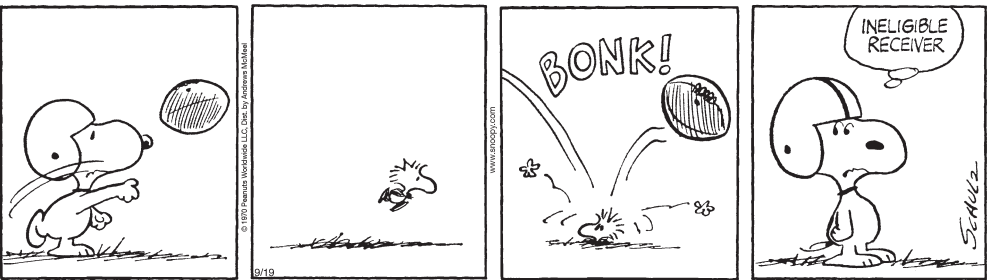


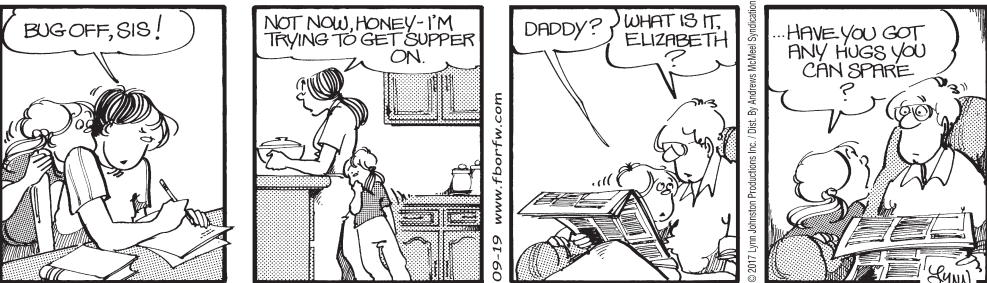
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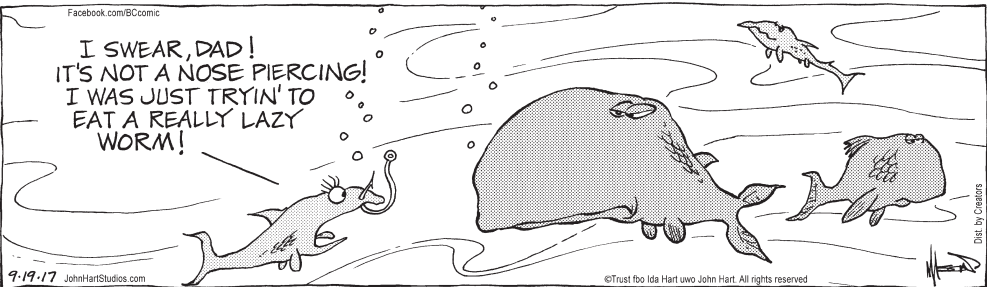
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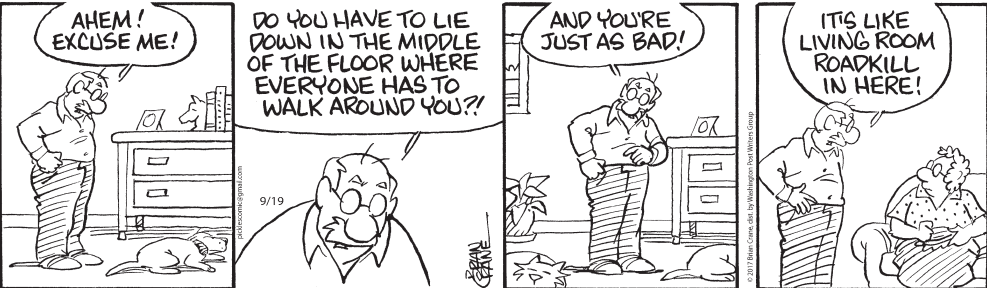
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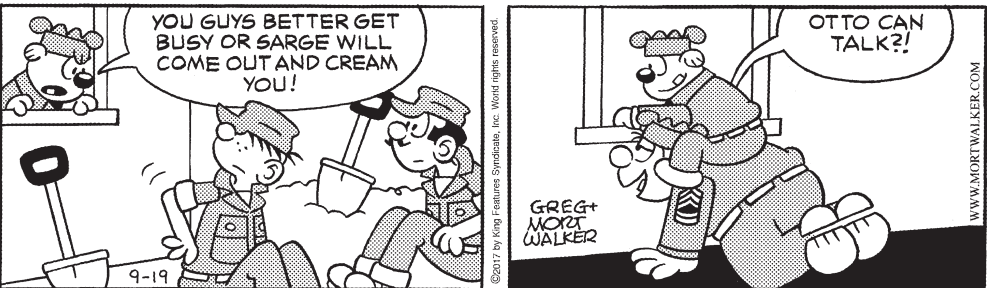
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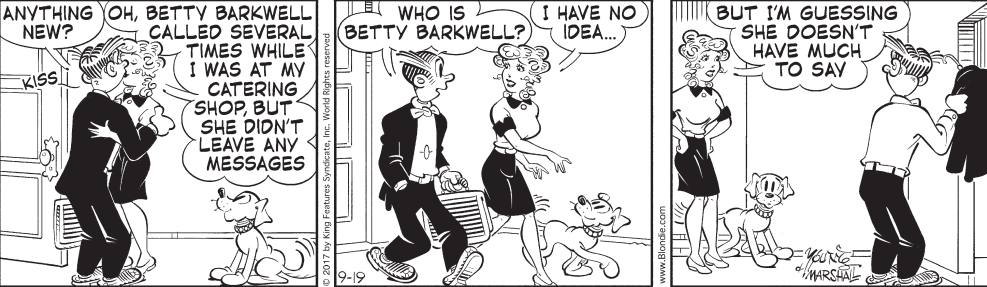
