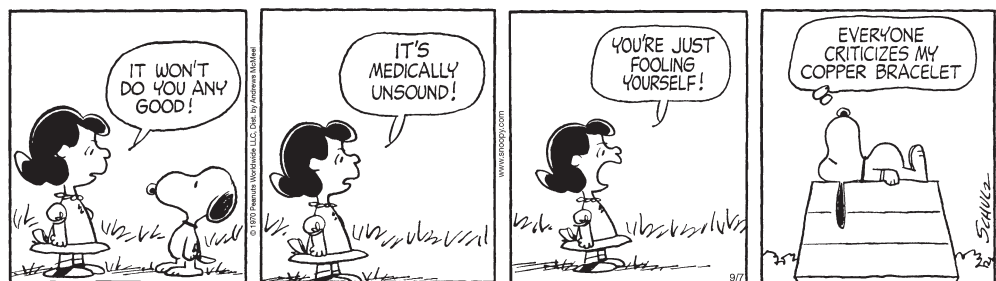


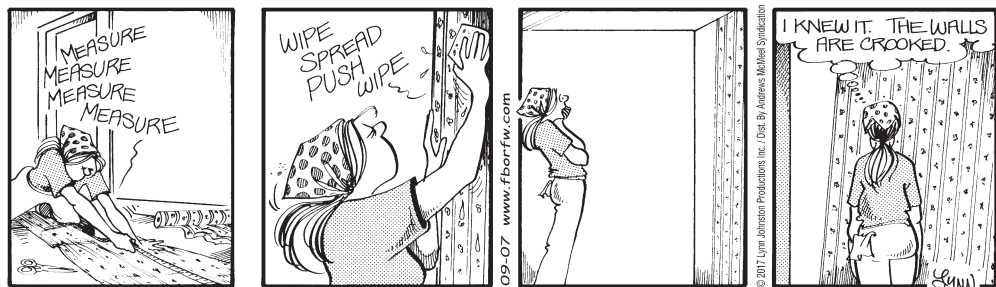
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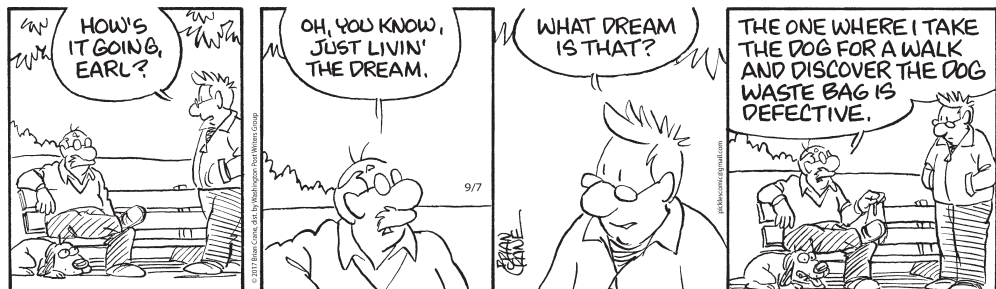
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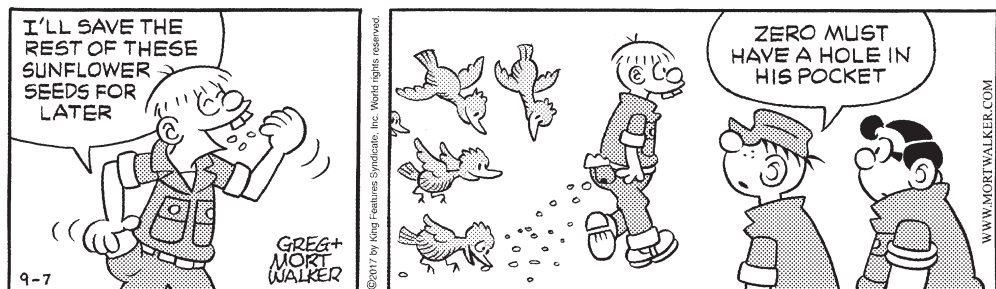
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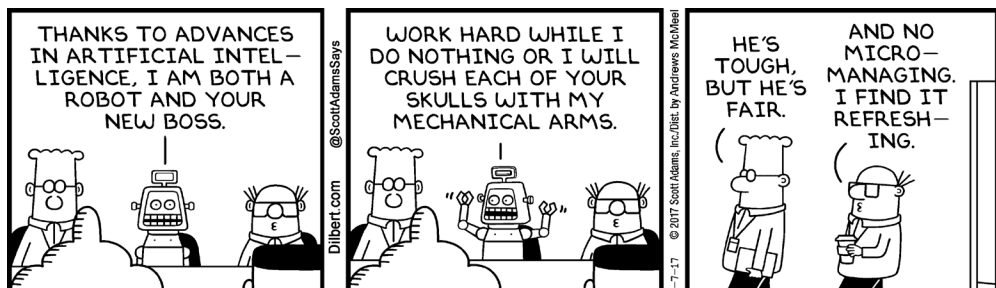
