

# Cellphone user causes accident

**Dear Annie:** Despite the passage of considerable time, sadly this topic is still one worthy of second thought and action.

Fourteen years ago, my husband was killed in a senseless, tragic motor vehicle accident.

A girl talking on her cellphone while driving lost control of her vehicle and was witnessed weaving across narrow highway lanes, forcing my husband over the guardrail. His car fell approximately 60 feet.

He was taken to a local hospital with a brain bleed and numerous fractures of the cervical and thoracic spine. After 26 days in a coma, my beloved husband and my daughter's best friend passed away.

At the hearing, when the judge asked her whether she had been talking on her cellphone, she lied and said no. Her cellphone records proved otherwise. Prior to the hearing, the state's attorney informed me that she would serve no prison time. She had graduated as class valedictorian and was attending a prestigious university. She had her whole life ahead of her. She was given 100 hours of community service at a rehab facility. Such a travesty of jus-

tice! What about my husband's life?

It would take too many words to express the depth of the pain of loss our daughter, my husband's sisters and I have felt every day for 14 years and will continue to feel.

At my husband's calling hours, so many of those present — bosses and co-workers alike — commented to me about what a professional gentleman he was. To all his family and friends, he was a gentle, caring human being who will be forever missed.

All of you who use your cellphone while driving, please, please stop. This was my husband's pet peeve. — *Forever Heartbroken*

**Dear Forever Heartbroken:** I am so sorry for your loss.

Readers, if you text while driving, it's not a matter of "if" you get into an accident but "when." If you have trouble resisting the urge to look at your phone, consider installing an app such as Live2Txt, which blocks all incoming texts and calls while you're driving. For parents, there's Cellcontrol, a device that can be installed in the dashboard of a car and paired with an app that prevents your teen from texting while

driving.

Thank you for raising this important issue. If your letter causes even one person to think twice before texting while driving, it just might save a life.

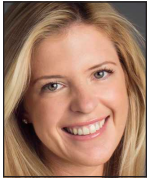
**Dear Annie:** My granddaughter is turning 7 soon and wants to have a small birthday party. She has five friends she wants to invite. Her mom (my daughter) is close to another mother who has a child in the same group, but my granddaughter does not want to invite that child.

In previous years, this child was invited, but during this past year, the kids have grown apart, although all the mothers have stayed in contact frequently.

So the problem is: Should this child be invited in order to keep the peace, or should my granddaughter invite only the friends she wants? We're not sure of the best way to handle this. Her birthday is coming up soon, so we need your help. — *Nana*

**Dear Nana:** I'm never one for leaving children out, especially when they are as young as 7. Invite her. Who knows? By next week, they may be best friends. Kids change their minds all the time. They're much more open than we grown-ups are.

## DEAR ANNIE



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## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You want to go on adventures, but you also realize that each adventure has its cost. There's a dollar amount and an energetic amount to be settled. Today's adventure will be worth the price of admission.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The depth of a loss is measured by how long it takes you to get over it. This is a highly personal equation. What one person shrugs off another carries around for years. You can expect everyone's healing pace to be different.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Sound of mind, sound of body — what more could you ask for? Sure, you can think of a few other things you might like to request. But is that the right thing to do? Give, give, and give more. The sun is in your sector, and generosity is your nature.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** To flatter isn't always to put yourself in a lower position. After all, it takes one to know one. And a little more on the subject: Doing the opposite is also a form of imitation.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The tone of a thing will be much more important than what the thing does or is. The representation is what will matter. This isn't right; it's just what's happening.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** When you see something that's inconsistent with your belief system, by your definition it's absurd. Yet you might find yourself doing that very thing — which is equally absurd. And there's really nothing wrong with either.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Progress is a hard thing to nail down, because who knows which nuisance is better than the last? You'll figure it out. Some praise will come to you on the matter, not that it will mean much, since you've

an agenda beyond all that.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You do not strive to be generous in order to satisfy a social quota. You give what you feel like giving. That's honest. The special charisma that swirls around you today has a lot to do with that honesty.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Neglect is an underused concept. Use it now. Problems fade from neglect. Ignore them and they go away. Maybe they were never problems to begin with, merely situations, or even non-issues. Buh-bye.

