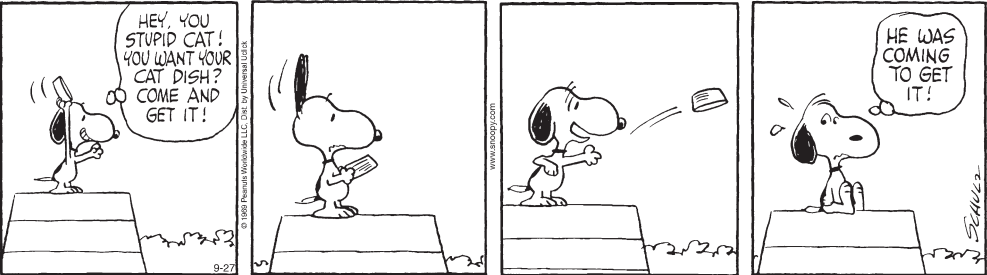


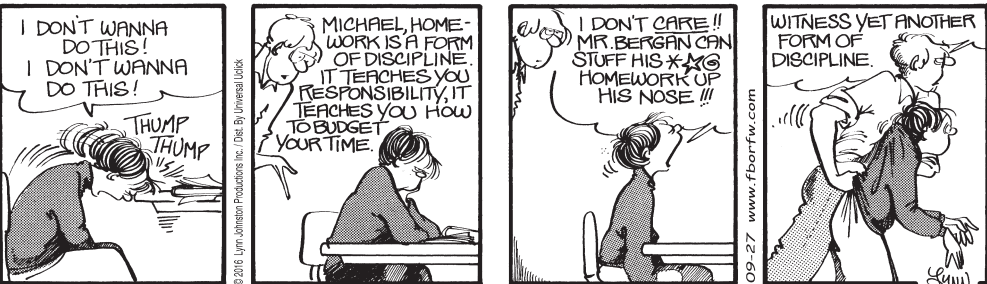
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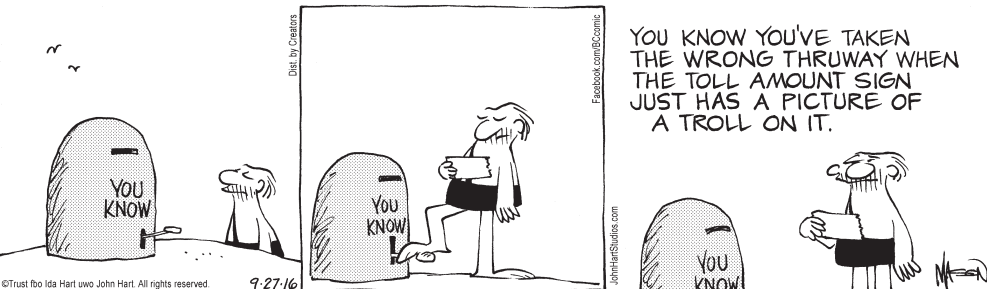
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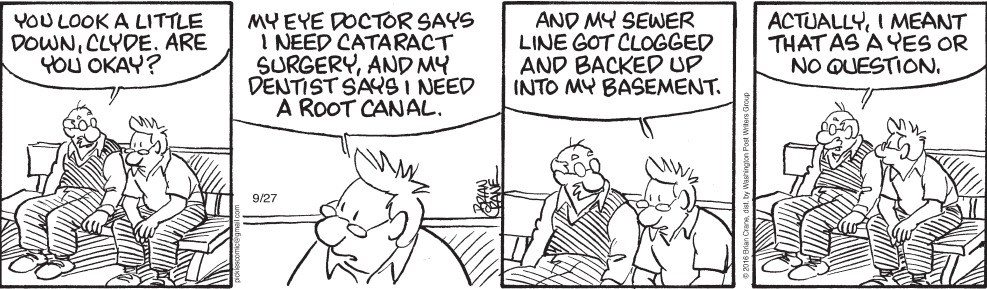
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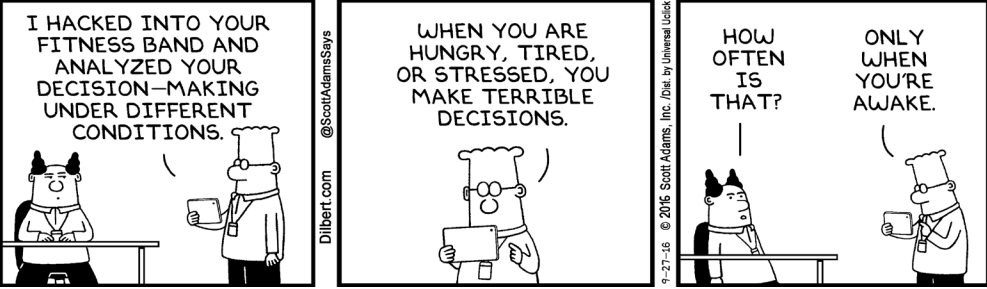
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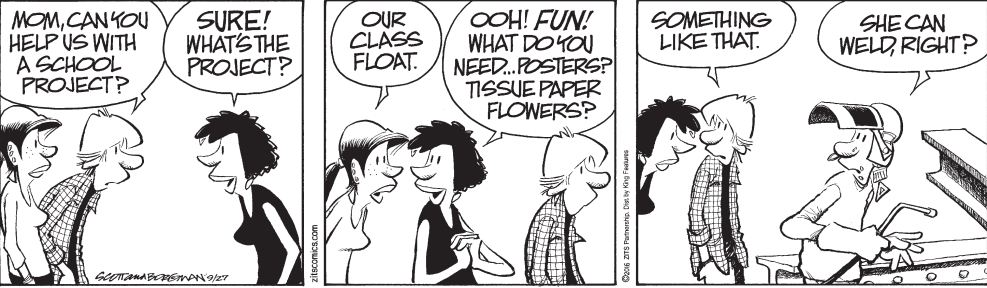
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Boyfriend's belittling sister makes woman feel small

