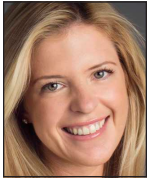


# Control over death

**Dear Annie:** My question has to do with end-of-life care. I have been beside my father, my mother and my husband as they died. Hospice was used in all three cases. I have never had a good experience with hospice, but that is actually beside the point. My question is this: Does anybody still get to go and die at the hospital anymore, or is that a thing of the past? When the obituaries say the person died surrounded by family, did that person have a choice?

last weeks. Can this still happen? — *Death With Dignity My Way*

**DEAR ANNIE**



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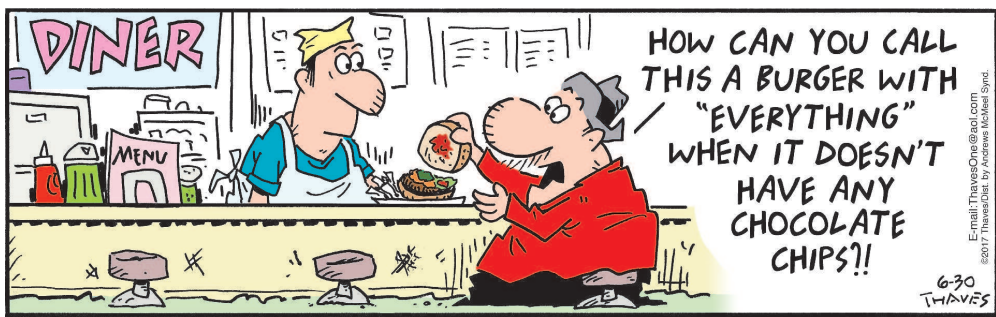
**Dear Death With Dignity:** This is a complex, sensitive issue, and I want to be sure you're given all the information you need. I would recommend calling the National Institute on Aging at 800-222-2225. The NIA can mail you a copy of its guide titled "End of Life: Helping with Comfort and Care," which outlines options for end-of-life care and lists dozens of additional resources. Be sure to communicate your decision to your family members ahead of time so they have time to process, accept and respect your wishes.

**Dear Annie:** Your response to "Frustrated Mom," who expressed her concern that her 35-year-old daughter is still unmarried, was fine as far as it went, but I have some more thoughts to add. I was 28 and going through

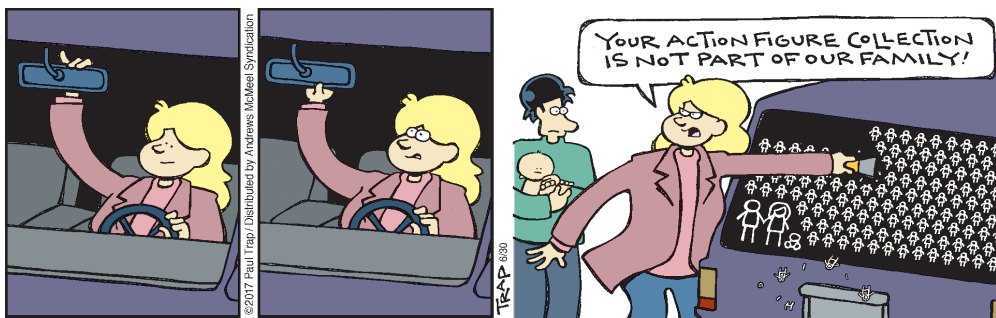
the same unattached phase, going from one bad relationship to the next, when my mother said, "See a counselor." She actually found a great counselor and set me up with an appointment. With the help of this therapist, I discovered that with all the men I was dating, I was repeating the pattern I'd seen at home. My father's comforts always seemed to be of foremost importance, so my mother catered to him. I was doing this with the men I dated, too, never standing up for what I wanted. I learned that men don't really like a person they can walk all over. With the next man I dated, I stood up to him — and that was the man I married and have been ecstatically happy with for 44 years. — *Happily Ever After*

**Dear Happily Ever After:** Therapy can be such a valuable tool for understanding yourself, yet people still resist it, so thank you for sharing your success story. Congratulations to you and your husband on 44 happy years.

