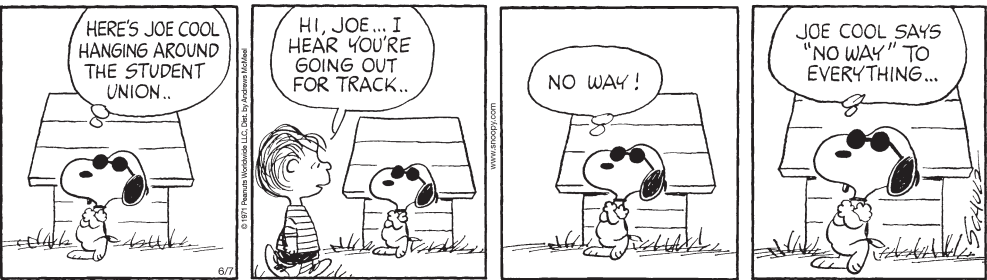


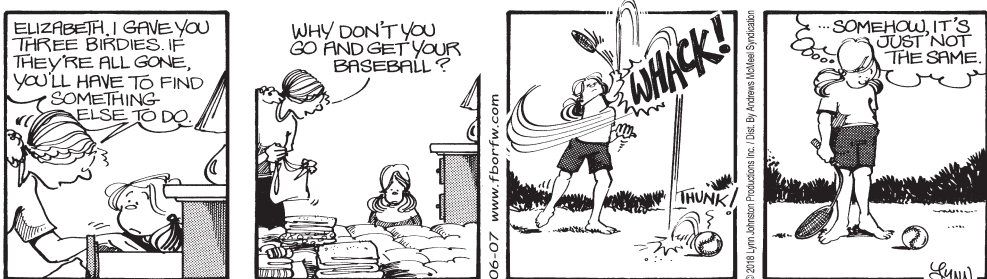
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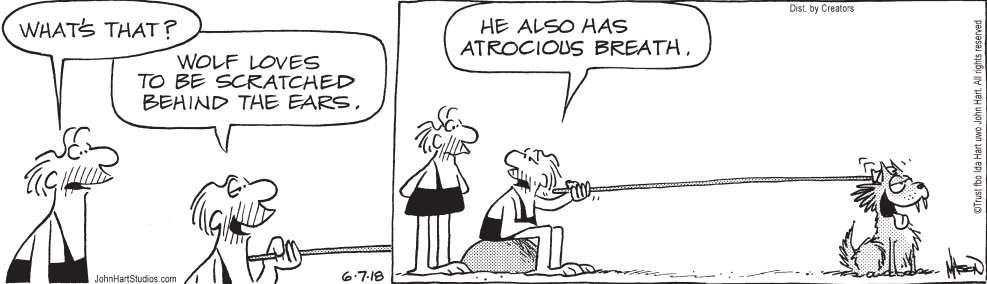
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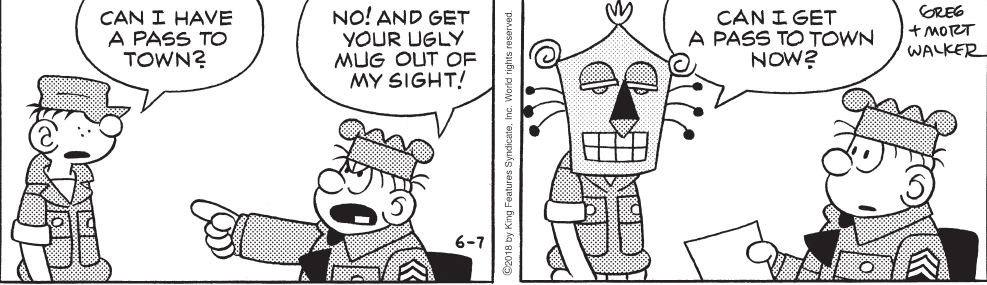
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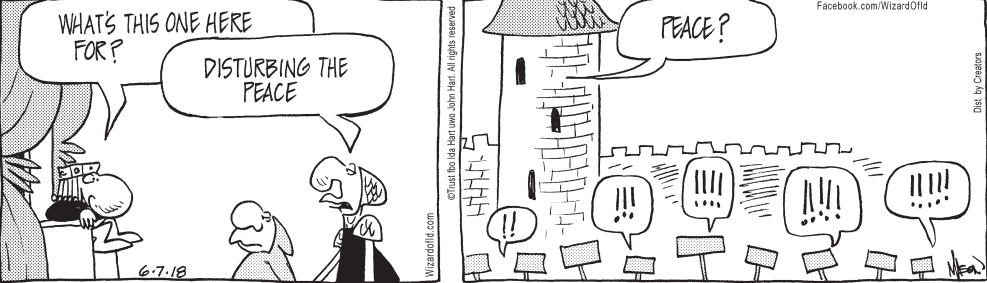
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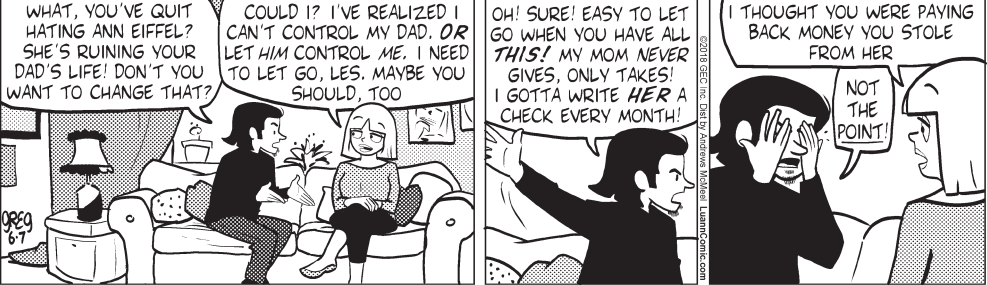
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DEAR ABBY

Fake flower prompts emotional reaction from offended widow

Dear Abby: My brother-in-law died a month ago and was cremated by the local affiliate of a prominent funeral home. To make it easier for my sister, I accompanied her to the mortuary to pick up her husband's remains. I walked in alone, and as I returned to the car with his urn, a young funeral home employee in a black suit and scuffed shoes followed me. Through the window of the car, he presented my sister an artificial red rose and said, "We're sorry for your loss."