Dear Abby: I've been with my boyfriend, "Jake," for two years. We are both 32. Since the beginning, his sister, "Michelle" (who is 26), has never liked me. Jake admits there's no reason for it. He thinks she's just looking out for him because he's had bad relationships in the past.

Michelle makes me very uncomfortable during family events by making rude comments, and she makes a point of excluding me from any event she is hosting. She has told people that I "shoved her" and accuses me of refusing to let her talk to her brother. Neither is true.

I have asked Jake to ask his sister to apologize and make amends, but he insists she'll do it when "hell freezes over." He thinks I should try to make amends even though I have never done anything wrong.

I'm at a loss. I don't think I should apologize for something I've never done. Abby, she has belittled me in any encounter we've had. The rest of the family shrugs and says, "That's just the way she is." Michelle has never liked any of Jake's girlfriends, so this seems to be a pattern for her. I'm afraid it will eventually lead to the end of Jake's and my relationship.

I love him very much, and I wish he could see my side on this. Could you please give me some advice, Abby? — **Not My Fault In Alberta, Canada**

Dear Not My Fault: Michelle's fixation



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

on her brother isn't normal or healthy. That Jake has been willing to tolerate it and not warn her to knock it off means that as long as you are with him, you will be subjected to her mistreatment. You may love Jake, but as long as he is under the thumb of his jealous and possessive sister, you will continue to be abused and maligned. My advice is to cut your losses.

Dear Abby: I am an African-American woman who was in a relationship with a Hispanic man. I am now a single parent of a beautiful 6-month-old son who is my pride and joy.

