

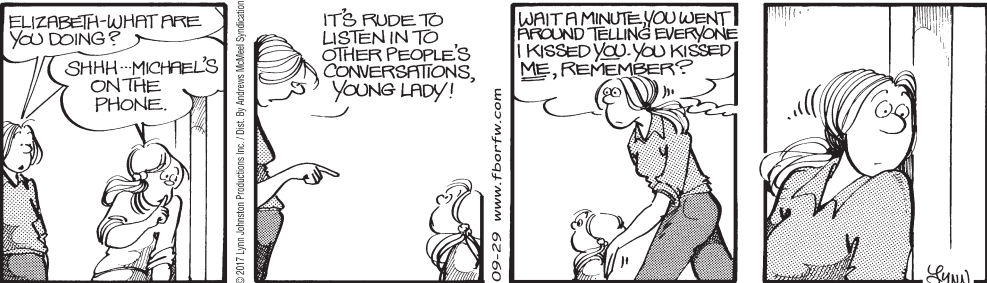
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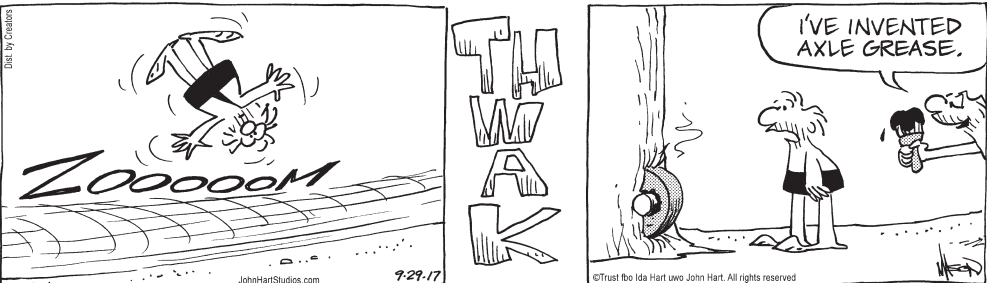
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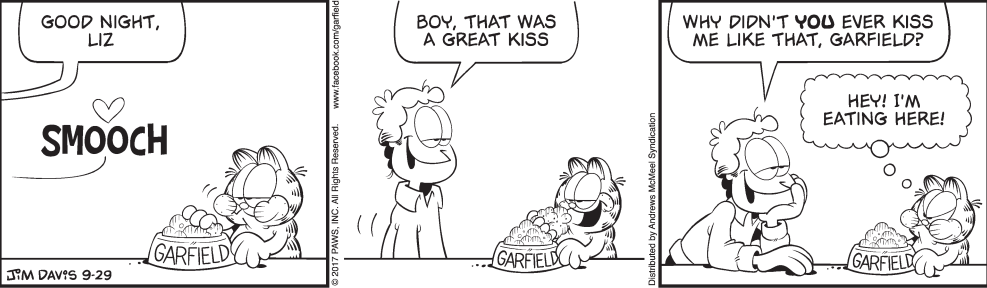
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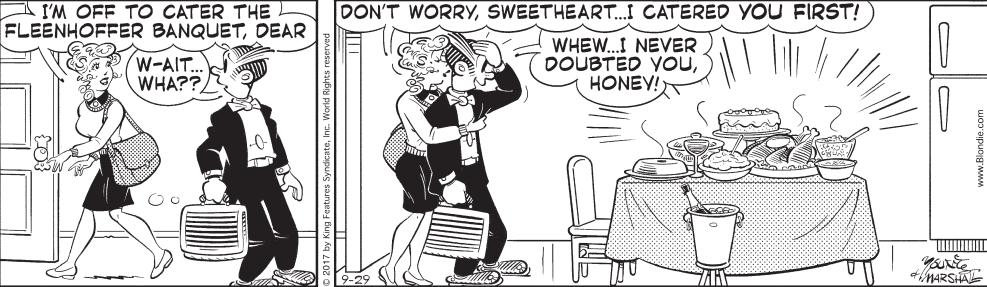
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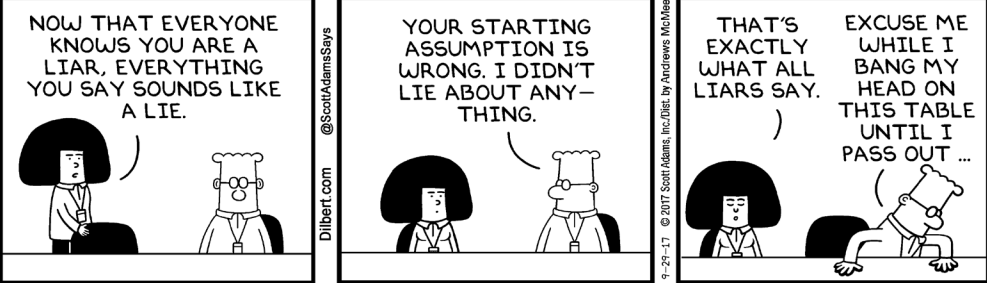
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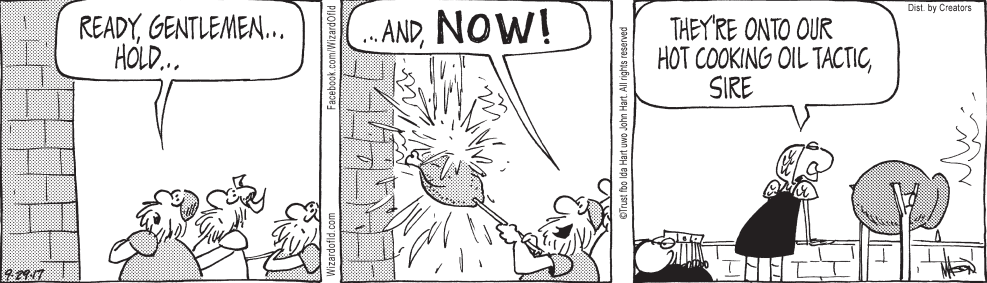
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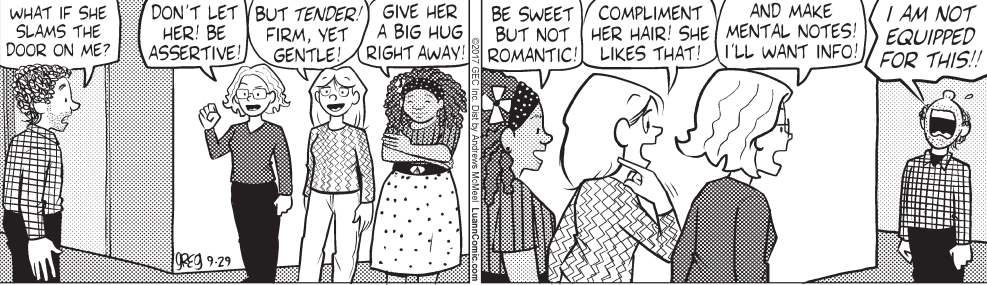
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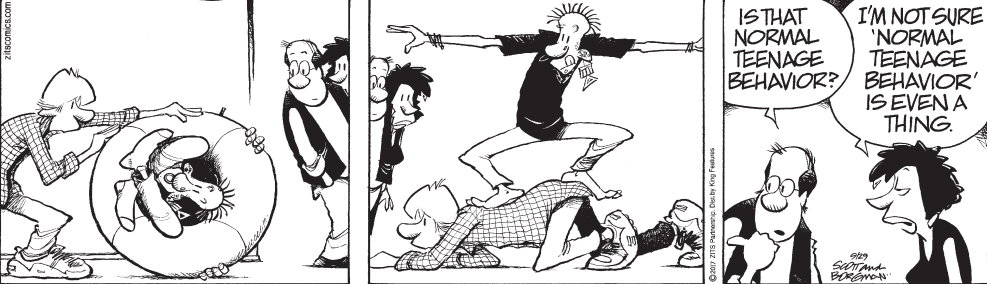
LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