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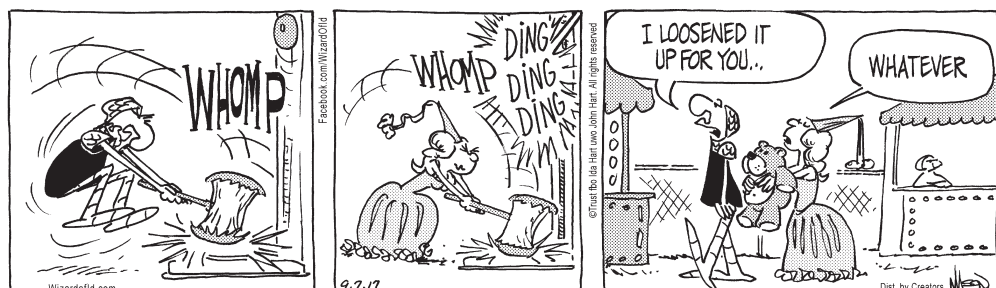
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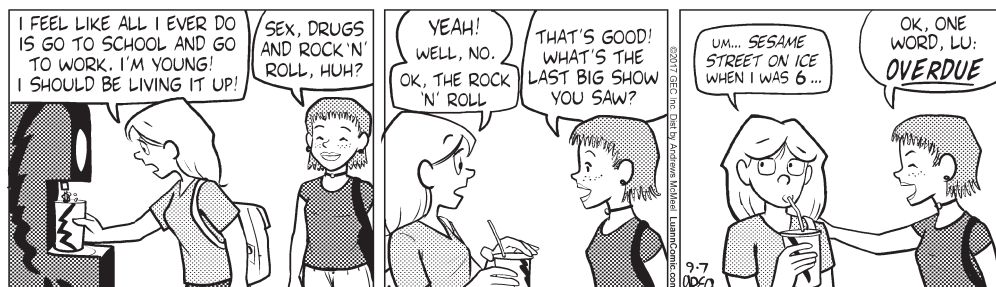
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LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Wife concerned about husband talking to neighborhood kids



