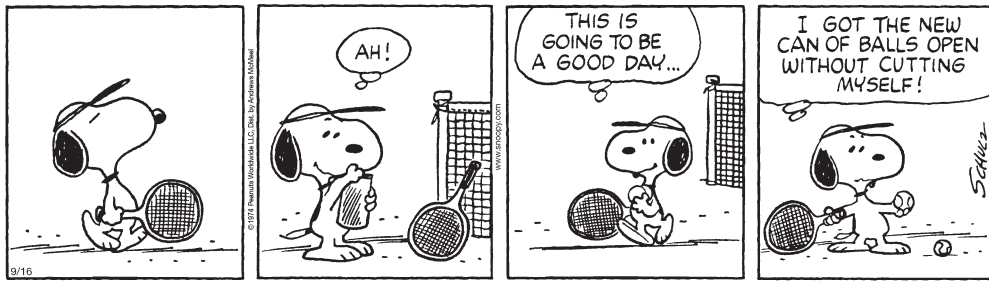


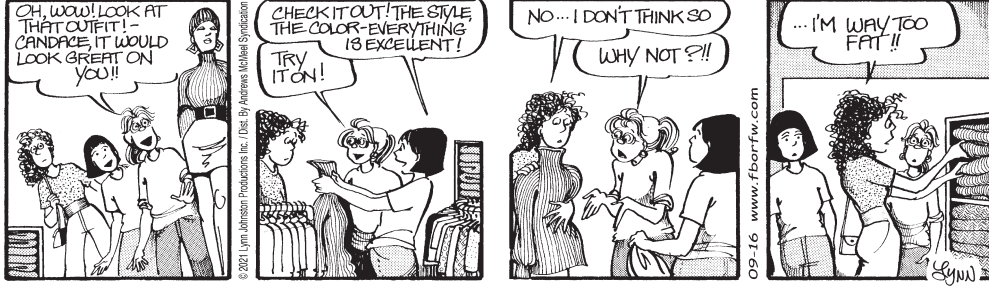
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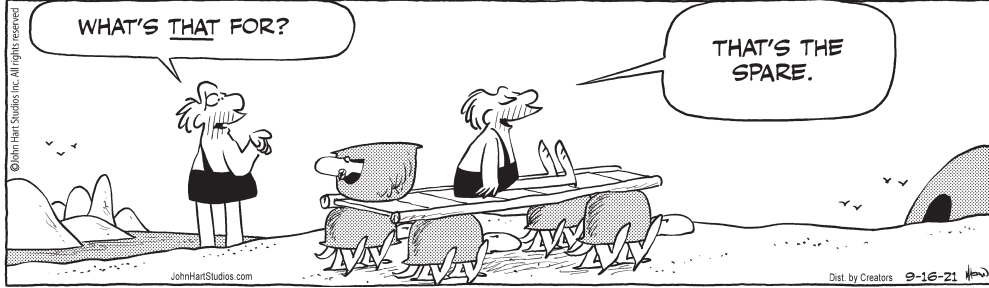
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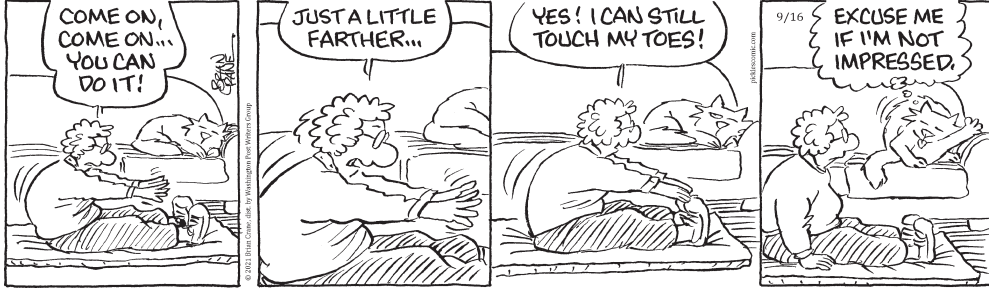
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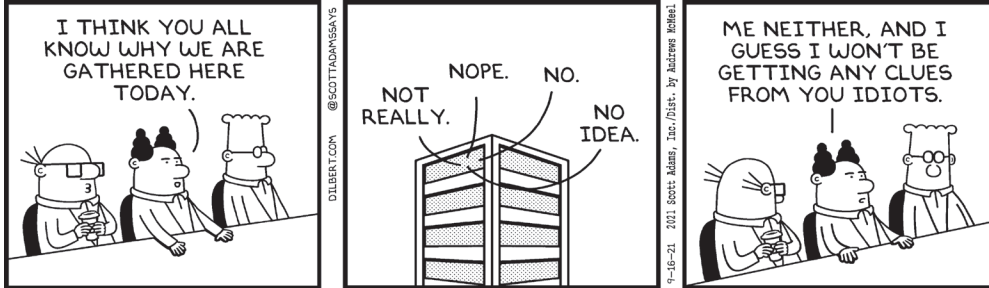
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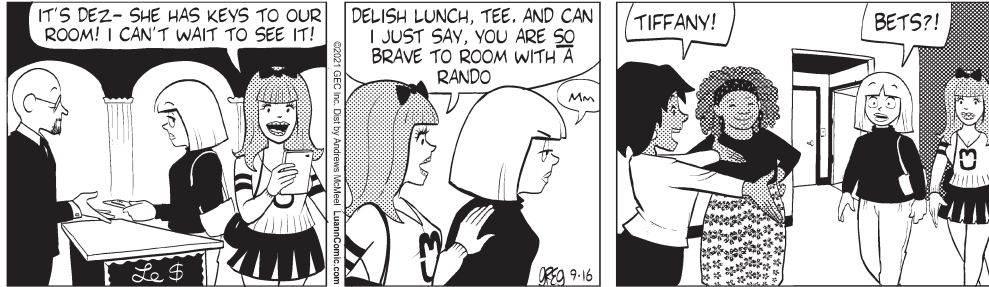
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DEAR ABBY

