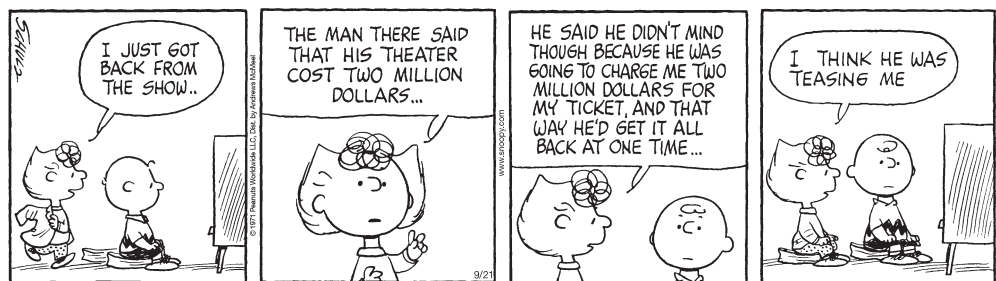


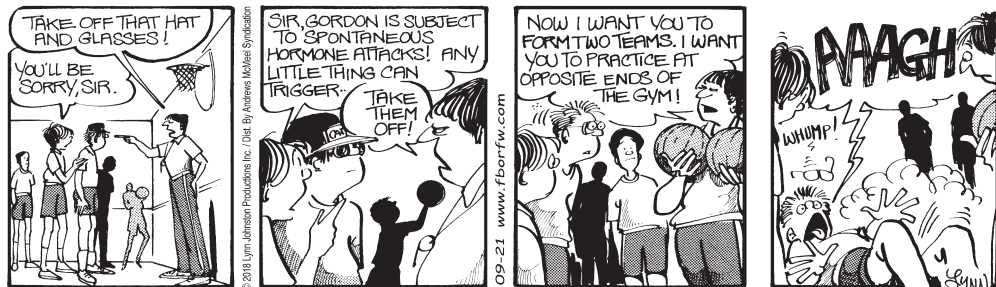
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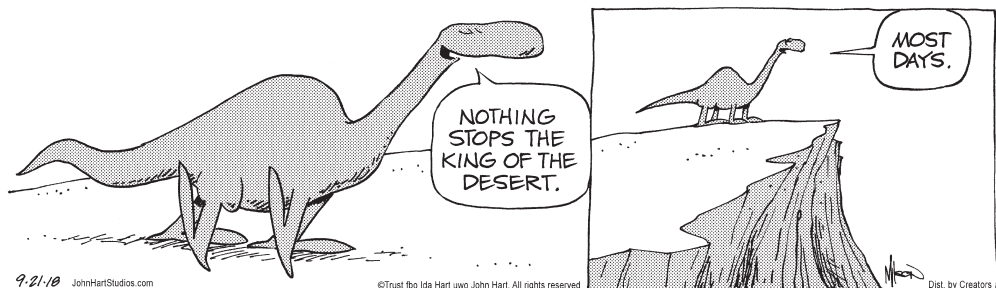
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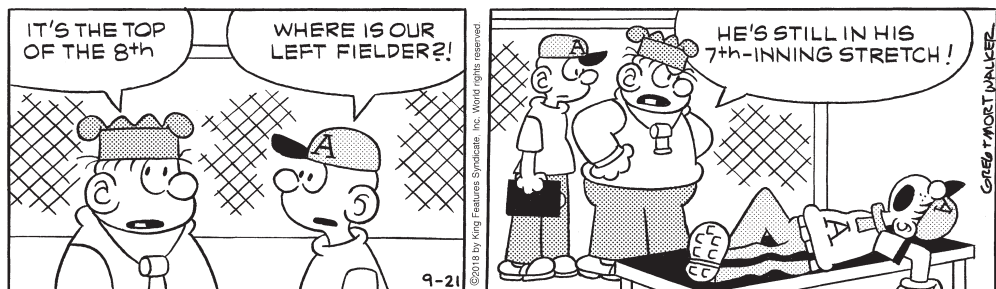
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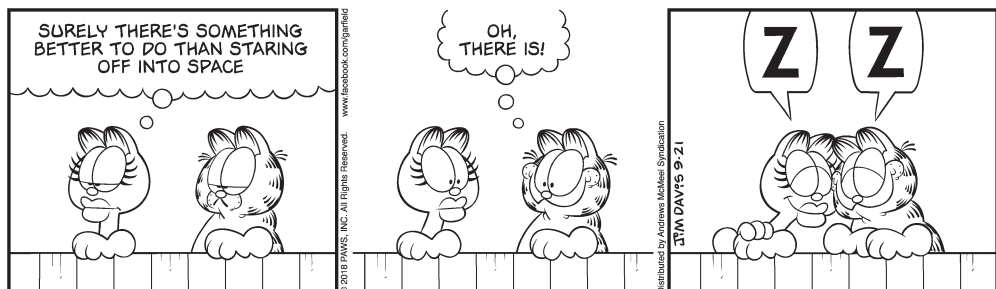
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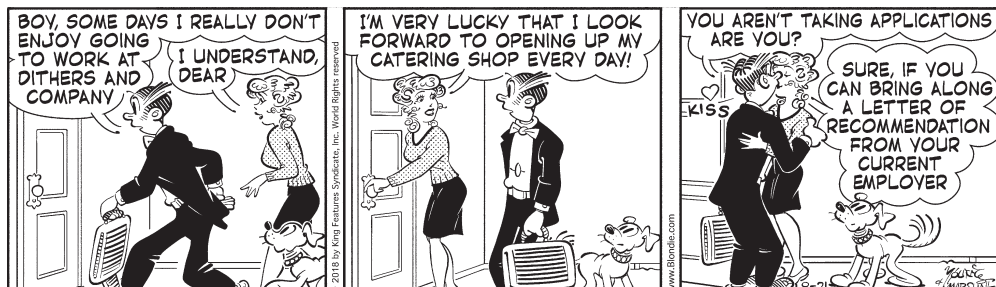
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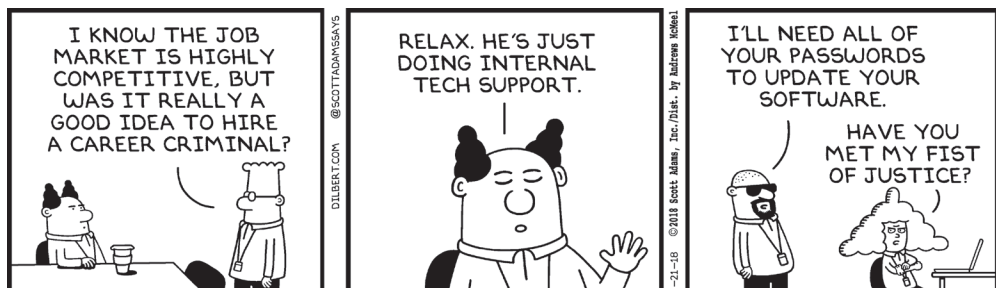
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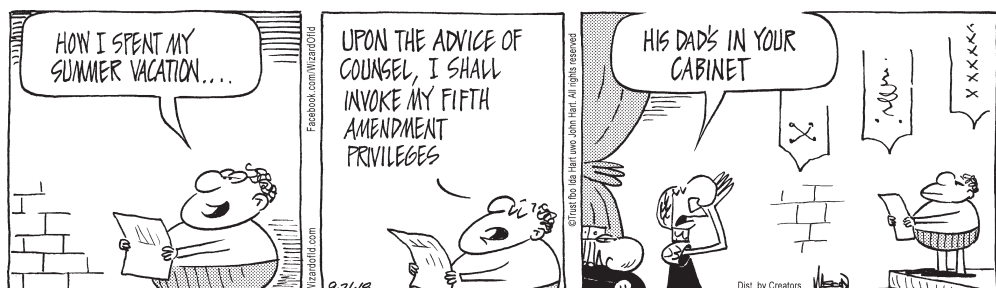
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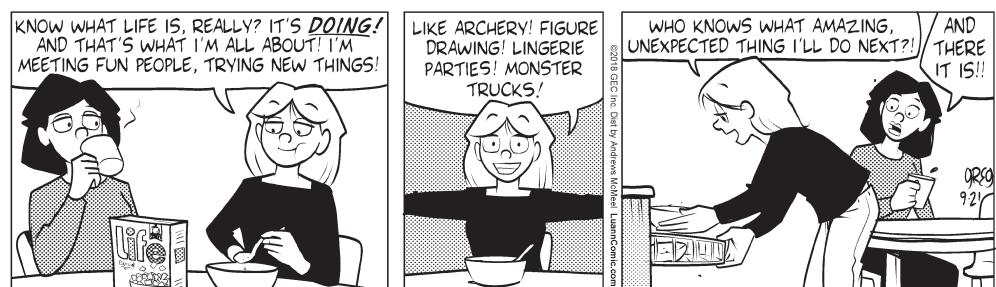
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BY GREG EVANS



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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Accident ends couple's plan to have children together



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I am 15 years older than my boyfriend, "Spencer," and have two kids from a previous marriage. Spencer and I have been living together for the past 10 years.

I planned to have his child, but was involved in an accident and now can no longer have kids. He blames me nearly every day for having "experienced life" while he hasn't. He wants kids, and mine are mine — not his. He calls me ugly names now and is physically and emotionally abusive.

I love Spencer very much, and I feel deeply hurt. It wasn't my choice to be infertile, but he truly hates me for it. I get choked and pushed and have bruises the next day. Do I just give up and leave him after so many years of harmony?

