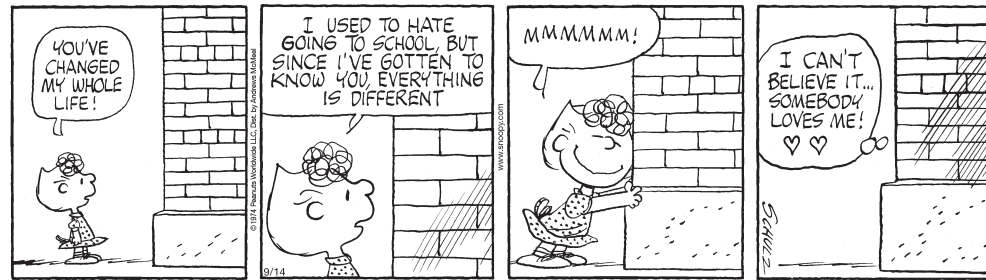


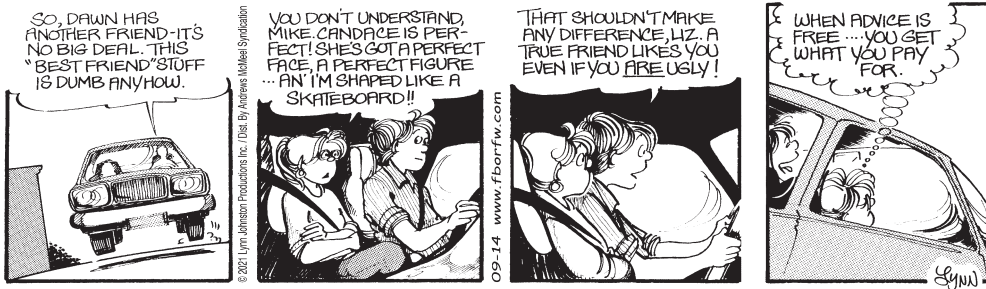
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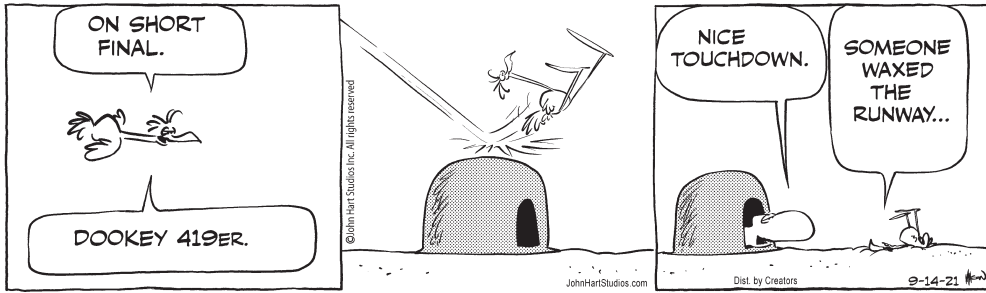
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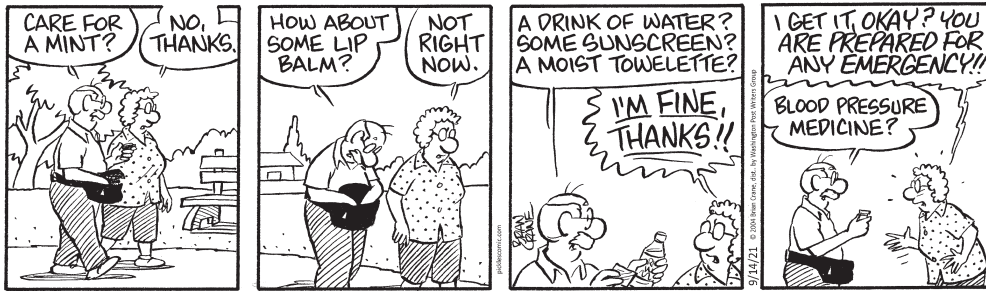
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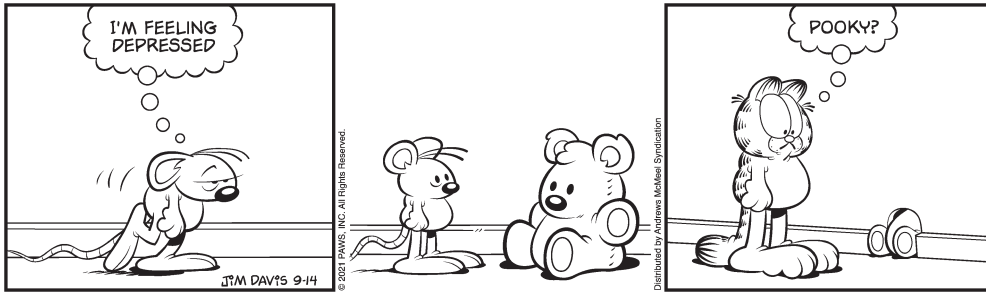
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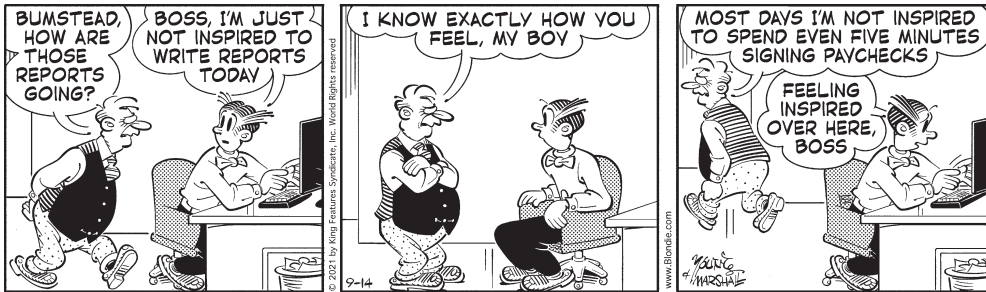
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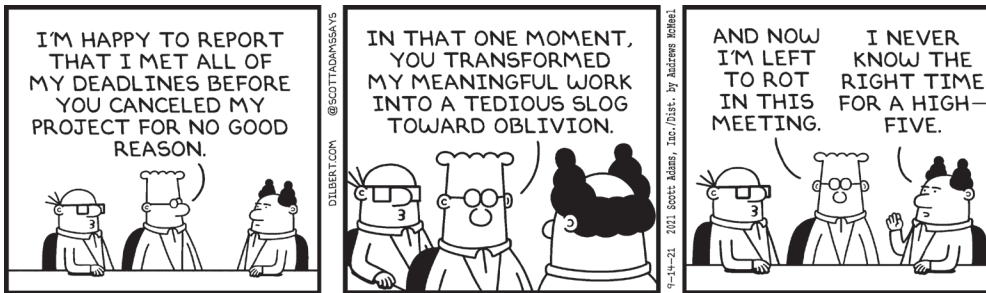
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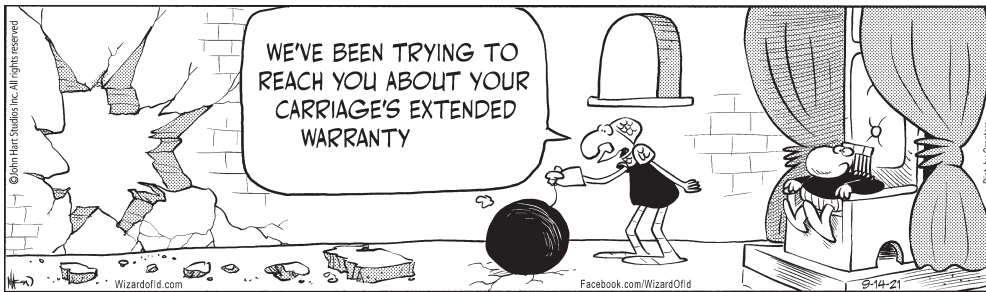
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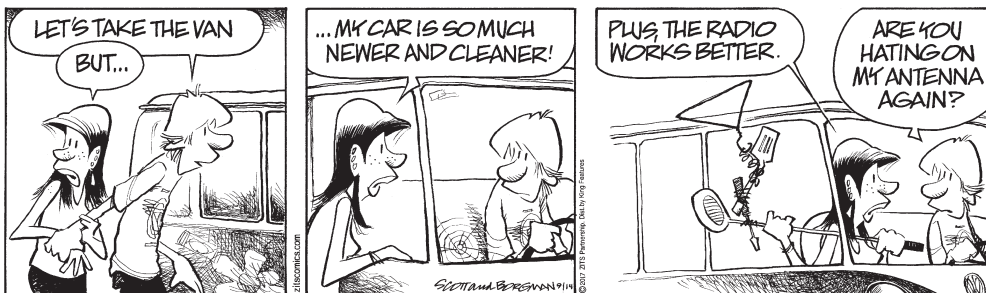
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DEAR ABBY

Career stress impacts family's interactions

Dear Abby: I am currently without a job. I hesitated to inform my mother because I was sure her reaction would only add to my stress. I was right. She constantly corners me about my efforts to find a job. I talk to her nearly every day to keep up with how she and my stepfather are doing. Because she never fails to dig into me about my job search progress, I now find ways to shorten our conversations.

I can get a job or two to sustain my living expenses for the time being. However, I'm trying to hold out for a job or career that connects to my soul passion. Working for decades in a job that sustains me and my children is no match for the longing of my passion. (I'm still not sure what it is.)

