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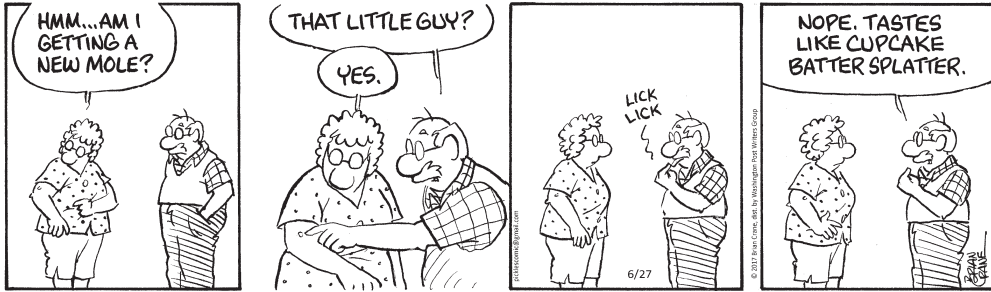
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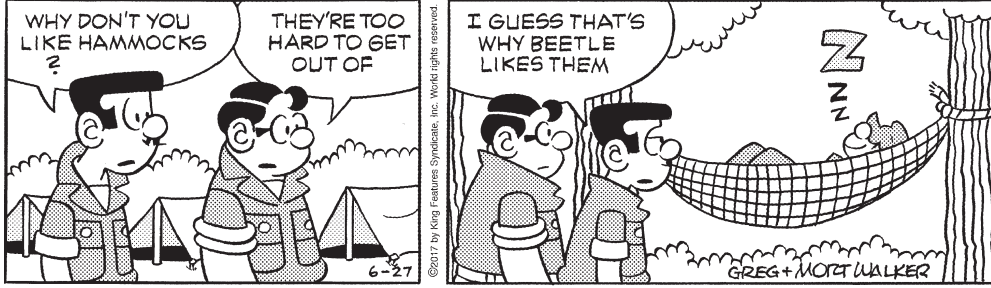
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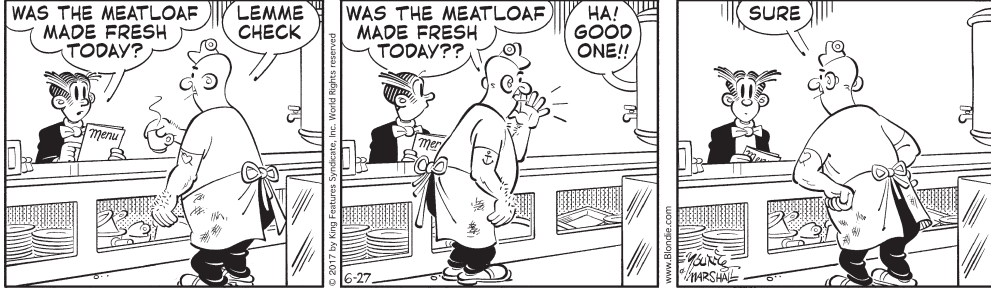
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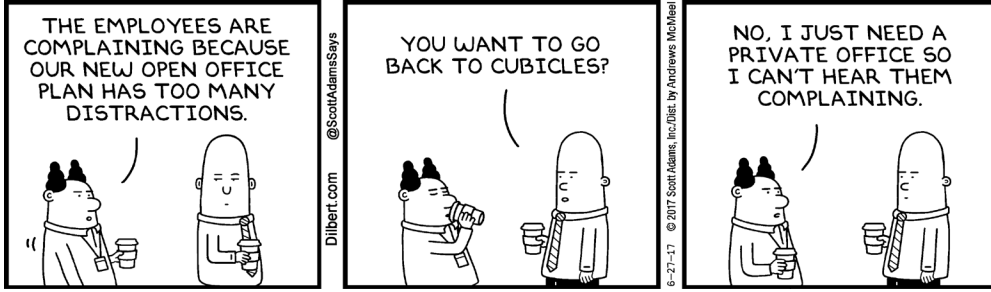
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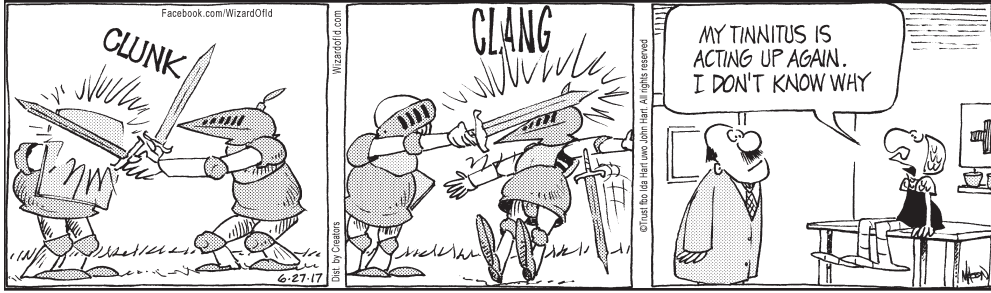
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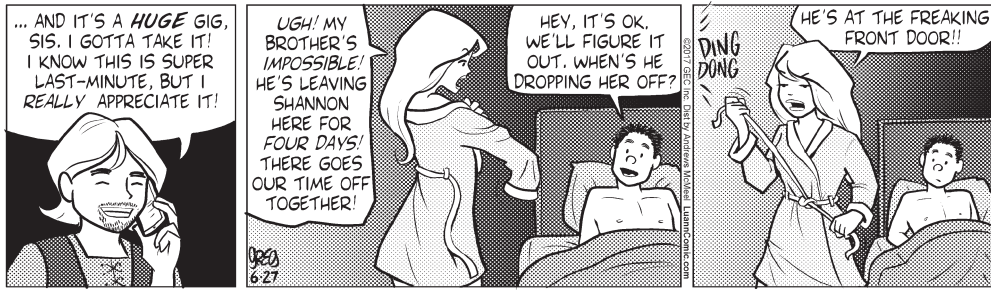
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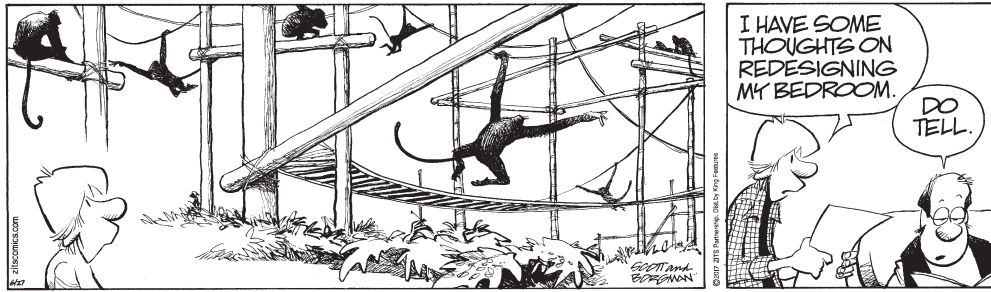
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DEAR ABBY