This has only gotten extremely bad over the past year. My gut says he's involved with a girl at work who is giving him bad advice. She's 12 years younger than he is. I have caught them texting and talking together in our car at his job. Please help me with some advice. — **Lost Soul In Oregon**

Dear Lost Soul: I'll try. You should have drawn the line the first time Spencer became abusive. For the sake of your children — not to mention your own safety — tell him he has to leave. That's what he's really trying to do, force you to end what has become a toxic relationship so he won't have to take the responsibility. Because his priority is having children "of his own," he needs to move on and, frankly, so do you.

Dear Abby: I am NOT one of those fit, active, socially involved and sexy senior citizens. I had a hard childhood, was a busy wife and mother and, for decades, worked at jobs I hated. I spent years longing for the day when I could retire and read, read, read without feeling guilty about taking time for myself.

Now that I'm retired, my baby boomer cohort seems to feel we seniors should all be wonder women and men. Worse, my millennial children seem to agree. Is there a succinct and polite way to tell them all to go take a flying leap? I'm perfectly OK with being fat, happy and a source of entertainment for my grandchildren, who are — fortunately — too small to be judgmental.

— **Old-Fashioned In Ohio**

Dear Old-Fashioned: Those who appear to be nagging you are well-intentioned and concerned about you. So be polite and smile when you respond that you know they mean well, but you have worked long and hard to finally be able to do exactly what you want to do — which is nothing but read, read, read and enjoy your grandchildren.

That said, a person does not have to be Wonder Woman or Superman to devote half an hour five days a week to her or his health by walking. You could listen to an audiobook while you do it. In addition, you could also do something fun with your grandkids that incorporates a little bit of movement for all of you. Just sayin'.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 21, 1918

Three Round-Up directors are now serving with the American army in France. They are First Lieutenant Fred Steiwer who won his commission at the second training camp at the Presidio and has been with the artillery in France since last winter; Roy W. Ritner, who is a captain in the Red Cross service; and Lieutenant James H. Sturgis, who is also in the artillery. Lieut. Sturgis enlisted in the Washington artillery and was promoted first to sergeant and then to a lieutenant. All three of these men were active Round-Up workers while here, Mr. Ritner having served continuously from the inception of the Round-Up until this year.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 21, 1968

An invitation to witness history next Saturday at the dedication the mile-long, \$448 million John Day Dam has been extended throughout the Pacific Northwest by Charles Baker and Andrew J. Cook, co-chairmen of the event. Upon a signal, spillway gates will be operated to change the flow over the spillway; and the navigation lock's lower gate will

be raised to allow a tug and barge combination to pass downstream. The barge will contain 10,000 tons of grain and will represent the largest shipment ever transported along the upper river. Waiting below the locks for passage to the upper river will be the Pacific Inland Navigation Co. tug Tyee with a barge containing anhydrous ammonia. With a maximum rise of 113 feet, the John Day Dam lock is the highest single lift navigation lock in the world.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 21, 1993

On Friday, Ed Simpson joked that he had a reason to stick around after he qualified for the wild horse race finals at the Pendleton Round-Up. If his team hadn't won, he could head home to Redmond. Actually, Ed's wedding was scheduled Saturday morning in Sherwood Park. Ed and Vicki Simpson were married previously for 11 years, then divorced for six years. They renewed their relationship in January, and they chose the Round-Up to repeat their vows. Ed and Vicki first met at a rodeo in Rawlins, Wyo. They knew family and rodeo friends all would be gathered here. The couple's children, Laurie, 14, and Eddy, 6, also watched the remarriage.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 21, 1981, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

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

In 1893, one of America's first horseless carriages was taken for a short test drive in Springfield, Mass., by Frank Duryea, who had designed the vehicle with his brother, Charles.

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

In 1983, in a speech to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Interior Secretary James G. Watt jokingly described a special advisory panel as consisting of "a black ... a woman, two Jews and a cripple." Although Watt later apologized, he ended up resigning.

In 1985, in North Korea and South Korea, family members who had been separated for decades were allowed to visit each other as both countries opened their borders in an unprecedented family-reunion program.

In 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths 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.

In 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. married Carolyn Bessette in a secret ceremony on

Cumberland Island, Georgia. The board of all-male Virginia Military Institute voted to admit women.

Today's Birthdays: Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 77. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer is 75. Former Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear is 74. Musician Don Felder is 71. Author Stephen King is 71. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 68. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 59. Actress Cheryl Hines is 53. Country singer Faith Hill is 51. Country singer Ronna Reeves is 50. Actress-talk show host Ricki Lake is 50. Actor Alfonso Ribeiro is 47. Actor Luke Wilson is 47. Actress Maggie Grace is 35.

Thought for Today: "All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident." — *Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher (born 1788, died this date in 1860).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