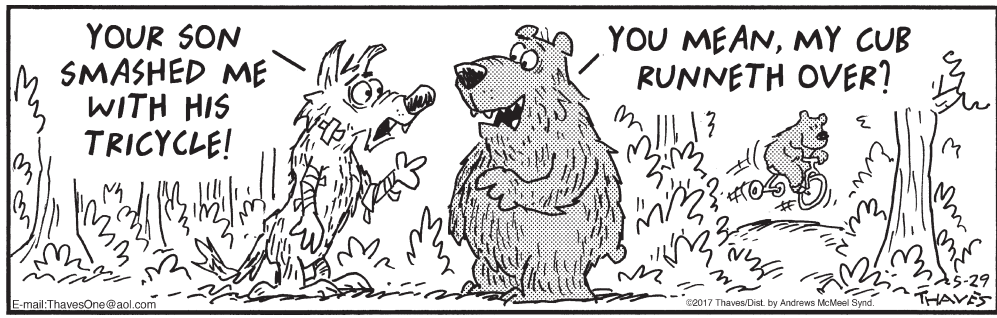
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's something a little weird afoot. You think, "I don't have time for this!" But then "this" is all you're doing. Well, that means "this" is important to your development as a person.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Transitions are precarious parts of life, represented in big happenings and also in the day to day. Be tender to those in the middle stages, as they are particularly vulnerable.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The call of duty — some dread it. But to you, this is an entry point. You like to go beyond the call of duty, in fact. Going beyond the call is your aim in many regards these days.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (May 30).** The walls come crumbling down in this solar return. You want to connect with people, and you want to live without limits. These things will happen! Don't let anyone (including you) define you in a way that constricts your identity. Professional goals will be met in September. November brings more financial winnings. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 22, 29 and 18.