Widower finds companionship, but isn't ready for romance



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: My wife died of cancer four years ago. She was my best friend, and the pain of losing her was more than I could cope with. I was in a fog for about two years, just going through the motions. Eventually the fear of spending the next 20 to 30 years alone drove me to try internet dating. I met some nice women and some very strange ones, but nothing came of it.

It might also be a good idea for you to consult a grief therapist. Because if you do, it may make it easier for you to move forward with your life.

Then a year ago, an old friend introduced me to "Elaine." We hit it off immediately. We share the same interests and offbeat sense of humor, and I have grown fond of her. She's intelligent, kind and easy on the eyes. Our grown kids get along very well.

long discussion about how they would pay.

Our mutual friend told me that Elaine said she loves me and would be thrilled if I proposed — I guess to encourage me to the next level. My problem is, I'm still in love with my late wife.

When inviting guests to a party, is it proper to expect them to pay for their dinner? And if so, how should it be phrased in the invitation? If no mention is made, how would one inquire as to how the bill is handled?

If Elaine one day tells me she loves me, how do I respond without hurting her feelings or making her withdraw? I can see myself loving her in the future, but I am still silently mourning my wife. I don't want to chase Elaine away, so please tell me what to do. — New York Widower

This has never come up before. Hosts (including us) have always picked up the tab.

Dear Widower: You and Elaine appear to have a communication problem. You are both adults. If she has fallen in love with you, you shouldn't have to hear it from a mutual friend.

— Caught Off Guard In Ohio

You owe it to her to have a frank talk with her because she needs to know that you don't intend to remarry until you are over the loss of your late wife. She may decide to stick it out and wait or, as you say, decide to move on. But at least she'll know what she's dealing with.

Dear Caught Off Guard: How embarrassing for that older couple, not to mention your friend. Unless it is discussed or agreed upon beforehand, a host is expected to pick up the check. (That's what "host" means.) If guests will be expected to pay for their own drinks (or meals), then the occasion is a "no host" gathering. That the guests were expected to pay for their own meal should not have been announced at the last minute; it should have been mentioned when the invitation was issued.

