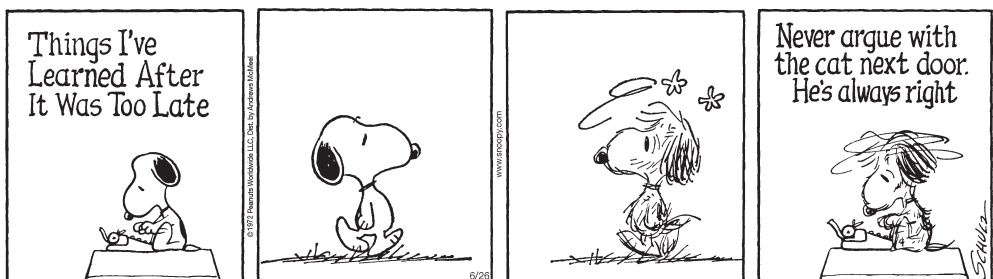


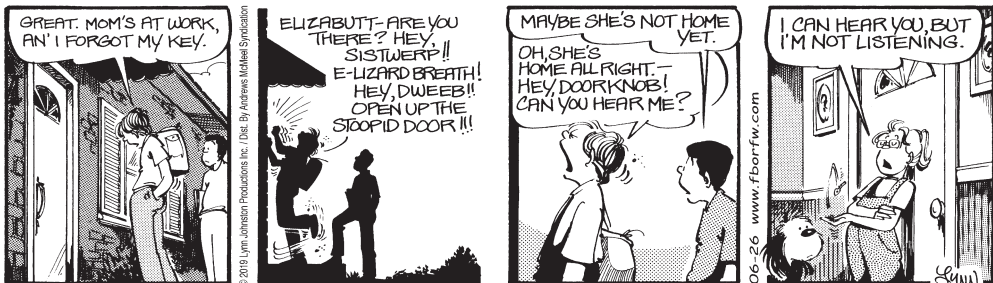
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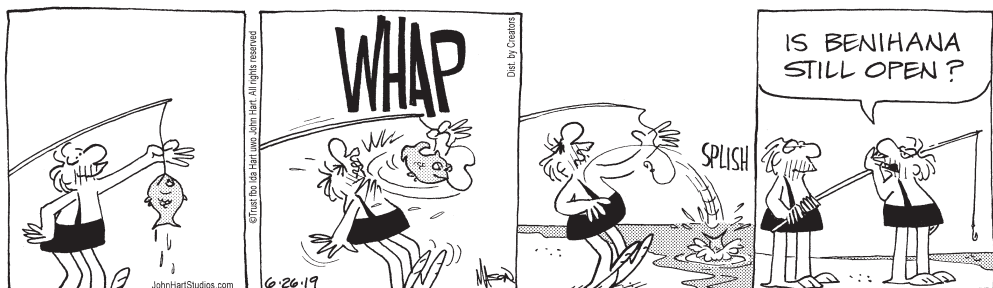
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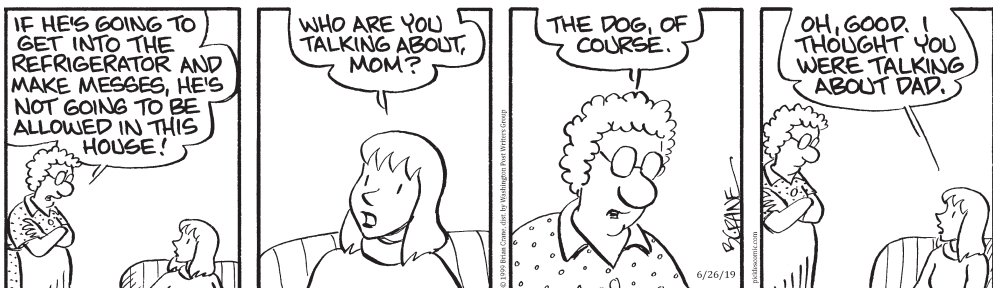
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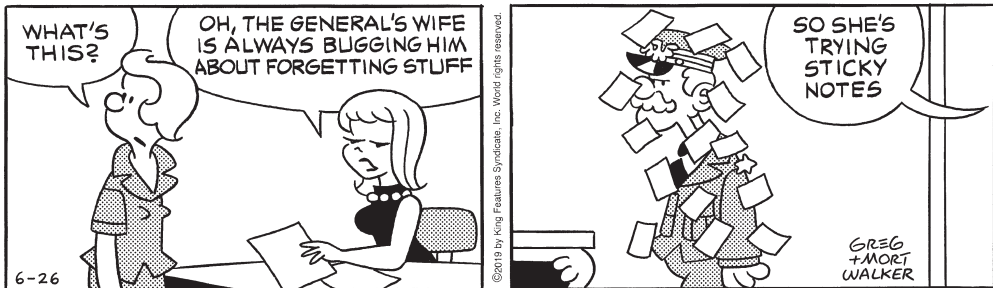
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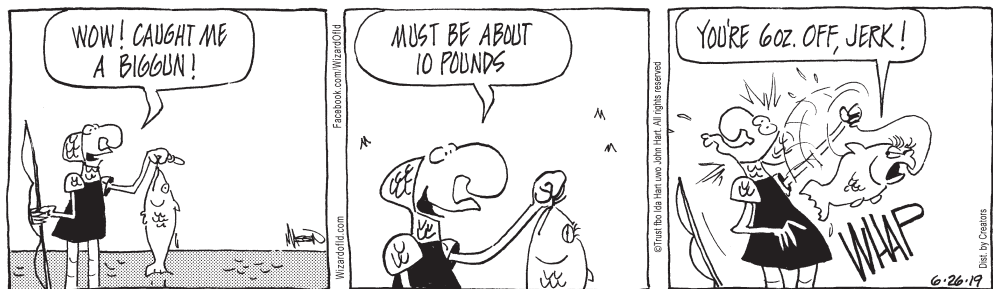
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DEAR ABBY

