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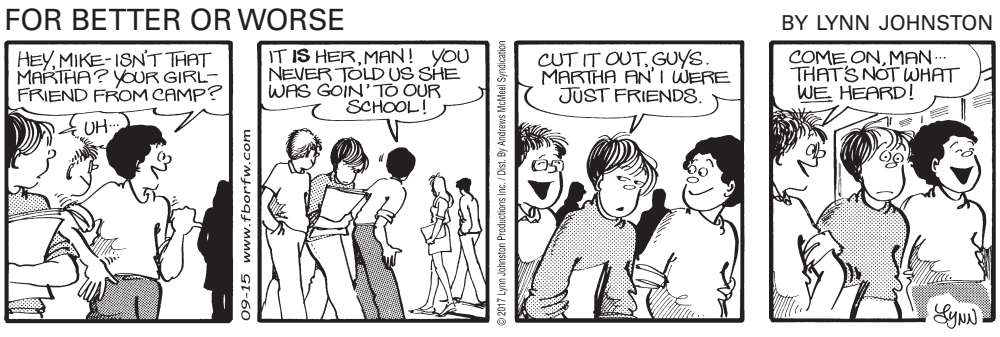

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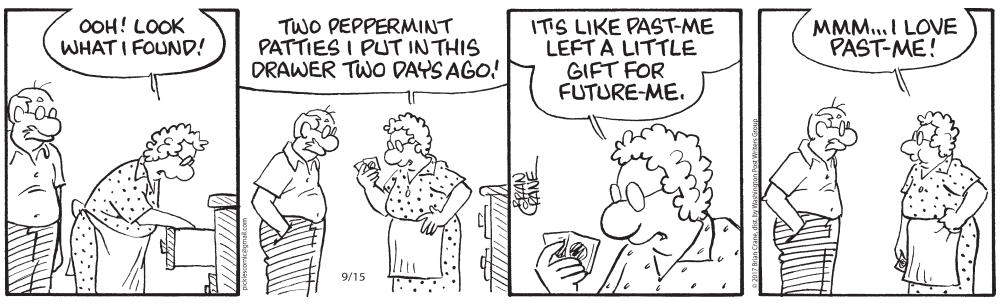

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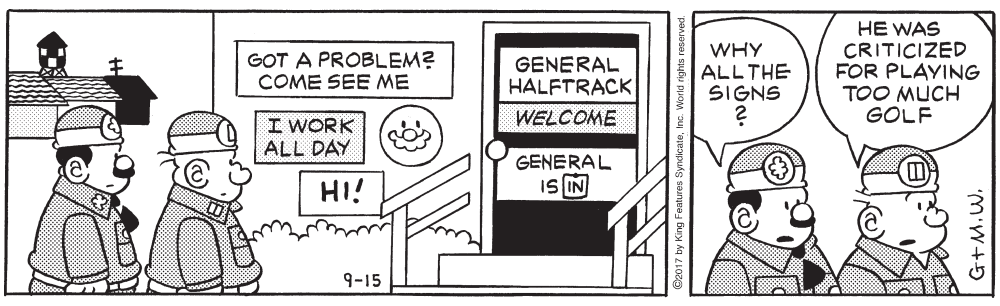

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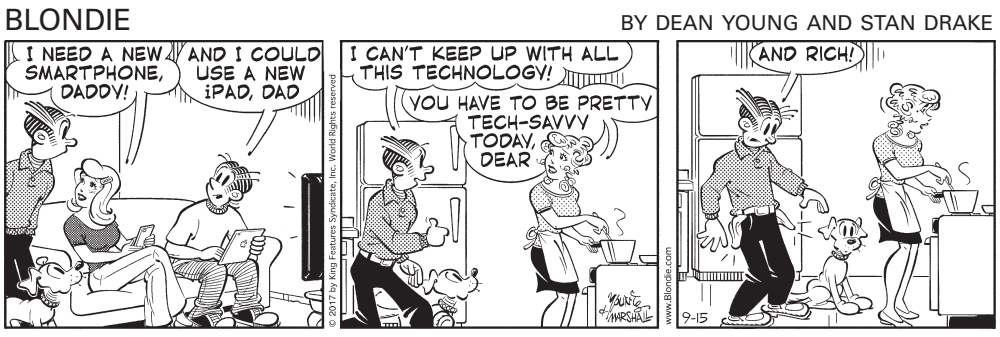

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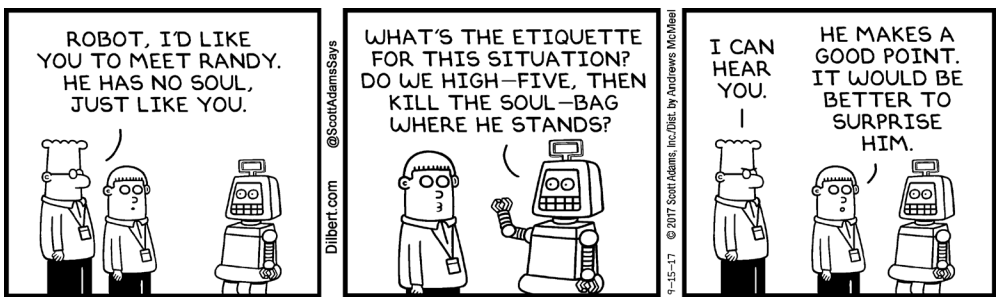