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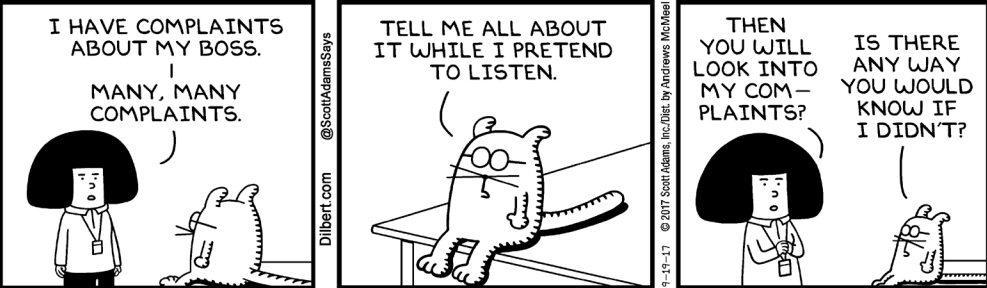
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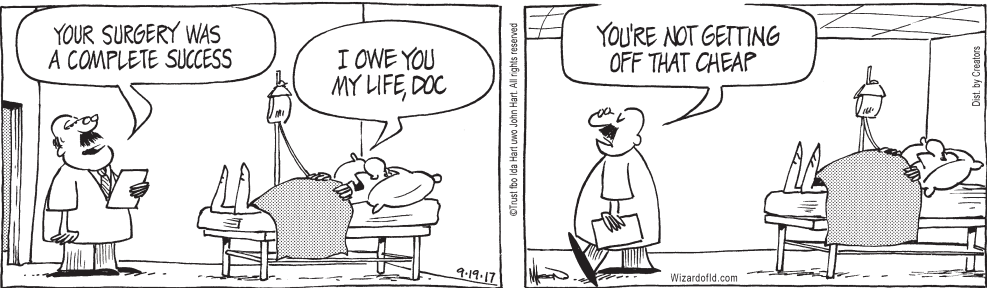
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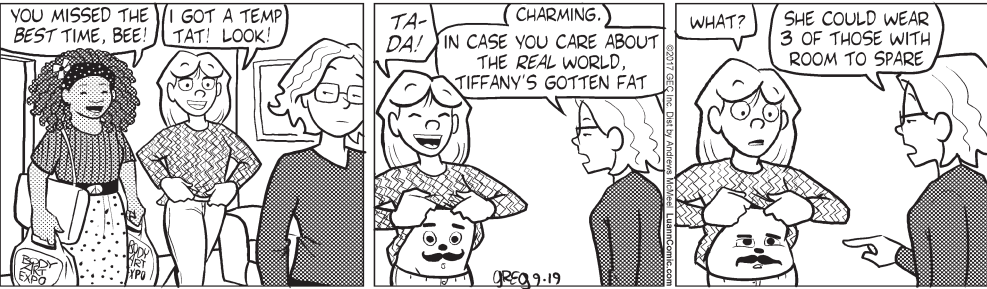
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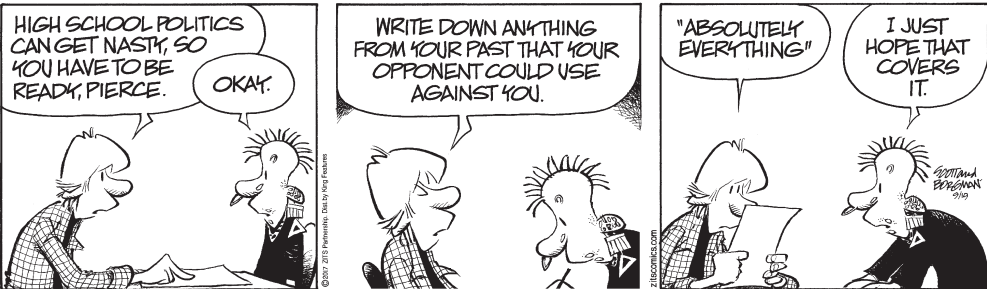
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DEAR ABBY

