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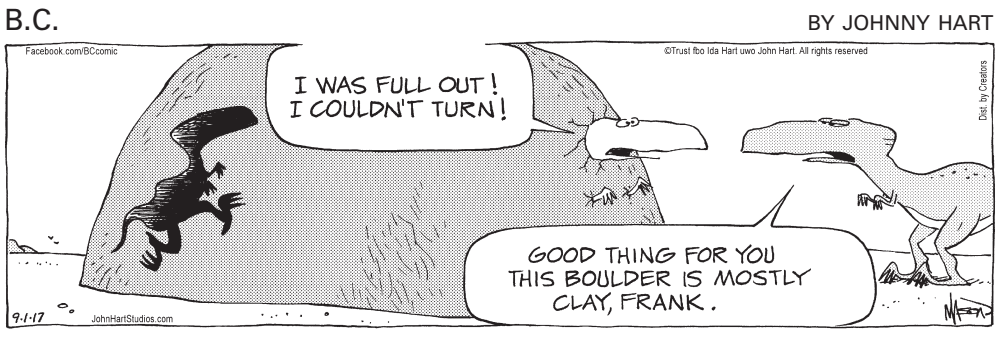

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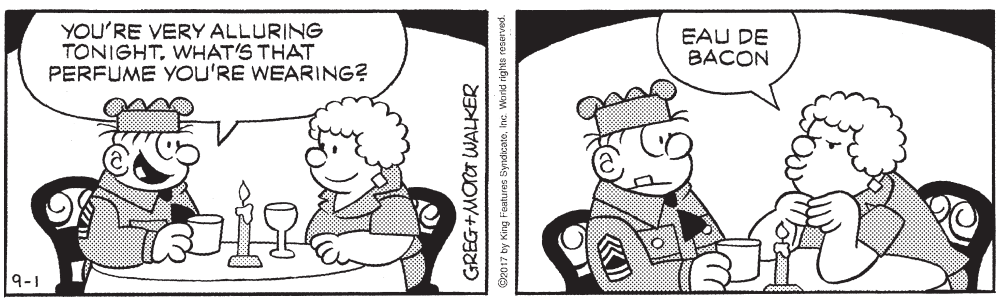

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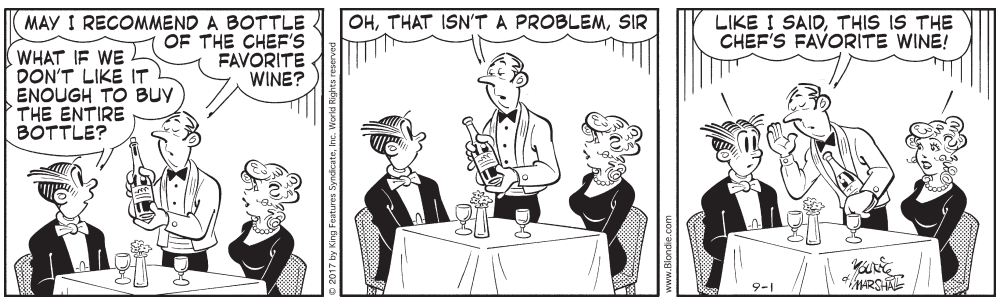

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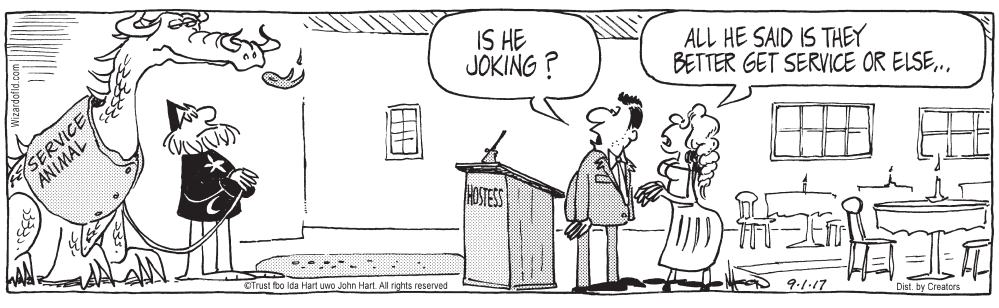

