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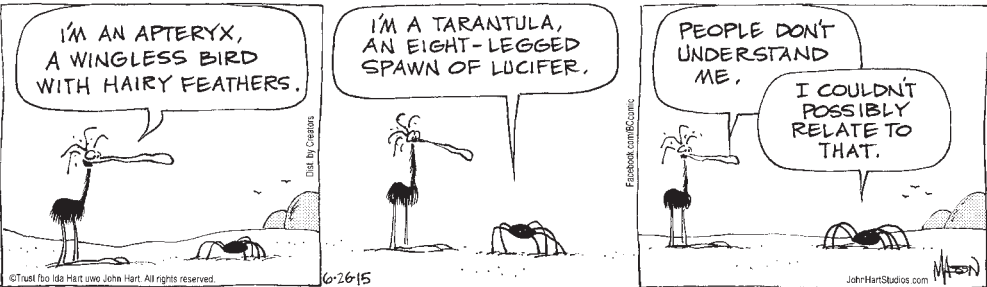
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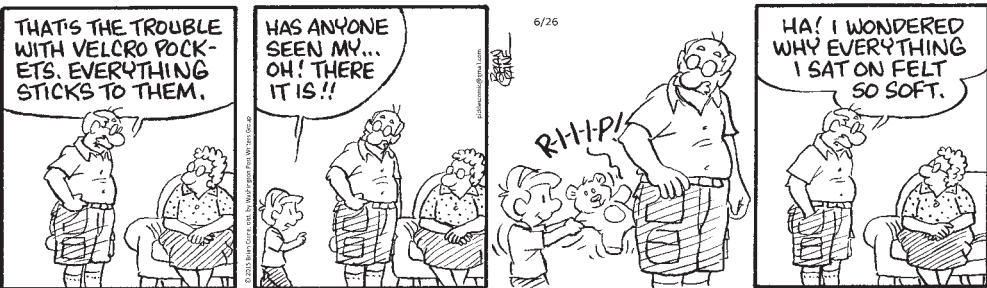
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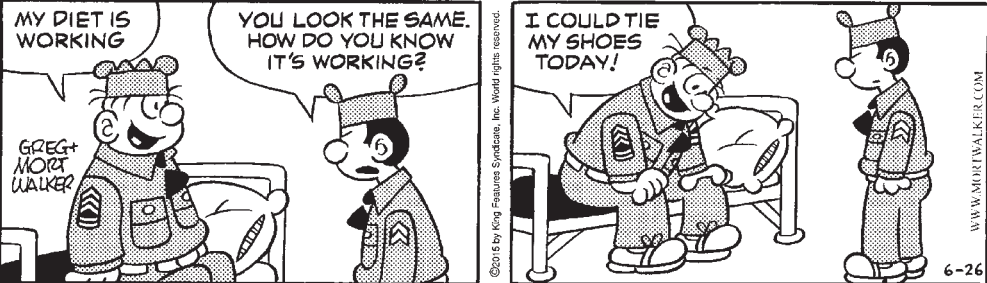
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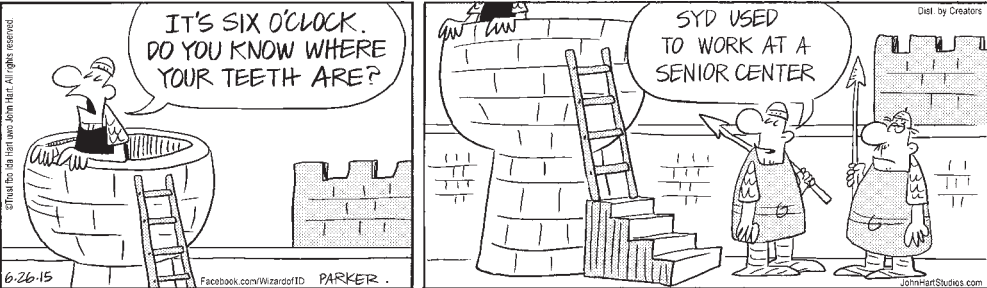
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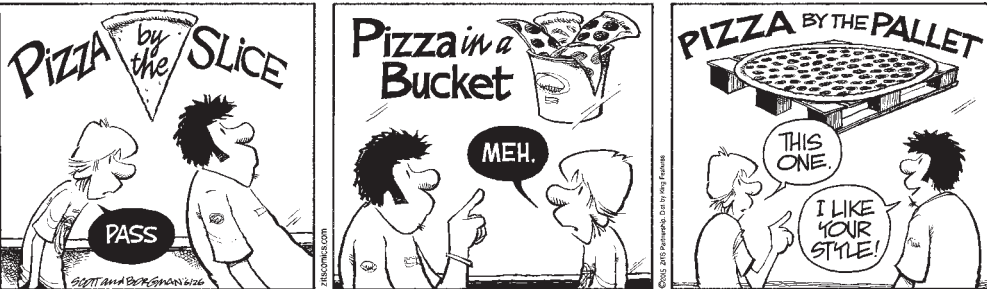
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DEAR ABBY

Mere mention of marriage causes man to run and hide

Dear Abby: I am 59 and have a steady, good-paying job. I was married for 20 years, but divorced 11 years ago. I am set in my ways.

I have been seeing a woman, "Melinda," for eight years now. She's 51 and also has a steady job. We live 30 miles apart. Our relationship has been somewhat rocky, but we have also had some really great times.

Melinda has said for years that she wants to get married. It makes me nervous. My hands sweat and I think of every excuse not to when she brings it up. I'm in love with her, but when she brings up marriage, I run and hide.

