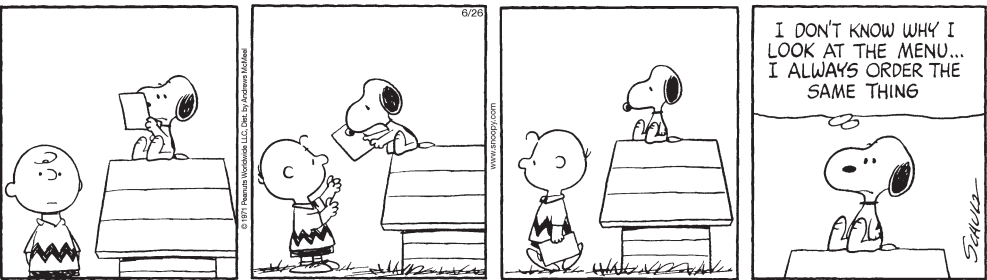


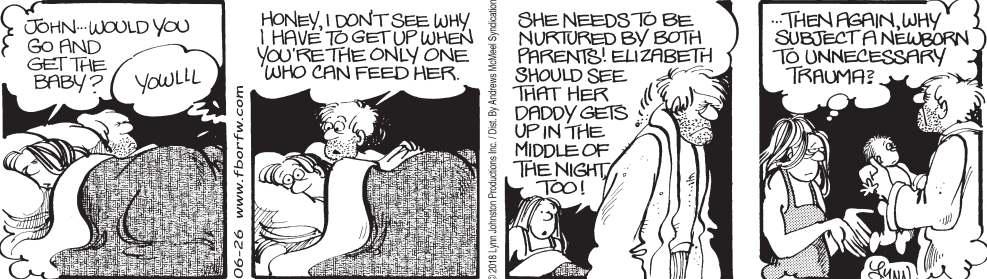
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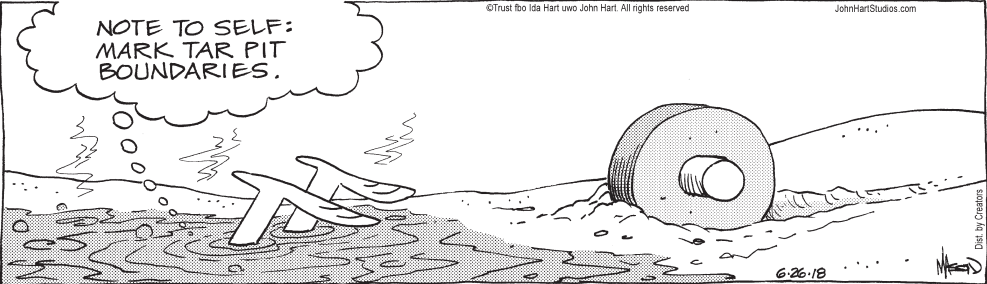
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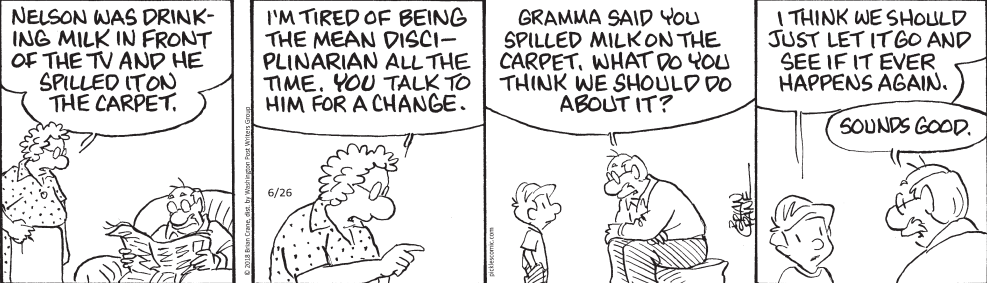
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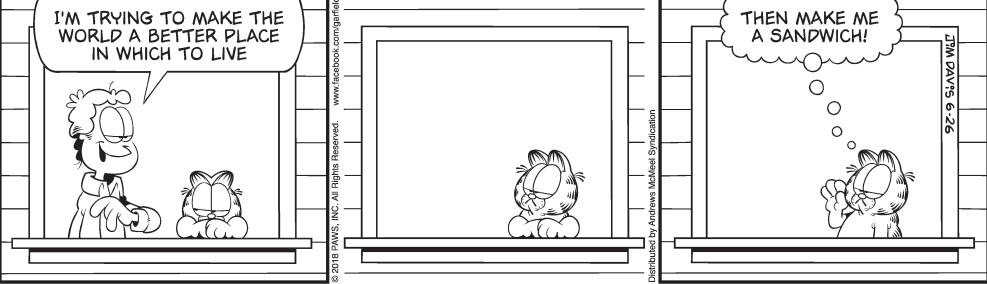
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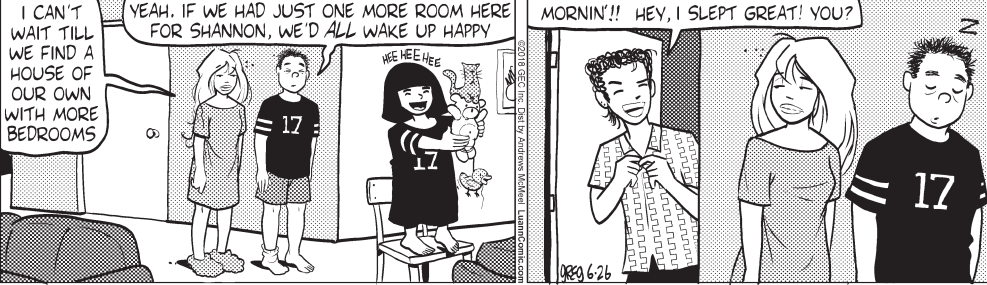
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DEAR ABBY

