

FEATURES

Broker a truce for resolution

Tomorrow's horoscope

Dear Annie: I have two sons, both married with children, living in two different states. For several years, my older son “John” has refused to talk to his brother, “Teddy.” I don’t know why, except that John’s wife initiated it.

My husband and my sons and their families were at a wedding a few years ago. John’s wife refused to acknowledge Teddy’s family. She stayed for all of the wedding festivities, but walked away whenever Teddy, his wife or children came near.

Since then, John and his family have visited cousins who live near his brother, but they have not once contacted him. My husband and I are stressed over the situation, but don’t know what to do about it. Any suggestions? — *Cornered*

Dear Cornered: Can you speak to your sons and find out what this is all about? Was there an argument between the wives? Did Teddy say or do something that John’s wife found insulting or unforgivable? Or vice versa?

Losing a sibling over something that might be remedied is terribly sad. But if you are

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willing, you are in a position to broker a truce. Perhaps one of your sons (or their wives) would be willing to discuss it with you and find a way to resolve it. Often these disagreements turn into longtime feuds because no one is willing to take the first step without encouragement and help from a third party. If you don’t feel capable of mediating, consider asking another relative or a close friend to step in.

Dear Annie: I read your column every day, but I am of tired reading about problems. Surely there are people who have good marriages.

I first met my wife at her school’s football game when I was 15 and she was 16. My friend and I sat behind her and her friend, and when we found

out that our school was playing hers the following week, we had a lot of fun banter back and forth and we eventually got their phone numbers.

One of the girls made a great impression on me. I was so taken with her that I called her every day. I was too young to drive, so for three years, I would walk 14 miles on the weekends to see her. She graduated ahead of me and went to work.

I graduated the following May and we were married in June. When we said, “Till death we do part,” we meant it. We were married 67 years. She died in April of last year. I think we somehow found the secret to a good marriage and lived it all of that time. — *W*

Dear W: A lot of readers have good marriages, which means they don’t generally write for advice, and that is reflected in our column. But we are happy to print your sweet valentine. It will give the rest of our readers hope that they, too, can achieve marital bliss, as did you and your wife. Thank you for the words of encouragement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Seeking things that have substance and meaning leads to happiness. Something doesn’t have to be serious and heavy to be meaningful, though. Meaning can be as light as a laugh.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It’s said that truth doesn’t blush. It’s the tension between what we’d like to project as true and the deeper truth that is that causes pink cheeks and shy smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You’ve worked hard to get where you are, but you don’t think that makes you better than anyone else. You believe all people are equal regardless of their station in life, and you treat everyone the same.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To have compassion for others, you have to have it for yourself. This is harder for you because you have a habit of holding yourself up to impossible standards. You deserve your own kindness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Obstacles in your path may seem immovable, but that’s only because someone is very convincingly bluffing. All you have to do is call the bluff, and what was “immovable” suddenly will be gone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You hate to be a nag, and so you won’t be. You’ll find another way to motivate your loved ones to do as they should be doing. Maybe you’re a little bit sneaky in this regard, but it’s better than nagging.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can’t stop people from talking, and in your case, that will be a good thing. Your stellar reputation precedes you, earning you instant respect

and paving the way for smooth interactions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You’ll be after new ways to live with style. Whatever you can do to lighten your load will aid the effort. You may even be inspired to let go of a collection that has run its course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It may seem as though the other person is the whole problem, but don’t let that stop you from taking responsibility for whatever you can in the situation. You’ll be amazed at what you can solve alone.