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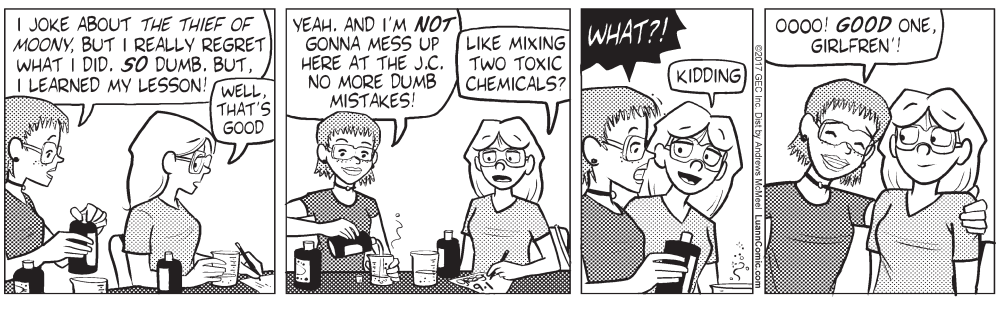

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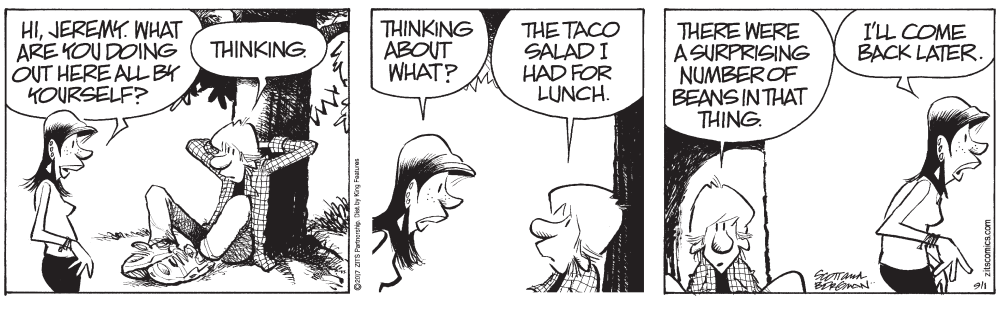

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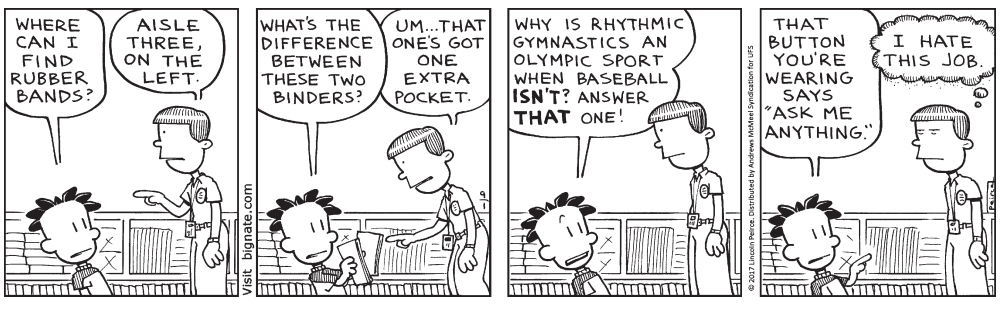

DEAR ABBY

Sharing news of diagnosis is difficult for parkinson's patient

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I'm an active, 60-something wife, mother and grandmother who was recently diagnosed with early stage Parkinson's disease. From all outward appearances, I appear healthy and I'm living my life as normally as possible, as my neurologist suggested.

My symptom manifests as a right-sided (dominant side) hand tremor that I try to hide as much as possible. Covering my hand with a napkin in a restaurant, sliding it under my leg or putting it into my pocket has worked so far to prevent the tremors from being noticed. This is not going to work for long.

My immediate family members are aware of my condition, but I haven't told extended family, friends or acquaintances about my situation. I become very emotional when discussing it and break down and cry. Can you suggest how to broach this subject, and when to tell others about my condition? Your guidance would be very much appreciated. — **Hiding As Much As I Can**

Dear Hiding: I'm sorry about your difficult diagnosis, but I hope you have done some research and are comforted that there have been advances in the treatment of your illness. We both know that at some point a sharp-eyed friend or relative will notice the tremor and ask about it. That's why I think it's important you be proactive about what's going on. However, if you would prefer to be spared tearful conversations you would rather avoid, ask one of your loved ones to let the others know. Because immediate family members already know, chances are the information will spread that way, too.

