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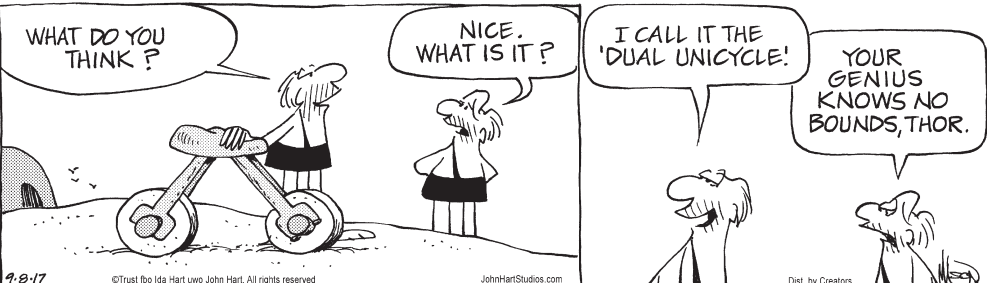
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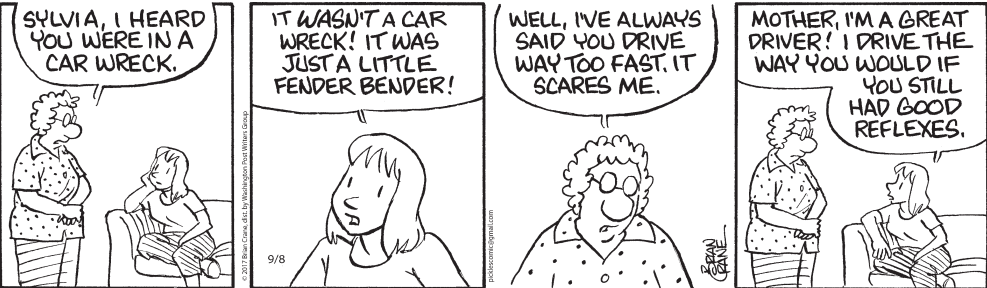
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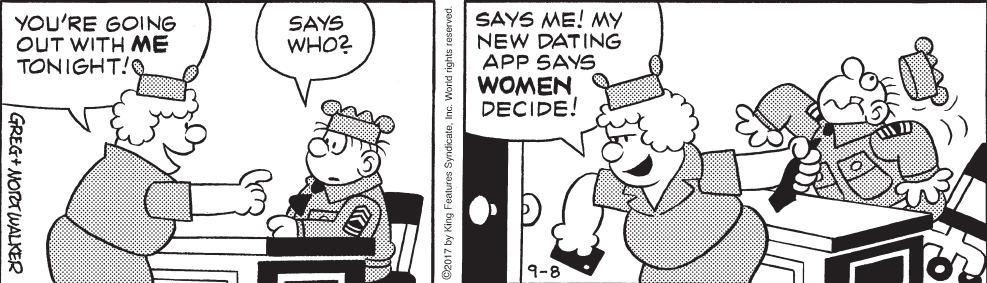
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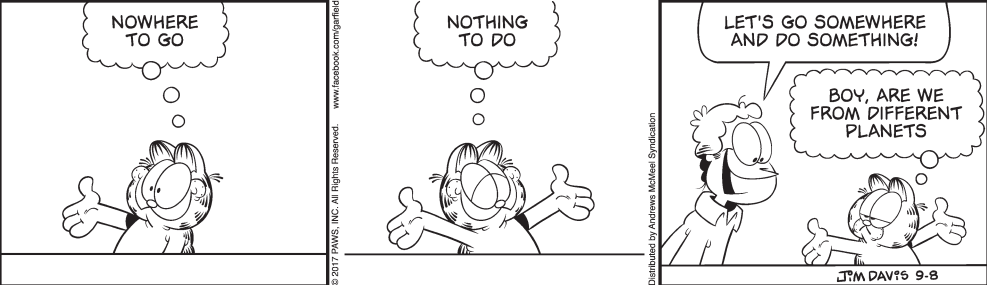
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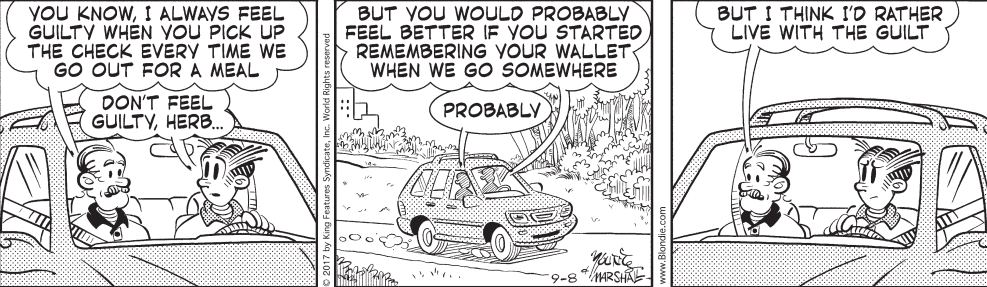
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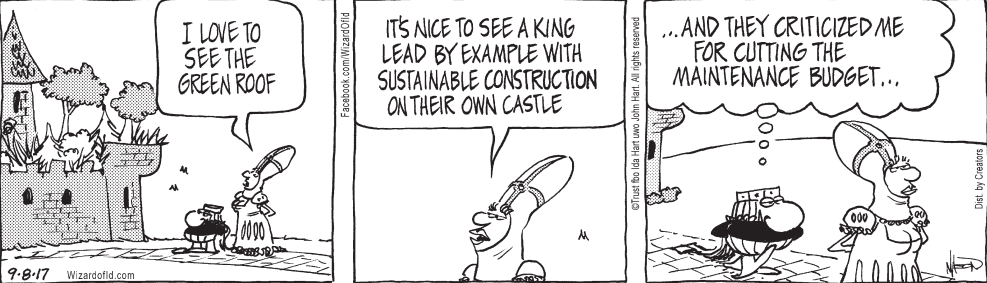
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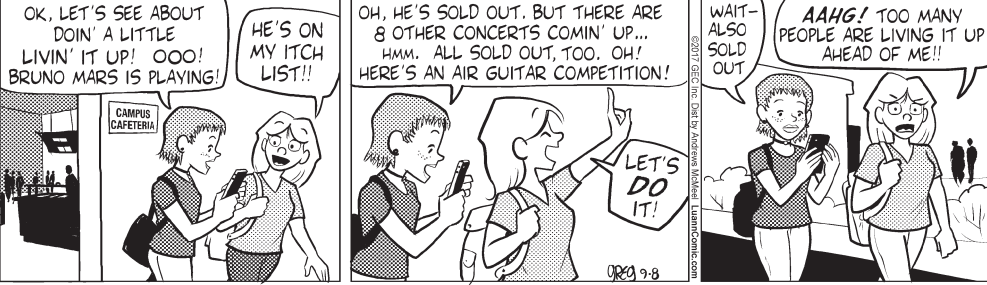
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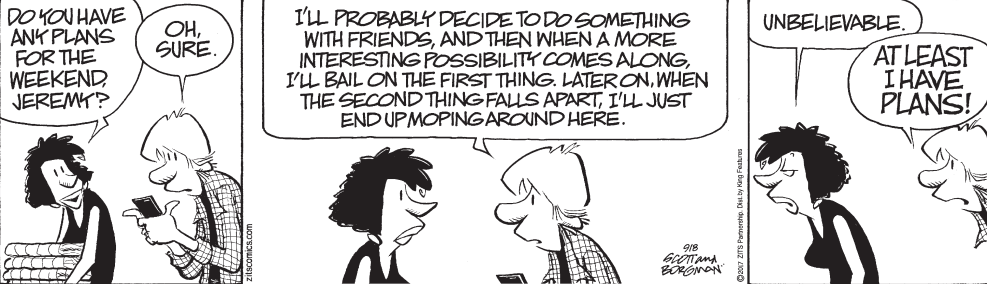
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BY GREG EVANS