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I have been happily married to "Roger" for 20 years and have two kids still at home. They are pretty independent now, but my husband was very involved in coaching and volunteering when they were younger.

now, males do have to be more circumspect with minor children than they did years ago. Frankly, that's a shame, because kids gain so much confidence by knowing an adult is interested in what they have to say. Consider staying with your husband during these friendly instances as a "buffer."

Sometimes when Roger and I take walks, we run into children playing in a yard or biking up and down the block. If they initiate conversation, I'll smile at them and respond with a quick "hi" or "nice bike" and keep walking, but my husband will stop to chat or listen to what they say. I have told him not to do that regardless of whether they seem willing. My fear is that an overprotective mom (like many of us moms) glancing out the window and seeing a middle-aged stranger talking to their child may assume the worst.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have two homes. We summer in Michigan and winter in Florida. To save money on maintenance, I'd like to sell the house in Michigan and move permanently to Florida. My husband doesn't want to be in Florida during the summer, but he also does not want to be in Michigan in the winter. He won't make a decision, but he leans toward living in Michigan full time.

I know Roger loves kids, and we both sometimes miss the younger years when kids could be more open and talk with adults, but times have changed. This used to happen more often when we'd go swimming with our kids and other kids who were bored and not closely supervised would be looking for other people playing together to join. I used to worry then that if I wasn't there it could be misconstrued, although my fears never came to pass.

Because I don't like living up north in the winter, I have told him I'll be staying all year in Florida starting in January to see how it is. He plans to return to Michigan. Our Florida home is older, so to come out ahead financially, we would need to sell our place in Michigan in order to buy a newer one in Florida. Any ideas on how this could be settled? — Warmer Weather

Do you agree that adults (and especially male adults) have to be overly cautious about engaging in any communication with an unaccompanied child? — Changing Times In The Midwest

Dear Warmer Weather: Your idea about living for a "trial year" in Florida isn't a bad one. After spending a hot, humid summer there, you might change your mind about relocating permanently. You state that your reason for wanting to sell the Michigan home is you want a newer one than the place you presently own down south. Perhaps you could satisfy yourself AND your spouse by simply spending some money to update the old one a bit. Please consider it.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 7, 1917

Virgil Willaby, on the first draft list from Umatilla County, cannot respond to the call of the flag because he is now minus two toes from one foot. The manner in which the aforesaid toes were removed is causing considerable conversation today but the best and most authenticated version is that Willaby shot off his toes while fooling with a shot gun. Whether the affair was accidental or otherwise is not known but his friends take the accident theory. Willaby lives near Athena and is engaged in farming.

National Forest ranger station, and some 100 homes, is bone dry. People drive three miles down the road to a creek for water. Hopes for water are up on the hill north of town, near the school house. A large drilling rig looms above the town. Well drillers started work last Thursday afternoon, hoping to hit water 400 or 500 feet down in Columbia River basalt sometime this week.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 7, 1992

Looking for a good cup of espresso? Try Country Flowers on Main Street in Condon — yes, Condon. The same applies if you're looking for a bouquet of flowers, a soda fountain treat, children's toys, gourmet cooking utensils, baskets, craft materials, collectible dolls, jewelry, knick knacks and lace. There are literally hundreds of unique gifts crammed — creatively and pleasingly — into this Main Street store with the historic front. Darla Seale leads a busy life with her store and the White Elephant wheat ranch near Condon, which she and her husband, Sam, own. Seale also has four children to keep her busy.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 7, 1967

The residents of Ukiah, a hamlet near Highway 395 in the Blue Mountains, drive 50 miles north to Pendleton to wash their clothes. Last year, many laundered in Camas Creek on the south edge of town. But this summer there's hardly a trickle over the rocks that squint in the sun. Ukiah, a town with a general store, school, tavern, several service stations, a few other businesses, a Umatilla

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 250th day of 2017. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 7, 1927, American television pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth, 21, succeeded in transmitting the image of a line through purely electronic means with a device called an "image dissector" at his San Francisco laboratory.

On this date: In 1892, James J. Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan to win the world heavyweight crown in New Orleans in a fight conducted under the Marquess of Queensberry rules.

In 1916, the Federal Employees Compensation Act, providing financial assistance to federal workers who suffer job-related injuries, was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.

In 1936, rock-and-roll legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

In 1964, the controversial "Daisy" commercial for President Lyndon Johnson's election campaign, featuring a girl plucking flower petals followed by a nuclear explosion, aired on NBC-TV.

In 1967, the situation comedy "The Flying Nun," starring Sally Field as a novice nun who finds that she can fly, debuted on ABC.

In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos.

In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable TV debut.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 87. Actor Bruce Gray is 81. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 74. Singer Alfa Anderson (Chic) is 71. Actress Susan Blakely is 69. Rock musician Dennis Thompson (MC5) is 69. Actress Julie Kavner is 67. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 66. Rock musician Benmont Tench (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 64. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 63. Actor Michael Emerson is 63. Pianist Michael Feinstein is 61. Singer Margot Chapman is 60. Actress J. Smith-Cameron is 60. Actor W. Earl Brown is 54. Actor Toby Jones is 51. Actress-comedian Leslie Jones (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 50. Actress Evan Rachel Wood is 30.

Thought for Today: "Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other." — Ann Landers, American advice columnist (1918-2002).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

