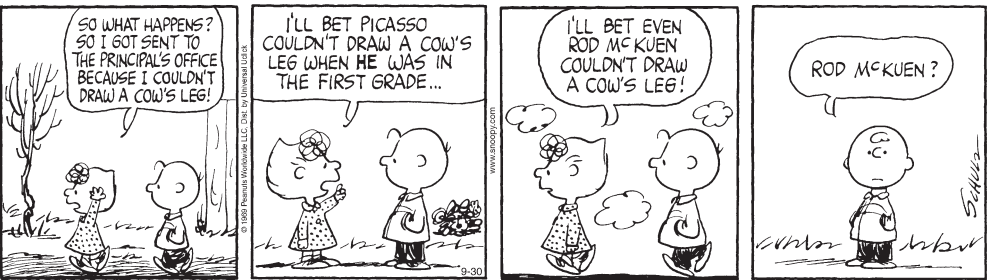
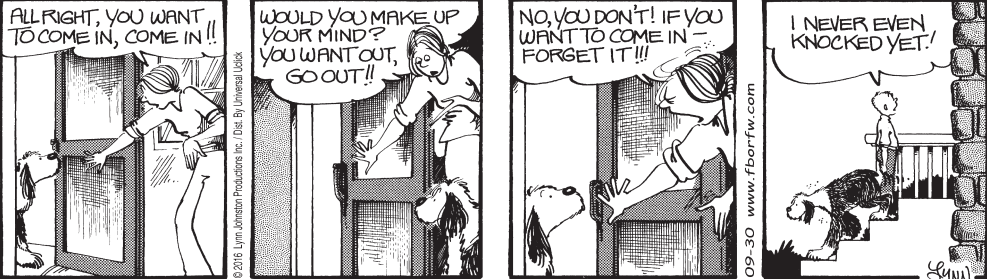