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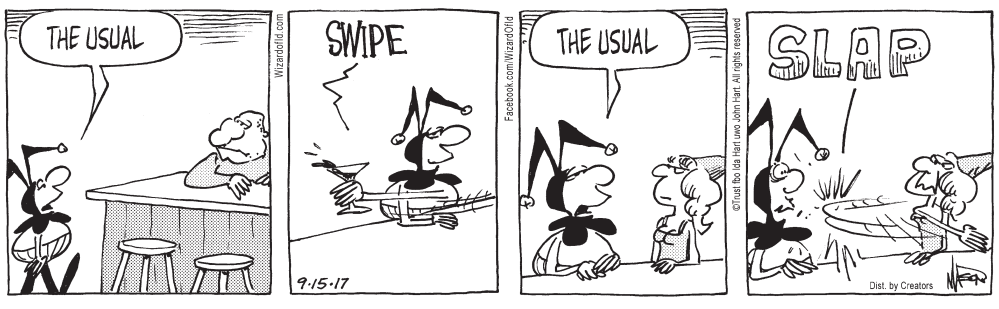

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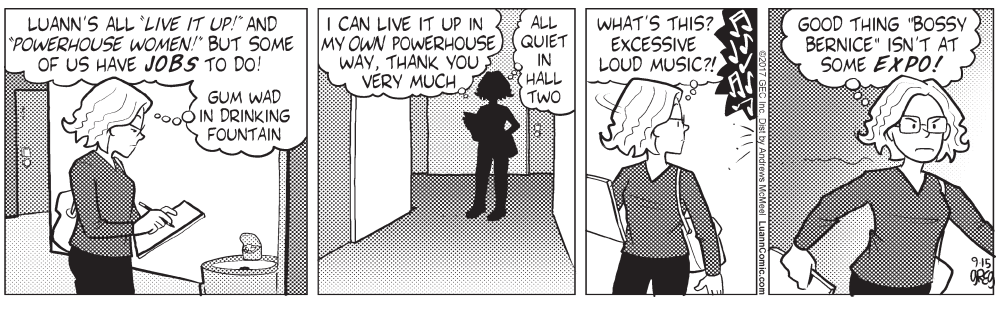

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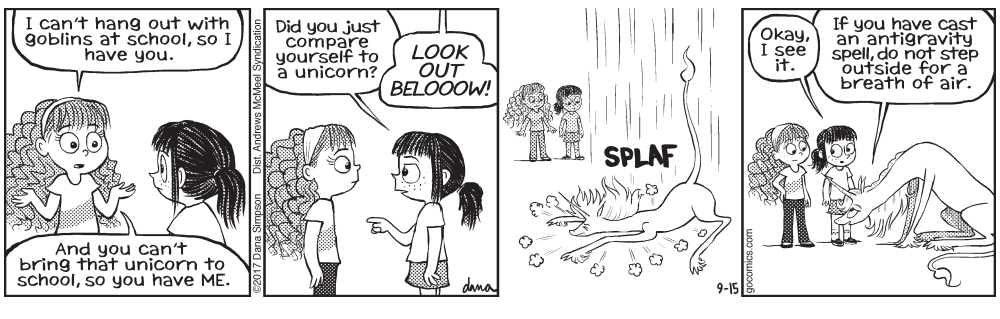

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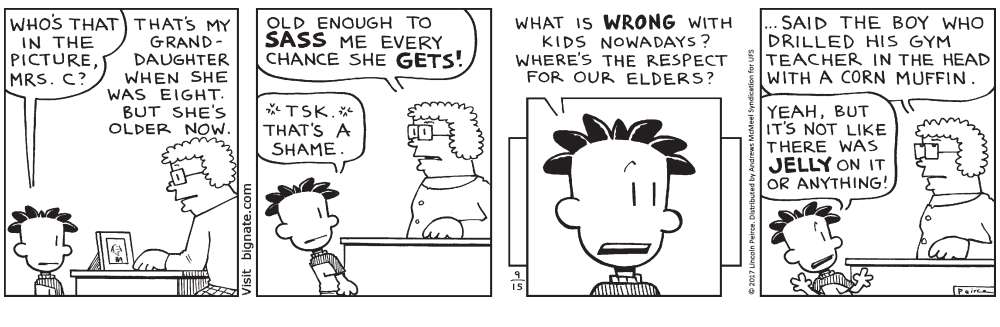

DEAR ABBY

Hands-on approach to other women disturbs man's wife

JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: My husband cannot be around a female without putting his hands on her shoulder or back. He "has" to touch. I'm not jealous, but embarrassed when I see women cringe and the expression on their faces sometimes. I keep hoping one of them will confront him about it. It's getting worse the older he gets, especially with younger women.