Daughter of self-centered mom craves a role model

Dear Abby: My mother is extremely self-centered. Ever since I can remember, everything has always been about her. That's probably why she and Dad split. You can't have a conversation with her without her turning it around and making it about her.

I'm 25. I just want to have a regular conversation with my mom without her somehow bringing the mood down by saying she has demons to deal with on her own and she can't be positive or happy for others.

Abby, there's nothing wrong with her! She's healthy, fit, has a wonderful job she claims to love, and friends she goes out with often and seems to have fun with. She's out literally every weekend. I just don't get why she never makes time for me or any of my siblings.

I'm afraid I'll never have that mother/daughter relationship. Maybe I wouldn't care so much if I had another role model to confide in, but unfortunately, I have neither a mother nor a father figure in my life. My siblings and I have been cheated in the parent department — a father who left us and a mother who thinks only of herself. Advice? — **Lost Soul In Ohio**

Dear Lost Soul: This may be of small comfort to you, but other readers over the years have described situations like your own. I'll share with you what I have advised them.

Because your mother apparently feels her parenting job is finished, it's time to build a "family" of your own. Because you crave the wisdom an older woman can provide,



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

consider doing some volunteer work for seniors, perhaps at a senior citizen center. Your efforts will be valued, and in a short time you may begin building relationships with more than one person who can assuage your emptiness while you fill a need in their lives, too.

Dear Abby: My sister asked if I would attend a women's conference with her. I hastily agreed, and we kind of dropped it until recently. The conference is eight months away and

I just found out the location and who will be the speakers. After reviewing the information, I realize I'm not all that interested in attending.

When I told my sister, she became furious! I apologized for letting her down, but I don't want to spend hundreds of dollars to attend a conference I'm not that jazzed about. She's still mad at me, and I don't want to dismiss her feelings, but I feel that canceling eight months in advance is OK. We hadn't purchased tickets or made hotel reservations yet. Can you give me some advice? — **Don't Want To Go**

Dear Don't Want To: Your sister may have had more in mind than just the conference when she invited you to go with her. She may have wanted a bonding experience as well, which may be why she has reacted so strongly.