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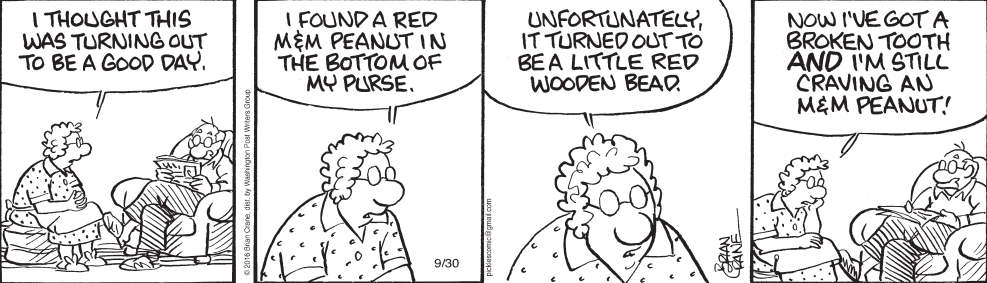
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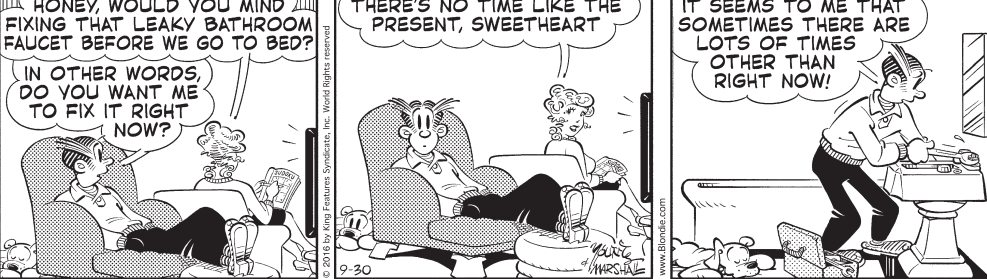
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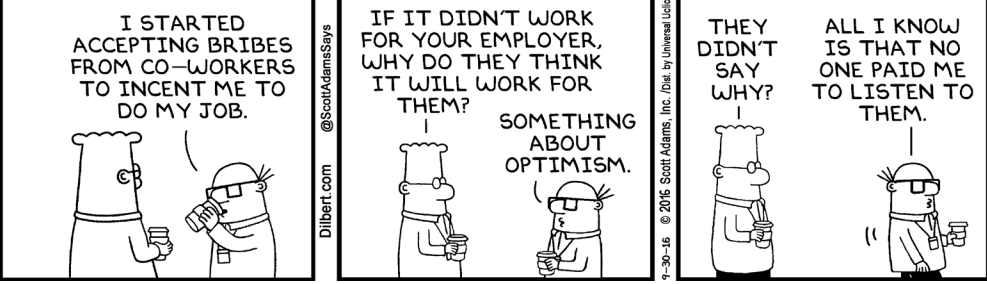
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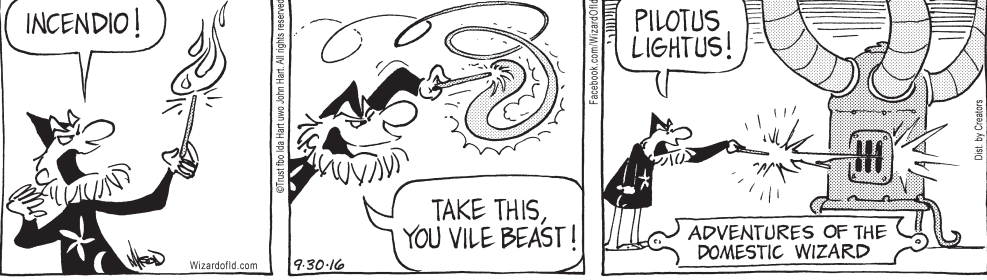
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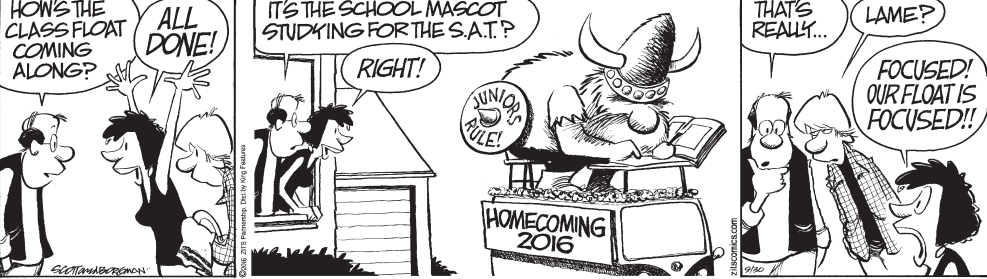
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DEAR ABBY

Basic voting information is available just a click away

Dear Abby: Election Day is just over a month away. As it approaches, many people have questions about voting that could keep them away from the polls this November.

USAGov can help. We're the federal program that connects Americans to government information and services. Responding to questions from people across the country, we created an online guide to voting and elections at USA.gov/voting.

Our goal is to equip everyone with the basic information they need to register and get their vote counted. The information is free, easy to understand and nonpartisan.

There, readers can begin the registration process for their state or contact their local election office to update their voter information, learn what form of identification may be needed and the location of their polling place. We also provide information on how to vote early or absentee — which is helpful for those who can't get out to vote, or who serve overseas in the military. Learn about sample ballots, tips for researching candidates, accessibility laws for voters with disabilities and much more.

Abby, thank you for sharing USA.gov/voting with your readers, and for your long partnership in connecting them with information from their government to make their lives a little less complicated. — **Nancy Tyler, Senior Editor, Usa.gov**

Dear Nancy: You are welcome. Readers, in the 2012 presidential election, less than half (42 percent) of Americans who were eligible to vote did so. A person who has the



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right to vote and doesn't is no better off than the millions of people in this world who do not have that privilege. We are fortunate to live in a country where citizens are allowed to cast a ballot. The direction our country takes domestically and internationally is to a great extent determined by the citizens who exercise that right.