How do I curb my mother's pushing me for a resolution without coming off as annoyed, which I am? I'm sure she wants to express her concern, but I want support in my efforts without feeling condemned. Help me, please. — Annoyed in Alabama

Dear Annoyed: I will try. Because you still aren't sure what your "soul passion" is, it's time to find out. A place to start might be a career counseling center (some universities have them). Contact one or more and inquire whether they offer career counseling and aptitude testing. The test results will tell you what you are best suited for.

Of course, this service is not offered for free, which is why you might want to buckle

down and take a job or two in the meantime to afford it, as well as to feed your little family. As to your mother, who may be worried because you don't yet have a plan of action, explain to her about seeking career counseling and she may calm down.

Dear Abby: I've been seeing a man, "Carson," on and off for about five years. Last year, when I asked him if we were exclusive, he quickly said no, so I went and slept with an ex and became pregnant. I didn't reach out to Carson because I thought the baby belonged to my ex, but when the baby was born I quickly realized she might be Carson's. When I told him, he immediately denied she was his but still rekindled our relationship. Abby, he disappears frequently

and doesn't answer my calls. What should I do? Leave him? Stay? I do love him. — Hopeless Romantic in Pennsylvania

Dear Hopeless Romantic: Have your child DNA-tested. If it proves she IS Carson's, he should be contributing to his daughter's support. (The same goes for anyone else you think could be the father.) It's important that you understand this man behaves the way he does because he is not in love with you and doesn't care about your feelings. He sees other women, just as he did the first time around. If this is the way you want to be treated, continue this relationship. If, however, you think you deserve something — anything — better, end this poor excuse for a romance now.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Sept. 14, 1921

There'll be no real gambling at Happy Canyon. Though the show will have more thrills than ever and some especially good stunts as well as a much larger dancing space there will be no wheel of fortune offering really valuable merchandise to those who try their luck. A suggestion that merchandise, including Indian robes, be given was overwhelmingly rejected by the board. It was held it would be a mistake to allow anything smacking of real gambling, even should the law permit. To this end there will be many more policemen than in the past and firm steps will be taken to check anything that borders on objectional conduct.

50 Years Ago Sept. 14, 1971

First you draw a plan, then you make a model. You get some service clubs interested, and eventually your project gets under way. This is the way a new "greenway" is to come about in Milton-Freewater. A new fire station is being built to replace the old Freewater station, and Mayor Barney Pilger said the city will improve the grounds between the Community Building and the fire station.

The big lot is already seeded to grass and shaded by trees. On a tour of the site, the mayor related a bit of colorful history. He pointed to a covered water pipe behind the new fire hall. "This was a well and they had a terrible time getting all the concrete dug out when they were starting construction here. This property was once privately owned, and the well was the water supply for the house on the lot. The owner killed his wife and dumped her into the well, then poured concrete into it."

25 Years Ago Sept. 14, 1996

Once, it was a necessity; catch a wild horse, throw a saddle on it and put the bravest, or most foolhardy, on top of the 1,000-pound animal to ride it into submission. Later, it turned into a game among the cowboys. Today, the wild horse race is a popular event at the Round-Up and is growing into a full-fledged sport in its own right. Vern Garrett has been participating about 27 years and he's seen a lot of cowboys hurt over the years. He credits the "cleaning up" of the sport for part of its popularity. "The cowboys don't go out there drinking and the horses don't win as often."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write the poem "Defence of Fort McHenry" (later "The Star-Spangled Banner") after witnessing the American flag flying over the Maryland fort following a night of British naval bombardment during the War of 1812.

In 1812, Napoleon Bonaparte's troops entered Moscow following the Battle of Borodino to find the Russian city largely abandoned and parts set ablaze.

In 1836, former Vice President Aaron Burr died in Staten Island, N.Y., at age 80.

In 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner Judah off Pensacola, Florida.

In 1901, President William McKinley died in Buffalo, New York, of gunshot wounds inflicted

by an assassin; Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car she was riding in.

In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly film star Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before; Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was killed by a bomb.

In 2001, Americans packed churches and clogged public squares on a day of remembrance for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. President George W. Bush prayed with his Cabinet and attended services at Washington National Cathedral, then flew to New York, where he waded into the ruins of the World Trade Center and addressed rescue workers in a flag-wav-

ing, bullhorn-wielding show of resolve.

In 2010, Reggie Bush announced he was forfeiting his 2005 Heisman title, citing a scandal over improper benefits while he was a star running back at Southern California; it was the first time college football's top award had been relinquished by a recipient.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Walter Koenig is 85. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown is 81. Singer-actor Joey Heatherton is 77. Actor Sam Neill is 74. Singer Jon "Bowzer" Bauman (Sha Na Na) is 74. Actor Robert Wisdom is 68. Rock musician Steve Berlin (Los Lobos) is 66. Country singer-songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman is 65. Actor Mary Crosby is 62. Singer Morten Harket (a-ha) is 62. Country singer John Berry is 62.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