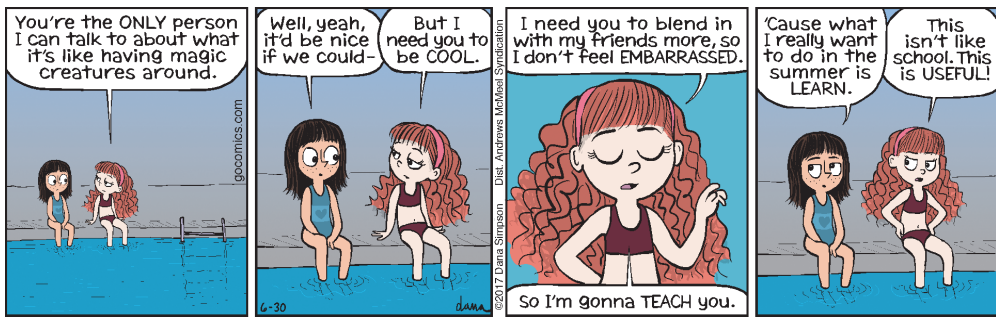
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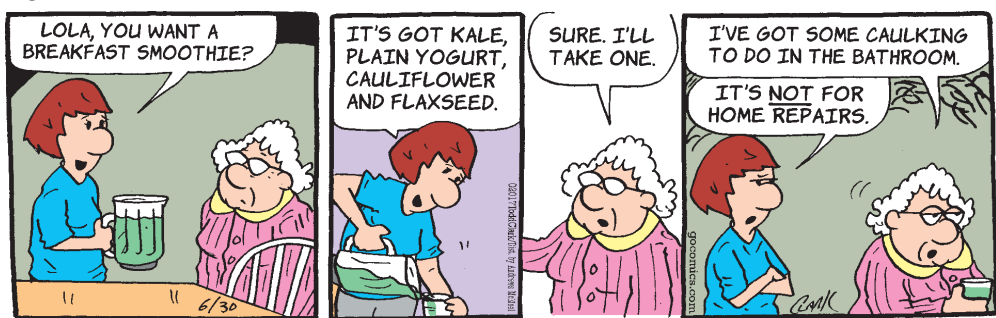
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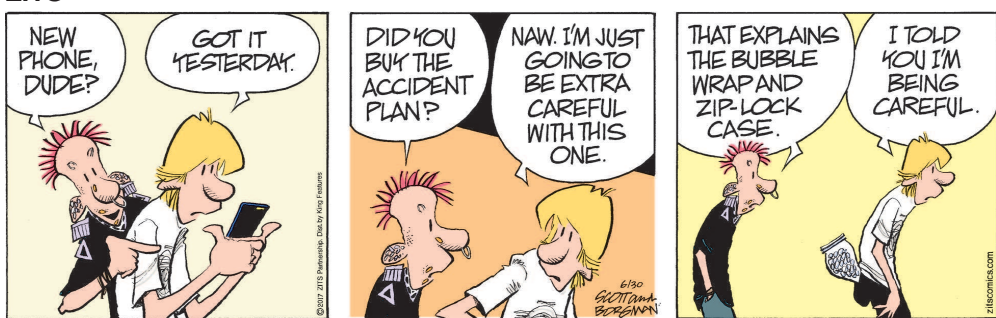
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**TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE**

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You can control many things about your present that will lead to gains later. However, the future is still out of your (and everyone's) control. Accepting this with grace will free up a lot of psychic energy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When you get away from the crowd to spend concentrated time alone, real work will happen — the kind that makes you richer in material and immaterial ways.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Pay attention to the expectations society places on the people in a relationship. Does it vary from role to role? Is it equal? Is it fair? This will matter increasingly over time. There may be something to nip in the bud.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Even in inanimate things and concepts, mutual freedom is important. When you don't feel the need to own what you love, what you love will seem to pull more weight in the arrangement, working harder to earn your attention.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The situation that once made you feel terribly flawed was ultimately your best teacher and could be credited for your current soaring approval rating. You worked hard to improve, and you're more attractive because of it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your soul is strengthened through work and through taking on more responsibility. You'll go out and find the circumstances that are conducive to what you'd like to accomplish next.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You can stop people from treating you differently than you want to be treated, and it's pretty simple, too.

Be aware of what you're allowing. You have more options than you exercise.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You've plenty of hustle, and people around you see how hard you work. They respect your mind and want the privilege of your loyalty. You'll be an example for the less experienced.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Avoid the prognosticators, be they skeptical or optimistic. You won't know if it was a good idea or a bad idea until it's an executed idea. The only way forward is to go.

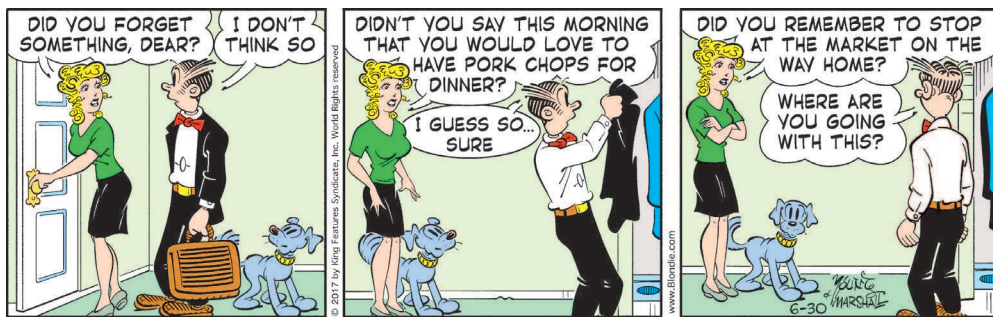
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You can avoid the things that trigger your frustration and you can change your environment, but ultimately the best way to stop yourself from getting angry is not to give in to it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You never know which relationships are going to benefit you the most. Not all friendships will help you advance your interests, but they will all contribute to your well-being.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Learned, intelligent, creative people can believe the most ridiculous things. It is therefore better to let yourself be influenced by handpicked ideas than by people.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (July 1).** This solar return shows you alert, active, responsible and capable — a state of mind that attracts new work and friends. September refreshes your home environment. Family presents you with a challenge in November, and you'll enjoy the mission with your kin. There's a prime investment opportunity in January. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 48, 9, 4, 44 and 14.