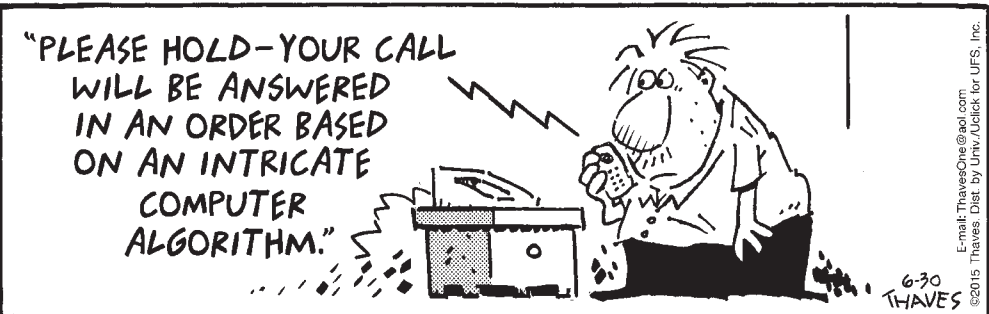
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reaching a shared goal will be particularly satisfying. The hardest thing about it will be coming up with a goal you can share with the diverse team around you now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There’s such a thing as too much critical thinking. Don’t let yourself think your way out of action or consider so many possibilities that none seems interesting or feasible anymore. In other words, don’t over-think it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Confidence comes from trusting yourself, but not trusting yourself to be perfect – mistakes are to be expected. Instead, trust yourself to right the wrongs, learn and get better.

WEDNESDAY’S BIRTHDAY (July 1). Your full moon birthday starts your solar year with a gift to enhance your perspective. You’ll provide help to many through the summer. An idea you’ll have in August is bankable. The completion of a project will start a chain of events that turns your life into a ride. November and December are the best financial months. Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 9, 7, 40 and 26.