Do not suggest talking to him. He is never wrong and becomes livid when confronted. He reads your column, so please, Abby, give me some advice. — **Tired Of Being Embarrassed**

Dear Tired: I assume your husband does this only with unaccompanied young females, because if he did it with women who had an escort, their date or their husband would straighten him out. Because you can see the women are uncomfortable, talk privately with them and suggest they speak up and tell him not to do it again.

Dear Abby: My divorced son remarried a short time ago. His new wife seems to have no boundaries and no filters. If anything comes up that displeases her, she becomes verbally aggressive and in your face. (She has been fired numerous times because of it.) I have been on the receiving end several times, publicly. My son looks the other way, and if pressed, he supports her.

How can I maintain a relationship with my son, whom I love, and not expose myself to this woman's abuse? (He no longer receives invitations to the family dinners his sister hosts, and my son's adult children actively avoid her.) — **Battered Mother-In-Law**

Dear Battered: You do not have to tolerate being verbally abused. Because your son's wife "has no filters," try to see him separately — perhaps for lunch dates — if possible. If he is so much under her control that he refuses, you may have to accept that she has managed to isolate him from family.

Tell him you love him, and your heart and your home are always open to him. Then point out that you are not the only family member who feels this way, but for the sake of your mental health, you can no longer tolerate her abuse.

Dear Abby: During a recent cross-country tour of Italy, I was asked my age by five different people in the group. My being polite — and evasive — didn't deter them. Please inform your readers that some people find it offensive to be asked that question. — **Ageless In Arkansas**

Dear Ageless: I agree that not everyone wants to discuss their age. Perhaps the questioners didn't realize they were being rude. However, if you indicated that you didn't want to answer and your fellow travelers persisted, you would have had every right to end the conversation by saying, "I don't discuss my age. Period!"

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 15, 1917

The entire Weston band may enlist in a body in the U.S. Navy to become a naval band. A.Y. Lundell, director of the band, was here yesterday taking the matter up with Peter Swartz, the recruiting officer. Most of the Weston band boys are ready to go, he said, and he believes all will go. There is some question about the acceptance of Mr. Lundell himself as he is past the age limit. A naval band numbers 22 pieces.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 15, 1967

A National Geographic photographer got a rip-snorting introduction to the Pendleton Round-Up Wednesday. Bates Littlehales, a member of a magazine team doing a story on Oregon, was standing at the foot of the bleachers near the back gate to the arena when a racing stagecoach smashed into the fence in front of him. Littlehales seemed unshaken by the incident and as soon as the press around him eased continued to shoot color photographs of Round-Up action.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 15, 1992

Beulah Chaney of Pendleton started babysitting after World War II. She took care of her nephew, Doug Gruver, while her widowed sister worked evenings as an X-ray technician. Chaney provided day care for roughly 40 years. She said she was motivated by a love of children and desire to share her Christian faith. On Aug. 28, the 70-year-old retired from her business. "At times, it's awful quiet," Chaney said. But she looks forward to additional church work. She wants to help with quilting projects and attend next week's Billy Graham Crusade in Portland.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 258th day of 2017. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 15, 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.

On this date:

In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge two weeks after he was found not guilty of treason.

In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as President of the United States and as U.S. chief justice — was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1917, the first issue of Forbes magazine was published.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1942, during World War II, the aircraft carrier USS Wasp was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; the U.S. Navy ended up sinking the badly damaged vessel.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Incheon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul.

In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

In 1972, a federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven men in connection with the Watergate break-in.

In 1981, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to approve the Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1997, two of the nation's most popular diet drugs — dexfenfluramine and fenfluramine — were pulled off the market because of new evidence they could seriously damage patients' hearts.

In 2000, the 2000 Summer Olympics opened in Sydney, Australia, with a seemingly endless parade of athletes and coaches and a spectacular display; Aborigine runner Cathy Freeman ignited an Olympic ring of fire.

Ten years ago: In his Saturday radio address, President George W. Bush said while "formidable challenges" remained in Iraq, the United States would start shifting more troops into support roles in addition to troop withdrawals announced earlier. Several thousand protesters marched from the White House to the Capitol to demand an end to the Iraq war.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Forrest Compton is 92. Comedian Norm Crosby is 90. Actor Henry Darrow is 84. Baseball Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry is 79. Actress Carmen Maura is 72. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 72. Writer-director Ron Shelton is 72. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 71. Movie director Oliver Stone is 71. Rock musician Kelly Keagy (Night Ranger) is 65. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 57. Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino is 56. Actor Danny Nucci is 49. Rap DJ Kay Gee is 48. Actor Josh Charles is 46. Singer Ivette Sosa (Eden's Crush) is 41. Actor Tom Hardy is 40. Actress Marisa Ramirez is 40. Pop-rock musician Zach Filkins (OneRepublic) is 39. Actor Dave Annable is 38. Actress Amy Davidson is 38. Britain's Prince Harry is 33. TV personality Heidi Montag is 31. Actress Kate Mansi is 30.

Thought for Today: "The lack of a sense of history is the damnation of the modern world." — *Robert Penn Warren, American poet (born 1905, died this date in 1989).*