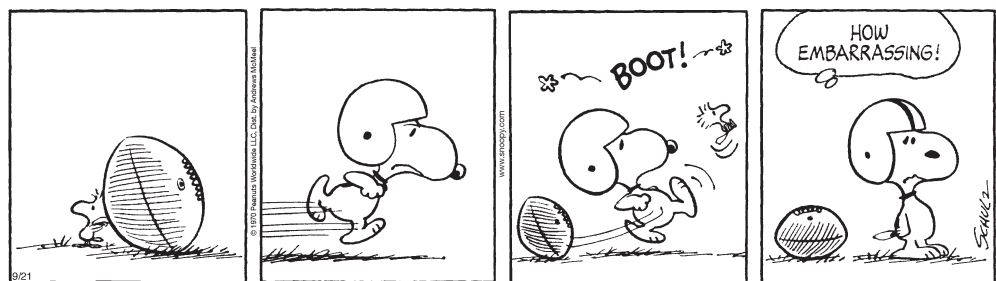


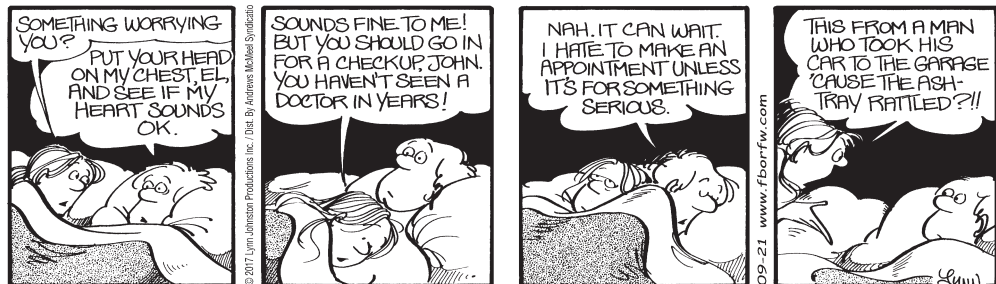
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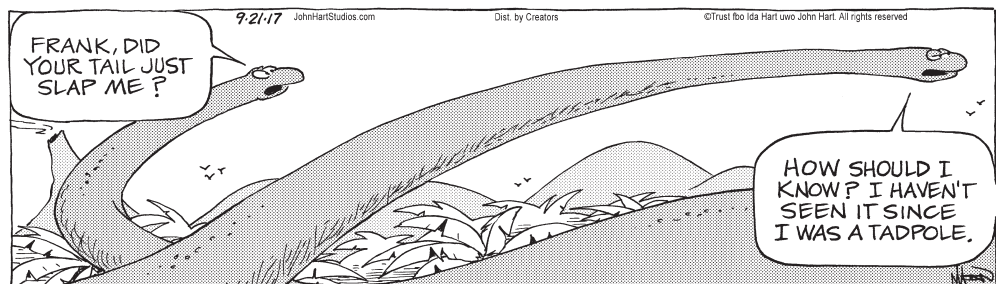
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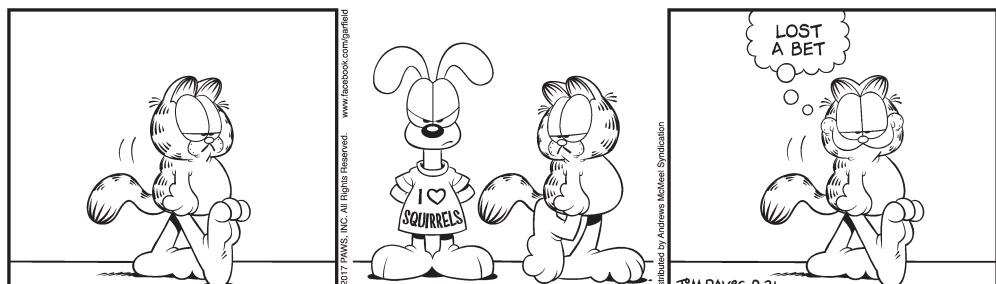
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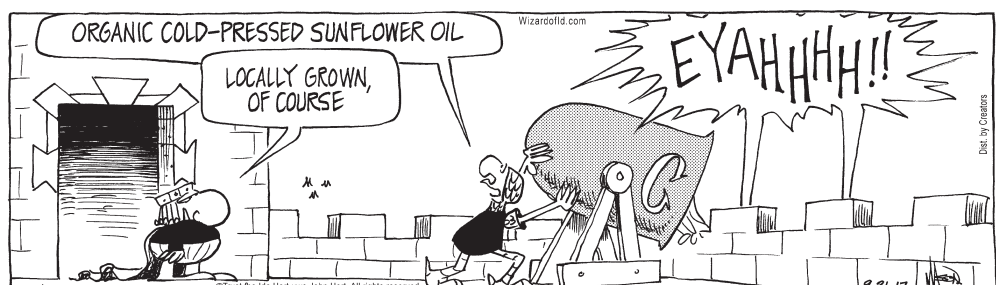
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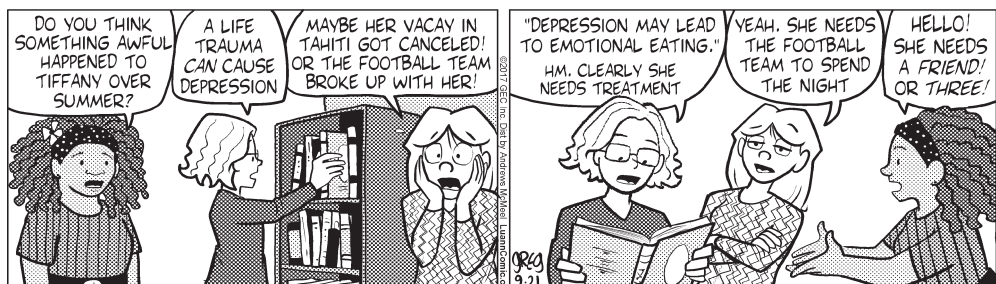
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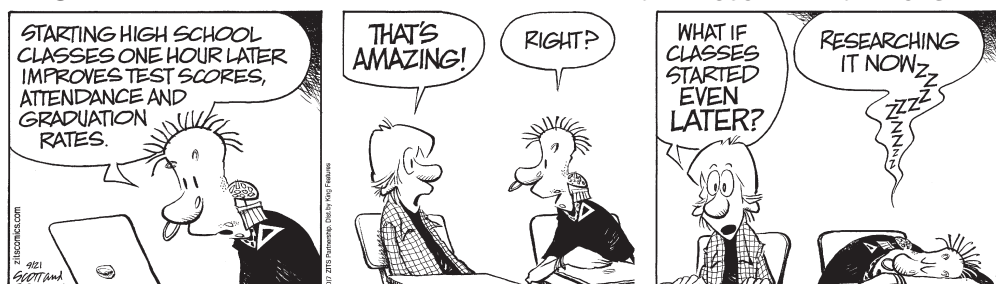
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DEAR ABBY

