

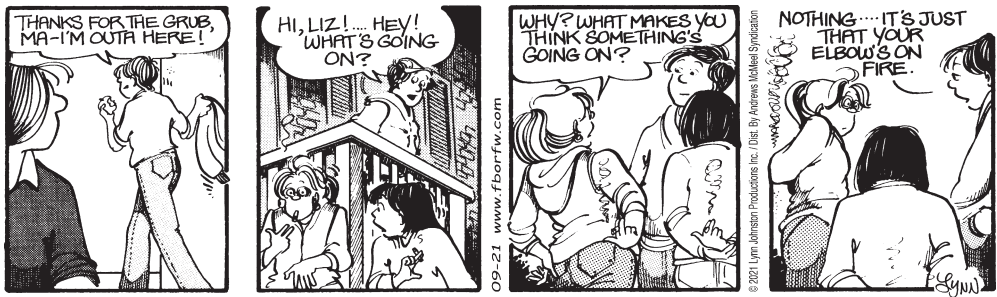
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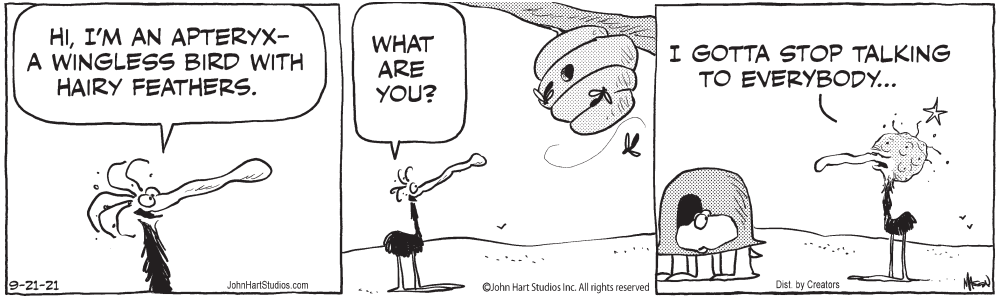
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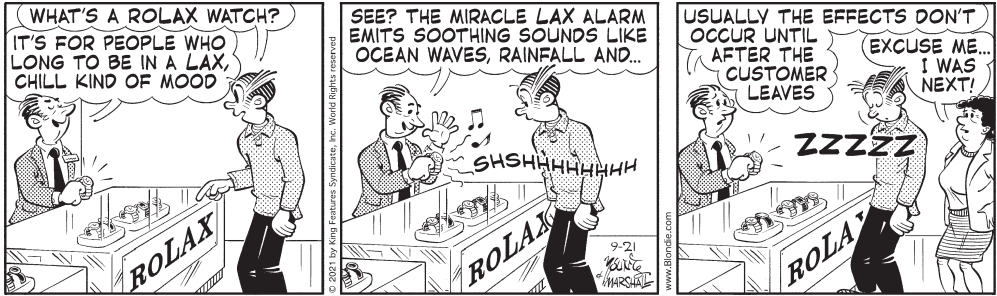
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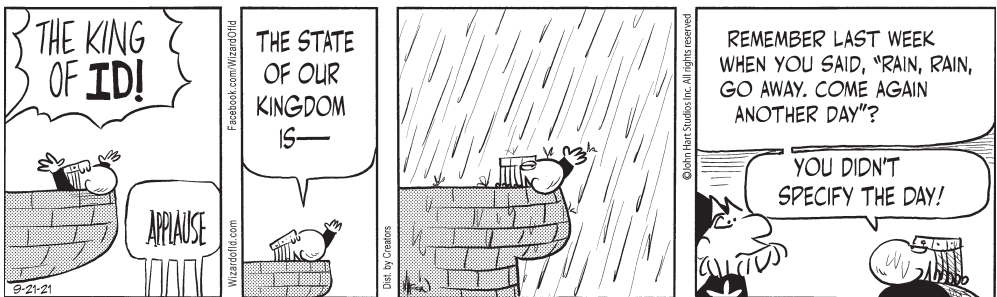
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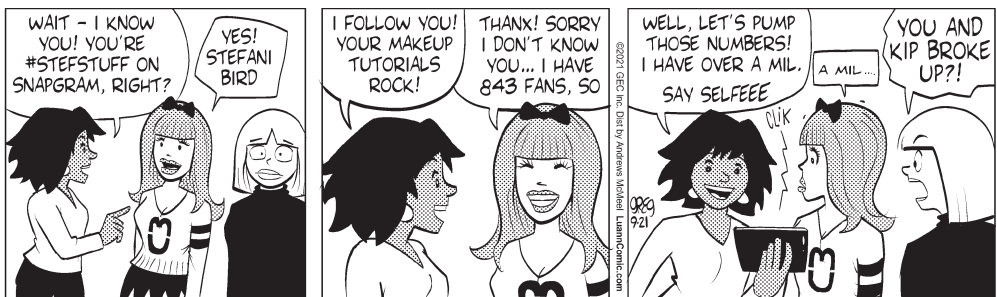
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BY PARKER AND HART



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BY GREG EVANS



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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Longtime friendship is complicated by arrest



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have a former high school classmate who I've gotten close to. He lives several hours away, but we talked almost daily.

A few months ago I stopped hearing from him, and his social media profile went dark. I had a bad feeling, so I Googled him and was shocked to see he had been arrested! While it wasn't a violent crime, it was horrible just the same. He has called me several times from prison, declaring his innocence — always requesting money.