Regular, absentee and early voting all have registration deadlines that vary state by state — some as much as a month before Election Day,

which is Nov. 8. So visit the voter registration section of USA.gov/voting, where you will find a button to begin the registration process.

Dear Abby: I work in an office where employee badges are issued and used to gain access to the building itself and to more sensitive areas. I know most of the people who work here and happily hold the door open for them, but there are also a lot of people I don't know — some with badges indicating they work here, and others without identification.

I don't want to let in someone who does not belong here and risk our safety and security. Would it be better to ask for ID before holding doors? What about friendly visitors? — **Building Access In Boise**

Dear Boise: Companies pay large sums of money to ensure their buildings are secure. If someone doesn't have an access card or a security badge, you should not hold the door open regardless of how friendly the person appears to be. To do otherwise circumvents the security and safety of the building and puts everyone — including yourself — at risk.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 30, 1916

Athena had another disastrous fire last evening. Starting in the back end of the garage of the Allen Auto Co., it destroyed the garage and the Mosgrove storeroom adjoining and threatened for a time to spread through all of the buildings on the south side of the street. The fire broke out about 6 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Allen was vulcanizing a tire in the rear room of his garage when a customer came in for gasoline. After entering the charge, he went back to discover the whole rear room in flames. A Studebaker auto and motorcycle inside were burned. But for the very efficient work of the fire department the flames would undoubtedly have done much more damage.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 30, 1966

A 52-year-old Pendleton woman, Alberta Fix, received flash burns on her arm and

face after a camper trailer she was sleeping in exploded early this morning. Mrs. Fix had been staying in a 15-foot trailer belonging to the Roger Elams at 218 S.W. Isaac and upon arising this morning shortly after 8 had either turned on an electric heater or lighted a cigarette which touched off leaking gas fumes.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 30, 1991

A petition circulating in Hermiston calls for the immediate hiring of a Hermiston police lieutenant as police chief. The petition advocates the hiring of Grant Asher, the current acting chief, as the permanent chief. Asher took on the duties of chief in July after the retirement of then-chief Bob Shannon. Ed Brookshier became Hermiston's city manager Aug. 1. He said he is working to determine how to best fill the position. He said he has been seeking opinions on the matter from members of the community and from inside the police department.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 274th day of 2016. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

On this date: In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pennsylvania.

In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost.

In 1915, the D.H. Lawrence novel "The Rainbow" was published in London by Methuen & Co.

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1939, the first college football game to be televised was shown on experimental station W2XBS in New York as Fordham Univer-

sity defeated Waynesburg College, 34-7.

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.

In 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith's presence sparked rioting that claimed two lives.

In 1966, the Republic of Botswana became independent from Britain.

In 1972, Roberto Clemente hit a double against John Matlack of the New York Mets during Pittsburgh's 5-0 victory at Three Rivers Stadium; the hit was the 3,000th and last for the Pirates star.

In 1986, the U.S. released accused Soviet spy Gennadiy Zakharov, one day after the Soviets released American journalist Nicholas Daniloff.

In 1997, France's Roman Catholic Church apologized for its silence during the systematic persecution and deportation of Jews by the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Angie Dickinson is 85. Singer Cissy Houston is 83. Singer Johnny Mathis is 81. Actor Len Cariou is 77. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 73. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 71. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 70. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 66. Actress Victoria Tennant is 66. Actor John Finn is 64. Rock musician John Lombardo is 64. Singer Deborah Allen is 63. Actor Calvin Levels is 62. Actor Barry Williams is 62. Singer Patrice Rushen is 62. Actress Fran Drescher is 59. Country singer Marty Stuart is 58. Actress Debrah Farentino is 57. Rock musician Bill Rieflin (R.E.M.) is 56. Actor Eric Stoltz is 55. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 54. Country singer Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery-Gentry) is 53. Rock singer Trey Anastasio is 52. Rock musician Robby Takac (Goo Goo Dolls) is 52. Actor Kieran Culkin is 34. Singer-rapper T-Pain is 32.

Thought for Today: "Nothing you can't spell will ever work." — *Will Rogers, American humorist (1879-1935).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