Woman's co-workers ridicule her extreme aversion to blood



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I'm a 30-year-old female who has extreme hemophilia. I cannot see blood or hear people talk about anything blood-related. I pass out when my blood is drawn, and I cannot have a finger-prick blood test either. It's even difficult for me to write this message.

they are either extremely thoughtless and insensitive, or do it intentionally to upset you or make you sick.

Raise the subject again with your supervisor. Explain that you don't want to look for another job and what they're doing is creating the opposite of a friendly work environment. If he still won't intervene, consider discussing your problem with a mental health professional who specializes in phobias, because there may be a therapy that can help to lessen or even eliminate your condition.

I work in an office and I have told my co-workers about my problem and asked them to please avoid the topic when I'm present. They think my request is unreasonable and that I'm just being silly. When someone brings up the subject, I quickly leave the room, sit down out of earshot and put my head between my legs. Then they laugh at me. When I mentioned this problem to my supervisor, he said he doesn't feel there is anything he can do about it because it's not a subject that is against company policy or taboo.

Dear Abby: I am wondering about the use of the term "fiancée." Urban Dictionary says it is now considered a "White Trash culture" term for a long-term girlfriend. I'm beginning to hear it used more and more often by people I certainly would not think of as white trash. Is there another way to refer to a significant other when no wedding is planned or a date set? Do other cultures or languages have a word for this? — Wondering About Words

I'm just looking for some compassion and understanding from my co-workers. I don't want to have to find another job, but I can't keep running for cover every day, and I don't want to pass out and injure myself. How can I make them see that this is a real medical problem and I'm not just looking for attention? — Passing Out In Missouri

Dear Wondering: "Fiancée" is a word of French origin that is defined as "a woman engaged to be married." When couples cohabit with no plan to marry, the term they often use when referring to their significant other is "partner." Of course, our culture is more liberal than some others that label those who choose to live this way as "fornicators." While other cultures may have terms for it, I am unfamiliar with them.