My sister and I were appalled by the insincerity of this gesture, and I called and told the funeral home director that the sentiments were as phony as the rose. He said, "I thought it was a great idea," and couldn't understand our reaction. Were we wrong?

— Resenting Phony Sentiments

Dear Resenting: Yes, you were. When people are grieving, emotions are sometimes raw, so I'm not going to scold you. However, your response to the young man was ungracious. All that needed to be said was, "No, thank you."

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law keeps buying us decorator items that don't have a place in our home. While I appreciate the effort and the thought, I have no more closet space in which to store them. I was taught to accept gifts and express gratitude, even if you don't like them.

My mother-in-law is coming to visit in a few weeks, and my husband insists we should display the items she's purchased for



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us. This would entail putting holes in my walls, as she tends to get us items that need to be hung. I don't think we should have to go through this charade just to appease her. It will only encourage her to buy us more things. What should I do? — **No More Closet Gifts**

Dear N.M.C.G.: It won't destroy your home to display one (or two) of the items your MIL has given you while she's visiting. But while she's there, make sure she opens the closet where you have stored all the other items she has sent "because she's such a generous doll you can't possibly use them all." When she leaves, sell the gifts or donate them, then pray she takes the hint.

Dear Abby: I need your advice. I'm in love with a wonderful man. He says he likes and respects me but does not love me. I desperately want his love, but have agreed to be friends with benefits in the hope that in the future he may come to love me. Should I continue with this, and is there a future for me? — **Hopeful In Telangana, India**

Dear Hopeful: For many people, liking and respecting someone would make the person a candidate for marriage. The bad news is, the man you care so much about is not one of them. The good news is, there are many eligible, emotionally available men who might value what you have to offer. Time is precious. If you want your future to be a happy one, be glad your friend with benefits has been honest with you, cut your losses and look elsewhere for love.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 7, 1918

Have you got your seats engaged for the eclipse Saturday afternoon? This is by far the greatest show ever staged by the heavens in the Northwest in the memory of man. Over at Baker there has been quite a notable gathering of astronomers and scientists to make observations of the event. Pendleton is a few miles north of the north line of totality, or as some writers say "Stygian," and all that will be necessary to get in the path of totality will be a short trip south of this place.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 7, 1968

Grief, shock and dismay over the death of Sen. Robert Kennedy at the hands of an assassin were expressed today by Pendleton residents and visitors. Oregon Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, here for the annual conference of the Oregon District Attorney's Association, said, "It is a very tragic, dis-

graceful thing that a public figure should be assassinated in a country that prides itself on law and order for every individual. ... I feel a great personal sympathy for the Kennedy family, that they twice in five years met this tragedy of assassination. I extend them my profoundest sympathy and condolences."

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 7, 1993

Don Sampson, a Walla Walla Indian from Portland, led members of his family on a 48-mile trek that started Friday near Umapine and ended Saturday at Carl Sampson's home on the Umatilla Indian Reservation near Pendleton. Carl Sampson, chief of the Walla Walla Tribe, organized the Treaty Ride to call attention to the cost of westward expansion on Native American people. Celebrations of the sesquicentennial of the Oregon Trail ignore the devastating impact the arrival of pioneers had on the Indian way of life, Sampson has said. About 10 people participated in the weekend ride.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia offered a resolution to the Continental Congress stating "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1099, the First Crusade began besieging Jerusalem, which was captured the following month.

In 1769, frontiersman Daniel Boone first began to explore present-day Kentucky.

In 1892, Homer Plessy, a "Creole of color," was arrested for refusing to leave a whites-only car of the East Louisiana Railroad. (Ruling on his case, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept it renounced in 1954.)

In 1948, the Communists completed their takeover of Czechoslovakia with the resignation of President Edvard Benes.

In 1965, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Griswold

v. Connecticut, struck down, 7-2, a Connecticut law used to prosecute a Planned Parenthood clinic in New Haven for providing contraceptives to married couples.

In 1977, Britons thronged London to celebrate the silver jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, who was marking the 25th year of her reign.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that religious groups could sometimes meet on school property after hours. Ground was broken for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

In 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man, was hooked by a chain to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death; one of them, Lawrence Russell Brewer, was executed in 2011. A third defendant received life with the possibility of parole.)

Today's Birthdays:

Movie director James Ivory is 90. Actor Ken Osmond (TV: "Leave It to Beaver") is 75. Former talk show host Jenny Jones is 72. Americana singer-songwriter Willie Nile is 70. Actress Anne Twomey is 67. Actor Liam Neeson is 66. Author Louise Erdrich is 64. Actor William Forsythe is 63. Vice President Mike Pence is 59. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 55. Rock musician Eric Kretz (Stone Temple Pilots) is 52. Rock musician Dave Navarro is 51. Actress Anna Torv is 39. Actress Larisa Oleynik is 37. Tennis player Anna Kournikova is 37. Actor Michael Cera is 30. Actress Shelley Buckner is 29. Rapper Fetty Wap is 27.

Thought for Today: "The history of the world shows that when a mean thing was done, man did it; when a good thing was done, man did it." — *Robert G. Ingersoll, American lawyer and statesman (1833-1899).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

