

Disappearing cemetery flowers

Dear Annie: The artificial flowers on my grandparents' graves have gone missing three out of the past four times my mother and I have put them out. We put new flowers on the graves several times a year — seasonal flowers in the spring, summer and fall, Christmas flowers, etc. It is disheartening to drive to the cemetery a few weeks later and discover that the flowers and vase have gone missing. Once, my mother had used an etched crystal vase.

and then go buy replacements. There is a trash barrel at the cemetery for just such disposal. — *Janice in Texas*

Dear Janice: I would contact the cemetery office to ask about its policy on artificial flowers. Sometimes caretakers remove artificial flowers when the wind begins blowing the plastic pieces apart. It's also worth making the cemetery office aware of the fact that your flowers and vases have gone missing in case it's the work of not a caretaker but a thief. Here's hoping that's not the case, because how sad would that be?

Regardless, I want to commend you for honoring your grandparents. Your frustration at the flowers' disappearance is understandable, and I hope you're able to get to the bottom of that. But what truly matters isn't what happens to the flowers. It's that you bring them in the first place. What a beautiful thing, honoring your grandparents in that way throughout the year. I'm sure they are smiling down.

Dear Annie: I think you blew

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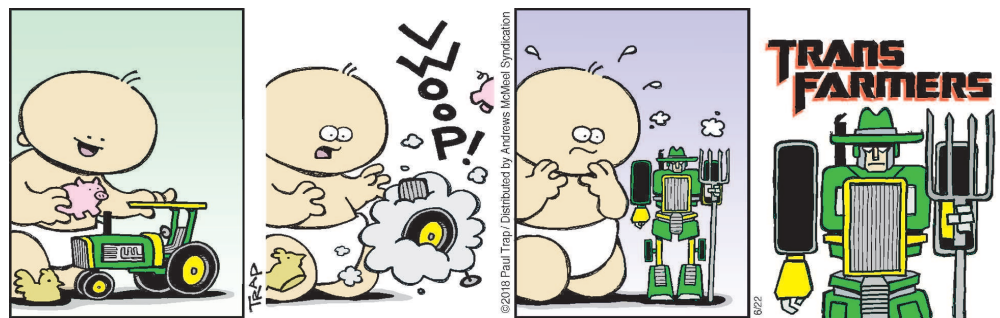