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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Husband's distress over ex's bad news perplexes new wife

Dear Abby: I have been married to my husband for five years. He's the man of my dreams, and we have a wonderful marriage. Recently we learned that his ex-wife — to whom he was married for 20 years — has been diagnosed with a life-threatening cancer. They have two adult children together.

I have never questioned my husband's love or devotion to me. What's bothering me is his reaction to the news. They had a horrible relationship and never got along, but he is very upset over this. I'm not sure how to handle this. I don't want to seem insensitive, but the emotion he is showing for her has really hurt me. I realize she's the mother of his children, but they have been divorced for years. Please help me understand what's going on with him. — **Strong Emotions**

Dear Strong Emotions: Not knowing your husband, I can only hazard a few guesses. Although he and his ex-wife have been divorced for years, the idea of a possibly fatal illness striking someone who was once so close may be what's upsetting him. Or he may feel some guilt because of the circumstances of their divorce. Or her diagnosis may have been a chilly reminder of his own mortality. I hope this will give you some insight, because you are going to have to be patient with him until this is resolved.

Dear Abby: I need advice on how to enjoy my life and not allow the toxic environment of my job to overwhelm me. My job was nice when I started 12 years ago, and I enjoy helping people. I process payments for disabled people in a cubicle setting. However, my place of employment has become a backstabbing, uncaring, favoritism-oriented



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

environment.

I am well-paid and have good health insurance, so I need to stay. But I am very sad each day going into work. It is affecting the way I interact with my children and my husband. Any ideas on how to get past the horrible day in the office so I can be at peace at home? — **Dreading It**

Dear Dreading: I do have a few suggestions. When it's time to take your break, use it as an opportunity to escape the toxic environment. Put on headphones and listen to upbeat music, read a book or leave the office to eat lunch or have a snack. If possible, take a short walk or meditate and do breathing exercises to relax. Then, after work, before interacting with your children and your spouse, give yourself the "gift" of a 15- to 30-minute walk or jog, which may help you to draw a firm line of demarcation between your work life and your home life. And take your vacation time to get away and replenish your spirit.