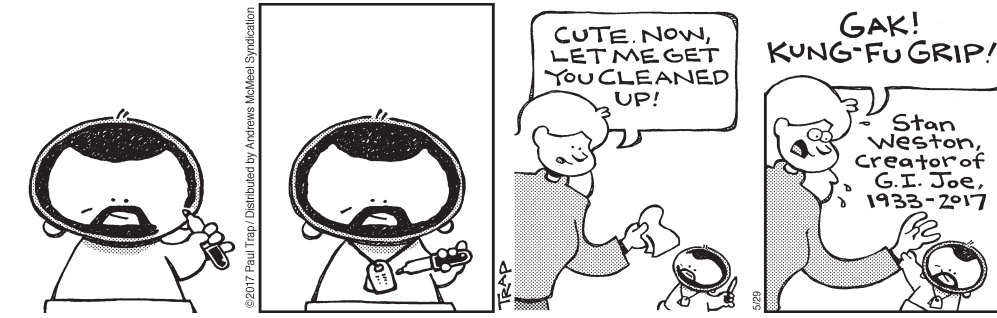
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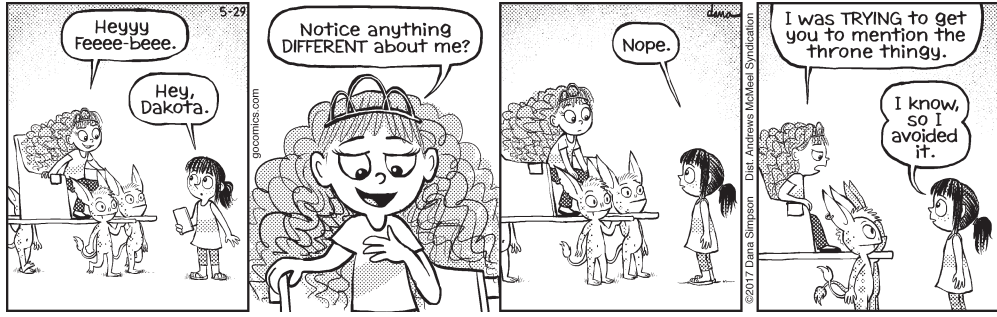
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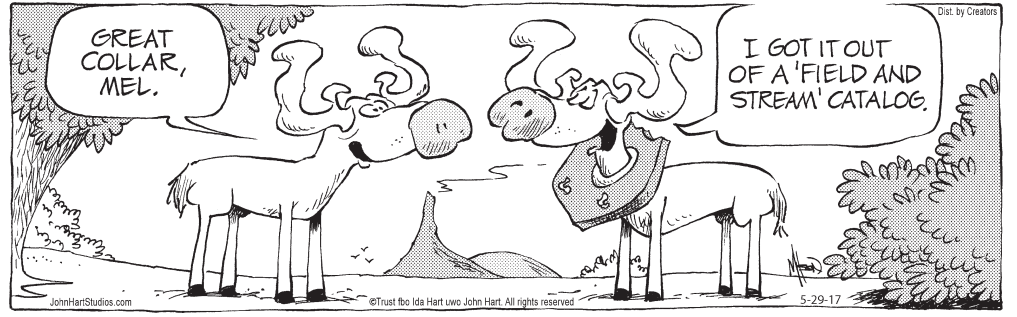
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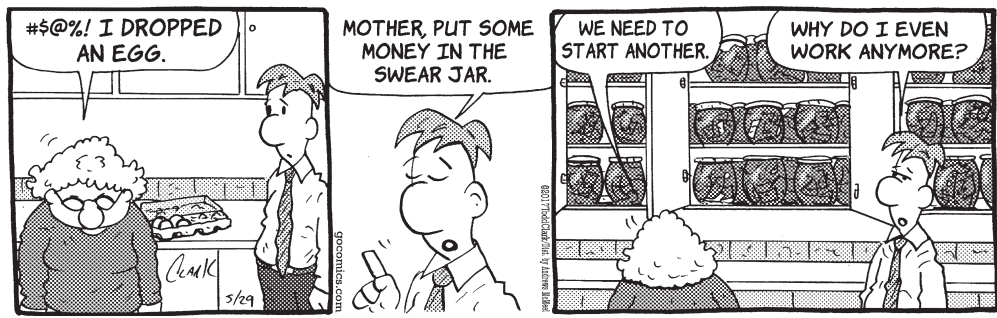
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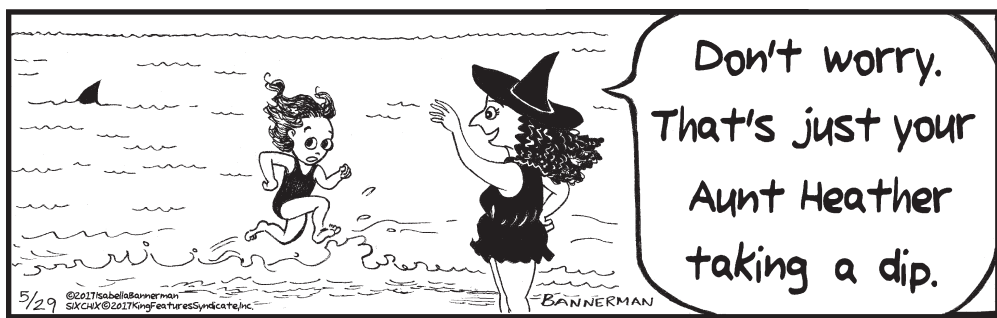
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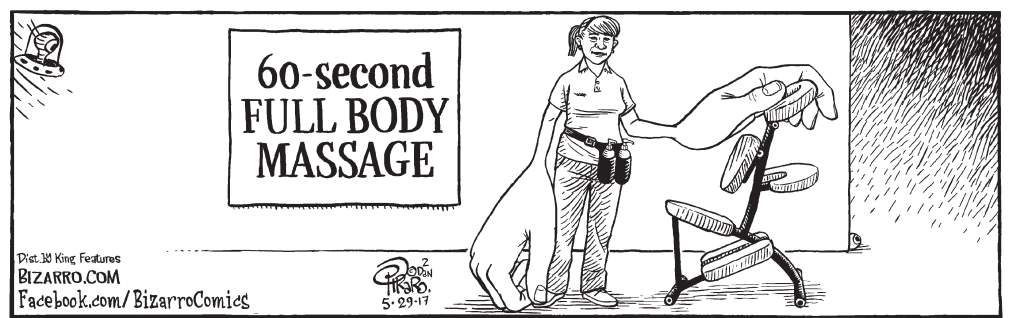