Medical privacy rules stymie ‘dad’ to girlfriend’s children

Dear Abby: I am 32 and in a relationship with a 31-year-old single mother. Her son, “Steven,” is 7. Her daughter, “Jessica,” is 15.

I am a stay-at-home dad. Both kids refer to me as “Dad,” as I have been a part of Steven’s life more than his (incarcerated) dad has ever been. Because I am a stay-at-home dad, this means I take Steven to various professional appointments, doctors, including a psychiatrist for ADHD, the dentist and various sports activities.

I was informed three weeks ago Jessica is pregnant. When I take our boy for doctor’s visits, they always want guarantor information, and I always sign. But after a recent checkup of his, I called for results and was outright lied to — “We don’t have the results back” — and Jessica’s doctor said they can’t release any information to me.

Abby, I’m in this for the long haul. If doctors will let me sign to pay their medical expenses but I can’t have the results, what can I do? — **Stay-At-Home-Dad**

Dear “Dad”: A guarantor is different from a legal guardian or parent. Have their mother call the doctors and request the information so she can share it with you. And if you haven’t suggested to Jessica’s mother that her daughter should be put on long-acting birth control, I think the time has come.

Dear Abby: My husband and I recently moved into our dream home and invited my family over to see it. My sister noticed that the house had been designed to be handicapped accessible. We confirmed that it had been built by an elderly couple. The doors and walkways are larger than normal, there are handrails in the bathroom, a seat in the shower, etc. She went on to say that we



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Advice

shouldn’t have purchased the house because we were “taking it from someone who may have needed it.” Then she compared us to someone who parks in a handicap parking space without a permit.

The thought had never occurred to me. I loved the openness of the floor plan; it was a huge selling point for me. The house is within walking distance of my work and had been on the market for two years. The

sellers were thrilled to have someone finally buy it. The community has been nothing but welcoming to us and seems glad to have a nice family move into a home that was built by much-loved neighbors. Should we have passed on it and continued our search? — **Dream Home Owner In Kansas**

Dear Owner: Of course not! The house served the needs of the couple who built it. Now it is yours and doing the same for you and your family. Enjoy it! And the next time your jealous sister brings up the subject — we both know she will — hand her an anti-acid tablet and talk about something else.