I feel hurt and used. Part of me says I need to end the friendship; the other part says he needs friends right now and it's not my place to judge him. I have refused to accept his last few calls because I really don't know what to do. Your thoughts are appreciated. — Blindsided In Pennsylvania

Dear Blindsided: This person hasn't used you — yet. The next time he reaches out, accept the call. When you do, make clear that you can offer moral support, but you cannot give him money because you live paycheck to paycheck. You may not hear from him after that. But if he continues to ask, take a giant step backward and recognize this friendship has run its course.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been together for three years. He re-

cently went back to his home state 1,000 miles away for what I thought would be a two-day trip to grab some things from his late mother's estate. He has been unemployed for most of this past year due to the pandemic, so I'm somewhat conflicted about something he told me when I called to ask when he was coming home. He said he found a job and decided he wants to stay there and work for some months to save up enough money to pay off the bulk of our debt.

He did not consult me before making this decision. He told me he has worked out a COVID-safe housing arrangement with his sister and his aunt. The type of work he will be doing there is something he could do here, where our home is. I don't want to discourage him, but it baffles me that he would take a job 1,000 miles away. What if something were to happen to me or our animals? When I told him I didn't agree with his decision, he told me I should be happy he's no longer unemployed. How should I handle this? — Far Away In Missouri

Dear Far Away: Your husband shouldn't have taken a job 1,000 miles away without first talking with you. That said, what's done is done, and you need to let this play out. There's nothing to stop you from visiting. Fortunately, you and the animals are all doing well. If circumstances change, he can always quit the job and come back.

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Sept. 21, 1921

There's another town in Pendleton today. Its population numbers a minimum of 500 souls — that was the estimate this morning — and it is growing by leaps and bounds, at the same rate that has often been recorded in the case of camps who are centers of oil finds or newly discovered gold fields. In this case, the twelfth Pendleton Round-Up is the attraction. Housed under white and khaki canvas, the residents of "Little Pendleton," drawn here from every section of the United States, are fraternizing in the auto camp grounds at the east end of the city. Every conceivable kind of camping and cooking outfit is doing service. There are several carloads from the eastern border of the country. Vermont, Florida, Ohio, several cars from Wisconsin and other states are well represented.

50 Years Ago Sept. 21, 1971

The McNary Golf Club is important in the life of Gene Hiatt, manager of the Umatilla Toll Bridge. And the club is about to take on a new meaning for Hiatt. Friday, at 2 p.m., Hiatt and Fern Gilham, owner and operator of Fern's Beauty Shop at McNary, plan to be married on the golf club's hole No. 9. Why did they select No. 9? The prospective bridegroom says he

made a hole in one on that green a few years ago. Hiatt worked for five years in expanding the club's facilities and helping bring it up to what is considered an excellent 18-hole course. He was president three years and one of the club's most dedicated members. Hiatt's father, the late Ursel Hiatt, also figured prominently at the club, and the lake on the course is named for him.

25 Years Ago Sept. 21, 1996

Customer service is alive and well and exists in the person of Sharon Parker, who postponed collecting her \$100,000 Powerball winnings to handle hungry Round-Up crowds at Kentucky Fried Chicken. Sharon and her husband, Ronald Parker, knew Sunday that they had drawn the 100th winning Powerball ticket sold in Oregon, but they didn't leave for Salem to pick up their \$72,000 check — their actual winnings after taxes — until Monday. Sharon Porter decided instead it was more important to stay and push the poultry to hungry patrons during Round-Up. "She knew it was Round-Up week so she decided to work," said Kentucky Fried Chicken owner and manager Karl Lutz. "We have great employees working for us." And working for the Colonel is what the 55-year-old Sharon Porter will continue to do, for now. "It's going to mean debt-free retirement," she said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 21, 1989, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths in the Caribbean and 29 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 1912, magician Harry Houdini first publicly performed his "Water Torture Cell" trick at the Circus Busch in Berlin.

In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and claiming some 700 lives.

In 1961, the first Boeing CH-47 Chinook military helicopter made its first hovering flight.

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

In 1982, Amin Gemayel, brother of Lebanon's assassinated president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was himself elected president. National Football League players began a 57-day strike, their first regular-season walkout ever.

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

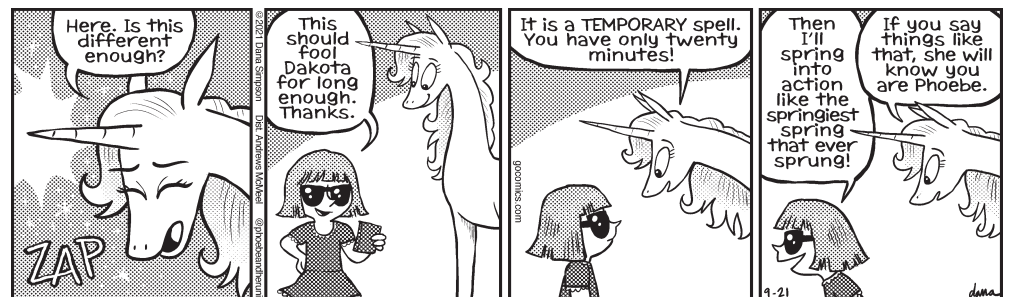
opened their borders in an unprecedented family-reunion program.

In 1987, NFL players called a strike, mainly over the issue of free agency. (The 24-day walkout prompted football owners to hire replacement players.)

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages, a day after saying the law should not be used as an excuse for discrimination, violence or intimidation against gays and lesbians. (Although never formally repealed, DoMA was effectively overturned by U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 2013 and 2015.)

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