Dear Passing Out: Unless you work in a doctor's office or a blood bank, I fail to see why the subject of blood would come up on a regular basis. Because your co-workers know how it affects you, I can only assume that

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 21, 1917

Recently there has been an epidemic of bicycle thefts in Pendleton and this morning the cache of stolen "bikes" was discovered by Shelby Alloway, a Pendleton boy who lost his own wheel last Sunday. While delivering some medicine to the plant of the Warren Construction Co. in the riverbed near Round-Up park, he suddenly came upon 8 bicycles stacked one on top of the other. On the bottom was his own. Others he recognized as belonging to Everett Zuiderduin, Harry Forshaw and Gray Bros. A vacant tent was pitched nearby. He has reported the matter to the police.

out how to send a rocket to the moon in a first attempt. "But we probably could do it in six to eight passes," joked Buhman. The computer will aid in registration procedures and school business, such as figuring payroll and accounts payable, and eventually will be used in the curriculum.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 21, 1992

When students in Judy Severin's class take their seats it's a guessing game as to which grade they're in. In her Athena Elementary School classroom, fourth, fifth and sixth graders sit side by side, petty peer group distinctions fading as quickly as September sunlight. "I've had to change the way I teach everything," Severin said. "I'm stretching myself as well as my students every day." The veteran fourth-grade teacher is one of the first to put the state's recommended multi-age group classroom into practice. Although the Legislature outlined "blended classrooms" for first through third graders as part of its far-reaching school reform act, Severin believes the concept is equally attractive to older elementary-aged children.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 21, 1967

You can even play tic-tac-toe on Blue Mountain Community College's new computer. Don L. Buhman, director of BMCC's new data processing center, said the capabilities of the 1130 IBM are practically unlimited. The computer, perhaps the first in Umatilla County, won't be able to figure

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 264th day of 2017. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 21, 1897, responding to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, the New York Sun ran its famous editorial by Francis P. Church that declared, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

On this date:

In 1792, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In 1925, the Rudolf Friml operetta "The Vagabond King" opened on Broadway.

In 1937, "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien, was first published by George Allen & Unwin, Ltd. of London.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1948, Milton Berle made his debut as permanent host of "The Texaco

Star Theater" on NBC-TV.

In 1957, Norway's King Haakon VII died in Oslo at age 85. The legal mystery-drama "Perry Mason," starring Raymond Burr, premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1964, Malta gained independence from Britain.

In 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" made its debut on ABC-TV as the Cleveland Browns defeated the visiting New York Jets, 31-21.

In 1977, after weeks of controversy over past business and banking practices, President Jimmy Carter's embattled budget director, Bert Lance, resigned.

In 1987, NFL players called a strike, mainly over the issue of free agency. (The 24-day walkout prompted football owners to hire replacement players.)

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths in the Caribbean and 29 in the United States). Twenty-one students in Alton, Texas, died when their school bus, hit by a soft-drink delivery truck, careened into a water-filled pit.

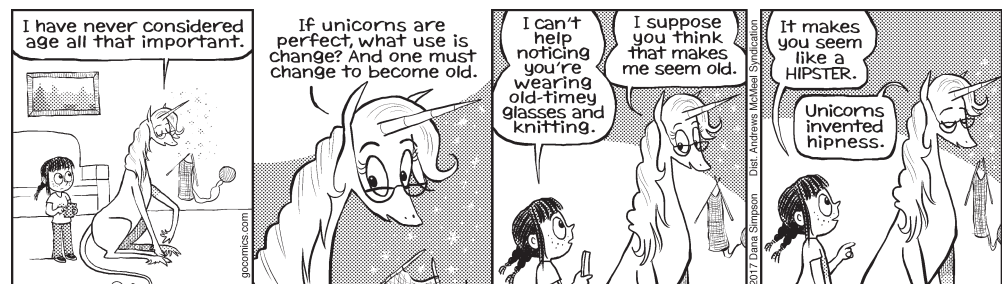
Today's Birthdays:

Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 76. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 74. Former Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear is 73. Musician Don Felder is 70. Author Stephen King is 70. Basketball Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore is 68. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 67. Hall of Fame jockey Eddie Delahoussaye is 66. Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is 60. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 60. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 58. Actor David James Elliott is 57. Actress Serena Scott Thomas is 56. Actress Nancy Travis is 56. Actor Rob Morrow is 55. Actor Angus Macfadyen is 54. Retired MLB All-Star Cecil Fielder is 54. Country singer Faith Hill is 50. Rock musician Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) is 50. Country singer Ronna Reeves is 49. Actress-talk show host Ricki Lake is 49. Rapper Dave (De La Soul) is 49. TV personality Nicole Richie is 36. Rapper Wale is 33.

Thought for Today: "I found more joy in sorrow / Than you could find in joy." — Sara Teasdale, American author and poet (1884-1933).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

