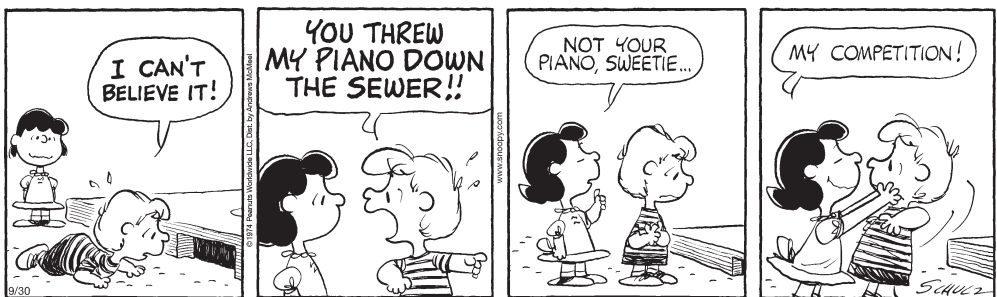


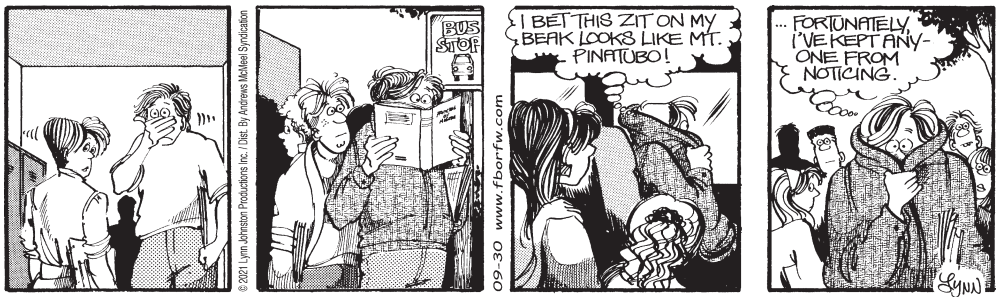
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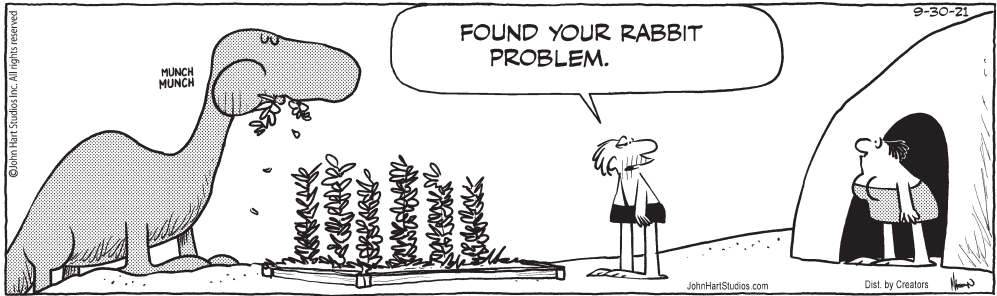
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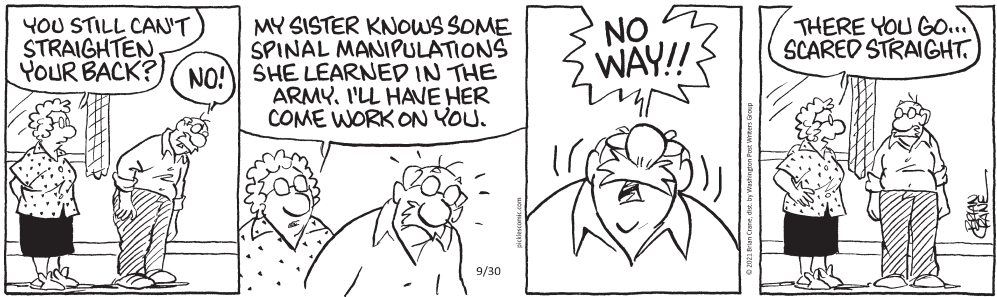
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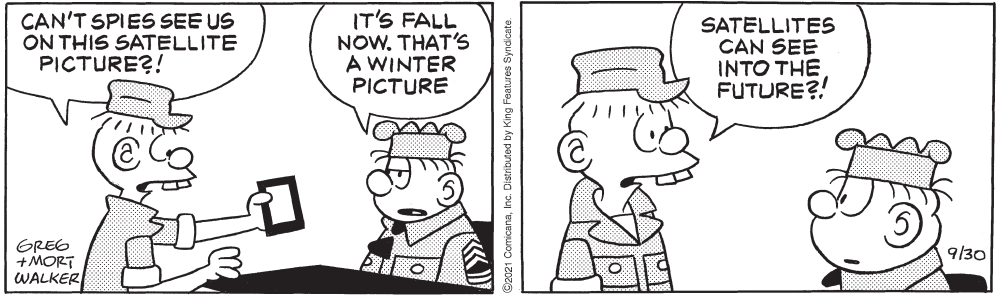