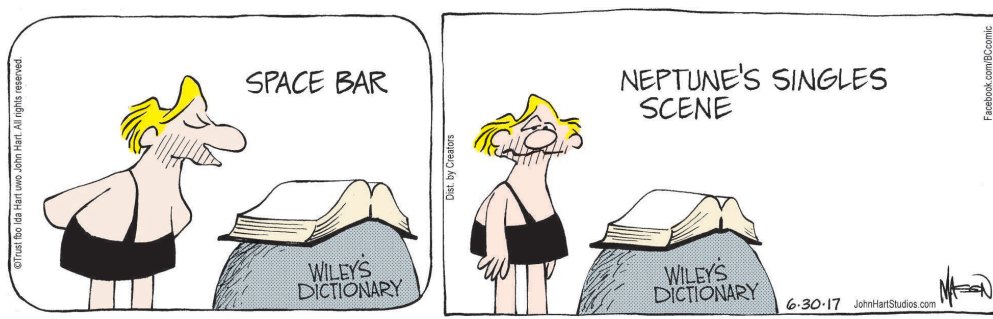
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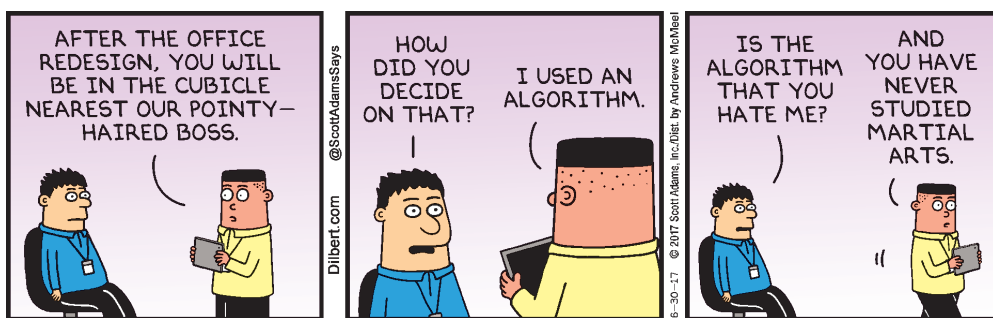
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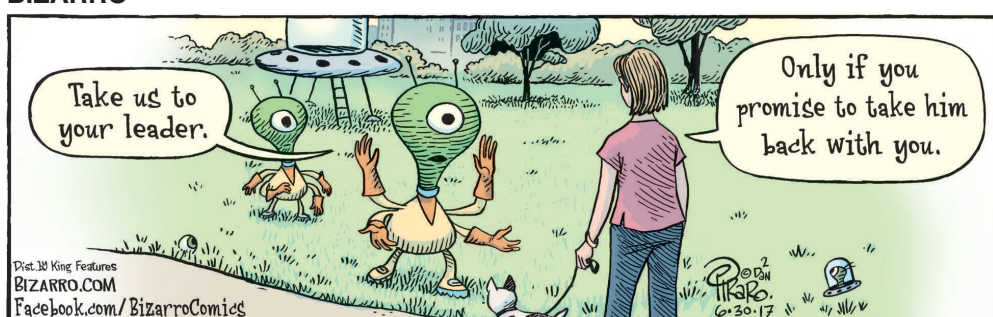
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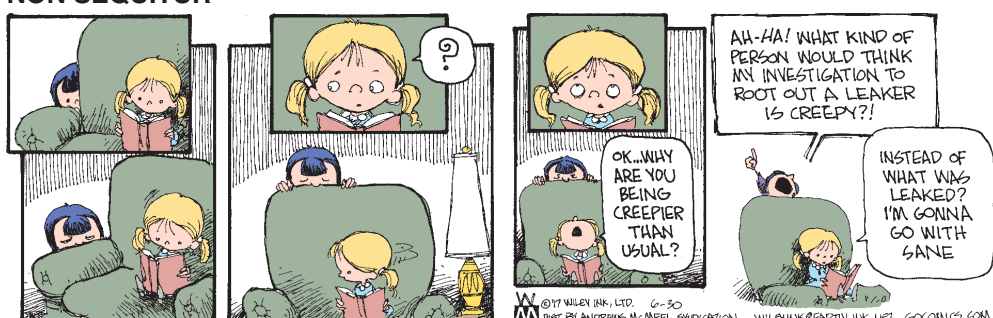
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