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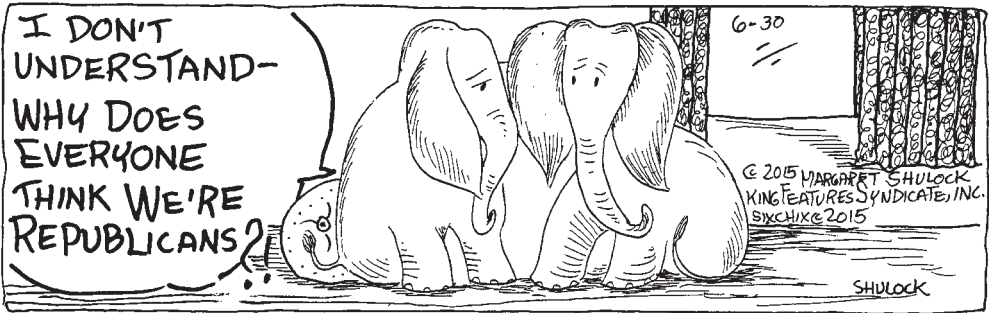
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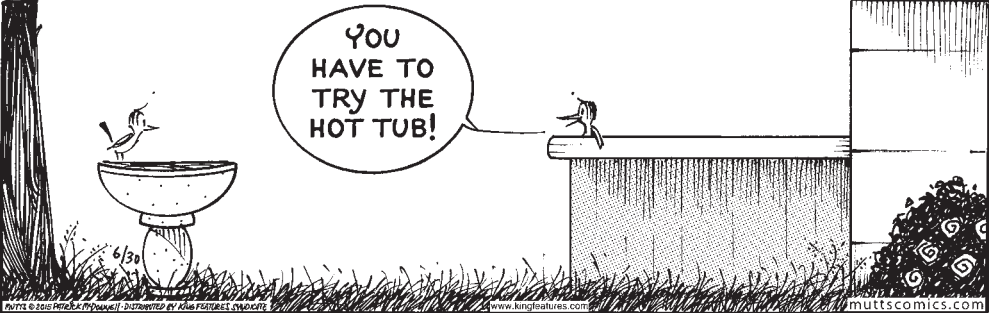
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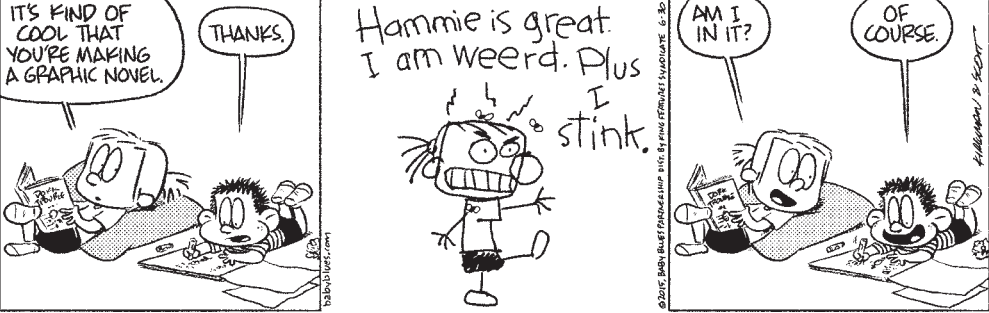
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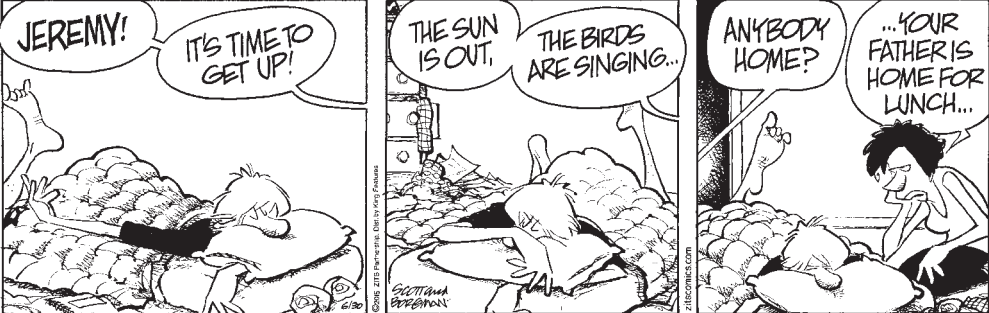
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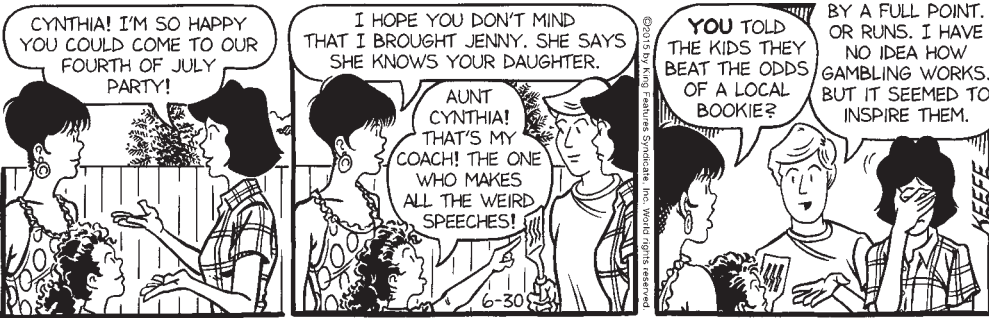