Mother-in-law's nighttime attire causes consternation



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I have a wonderful mother-in-law whom I love very much. She frequently stays overnight in my home. I also have two young sons.

My mother-in-law recently mentioned to me that she doesn't wear underwear to bed and never has, including while staying at my house. I'm troubled by this because she wears nightgowns to bed, and I'm afraid my sons might accidentally see her lady parts. Also, she sleeps on my furniture like this, and I feel it is disrespectful and unladylike.

I don't know how to say to her that, for the sake of my furniture and my sanity, I need her to wear underwear to bed when she stays at my house. Do I broach this subject, or am I being unreasonable? — Proper in Ohio

Dear Proper: What your mother-in-law wears to bed is her business, not yours. Unless your little boys are playing peek-a-boo underneath her nightie, they won't notice — or care. How long is that garment anyway? If it reaches below her knees or to her ankles, there should be no "bootie contact" with your sofa. In the interest of family harmony, I recommend you take a chill pill and leave the subject alone.

Dear Abby: I'm in love with a man who doesn't want us to be described as anything more than friends. We are together every day, and he knows I love him. We have sex, and I sleep over whenever possible. He wants me there all the time but with no status. Am I wrong for wanting more? Will there ever be more? — Nameless in Pennsylvania

Dear Nameless: The answers to your questions are no and no. Your "friend"

wants the benefits of being a lover and none of the responsibility.

Have you talked with him about this and how it makes you feel? You are not "wrong" for wanting more, but you are mistaken if you think that being at his beck and call is the way to get the commitment he seems to be so unwilling to make. You might have better results if you quit being so available.

Dear Abby: I'm recently married to my second wife. We have a great relationship, but I feel like she has a better relationship with my two daughters than I do. They do everything together, and my daughters don't want to do anything that includes me.