Dear Abby: We have an adult relative who seems to feel it is appropriate to color a picture out of a coloring book in lieu of a gift or money for graduations, weddings, etc. She also seeks approval from everyone at these events to comment on how beautiful it is, to praise her for her coloring ability and how much time it took. We are tired of getting coloring book pictures as gifts. How can we get her to stop? — **Miffed In Minnesota**

Dear Miffed: You may be tired of receiving those artistic efforts, but to say that to the relative who gave them to you would be beyond rude. Accept them graciously, and thank the person for the "time and effort" it took to complete them. What you do with them afterward is your own business.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 8, 1917

As a reward for saving the little bridge near the old mission on the reservation from destruction by fire a few weeks ago, eight year old Nelson Murray, son of Pete Murray, is today all dressed up in new clothes from head to foot. This morning the boy was brought down to Pendleton by Section Foreman Dave Roberts and was completely outfitted by Local Agent T.F. O'Brien, acting under instructions from the O-W. R. & N. Several weeks ago the bridge near the Murray home caught fire from the sparks from a passing engine. The fire had gained considerable headway when the small boy discovered it. He ran a mile to notify the section crew which responded quickly and put out the fire.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 8, 1967

The weatherman, about as eager for rain as anyone in this area, hopes to squeeze some measurable precipitation out of clouds

supposed to cruise over this area Saturday, but the chances aren't very bright. It is estimated the percentages favoring rain are only 10 percent today and 20 percent Saturday. So with 78 straight days without rain and the 79th in progress chances are good that the all-time record here will reach 80 days or more before it is broken.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 8, 1992

Emigrant Springs State Park has responded to camper demand by adding a horse section to the campground — the only camp of its kind in an Eastern Oregon state park. State park employees and boys from a Hilgard boys ranch work party spent four days last week gathering dead tamarack trees, stripping bark and constructing two corrals and a couple hitching posts. Cost of the project was about \$200, not including labor costs to park employees. Aides at the park were pleased that the camp was finished before the Pendleton Round-Up, and they hope some of the cowboys will hear of the opportunity and choose to use the camp.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 251st day of 2017. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 8, 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion." It went: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

On this date:
In 1504, Michelangelo's towering marble statue of David was unveiled to the public in Florence, Italy.

In 1761, Britain's King George III married Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz a few hours after meeting her for the first time.

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman, 16, of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first

"Miss America" in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, D-La., was shot and mortally wounded inside the Louisiana State Capitol; he died two days later. (The assailant was identified as Dr. Carl Weiss, who was gunned down by Long's bodyguards.)

In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during World War II.

In 1966, the science-fiction series "Star Trek" premiered on NBC; the situation comedy "That Girl," starring Marlo Thomas, debuted on ABC.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted a "full, free, and absolute pardon" to former President Richard Nixon covering his entire term in office.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds tied Ty Cobb's career record for hits, singling for hit number 4,191 during a game against the Cubs in Chicago.

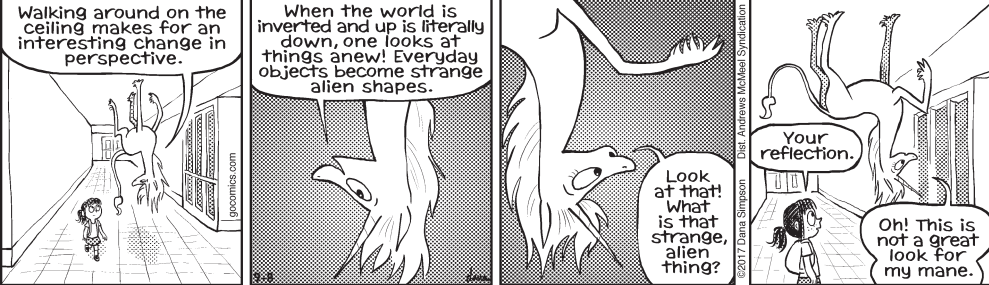
Today's Birthdays:

Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 77. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is 76. Actor Alan Feinstein is 76. Pop singer Sal Valentino (The Beau Brummels) is 75. Author Ann Beattie is 70. Secretary of Defense James Mattis is 67. Cajun singer Zachary Richard is 67. Musician Will Lee is 65. Actress Heather Thomas is 60. Singer Aimee Mann is 57. Pop musician David Steele (Fine Young Cannibals) is 57. Actor Thomas Kretschmann is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gordon (Levert) is 53. Gospel singer Darlene Zschech is 52. Alternative country singer Neko Case is 47. Actor David Arquette is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pink is 38. Rapper Wiz Khalifa is 30. Actor Gaten Matarazzo (TV: "Stranger Things") is 15.

Thought for Today: "Censorship is the height of vanity." — *Martha Graham, American modern dance pioneer (1893-1991).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