As to how to ask who will be paying when you are invited out, please know that asking that question isn't rude — particularly in light of what you experienced.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 26-27, 1917

Fireworks such as have never been seen in eastern Oregon will mark the celebration of the Fourth of July in Pendleton next week. In addition to a realistic reproduction of the Battle of San Juan, there will be set pieces, aerial bombs, electric geysers, burning shells and a grand illumination. G.J Prescott of Portland, to whom was given the contract for the fireworks, arrived this morning and completed arrangements with the general committee. The Battle of San Juan will be truly spectacular. Mr. Prescott is shipping his equipment here for building a hill 150 feet long. On this hill will be built a Spanish blockhouse and the battle will show soldiers charging up the hill in the face of the fire from the blockhouse. It will end with the tearing down of the Spanish flag and the raising of old Glory.

and voted to put the community on tight water restrictions to try to help the situation. The restrictions are aimed at outside lawn and irrigation uses. All citizens who live on the north side of Main Street can water their lawns and irrigate on even numbered dates beginning today. Those living on the south side of Main Street can water on odd numbered dates beginning Tuesday. There will be no irrigating or watering lawns at night.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 26-27, 1967

Weston finds itself faced with a water shortage prompted by a sharp decline in the water level of the town's well. The city council held an emergency meeting Friday

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 26-27, 1992

It took Ivan Nicely four weeks to create a work of art that will stand for years in Pendleton as a reminder of the rugged frontier faced by Oregon Trail emigrants. Nicely placed his finishing touches today on the "Watchers on the Hill" mural he painted on Albertson's north wall, directly across Court Avenue from the Round-Up Grounds. Nicely knew at first glance he wanted the chance to add artwork to Albertson's wall. The location combines the best of all qualities — shade, location and surface. Nicely, who lives near Weston, has been an artist and illustrator for 30 years.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 178th day of 2017. There are 187 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 27, 1957, Hurricane Audrey slammed into coastal Louisiana and Texas as a Category 4 storm; the official death toll from the storm was placed at 390, although a variety of state, federal and local sources have estimated the number of fatalities at between 400 and 600.

On this date: In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.

In 1864, Confederate forces repelled a frontal assault by Union troops in the Civil War Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia.

In 1905, the Industrial Workers of the World was founded in Chicago.

In 1922, the first Newberry Medal, recognizing excellence in children's literature, was awarded to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik

Willem van Loon.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces liberated the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon opened an official visit to the Soviet Union.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down state laws and bar association rules that prohibited lawyers from advertising their fees for routine services.

In 1986, the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled the United States had broken international law and violated the sovereignty of Nicaragua by aiding the contras. (The U.S. had already said it would not consider itself bound by the World Court decision.)

In 1990, NASA announced that a flaw in the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope was preventing the instrument from achieving optimum focus. (The problem was traced to a mirror that had not been ground to exact specifications; corrective optics were later installed to

fix the problem.)

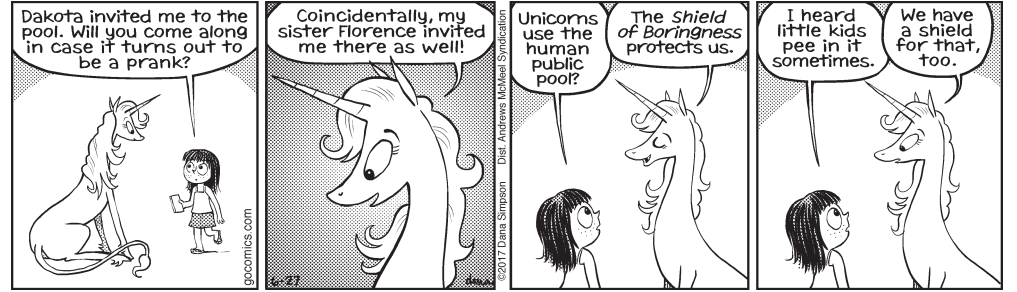
In 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black jurist to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement. (His departure led to the contentious nomination of Clarence Thomas to succeed him.)

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross Perot is 87. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 79. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 75. Fashion designer Vera Wang is 68. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 58. Writer-producer-director J.J. Abrams is 51. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., is 49. TV personality Jo Frost is 47. Actor Tobey Maguire is 42. (Punch Brothers) is 35. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian is 33.

Thought for Today: "A man, after he has brushed off the dust and chips of his life, will have left only the hard, clean question: Was it good or was it evil? Have I done well — or ill?" — John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

