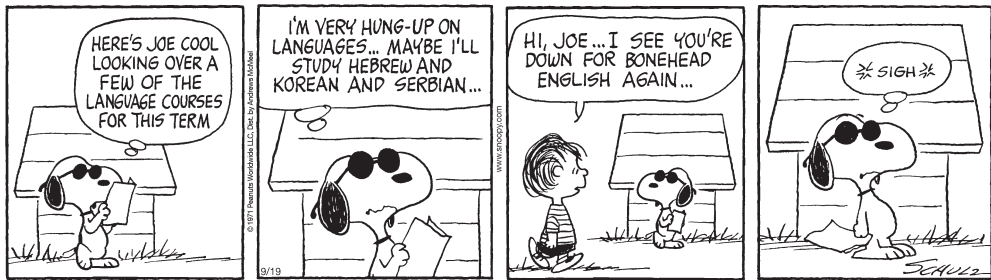


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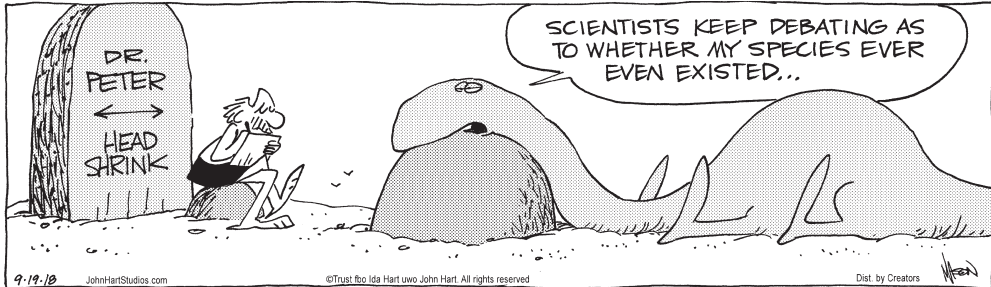
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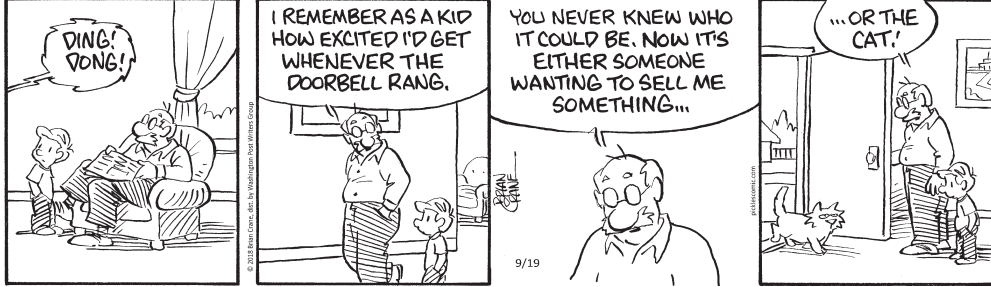
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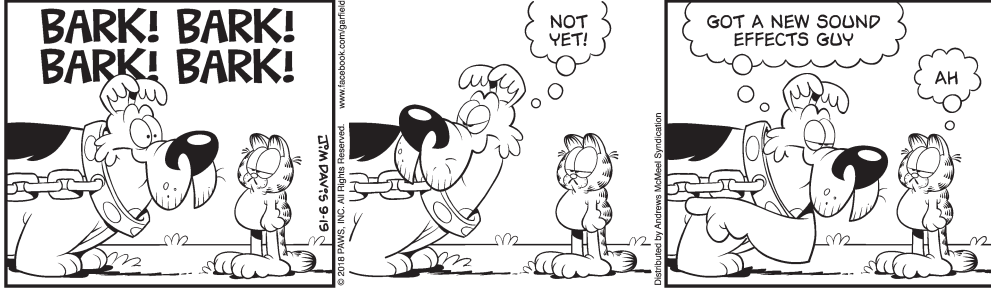