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DEAR ABBY

Marriage recovers from affair, but wife can't forgive herself

Dear Abby: About 12 years ago, I made a terrible mistake and had an affair. My husband loved me enough to forgive me, and our marriage has been fine ever since.

The problem is, I can't forgive myself. I hate myself! I could have lost everything, including our two kids. I think of all the time I wasted when I could have shared that time with them, and I beat myself up daily over this.

I have been depressed for so long. How do I get over this? I'm on meds, but it's deeper than that. I feel I have a seat waiting in hell because of it. So — no chance for heaven — what's the point in trying to be happy?

I can't afford counseling, and I don't have a priest to talk to. Is there some kind of counseling group online I could join? — **Miserable In Colorado**

Dear Miserable: It appears that, not satisfied with waiting for hell in the hereafter, you have managed to create one for yourself right here on Earth. As far as I know, there's no "Jezebels Anonymous" support group.

It would be appropriate to find a priest who could give you absolution. However, because there isn't one and it appears you're having a crisis of the soul, confide in a member of the clergy of another faith, if there's one nearby. Trust me, it won't be the first time he or she has heard a story like yours, and it may bring you comfort.

Dear Abby: I have a fear of "threes." My brother, whom I never met, died at 3 months because he had a hole in his heart. My dad died



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

at 43, the day before his 44th birthday. My other brother also died at the age of 43. Mom died in the third month (March) when she was 63 years old, and that's just immediate family. Other family members and a couple of friends also had the number three connected to their untimely deaths.

Whenever the number three comes up, it drives me crazy. I just turned 40 and was miserable during my 30s, anticipating that I would be next. I'm sure I'll be fine for another two years, but knowing my dad and brother died at 43 will make me fearful for the whole year. Am I cursed? — **Numbers Phobia**

Dear Numbers Phobia: You have experienced more loss in your life than the average person. For that I can only offer my sympathy. However, you are viewing this the wrong way. Three isn't YOUR unlucky number — it was the unlucky number of the people who DIED. Because a particular fate befalls someone close does not guarantee the same misfortune will happen to you. Please, enjoy the life you are given to the fullest every day and stop diminishing your quality of life with morbid thoughts. It is your negative thinking that's the curse, and nothing more.

