

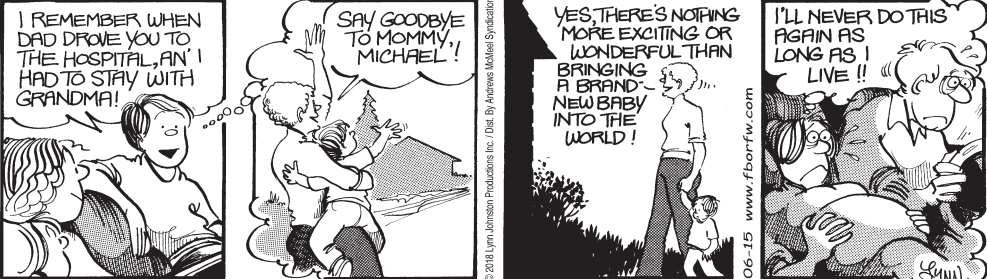
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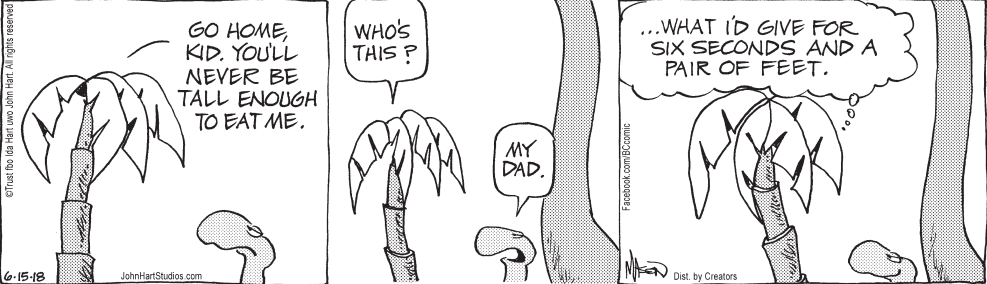
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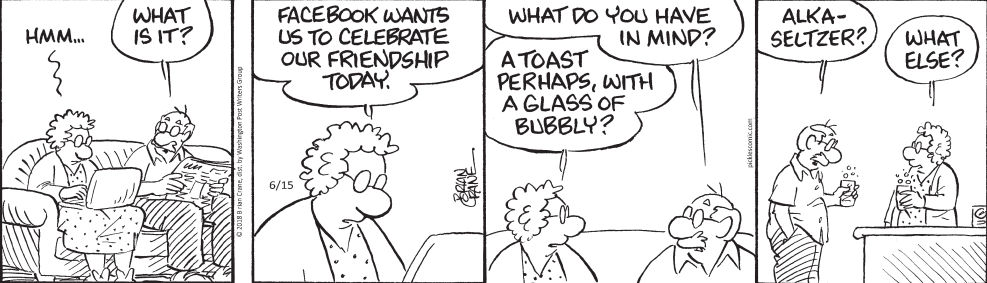
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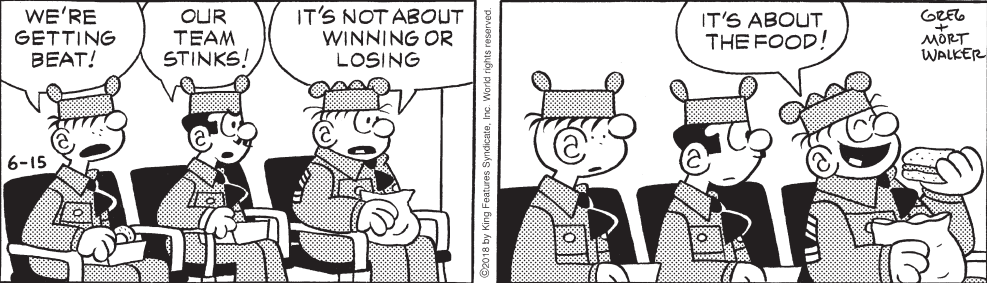
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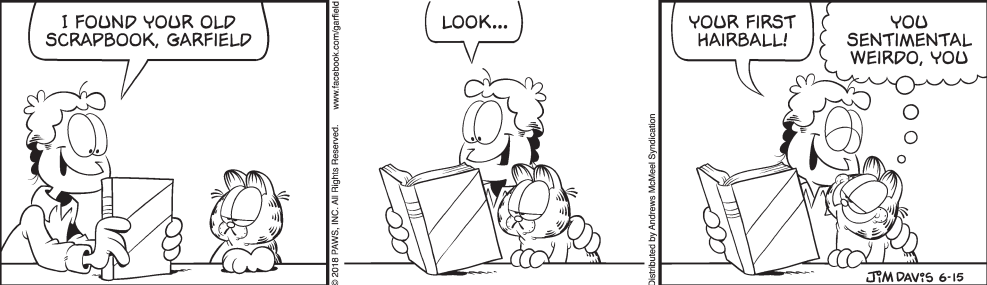
