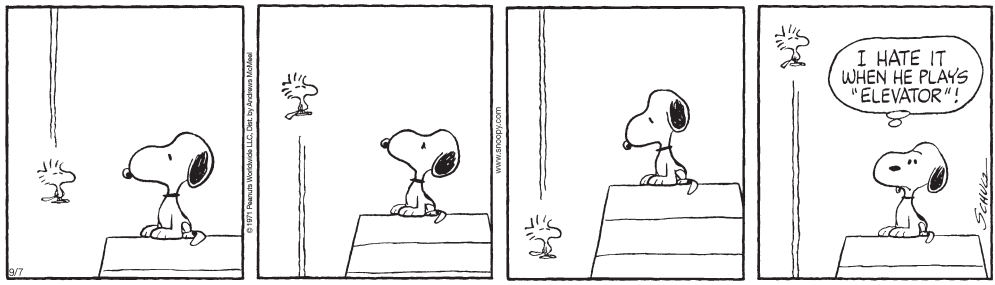


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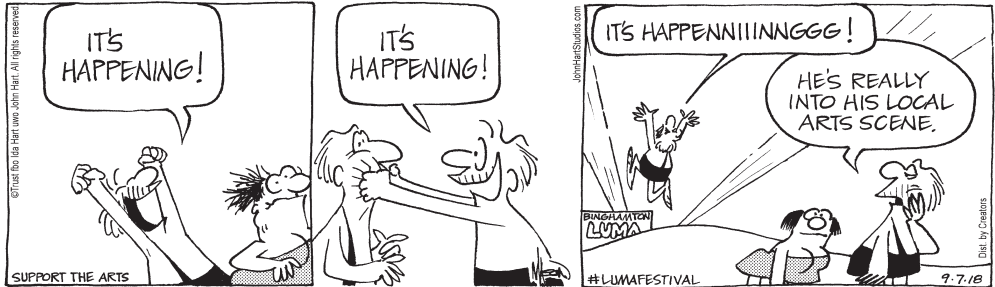
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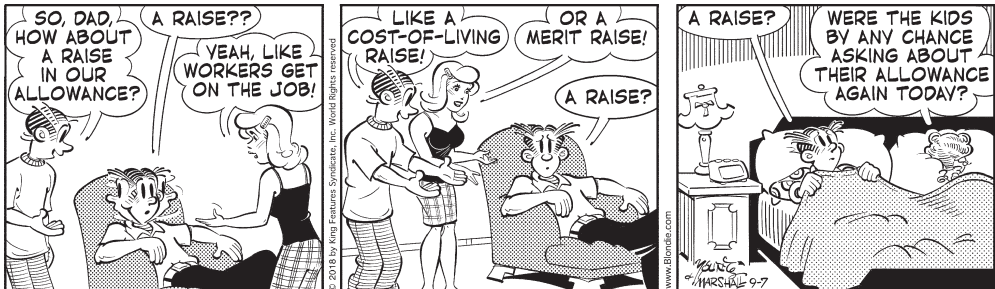
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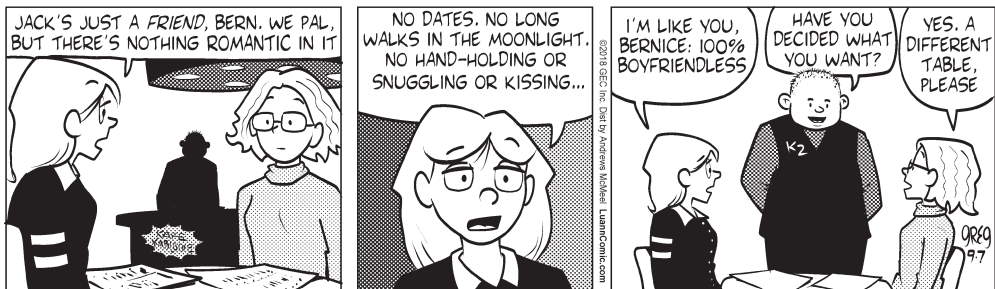
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DEAR ABBY

Friend can't hold tongue about woman's pattern of bad choices

Dear Abby: I have a friend who's 22 and has two children, which I helped her to deliver. She is also my neighbor. Since she moved in and divorced her husband, my husband and I have watched her make bad choices over and over again, starting with the derelict men she dates to the way she gets drunk, then drives her paper route at night. She blows her money on tattoos and then asks us for food. It's become exhausting.



is to stop trying to save her from them.

You can't fix what's wrong in her life — only she can do that — so step back. If you really think her children are going hungry, contact child protective services, so those kids can get the help they need.

Dear Abby: My fiancé and I are both 68. We have been engaged for a year now. When we shopped for an engagement ring, we also purchased wedding bands because the jewelry store was having a sale.

Because of our ages, I have come to feel that there is no compelling reason to get married. It would be a big legal hassle, and there's no reason why we just cannot live together. He agrees. However, we have made a commitment to each other, and I call him my husband and he calls me his wife.