I agree that eight months in advance is sufficient notice that you want to cancel. It may smooth her ruffled feathers if you call your sister and suggest there might be something else you can do together that would be of greater interest to both of you.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 18-19, 1917

Detected in the act of stealing the Ford runabout of the *East Oregonian* last night, two well known Pendleton boys were pursued and captured, but not until one of them had drawn a .38 calibre revolver and turned upon R.W. Fletcher, circulation manager of the *East Oregonian*, who was close at his heels. Fletcher grappled with the boy, seized the hand that held the gun and wrenched the weapon away from him. He marched the boy a prisoner up town where he met Sheriff Taylor, who took the boy in charge. They returned to the Happy Canyon pavilion where the car had been left. There they found the other boy who had been over taken by M.R. Chessman after a chase of several blocks, which ended at the levee. The boy ran into a wire netting which checked his flight. A third boy made a successful getaway.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 18-19, 1967

The 56th annual Round-Up came to a happy close Saturday afternoon with a

capacity crowd of some 16,000 persons loudly applauding the awarding of the all-around championship and a leg on the Oregon Journal trophy to young Larry Mahan of Brooks, who only the day previous had been given the Oregon Cowboy of the Year award by Gov. Tom McCall. It was a tremendous triumph for a popular rodeo star who also won the RCA national championship last year and is gunning for it again.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 18-19, 1992

As cars crowd the streets and RVS overshadow every rentable blade of grass, many people find their feet to be the fastest on Round-Up week. And now that the city has shed light on the Umatilla River Parkway from the Round-Up Grounds to Main Street, nighttime footing is safer and more scenic. The city finished lighting the third section of the parkway just in time for Round-Up crowds, and pedestrians are already taking advantage. The paved walkway along the Umatilla River is now illuminated by lamps dotting the walk from Highway 30 to Main Street.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 262nd day of 2017. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 19, 1777, the first Battle of Saratoga was fought during the Revolutionary War; although British forces succeeded in driving out the American troops, the Americans prevailed in a second battle the following month.

On this date:
In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2½ months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1915, vaudeville performer W.C. Fields made his movie debut as "Pool Sharks," a one-reel silent comedy, was released.

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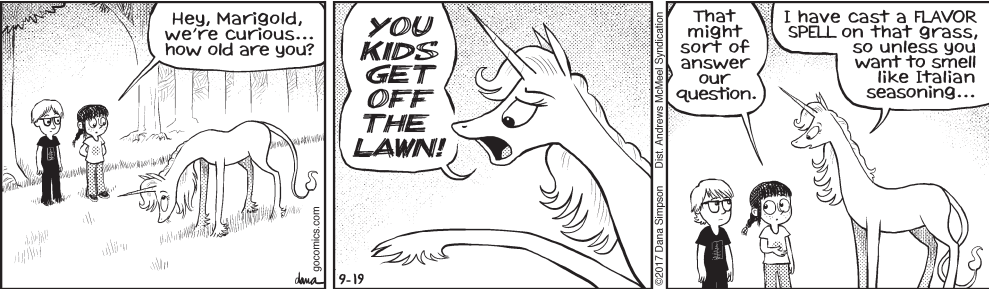
Today's Birthdays:

Author Roger Angell is 97. Host James Lipton (TV: "Inside the Actors Studio") is 91. Actress Rosemary Harris is 90. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 90. Actor David McCallum is 84. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 77. Singer Bill Medley is 77. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 77. R&B singer Freda Payne is 75. Golfer Jane Blalock is 72. Singer David Bromberg is 72. Former NFL running back Larry Brown is 70. Actor Jeremy Irons is 69. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 65. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Reggie Williams is 63. Rock singer Lita Ford is 59. "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon is 43. Folk-rock singers-musicians Sara and Tegan Quin are 37.

Thought for Today: "If you are losing your leisure, look out; you may be losing your soul." — *Logan Pearsall Smith, Anglo-American author (1865-1946).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