Dear Abby: What should I have told my heartbroken 6-year-old daughter when all the other girls (four) on our block were invited to a birthday party except her? — **Minnesota Mom**

Dear Mom: If she were my daughter, I would have told her that we were going to do something special that day — just the two of us — and then I would have made it happen.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 29, 1917

For the delivery to the nearest army camp or post of any drafted man who did not report to his local exemption board for military service when ordered to do so, \$50 will be paid by the government. Notices to that effect will be posted shortly in every city and town of Oregon. The United States government has begun to hunt down the slackers who did not respond to the call for military service under the draft. A telegram was received yesterday from the war department by Adjutant General George A. White directing that all such men are to be considered as deserters from the army.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 29, 1967

Every road in Umatilla County has a name today, for the first time. But it may be a long time before signposts are erected to carry the

names. The county planning commission Wednesday adopted road names proposed by planning consultants Dave Keiler and Ken Sweeney and recommended adoption of the names to the county court. The county's vast network of farm and market roads totals about 2,500 miles and includes hundreds of individual roads. Many of them had never been named, although all bore a number on maps of the county road department.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 29, 1992

A Pendleton volleyball player just missed earning a medal at the Paralympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, earlier this month. Daniel Jim, who lost a leg in an automobile accident and plays without a prosthesis, was a member of the U.S. men's team, which was the first U.S. Paralympics volleyball team to make the medal round. The U.S. team finished fourth in the world.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 272nd day of 2017. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 29, 1982, Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with deadly cyanide claimed the first of seven victims in the Chicago area. (To date, the case remains unsolved.)

On this date:

In 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1902, William Topaz McGonagall, affectionately considered Britain's possibly worst-ever poet, died in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1910, the National Urban League had its beginnings in New York as The Committee on Urban Conditions Among Negroes.

In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders concluded the Munich Agreement, which was aimed at appeasing Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1943, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Italian

Marshal Pietro Badoglio signed an armistice aboard the British ship HMS Nelson off Malta.

In 1957, the San Francisco-bound New York Giants played their last game at the Polo Grounds, losing to the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9-1. The Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game before moving to Los Angeles, losing to the Phillies 2-1 in Philadelphia.

In 1967, author Carson McCullers died in Nyack, New York, at age 50.

In 1977, the Billy Joel album "The Stranger" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1987, Henry Ford II, longtime chairman of Ford Motor Co., died in Detroit at age 70.

In 2005, John G. Roberts Jr. was sworn in as the nation's 17th chief justice after winning Senate confirmation.

In 2016: A New Jersey Transit commuter train slammed into the Hoboken station, killing one person and injuring more than 100 others.

Today's Birthdays:

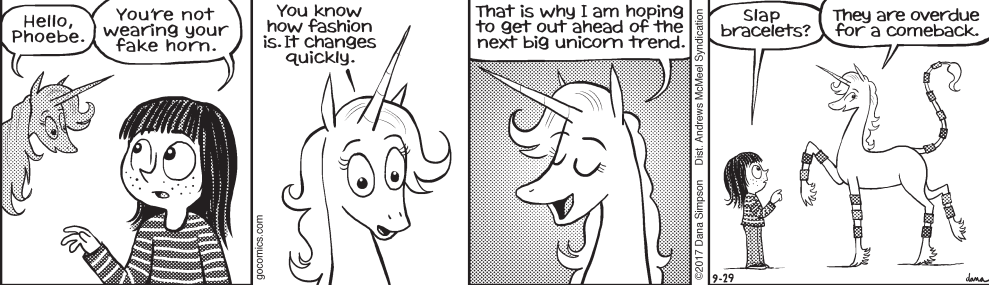
Conductor Richard Bonyng is 87. Writer-director Robert Benton is 85. Singer Jerry Lee Lewis is 82. Soul-blues-gospel singer Sherman Holmes is 78. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., is 75. Actor Ian McShane is 75. Jazz musician Jean-Luc Ponty is 75. Nobel Peace laureate Lech Walesa is 74. Television-film composer Mike Post is 73. Actress Patricia Hodge is 71. TV personality Bryant Gumbel is 69. Rock singer-musician Mark Farnier is 69. Rock singer-musician Mike Pinera is 69. Country singer Alvin Crow is 67. Actor Drake Hogestyn is 64. Olympic gold medal runner Sebastian Coe is 61. Singer Suzzy Roche (The Roches) is 61. Comedian-actor Andrew "Dice" Clay is 60. Rock singer John Payne (Asia) is 59. Actor Roger Bart is 55. Singer-musician Les Claypool is 54. Actress Jill Whelan is 51. Actor Ben Miles is 51. Actor Luke Goss is 49. Rock musician Brad Smith (Blind Melon) is 49. Actress Erika Eleniak is 48.

Thought for Today:

"Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both." — Eleanor Roosevelt, American first lady (1884-1962).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