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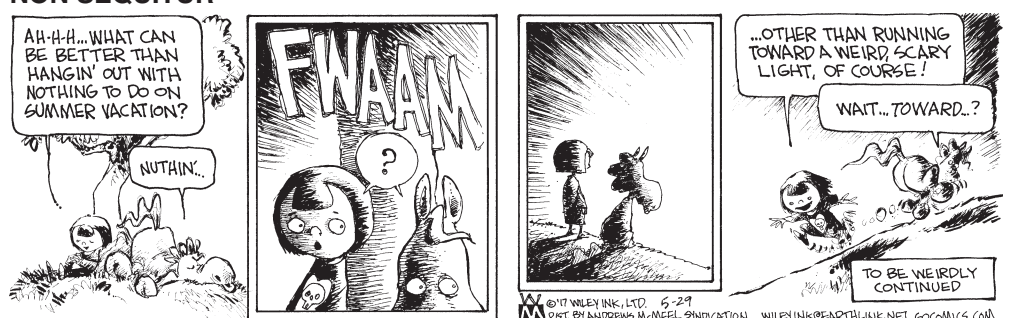
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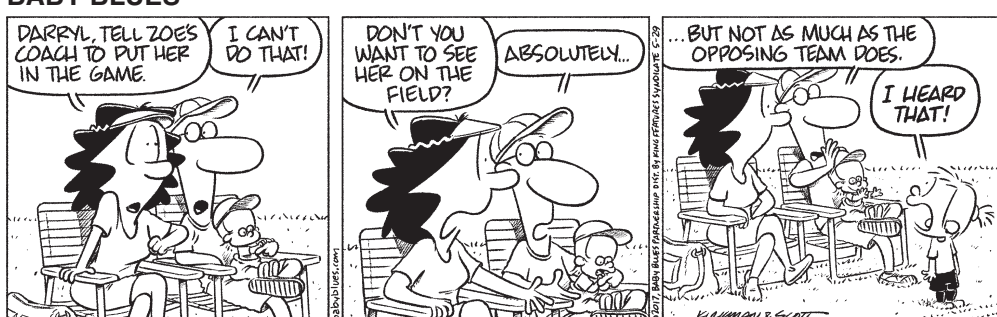
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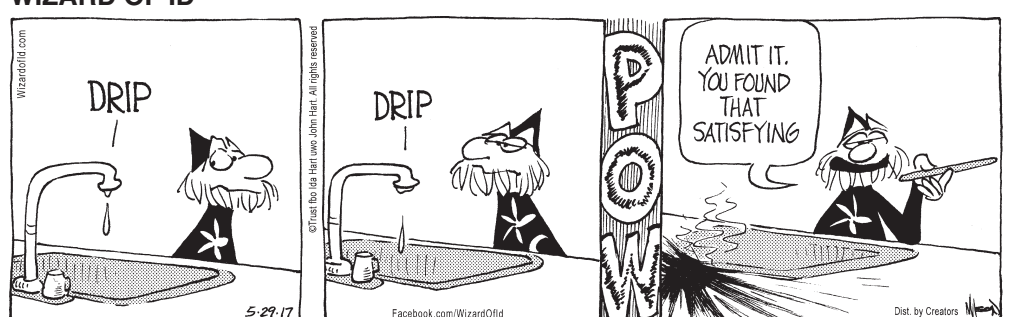
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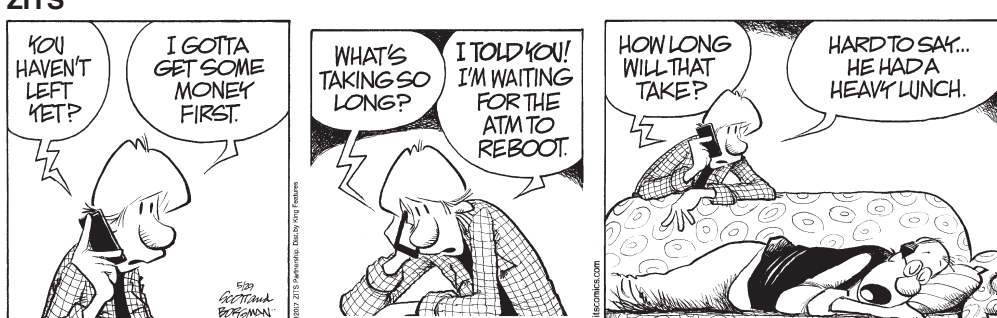
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