My question is, would it be OK for us to wear the wedding bands, even though we are not legally married? I wonder if other couples have done this having made that commitment to each other. Your thoughts? — Happily Together

Dear Happily: No law forbids the two of you from wearing wedding rings and calling yourselves married. Others have done it. In some states, after a period of time, the arrangement would become a common-law marriage. However, before making a final decision to do this, you and your fiancé should discuss it with a lawyer. There are certain guarantees and benefits to being legally wed, because spouses have rights of inheritance and decision-making in case of illness that unwed couples do not enjoy.

She's now dating another man who's obviously using her. I have a hard time not telling him off when I see him. He won't get a job and he keeps her in perpetual relationship limbo, which forces her to focus all her attention on him and neglect her children and home.

What can I do? I value her so much I lose sleep. She constantly posts on social media that she's lonely and everyone always leaves her, but she gets mad at me for telling her where she keeps going wrong. Why can't she understand that she's doing this to herself? How can I help her see her errors, so she can move on from this awful phase? — Caring Friend In Florida

Dear Caring Friend: Your friend has a job. If she weren't supporting her boyfriend, she would be able to support herself and her children. The more you give her, the more reliant she will become on your handouts.

Take it from a professional: The most unwelcome advice is that which is unasked for, which is why she gets angry when you try to tell her what she's doing wrong. She doesn't want to hear it. The way to get someone like this to recognize her "errors"

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 7, 1918

Of more than usual local interest to Pendleton people will be the western drama, "Unclaimed Goods," on the screen at the Alta theater this evening, owing to the fact Broncho Bob Hall, the well-known Round-Up rider, is one of the characters pictured in the play. Broncho Bob appears as one of the outlaws, being one of the bandits who disarm the citizens and the man who carries the guns out of the dance hall. Broncho Bob Hall is well known in Pendleton, having been a rider at the Round-Up for the last three years. Two years ago he was winner of third prize in the bucking contest. He was injured in the tryouts last year and was using crutches when the finals came, but despite this handicap succeeded in getting second place. This year he has his eye on first place and the championship of the world.

an intersection and didn't quite make the right turn he wanted. Megy told police he was traveling "over the limit" in a 25-mile zone about 8:15 p.m. Tuesday when he "decided to turn right" at SE 8th Ave., "was going too fast" and his car slid to the right, left the road, crossed an irrigation ditch, tore into a rock and earth embankment and went 87 feet farther before stopping.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 7, 1993

Friends and fans of Gina Meengs will want to set the video cassette recorder for her appearance on The Nashville Network's "You Can Be a Star." The daughter of Don and Betty Meengs of Pendleton grew up here and graduated from Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon State College. She taught at McKay Elementary School before moving to Nashville, Tenn. Gina's performance was videotaped this spring and marks her first television appearance. Gina performed her own composition, "Diamond in the Rough." She accompanied herself, joined by the studio backup band. She loves to sing country music. She also teaches special education and reading while hoping for a recording contract.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 7, 1968

Richard Lehman Megy, 19, escaped injury but his car was heavily damaged when he changed his mind in the middle of

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

In 1936, rock-and-roll legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos. Convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years.

In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Program-

ming Network (ESPN) made its cable TV debut.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

In 2002, President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, meeting at Camp David, said the world had to act against Saddam Hussein, arguing that the Iraqi leader had defied the United Nations and reneged on promises to destroy weapons of mass destruction.

In 2007, Osama bin Laden appeared in a video for the first time in three years, telling Americans they should convert to Islam if they wanted the war in Iraq to end.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 88. Singer Gloria Gaynor is

75. Actress Julie Kavner is

68 (voice of Marge Simpson). Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is

67. Actor Corbin Bernsen is

64. Singer/songwriter Diane Warren is 62. Actress-comedian Leslie Jones (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is

51. Model-actress Angie Everhart is 49. Actress Diane Farr is 49. Country singer Butter (Trailer Choir) is 48.

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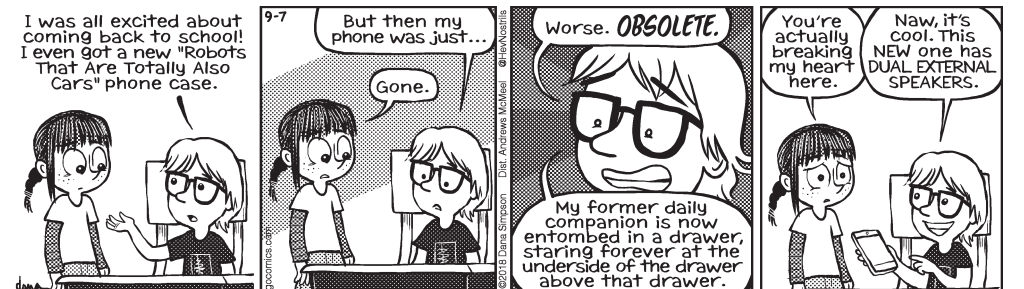
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Thought for Today: "Nothing is more unpleasant than a virtuous person with a mean mind." — Walter Bagehot, English editor and economist (1826-1877).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