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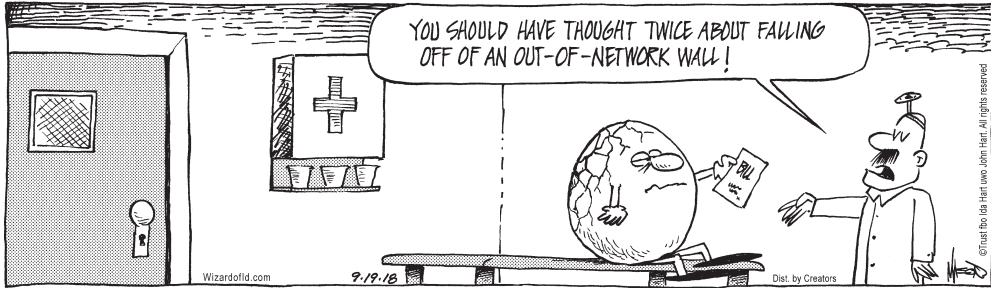
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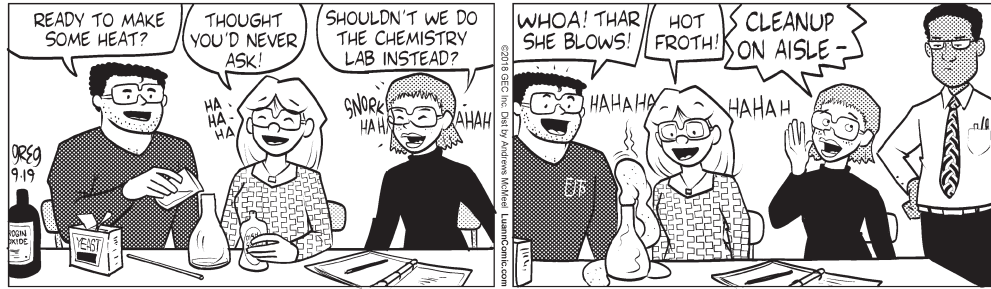
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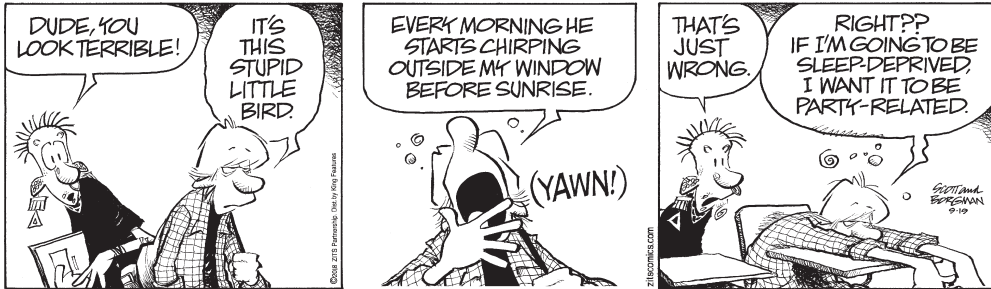
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DEAR ABBY