Dear Abby: I have a friend who I suspect has a mental problem. I wonder if it may be a disease of some kind. No matter what I talk about — what I’ve done, who I know or what I have — she one-ups me by saying she has done or had the same thing. It really grates on my nerves. Do you think it’s a habit or a disease? — **Outdone In Washington**

Dear Outdone: It’s not a disease, but an obnoxious habit. The “cure” may be to tell the woman how what she’s doing makes you feel. The result will be that she either stops trying to top you or ends the friendship. Either one will be a relief.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 25-26, 1918

“It would help some if someone would mail their old copies of the *E.O.* to some one of the boys here so that we may keep in touch with the folks at home and news from Pendleton and the county,” writes Private Anthony F. Drolshagen from the Letterman General hospital at the Presidio, Cal. “I received four copies of the *Hermiston Herald* a few days ago and it was like getting money from home,” he adds. Private Drolshagen left Pendleton with one of the latest national army contingents and is now waiting to undergo an operation before being assigned to a company. His letter was to a local Honor Guard girl who sent some checkerboards.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 25-26, 1968

The Becky Howland heart fund is expected to get a major transfusion Saturday as the result of a big area and community-wide effort in three fund raising events. Spearheading the campaign is the Kiwanis Club, staging an auction and barbecue on

the Hermiston High School athletic field. The Jaycees will award a 1,000-pound steer as a climax to Saturday’s events. The auction is expected to offer hundreds of items that early this week indicated a variety from a hair cut to a gift from Hansell Brothers Hog Ranch of five hogs, 220 pounds each.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
June 25-26, 1993

Everybody has times in their lives that they will never forget, but few can say they are among the best at what they do. Pendleton’s Tucker Fife can stake claim to both after competing for the Oregon team at the National Junior Dual Meet Wrestling Championships in Park Forest, Ill., June 17-20. The 17-year-old senior-to-be was among 13 Oregon wrestlers who made the trek to the Midwest last week. Oregon took the team title in Greco-Roman style and finished second to Oklahoma, by a score of 26-25, in the freestyle championships. Fife, who finished seventh in the high school state championships last winter, wrestled in the 178-pound weight class and went 2-3 in last week’s tourney. “I was happy with that. There were some big boys,” said Fife.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 177th day of 2018. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.

On this date:
In 1541, Francisco Pizarro, Spanish conqueror of Peru, was slain in Lima by rival conquistadors.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower joined Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech express-

ing solidarity with the city’s residents, declaring: “Ich bin ein Berliner” (I am a Berliner).

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced his choice of Abe Fortas to succeed the retiring Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States (however, Fortas later withdrew in the face of stiff Senate opposition).

In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tennessee. Elvis Presley performed his last concert at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton announced the U.S. had launched missiles against Iraqi targets because of “compelling evi-

dence” Iraq had plotted to assassinate former President George H.W. Bush.

Today’s Birthdays:

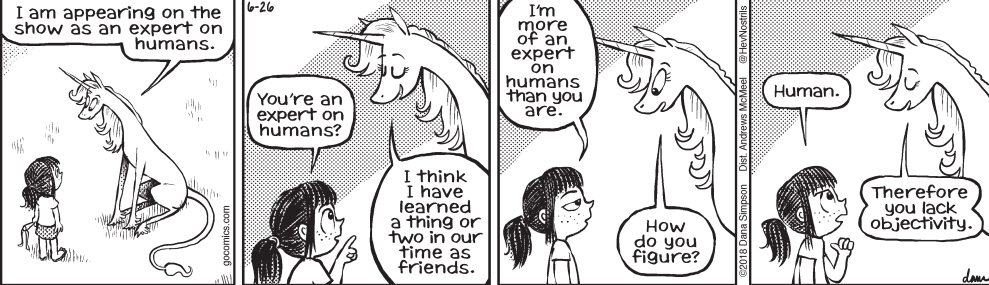
Rhythm and blues singer Brenda Holloway is 72. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 62. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 61. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 48. Actor Chris O’Donnell is 48. Actor Nick Offerman is 48. Retired MLB All-Star Derek Jeter is 44. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 44. Actor-musician Jason Schwartzman is 38. Actress Aubrey Plaza is 34. Actress-singer Jennette McCurdy is 26. Actress-singer Ariana Grande is 25.

Thought for Today:

“Nothing is improbable until it moves into the past tense.” — *George Ade, American writer (1866-1944).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