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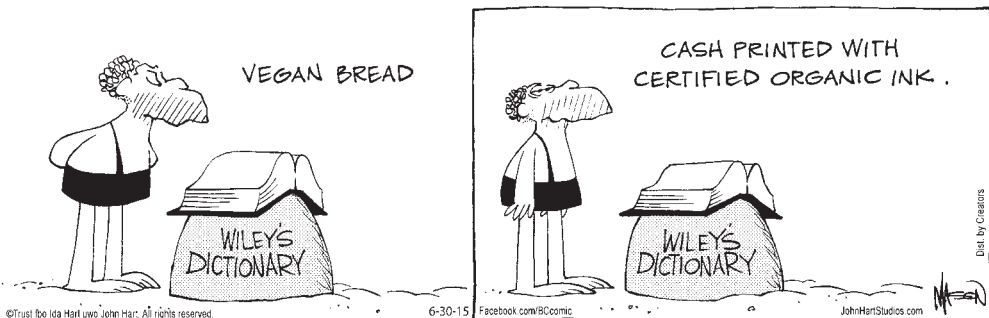
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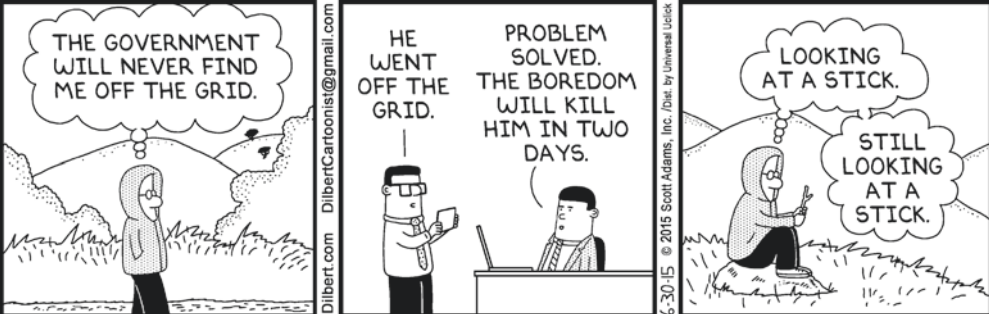
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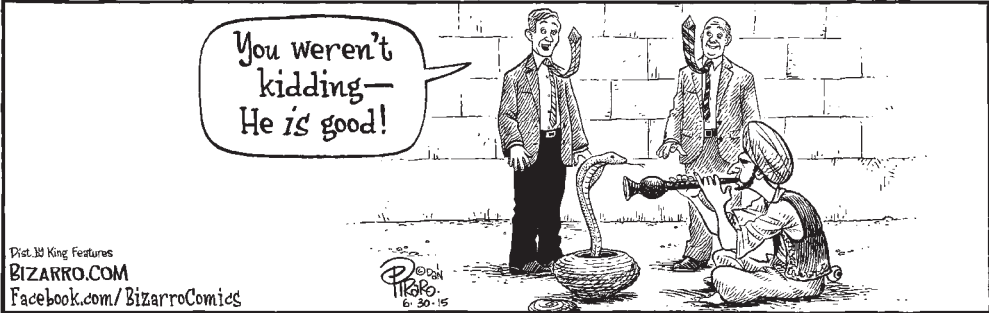
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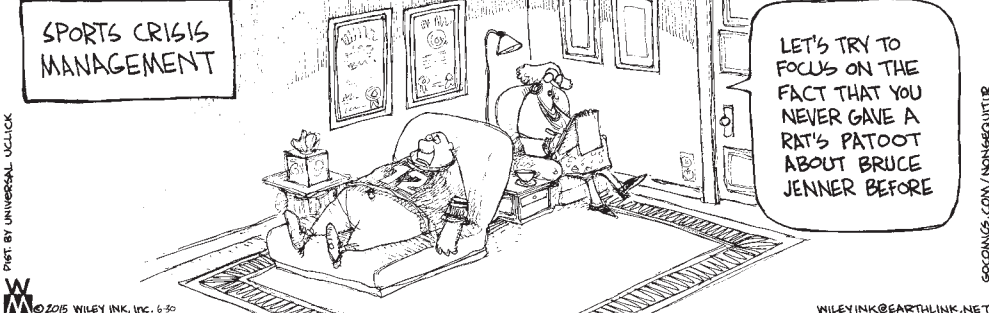
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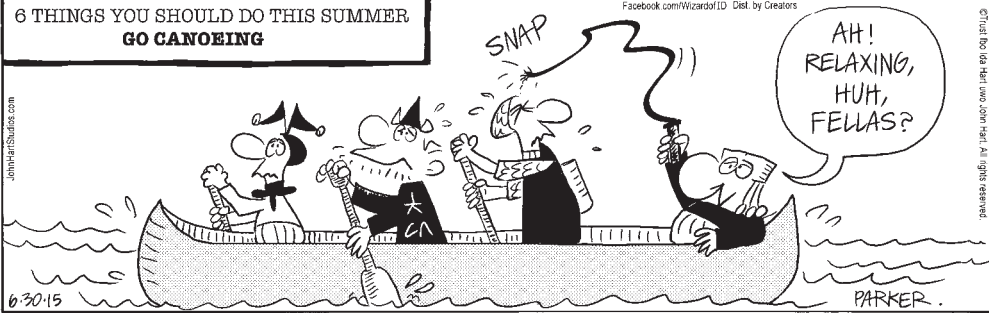
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