Mom wants to shield her kids from relative's new lifestyle



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: A close relative has started working in the adult industry. She now dresses provocatively, showing lots of skin. She has also covered much of her body with tattoos and adopted the lifestyle of someone in that field. Our family assumes she's "going through a phase" and has no idea what she's really up to.

heart skipped a beat. What I'm asking is, do I settle for the guy I've been dating because that's what I'm ready for? He's a great guy who cares a lot about my daughter and me. I can be a faithful and loving wife, which he wants. Or should I let him go because my heart truly isn't there? Please help me, even though I don't deserve it.

I have two small children I don't really want around her, but I'm not sure how to handle the situation. I don't want to tell her mom what she's really doing, but at the same time, I don't want my kids thinking that's how people in society are. Please help.

Dear Settling: Warning: Heartbreak ahead. Although you say you are ready for marriage and happily ever after, I don't think it's true. I can't warn you strongly enough not to marry one man while in your heart you yearn for someone else. It's a recipe for disaster, and the collateral damage will be not only Mr. Six Months but also your child.

Dear Nervous: If you no longer want to be around this person, no law says you have to be. If your relatives ask you about your absence, tell them the reason. If they don't, don't tattle. This isn't an emergency; rest assured her parents will find out eventually.

Dear Abby: I received a drunken text from my son's friend telling me my son is gay. It rambled on about their relationship. I decided not to question my son about it because, if it is true, it won't change our relationship. It really doesn't matter to me. They live in another state.

As to her being a bad influence on your children, take this as an opportunity for a teachable moment about people coming in "different packaging" and not judging a book by its cover.

This is a dilemma because I worry about this "friend" not being trustworthy. Is this my business? Should I tell my son? What if he gets upset?

Dear Abby: I'm confused and not sure what to do. I'm a 32-year-old single mom who is a hopeless romantic. I've been seeing someone for six months. He is already talking about marriage and a happily ever after, which I am ready for.

Dear Taken: You should absolutely have a talk with your son about the text you received. Ask him if what the friend said is true, and if it is, why you didn't hear it from him. Don't be angry or accusatory. Just be sure to assure him how much you love him and that your feelings for him have not changed. He may need to hear you verbalize it.

The downside is, not long after we started dating, I met someone who makes me question everything. He's someone I can't actually be with because — yes, he's married. I'm disgusted with myself for allowing this to happen, but the minute our eyes met,

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 19, 1918

Mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of men in the service are asked and urged to participate in the patriotic section of the Westward Ho! parade Saturday. This not only applies to the women of Pendleton but to visiting women who have immediate relatives in the uniform of Uncle Sam, who are invited to take part in this great demonstration of the sacrifices made by American homes in the fight against the menace of the Hun. By a singular coincidence the treasury department fixed the day for a nationwide demonstration by the women of America on the same date as Pendleton's annual Round-Up pageant.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 19, 1968

A man who is trying to stir up a grass roots demand to Congress for free flow of information on flying saucers will speak here Thursday and Friday. He is Wayne S. Aho, Eatonville, Wash. Aho is an Army veteran of World War II and holds the Bronze Star and Purple

Heart. He has lectured on unidentified flying objects since 1957. Aho says the UFOs seem to follow him on his speaking tours, which have covered a million miles. He says UFOs frequently are seen in an area after his lectures. He said he has seen UFOs 20 times and that the beings that pilot them "are trying to give us aid if we will receive it. ... They are trying to help us prepare for cataclysmic change."

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Sept. 19, 1993

Saddle bronc rider Clyde Longfellow of Hermiston, riding Turtle Mountain, just missed on his bid for Saturday's finals with a 74-point ride Friday. That's still not bad for the 51-year-old rider who is making his return to rodeo after a long absence. "I quit nine years ago because I guess I'd figured out that quitting doesn't mean you're going to get any younger or older," Longfellow said after his ride. During his nine-year hiatus from rodeo, Longfellow bought a boat and spent a lot of free time fishing and he even took up downhill skiing. He returned to rodeo this year saying he missed the competition.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 19, 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2 1/2 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 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.

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 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, in Los Angeles as part of his U.S. tour, reacted angrily upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't get to visit Disneyland.

In 1970, the "Mary Tyler Moore" show debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1982, the smiley emoticon was invented by Carnegie Mellon University professor Scott E. Fahlman, who suggested punctuating computer messages with a colon followed by a hyphen and a parenthesis as a horizontal "smiley face."

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by a devastating earthquake that killed at least 9,500 people.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to

thousands of AIDS patients.

Today's Birthdays: Host James Lipton (TV: "Inside the Actors Studio") is 92. Actress Rosemary Harris is 91. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 91. Actor David McCallum is 85. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 78. Actor Jeremy Irons is 70. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 69. TV personality Joan Lunden is 68. Rock singer Lita Ford is 60. Celebrity chef Mario Batali is 58. Actress-comedian Cheri Oteri is 56. "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon is 44.

Thought for Today: "He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must be either a beast or a god; he is no part of a state." — Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384 B.C.-322 B.C.).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