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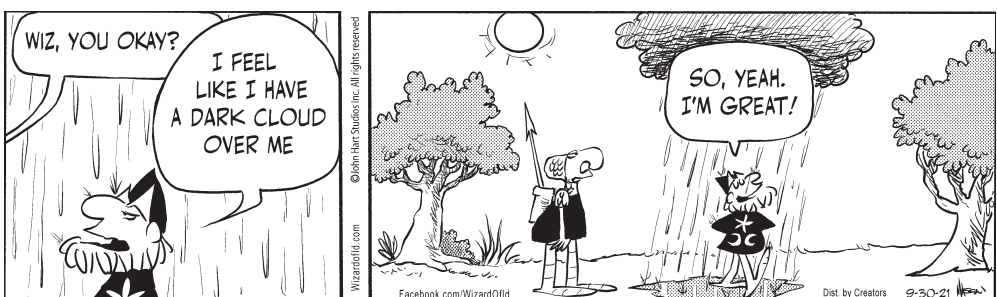
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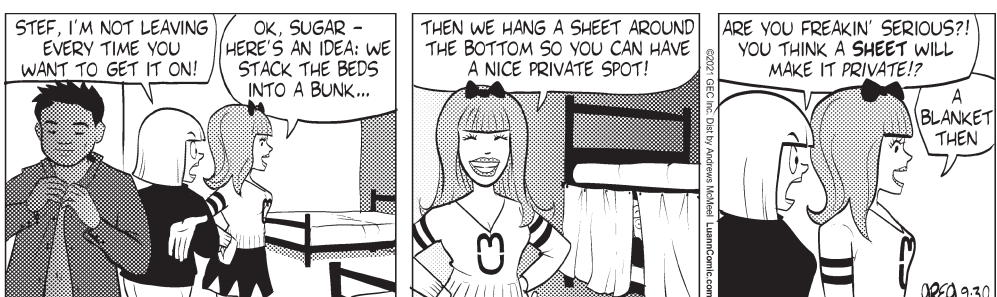
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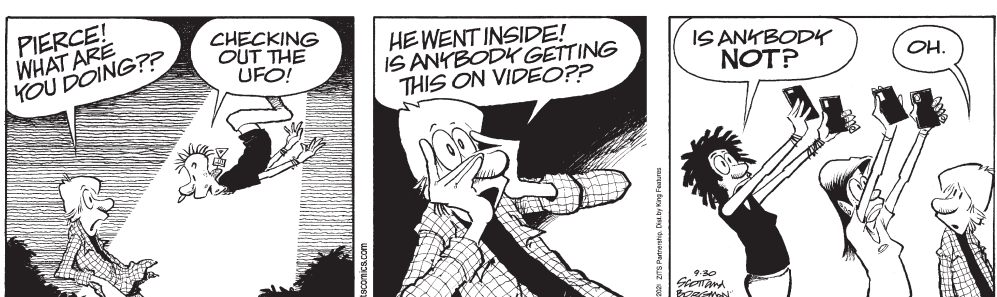
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DEAR ABBY