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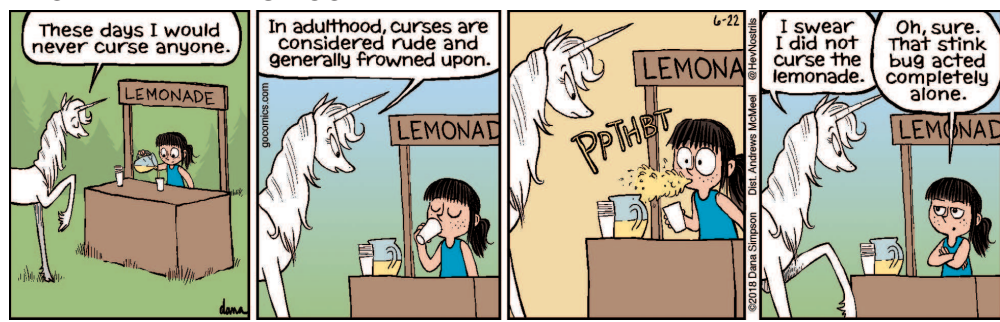
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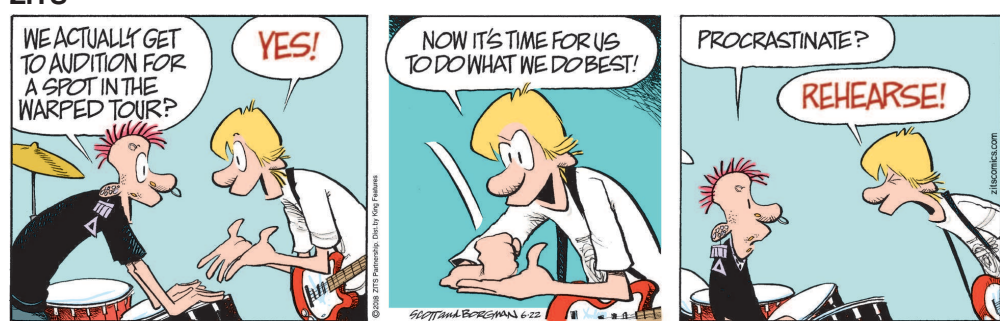
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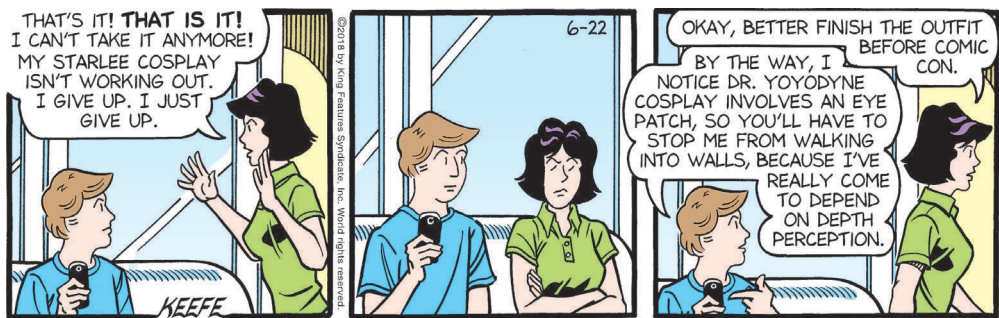
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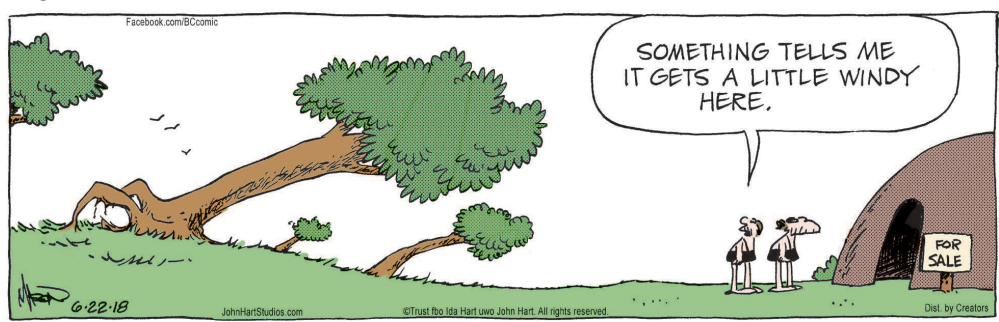
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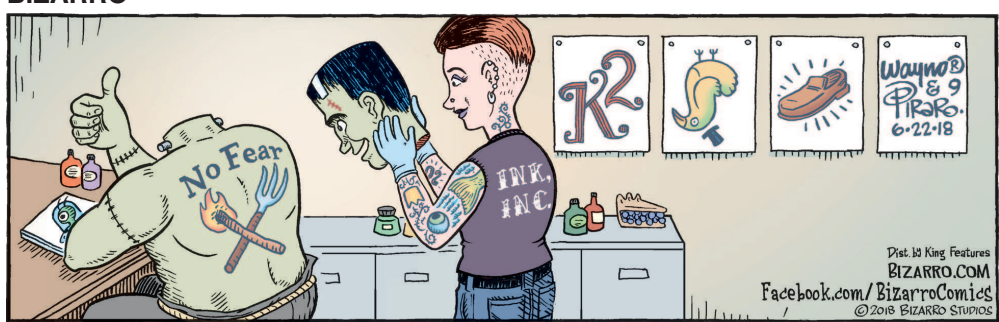
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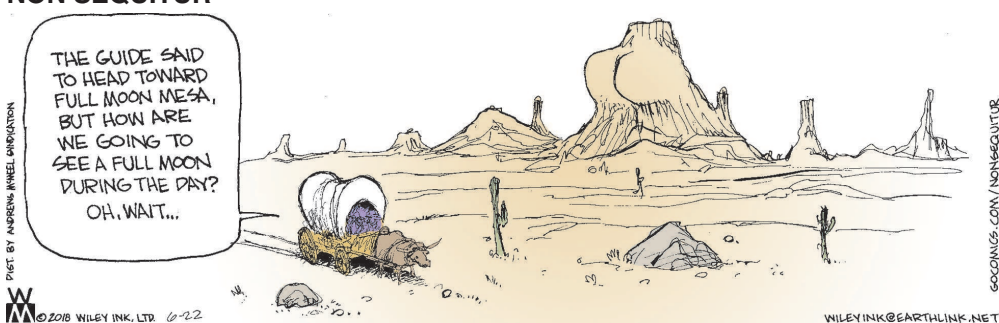
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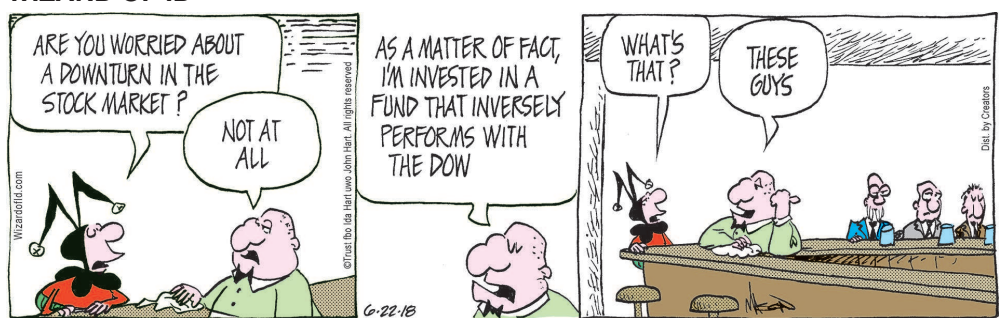
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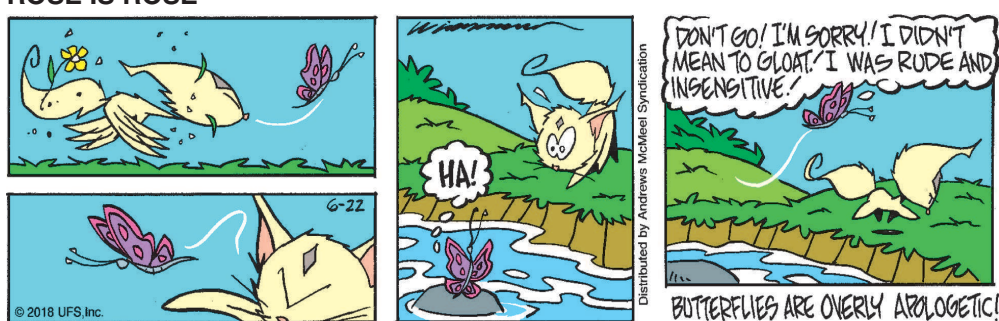
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Indulge your theories. Investigate your intuitive hits. Follow your instincts. That's the way to tell the universe that you're ready to know more truth and see more beauty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To cross something off of your list — that's satisfaction. To enable another person to cross something off his or her list will be, oddly enough, even more satisfying.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The reason you use lists is because you understand that it is mentally empowering to tackle a few items on a list while it is overwhelming to face the never-ending maintenance that life requires.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The road is long. How can you keep your motivation strong through the entire journey? You probably can't. Dips are natural, and you shouldn't let them stop you. Reward yourself along the way so you'll have the gumption to make it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The work of "doing you" will change through the years. One era has certain requirements; another shows a different set of actions. Think about this today, because it's time to let go of a behavior that's holding you back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When it comes to your feelings today, resistance is futile. Turn toward it. It will be possible to process an emotion until it loses its charge and therefore its power over you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Good fortune will definitely have a hand in what you do. The stroke of luck will come. This is nothing to wait around for though, of course, as luck runs on momentum. It will be carried by the wind of your movement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is possible for certain things to be accomplished in the spirit of joy and fun, though it's the exception, not the rule. Everything you see, the roads, the vehicles, the buildings — they were all built through work and duty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It just might turn out that the very thing you were looking for was also trying to find you. However, even if this turns out to be the case, you'll only find out at the end of the search. Continue!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll like what you do and the feeling you get while you're doing it. The results are secondary, but they are still an essential part of the cycle. The results complete the wheel that keeps it all rolling down the road.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can feel great or terrible about yourself and still get the same amount accomplished. So don't worry so much about your self-esteem. Once you're in the flow of work, it's a nonissue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone is living vicariously through you. You may be fulfilling the wish of those who came before you, or living out what someone close to you, for whatever reason, could not.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (June 23). You win when you lead with your talent for sensing who is going to be good for you to know and love. Gloss over the small problems or twist them into opportunities for big fun — genius! It's your perspective that gives this year a sweet buoyancy. Relationships go to new levels in September. Business explodes in November. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 34, 45, 7 and 16.