Dear Abby: My family is the definition of dysfunctional. We all honestly could use some therapy after everything we've been through. I feel like I'm the only rational person in my family. I am the only one who sought professional help.

My sister "Alexa" is a narcissist. I realized it a long time ago. My mother is in denial, and she continues to push me to have a relationship with her. Speaking to Alexa is emotionally draining. Every time she's mentioned, I get flashbacks about the ways she abused me. Being in the same room with her is uncomfortable. The saving grace is that we live a thousand miles apart, and I'm not forced to interact with her daily.

She's getting married next year and wants me and my children to be in the wedding. I accepted because I felt obligated, but I just can't do it anymore. I don't WANT to do it anymore! After all the years of her abuse and torment, I just want to be free. The problem: I finally put my foot down and told Alexa not to contact me again. Am I being selfish? — **Selfish In The East**

Dear Selfish: I don't think so. However, because you accepted that responsibility before telling her not to contact you again, YOU should contact HER and ask if she has changed her plans about you and your children being in her wedding. (You may be pleasantly surprised to find her answer is yes.) However, if she hasn't, be upfront with her NOW so your sister will have time to replace you in her wedding party.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 1, 1917

Wanted on a charge of murder committed over 11 years ago, Logan Vernon alias J.R. Rash, a rejected member of Troop D, was last evening arrested by Chief of Police Al Roberts and Sheriff T.D.Taylor. He is wanted in Surry county, North Carolina, for the murder of Newell Rippel on April 29, 1906, a crime to which he confessed to the local officers last night. Last evening a man by the name of Roy Rash was arrested just after securing his mail. He proved to be the wrong man but, even while the officers were questioning him, the man appeared for his mail and was promptly arrested. He stoutly denied his identity but when he learned that he would be held until the arrival of a North Carolina officer, he admitted his guilt.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 1, 1967

Umatilla Lodge 40, AF & AM, will observe the 10th year of its organization on Saturday, beginning with a dinner at the Echo school cafeteria, followed by a program at the Echo High School gymnasium for all Masons and their families. Umatilla Lodge 40 was organized March 23, 1867, at Umatilla Landing. J.H. Kenzie, a merchant in Umatilla, became a member of Umatilla Lodge in 1868 and was elected grand master of Oregon in 1876.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 1, 1992

Just a few days ago, Andy Folkner of Rieth was looking forward to a Labor Day fishing trip with his longtime friends. Monday, Folkner and his friends sifted through the remains of his house, trying to salvage anything that wasn't consumed by fire early Sunday. It was a homeowner's worst nightmare — a quick fire in the night, the loss of everything from the kitchen sink to the shirt off his back, and no insurance to replace even the essentials. Although a freak fire might have taken much of their life away, the family plans to build it back again, on a foundation of longtime friends and close kin.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 244th day of 2017. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1897, the first section of Boston's new subway system was opened.

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.

In 1914, the last passenger pigeon in captivity, "Martha," died at the Cincinnati Zoo.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1976, U.S. Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, resigned in the wake of a scandal in which he admitted having an affair with "secretary" Elizabeth Ray.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1987, peace demonstrator S. Brian Willson lost his lower legs when he was hit by a train at the Concord Naval Weapons Station in California while protesting weapons shipments to Central America.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. (The hall opened to the public the next day.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Maharis is 89. Conductor Seiji Ozawa is 82. Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 79. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 78. Actor Don Stroud is 74. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 73. Singer Archie Bell is 73. Singer Barry Gibb is 71. Rock musician Greg Errico is 69. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 67. Singer Gloria Estefan is 60. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 56. Jazz musician Boney James is 56. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 54. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 53. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 51. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost Boyz) is 47. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira is 46. Actor Maury Sterling is 46. Rock singer JD Fortune is 44. Actor Scott Speedman is 42. Country singer Angaleena Presley (Pistol Annies) is 41.

Thought for Today: "When nothing is sure, everything is possible." — *Margaret Drabble, British author.*