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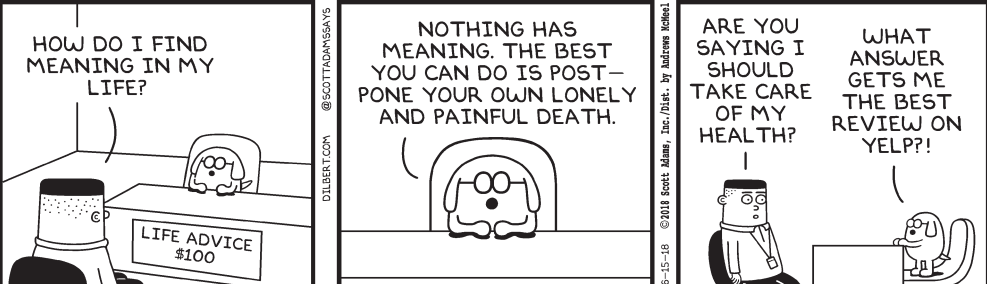
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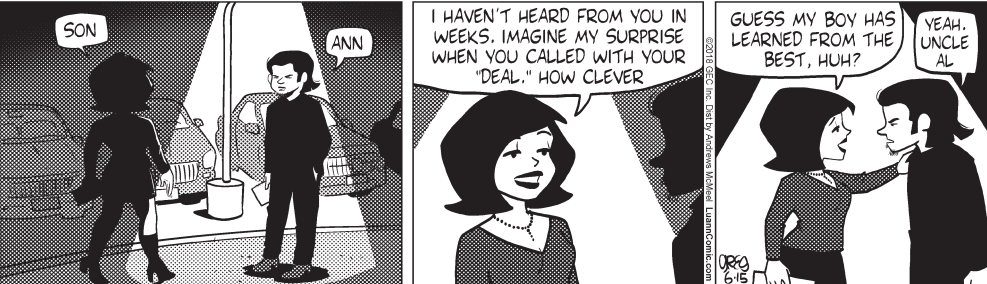
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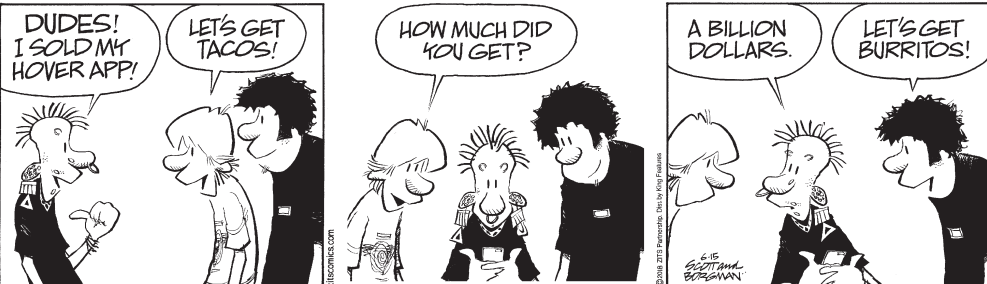
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DEAR ABBY