A spiteful ex causes legal nightmares for boyfriend



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: My boyfriend and I have been together for five years. We share a daughter, who is a toddler. I have a son with my abusive ex as well. Although we are financially stable, we qualify as low-income.

My boyfriend has a criminal history. He's a wonderful father and has changed his life, but we have experienced many hardships because of his past. Because of a phone call from my ex, the state picked up his most recent charge from four years ago, and he is now facing prison time for a crime he did not commit.

We are both devastated. He has become withdrawn and is now at a paranoid level of distrusting. I know he has every right to be upset. But after six months of urging him to seek professional help and fearing he regrets being with me, I'm wondering if I'm doing myself a disservice by not seeking happiness elsewhere. I know I should be there for him because he needs me. But he won't make future plans or seek better job opportunities because of his fear of prison time. What should I do? — In A Corner In Wisconsin

Dear In A Corner: Advise your boyfriend that reclaiming his future may require the help of a criminal defense attorney. Then help him find one who will take his case and defend him if the need arises. And maintain as much distance as you can from your vindictive ex.

Dear Abby: I've had a male friend, "Herb," for more than 35 years. He has helped me a lot with things such as repairs at my home. Many years ago, I became pregnant, but the baby's father and I didn't end up together. When Herb offered to marry me and raise my child as his own, that's when I realized he had feelings for me. I explained that this was a kind offer, but I could not reciprocate his feelings.

Over the past 10 years, Herb has become touchy-feely, and it makes me very uncomfortable. He will kiss me on my forehead or come from behind me and hold me or hug me while rubbing my back. I have told him how it makes me feel and he laughs it off. He also makes remarks like, "Oh, I've never been in your bedroom," or while we're on the phone he tells me he is in bed and we are having pillow talk. What can I do? I hate to lose his friendship, but I really don't know what else I can say to him to make him understand how he makes me feel.

Too Friendly In Ohio

Dear Too Friendly: When Herb gives you an unwanted kiss or hug, tell him you do not enjoy it when he invades your personal space and you don't want it to happen again. If he brings up the subject of your bedroom or alludes to pillow talk during a phone call, get off the phone immediately. If it continues, you will have to end the relationship and hire a handyman.

DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Sept. 30, 1921

Anyone wanting to start a home for snakes can get a start in the game at small cost right now. Glenn Bushee who is the official keeper and handler of the rattlesnakes used by Chief Tall Pine in the snake dance staged every year at Happy Canyon has several specimens of the reptiles on hand now. They are fat and lazy, he declares, and are not particularly vicious — for rattlers. He had quite a lot of trouble in getting his collection together, and he is now having the same kind of experience in getting rid of his "pets."

50 Years Ago Sept. 30, 1971

President Nixon is reported to be seriously considering nominating a woman for the U.S. Supreme Court. A random survey was taken of shoppers on Pendleton's Main Street, asking "Should there be a woman on the Supreme Court?" Ester Winnester said, "I don't think a woman should be appointed. It would upset the men that are already there — it would make them nervous." Lorene Malone said, "Definitely. There should be a woman giving her opinion. I think it would

have a great effect on voters. Now's the time." Margaret McCarthy said, "Any woman but Martha Mitchell should be appointed to the Supreme Court."

25 Years Ago Sept. 30, 1996

Last year, a junior high teacher found an elaborate rendering of "Sunridge Middle School" on a classroom chalkboard. Others admired the professional lettering. A search for the artist led to Jason Hogge, one of the school's custodians. Upon being found out, he designed a sweatshirt for the school. That was just the beginning. Now there is a hallway at Sundridge that takes students on a mystical journey as they walk to the music rooms. Look to the right and you're under the sea. A glance to the left and you're in a forest of drumstick trees with a keyboard highway stretching around the woods. Sunridge Middle School is a special place to Hogge. It's where he met his wife, Lisa. He is studying to be a teacher and hopes to work in the very district where he was first a student, then a custodian. He said, "I believe God has given me a talent that I'd rather share than try to sell."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On Sept. 30, 1962, James Meredith, a Black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith's presence sparked rioting that claimed two lives.

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pennsylvania. In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1947, the World Series was broadcast on television for the first time; the New York Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 5-3 in Game 1.

In 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the U.S. Navy. In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California. In 1984, the mystery series "Murder, She Wrote," starring Angela Lansbury, premiered on CBS. In 1986, the U.S. released accused Soviet spy Gennadiy Zakharov, one day after the Soviets released American journalist Nicholas Daniloff. In 2001, under threat of U.S. military strikes,

Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban rulers said explicitly for the first time that Osama bin Laden was still in the country and that they knew where his hideout was located.

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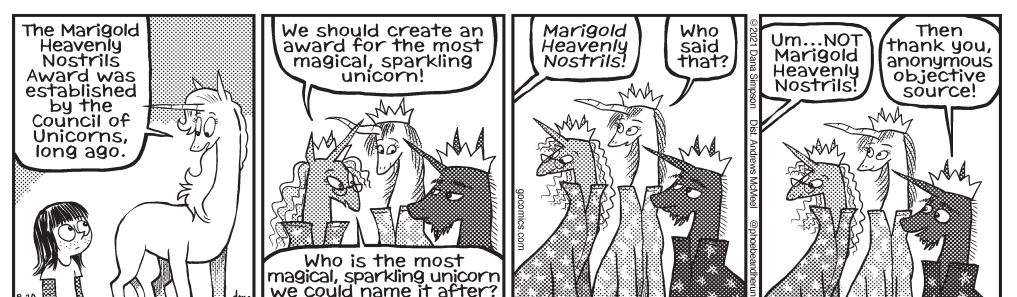
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PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



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