Wife of nearly three decades has never initiated intimacy

Dear Abby: After 28 years of marriage, is it strange that I would like my wife to initiate sex? I would like to know that she is interested, not just me. When I brought it up three weeks ago, her response again was, "We can whenever you want to," which wasn't true because I have been turned down before. Any suggestions? She stays home all day and wants for nothing. Do you think she's getting it somewhere else? — Frustrated in the Bedroom

Dear Frustrated: I hope your wife is intelligent enough to recognize a red flag when it's waved in front of her. I have a strong hunch that she isn't "getting it somewhere else." It's more likely she no longer has a strong sex drive at this point in her life, or she may never have. Also, she may not know HOW to initiate and need coaching. If you can't teach her, enlist the aid of a sex therapist. (Your doctor may be able to refer you to one.) If you do, it may not only spice up but save your marriage.

Dear Abby: I live on the opposite coast from my family. During the pandemic, my youngest brother and his wife bought a new, very large house. He told me they had plenty of room and, the next time we come for a visit, they want us to stay with them. Well, that visit will be in November, but no invitation to stay has been extended. Should I remind my brother about his invitation, or should we just book a hotel? My gut instinct is to book the hotel, but my brother is very sensitive to how the family treats him, and I

don't want to hurt his feelings. What should I do? — Big Sis in California

Dear Big Sis: Ask your brother if his offer still stands, since it has been some time since he extended his "generous invitation." Listen carefully to his reaction. If you sense that he may have forgotten or the situation has changed because of COVID, tell him it would not be a problem for you to book accommodations at a hotel if it's more convenient. Doing this should not cause hurt feelings.