Part of me is grateful they have such a great relationship, but I'm also jealous that my relationship with them is not as good as hers. Should I say something? I don't want to ruin what they have, but I feel neglected. Am I being selfish? Should I just ignore it and get a hobby or something? — Envious in the East

Dear Envious: I wish you had mentioned how old your daughters are. I see nothing to be gained by not discussing this with your wife. Parenting is not supposed to be a contest.

Your daughters may not mean to exclude you, but may assume you wouldn't be interested in the things they are doing or discussing. (I'm thinking of things females like to do together.) If you let them know you're sincerely interested in joining in some of their activities, you may be surprised at how quickly they include you. Also, set a standing (monthly) breakfast or lunch date — just you and your daughters — so you can spend some quality time together.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 26, 1919

If the council allows the request of the Union Oil Co. for a permit to place its oil plant on the site it has in view, on the Breding place directly in front of St. Joseph's Academy, the plans for building the \$150,000 improvement to the St. Anthony's hospital will be entirely abandoned and the building operations in connection with the St. Joseph's academy will be curbed as far as possible. According to Mother Killian, "We have been here for 30 years and have made improvements. We now have property valued at \$200,000 and when our plans for improving the hospital and school are carried out we will have an investment of \$400,000. We feel it would be unjust to have an oil plant placed directly in front of the institutions."

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 26, 1969

Bernard W. Carper, 35, of Hermiston was honored as pharmacist of the year by

the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association. Carper, a partner in Moore and Ripley Drug, received the award Tuesday during the association's annual convention at Lincoln City. Carper, who won the Hermiston Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award a few months ago, was nominated for the state award by Jerry Sobotta, a pharmacist in a competitive firm, the Hermiston Drug Co.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 26, 1994

Jack Dennerline hopes to be sailing the South Pacific in his 38-foot sailboat in a year or so. When he does, he'll have earned the exotic adventure. Last week, after 13 years of work, Dennerline launched the sailboat he built almost entirely himself. "I've wanted to do this for years," Dennerline said, sitting in the deck house of the Crab Shell, the name of his craft. "I decided to just work on it until it gets done." Sailing and boats have always been a passion for Dennerline, despite growing up in landlocked Caldwell, Idaho. His father passed along his love of boats and the water.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On June 26, 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 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, New Jersey's Boardwalk was opened to the public.

In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force deployed to France during World War I landed in St. Nazaire.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office by delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

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 1990, President George H.W. Bush went back on his "no-new-taxes" campaign pledge, conceding that tax increases would have to be included in any deficit-reduction package worked out with congressional negotiators.

In 1997, the first Harry Potter novel, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J.K. Rowling, was published in the United

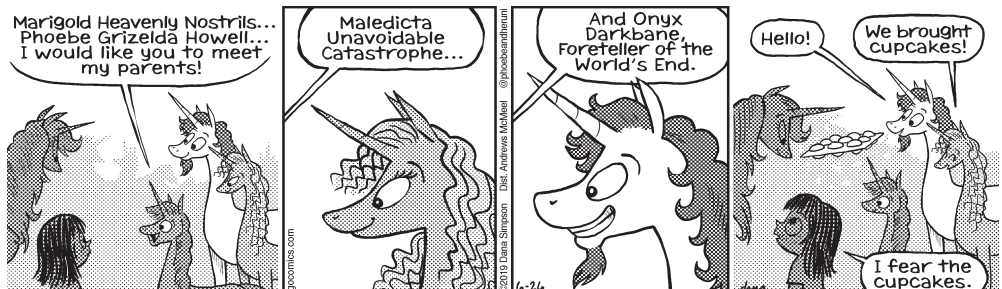
Kingdom (it was later released in the United States under the title "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone").

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Georgie Fame is 76. Rock singer Chris Isaak is 63. Rock singer Patty Smyth is 62. Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson is 49. Actor Sean Hayes is 49. Retired MLB All-Star Derek Jeter is 45. Country singer Gretchen Wilson is 45. Actor-musician Jason Schwartzman is 39. Actress Aubrey Plaza is 35.

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

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

