the country.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 21, 1991

Veteran hunter Dale Gaylord of Hermiston made good on a once-in-a-lifetime chance last week, killing an "awesome" Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep near Hell's Canyon high above the Snake River. The big ram's curl scored just 13 points shy of making the prestigious Boone and Crockett trophy roster. It was the 66th Rocky Mountain Bighorn killed in Oregon since the state established a hunting season 12 years ago.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 265th day of 2016. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 21, 1996, President Bill Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages a day after saying the law should not be used as an excuse for discrimination, violence or intimidation against gays and lesbians. (Although never formally repealed, DoMA was effectively overturned by U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 2013 and 2015.)

On this date: In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1866, English novelist H.G. Wells was born in Bromley, Kent.

In 1897, the New York Sun ran its famous editorial, written anonymously by Francis P. Church, which declared, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

In 1925, the Rudolf Friml operetta "The Vagabond King" opened on Broadway.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1957, Norway's King

Haakon VII died in Oslo at age 85. The legal mystery-drama "Perry Mason," starring Raymond Burr, premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1964, Malta gained independence from Britain.

In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC-TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

In 1976, Orlando Letelier, onetime foreign minister to Chilean President Salvador Allende, was killed when a bomb exploded in his car in Washington D.C. (The bombing, which also killed Letelier's assistant, Ronni Moffitt, was blamed on Chile's secret police.)

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths in the Caribbean and 29 in the United States). Twenty-one students in Alton, Texas, died when their school bus, hit by a soft-drink delivery truck, careened into a water-filled pit.

In 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. married Carolyn Bessette in a secret ceremony on Cumberland Island, Georgia. The board of all-male Virginia Military Institute voted to admit women.

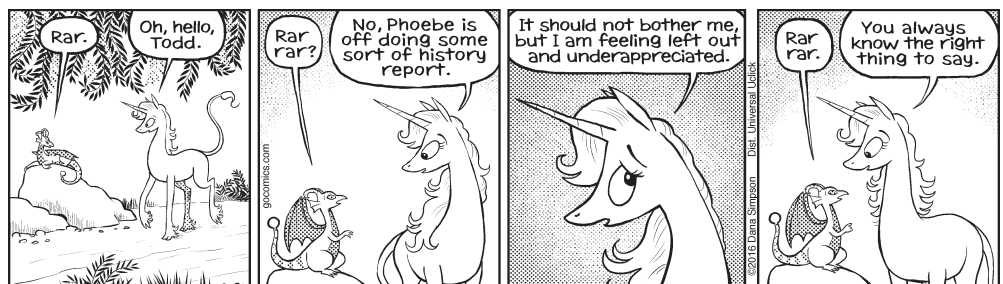
Today's Birthdays:

Poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen is 82. Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 75. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 73. Former Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear is 72. Musician Don Felder is 69. Author Stephen King is 69. Basketball Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore is 67. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 66. Hall of Fame jockey Eddie Delahoussaye is 65. Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is 59. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 59. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 57. Actor David James Elliott is 56. Actress Serena Scott-Thomas is 55. Actress Nancy Travis is 55. Actor Rob Morrow is 54. Retired MLB All-Star Cecil Fielder is 53. Actress Cheryl Hines is 51. Country singer Faith Hill is 49. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 49. Country singer Ronna Reeves is 48. Actress-talk show host Ricki Lake is 48. Rapper Dave (De La Soul) is 48. Actor Rob Benedict is 46. Actor James Lesure is 45. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro is 45. Actor Luke Wilson is 45. Rapper Wale is 32.

Thought for Today: "The crisis of yesterday is the joke of tomorrow." — H.G. Wells, English author (1866-1946).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