Dear Abby: My wife and I have been married 32 years. We are still in love and consider each other

our best friend. We survived some rough patches and learned how to make things right. I have one concern at this point in our journey. My wife constantly says, "I hate myself." The more she says it out loud, the more I see the impact on her emotionally. What can a partner do to help? I'm 100% supportive of all she does and totally attracted to her, yet I can't see this being healthy. Please help and thanks. — Dirty Words in Connecticut

Dear Dirty Words: The next time your wife tells you she hates herself, ask her why she is being so hard on herself and ask her to be specific about what it is she hates. Explain that you love her exactly as she is and worry that what she's doing isn't emotionally healthy. (I agree, by the way.) If she persists after that, suggest she make an appointment with a licensed mental health professional to discuss it.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Sept. 16, 1921

"Where did you get those clothes?" When an 18-year-old youth, who says he is Charlie Clifford, told John Hamley this morning that he had "bought them from a fellow," John disagreed with him and escorted the young man to the police station, because the clothes that Clifford was wearing were stolen from the Hamley residence a few days since. Clifford is said to have confessed to the whole thing, and a search made by the police of his rooms disclosed nearly all of the things that John Hamley was missing. Clifford was wearing Hamley's hat, and it was this that caused his undoing because Starling Livermore, who is employed at Hamley's, saw the stranger in the post office this morning and he recognized the headgear. He telephoned Hamley to get on the youth's trail. Clifford's arrest followed shortly afterward.

50 Years Ago Sept. 16, 1971

The former Mabel Strickland, now Mrs. Sam Woodward of Buckeye, Ariz., "is undoubtedly the greatest cowgirl there ever was," said E. N. "Pink" Boylen of Pendleton, who was a Round-Up official when Mrs. Woodward was queen of the Pendleton show in 1927, one of the years in which she also

performed at the Round-Up. The first woman elected to the Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame, Mrs. Woodward is called by some the greatest flat race and relay race rider ever. She credits Allen Drumheller, another elected this year to the Hall of Fame. "He taught me everything I knew about race horses." She was 13 when she made her first trick riding appearance. "My folks didn't think very much of my performing," she remembers. "In those days, they thought just bad people took part in rodeos."

25 Years Ago Sept. 16, 1996

A crowd never cheers louder than when a hometown star wins. That's what it was like Saturday at the finals of the 1996 Pendleton Round-Up when Pendleton's Tom Sorey won the steer roping title. "It's something everybody dreams about and I've been hearing about it all my life," Sorey said after his 17.5-second run for a 45.5 average to win the title. "My uncle, Joe Bergevin, won it in '59 and our family's kinda had this thing about the Round-Up ever since." Sorey was also the recipient of the Mike Currin Memorial Award for the high point Columbia River Circuit timed-event cowboy at the Round-Up. He was joined on his victory lap by his 2-year-old son, Pake.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 16, 1974, President Gerald R. Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

In 1630, the Massachusetts village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston.

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.

In 1982, the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 1987, two dozen countries signed the Montreal Protocol, a treaty designed to save the Earth's ozone layer by calling on nations to reduce emissions of harmful chemicals by the year 2000.

In 2001, President George W. Bush, speaking on the South Lawn of the White House, said there was "no question" Osama bin Laden and his followers were the prime suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks; Bush pledged the government would "find them, get them running and hunt them down."

In 2007, contractors for the U.S. security firm Blackwater USA guarding a U.S. State Department convoy in Baghdad opened fire on civilian vehicles, mistakenly believing they were under attack; 14 Iraqis died. O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas.

In 2012, in appearances on Sunday news shows, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, said there was no evidence that

the attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost in Benghazi, Libya, was premeditated. But Libya's interim president, Mohammed el-Megarif, told CBS he had no doubt attackers spent months planning the assault and purposely chose the date, Sept. 11.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Janis Paige is 99. Actor George Chakiris is 89. Bluesman Billy Boy Arnold is 86. Movie director Jim McBride is 80. Actor Linda Miller is 79. R&B singer Betty Kelley (Martha & the Vandellas) is 77. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 73. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 73. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 72. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 71. Actor Mickey Rourke is 69.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

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