She feels our relationship should end so she'll be free to meet someone else and marry. She deserves that right, and I understand it. I struggle, though, when I don't hear from her, speak to her or I imagine her with someone else. It drives me nuts, and I end up contacting her. We start talking and things seem fine for a while, until the M-word is mentioned.

I suggested we move in together and see how it works, but it never happened. Abby, what is my problem? Why can't I get married? — **Torn & Struggling In Arizona**

Dear Torn & Struggling: Your problem may be that your first marriage — and probably your divorce — left you marriage-averse. Because you're in love with Melinda and can't manage without her, let me suggest that you discuss this with a licensed mental health professional and see if you can get beyond your fears. Joint counseling with Melinda would also be helpful for both of



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

you, to ensure there are fewer rocky patches in your relationship in the future.

Dear Abby: I have a special "Pennies From Heaven" story to share with you.

My dear grandmother recently lost her long battle with Alzheimer's. Toward the end, we weren't sure how aware she was, and if she understood us when we spoke to her. Tonight, my husband, my sister and I decided to have dinner at Grandma's house and go through her photos for her funeral.

After dinner, my sister asked if we had any chocolate. My husband said, "What about the chocolate in the refrigerator?" I hadn't seen any, but when I went to look, there was a packet of chocolate bars wedged in between the drawers. The expiration date on the wrapper was two years ago, when Grandma last lived in the house.

Abby, the refrigerator had been cleaned out multiple times, but somehow we missed the chocolate until today when we needed a sign from my grandmother that she was near.

Grandma was a Dear Abby fan. We found many of your clippings among her photos. I know she'd love it if you shared this story with your readers. — **Jean's Granddaughter In Tennessee**

Dear Jean's Granddaughter: I'm glad to do it. And speaking as another chocoholic, that you found Grandma's stash in your time of need warmed my heart. I hope it lifted your spirits during what had to be an emotional time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your dear grandmother.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 26, 1915

Upon the police court docket his name is written as Charles Lafferty, his offense disorderly conduct and his penalty \$25. Interpreted by the police his offense was that of mashing. Sam Lininger of this city was the complaining witness, alleging that Lafferty followed his 15 year old daughter home last evening and addressed her offensively. The father and the masher came to blows upon Main street while many spectators stood about and watched. He spent the night and all morning at the police station, where he pleaded not guilty and retained an attorney. Before 2 o'clock came, however, he put up \$25 and left town with his wife and little boy. He seemed bent on leaving the town of his misadventure behind him as rapidly as possible, for his hat was blown off by the breeze and he stopped not to recover it. The look on his wife's face led some to conjecture that he might lose his hair also before he got home.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 26, 1965

Closed-course stock plane racing is apparently a closed field. This was brought out Friday morning when a woman pilot, Irene Leverton, San Jose, Calif., tried to enter the Pendleton "100" stock plane race to be held at the airport here today and Sunday. To make a long story short, the answer of the race officials was "NO!" Race officials say the basic reason

is that the Pendleton "100" has adopted the rules and regulations of the Professional Race Pilot's Association, which excludes women pilots. The turned-down pilot, who has been flying since 1944, and who says she has logged over 12,000 hours of flying time (500 hours are required to race in the Pendleton "100"), said Friday she knew she couldn't win the race with the plane she flew here from San Jose but that it is more a matter of principle. "In all good conscience, I can say that I've shown up here with a plane, and I'm here to race — the rest is up to them."

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 26, 1990

George and Charmaine Meyers probably were killed by strangers, Umatilla County Sheriff Jim Carey said this morning. The bodies of the Meyers, from Brownsville, a town of about 1,300 near Albany, were found by co-workers at about 6 a.m. Monday along Linnton Mountain Road. The murder scene was just over three miles north of the Tollgate Mountain Chalet on Highway 204. Carey said no weapons were found at the scene and there was no evidence of a robbery. The Meyers were killed away from their pickup, which apparently was pushed off the road about 150 feet from where the bodies were discovered, Carey said. George Meyers had been operating a bulldozer and blade for Riedel Construction, a Portland firm contracting with AT&T on a fiber optic project.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 177th day of 2015. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

On this date:

In 1483, Richard III began his reign as King of England (he was crowned the following month at Westminster Abbey).

In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, New Jersey's Boardwalk was opened to the public.

In 1915, following a whirlwind courtship, poet T.S. Eliot married Vivienne Haigh-Wood in London. (The marriage proved disastrous, but the couple never divorced.) Air conditioning manufacturer Carrier Engi-

neering Corp. was incorporated in New York.

In 1925, Charles Chaplin's classic comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman authorized the U.S. Air Force and Navy to enter the Korean War.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech expressing solidarity with the city's residents, declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

In 1974, the supermarket price scanner made its debut in Troy, Ohio, as a 10-pack of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit chewing gum costing 67 cents and bearing a Uniform Product Code (UPC) was scanned by a Marsh Supermarket cashier.

Today's Birthdays:

Singer Billy Davis Jr. is 77. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 59. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 58. Singer Terri Nunn (Berlin) is 54. Rock musician Colin Greenwood (Radiohead) is 46. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 45. Actor Nick Offerman is 45. MLB All-Star Derek Jeter is 41. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 41. Rock musician Nathan Followill (Kings of Leon) is 36. Actor-musician Jason Schwartzman is 35. Actress Aubrey Plaza is 31. Singer Ariana Grande is 22.

Thought for Today: "The formula for success is simple: practice and concentration then more practice and more concentration." — *Babe Didrikson Zaharias, American athlete (born this date in 1911, died in 1956).*

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