Son lives in constant fear for unhappy mom's welfare

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law constantly talks to my husband about committing suicide because she's not happy with her life or her husband. My husband worries all the time and has offered to let her come stay with us for a while.

To me, this would be a nightmare. I can't be around her more than two or three days, and she has "hinted" that she would like to move in permanently with us. I have told my husband how I feel, but he's terrified she will follow through. How can I fix this? Should I tell her how I feel? — **Scared In The South**

Dear Scared: If your mother-in-law moves in with you, it will probably spell the end of your marriage. She needs more help than you or her son is qualified to give. Explain this to your husband. His mother may suffer from chronic depression or be trying to manipulate her son through emotional blackmail. If he really wants to help his mother, he will make sure she is evaluated by a licensed mental health professional.

Dear Abby: We love being near the water, but my husband drags a chair behind our rental and sits in the sun in the alley without his shirt. This is an upscale neighborhood, and it's embarrassing to me, especially because he is in his 70s and not in shape to display his stomach.

The neighbors laugh it off, but I have told him how I feel and pleaded with him to walk a few steps to the beach and sit there shirt-



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

less. He said I hurt his feelings and embarrassed him by suggesting it. What more can I do to make him see how inappropriate it is? — **Beach Bunny**

Dear Bunny: Nothing! If he doesn't feel sunbathing in the back alley is inappropriate and the neighbors aren't offended, then the problem is you, not him. He may not want to sunbathe on the beach because he is self-conscious about his appearance, and your comments didn't help. Apologies are in order.

Dear Abby: I am a teetotaler. As frequently happens when a group of friends share a meal together at a restaurant, when the bill arrives, one of the party will suggest, "Why don't we just split it?" The rest of the group usually quickly agrees, but left out of the equation is the fact that the lone teetotaler did not participate in the round — or several rounds — of cocktails before dinner and ends up subsidizing the drinkers. If I squawk about it, I look cheap. If I don't, I feel taken advantage of. Please advise. — **Ticked Off Teetotaler**

Dear T.O.T.: If you haven't squawked before, you should. The time to speak up would be when the get-together is being planned and you can talk to each of your friends privately. Suggest the booze bill and the food tab be separate, which would keep the math simple for everyone. Or, put enough in the till to cover your cost and the tip, and let them split the rest.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 15, 1918

A new edict of the food administration goes into effect this morning which provided that all retailers will be required to limit their sales of sugar to two pounds at a time to city customers and five pounds at a time to country customers. This regulation is not to apply to sugar for domestic canning purposes for which provision has been made so that house wives may obtain proper supplies upon signing a certificate affirming to the government that she will not use any of the sugar so purchased for any other purpose than canning or preserving.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 15, 1968

Averta Terney, wife of Despain Gulch rancher F.C. Terney, has an idea for promoting beef. She suggests the establishment of a chain of restaurants that would feature beef served in all the different delicious ways that have been developed by the Cow Belles. These "eateries" would be constructed in

the form or shape of a steer or bull and thus highly distinctive. Adding to the uniqueness would be cattle brands stamped in the cement.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 15, 1993

A Hermiston man has pleaded "guilty but insane" in the shooting of a police officer last September. Timothy Johnson's plea on Monday means he will be sent to a state mental hospital after his sentencing Wednesday instead of facing a prison sentence. "We anticipate that will be 20 years, but the judge will decide," said deputy district attorney Robert Hill. Johnson was charged with attempted aggravated murder and first-degree assault following rampage outside his Hermiston home on the afternoon of Sept. 9. He fired more than 50 rounds into the air and at neighboring houses with three different guns, including a high-powered rifle. One of those bullets shattered the windshield of a Hermiston patrol car and struck Officer Jim Littlefield in the shoulder. Littlefield has since returned to duty.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On June 15, 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

In 1520, Pope Leo X issued a papal bull in which he threatened to excommunicate Martin Luther if he did not recant his religious beliefs, a threat that was carried out the following January.

In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act making the National

Guard part of the U.S. Army in the event of war or national emergency.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. B-29 Superfortresses carried out their first raids on Japan.

In 1955, the United States and Britain signed a cooperation agreement concerning atomic information for "mutual defence purposes."

In 1969, the variety show "Hee Haw," a fast-paced mixture of country music and comedy skits, debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1988, the baseball romantic comedy "Bull Durham," starring Kevin Costner and Susan Sarandon, was released by Orion Pictures.

In 1993, former Texas Gov. John Connally, who was wounded in the gunfire that killed President John F. Kennedy, died in Houston at age 76.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Steve Walsh is 67. Chinese President Xi Jinping is 65. Actor-comedian Jim Belushi is 64. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 64. Baseball Hall of Famer Wade Boggs is 60. Actress Helen Hunt is 55. Actress Courteney Cox is 54. Country musician Tony Ardo is 54. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 52. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 49. Actress Leah Remini is 48. Actor Jake Bussey is 47. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 45. Former child actor Christopher Castile is 38. Actor Denzel Whitaker is 28.

Thought for Today: "In trying to make something new, half the undertaking lies in discovering whether it can be done. Once it has been established that it can, duplication is inevitable." — *Helen Gahagan Douglas, U.S. Representative (1900-1980).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