My biracial son, who looks exactly like me, is very fair-skinned. My problem is, any time I leave the house with him, strangers feel the need to ask me rude questions. I have been asked about my child's father's ethnicity, and asked if I was baby-sitting someone else's child. I'm left flabbergasted and speechless. What should I say the next time a stranger asks about my son's race, which is none of their business? — **Colorblind In Texas**

Dear Colorblind: It's normal for people to be curious. If I were you, I wouldn't tell them it's none of their business because if you do, you will come across as angry and defensive. When your son is older, it may make him wonder if there is something wrong with his appearance. A better way to handle it would be to matter-of-factly just tell the truth and move on.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 26-27, 1916

Members of the Round-Up board are now seriously discussing making the Round-Up a four-day show next year instead of a three-day show as in the past. Their purpose would be not so much to make additional money as to make the elimination of contestants more easy. Last week there were so many contestants in the bucking, steer-roping and other contests that it was necessary to hold a morning show Friday to eliminate some of them in the bucking and roping contests and on Saturday morning preliminaries in the bulldogging had to be held. This put the directors at a big disadvantage. Some of them were at the park by 5 o'clock Friday morning and, as the show lasted until nearly noon, they had no time to get lunch because of the preparations that had to be made for the afternoon show.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 26-27, 1966

One of the longest strings of consecutive conference victories in prep football in Oregon came to an end on Bruin Field at Bend Saturday afternoon when Coach Cliff Allen's speedy

Lava Bears upended the Pendleton Buckaroos 21 to 0. The Bend win not only made Allen's eleven wide favorites for the Intermountain Conference championship but it also marked the first victory for a league team over Coach Don Requa's Buckaroos in half a decade. Pendleton had won 43 consecutive I-C victories going into the contest and a 44th would have tied Medford for the longest string in A-I Oregon history.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 26-27, 1991

Whether or not Judge Ralph Currin violated state codes by flipping a coin to decide traffic cases in court was decided by a judicial ethics panel after it heard testimony from six police officers and two motorists Thursday morning. However, the panel's official recommendation won't be made public until it's presented to the Oregon Supreme Court in about two weeks, said David Knowles, executive director for the state's Commission of Judicial Fitness and Disability. Knowles said the commission — if it finds that a judge has violated conduct codes — is authorized to make a recommendation for suspension, removal or reprimand to the Supreme Court, which makes the final decision.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 271st day of 2016. There are 95 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 27, 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

On this date:
In 1540, Pope Paul III issued a papal bull establishing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, as a religious order.

In 1779, John Adams was named by Congress to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean passenger vessel occurred when the steamship SS Arctic sank off Newfoundland; of the more than 400 people on board, only 86 survived.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese government.

In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces

from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1941, the United States launched the first 14 rapidly built "Liberty" military cargo vessels.

In 1956, Olympic track and field gold medalist and Hall of Fame golfer Babe Didrikson Zaharias died in Galveston, Texas, at age 45.

In 1962, "Silent Spring," Rachel Carson's study on the effects of pesticides on the environment, was published in book form by Houghton Mifflin.

In 1979, Congress gave its final approval to forming the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1989, Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc. agreed to a \$3.4 billion cash buyout by Sony Corp.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush announced in a nationally broadcast address that he was eliminating all U.S. battlefield nuclear weapons, and called on the Soviet Union to match the gesture. The Senate Judiciary Committee deadlocked, 7-7, on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Kathleen Nolan is 83. Actor Wilford Brimley is 82. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 82. Author Barbara Howar is 82. World Golf Hall of Famer Kathy Whitworth is 77. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 73. Rock singer Meat Loaf is 69. Actress Liz Torres is 69. Actor A Martinez is 68. Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt is 67. Actor Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa is 66. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 58. Comedian Marc Maron is 53. Rock singer Stephan Jenkins (Third Eye Blind) is 52. Former Democratic National Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz is 50. Actor Patrick Muldoon is 48. Singer Mark Calderon is 46. Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is 44. Rock singer Brad Arnold (3 Doors Down) is 38. Christian rock musician Grant Brandell (Underoath) is 35. Rapper Lil' Wayne is 34. Singer Avril Lavigne is 32.

Thought for Today: "God loved the birds and invented trees. Man loved the birds and invented cages." — Jacques Deval, French writer, director and actor (1895-1972).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

