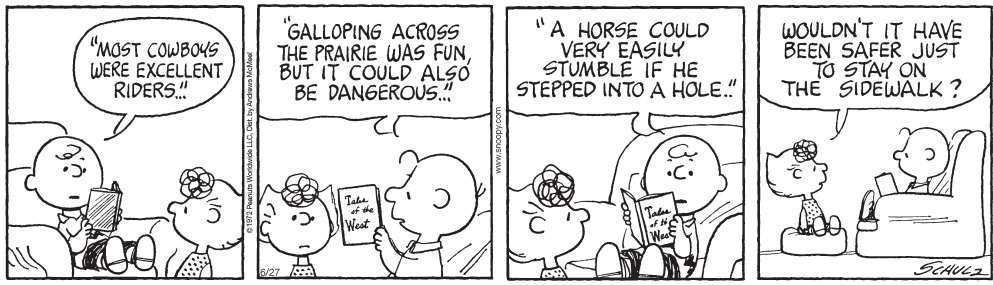


PEANUTS

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ



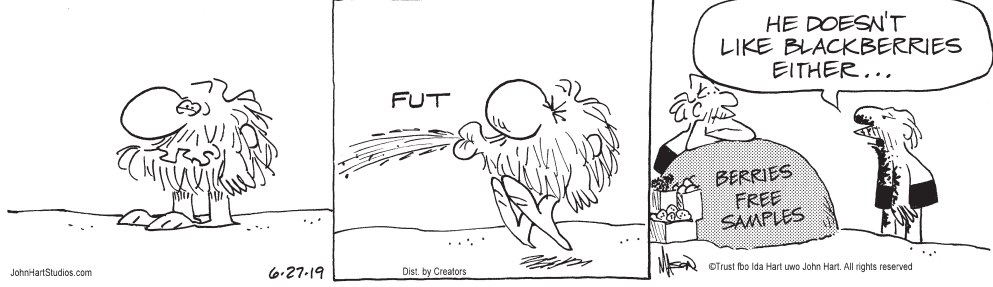
FOR BETTER OR WORSE

BY LYNN JOHNSTON



B.C.

BY JOHNNY HART



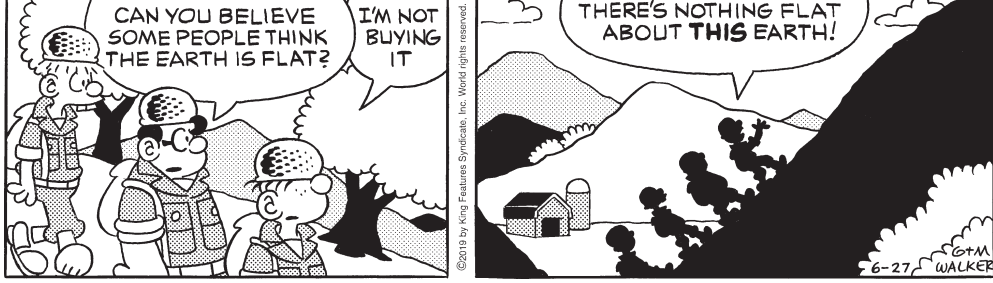
PICKLES

BY BRIAN CRANE



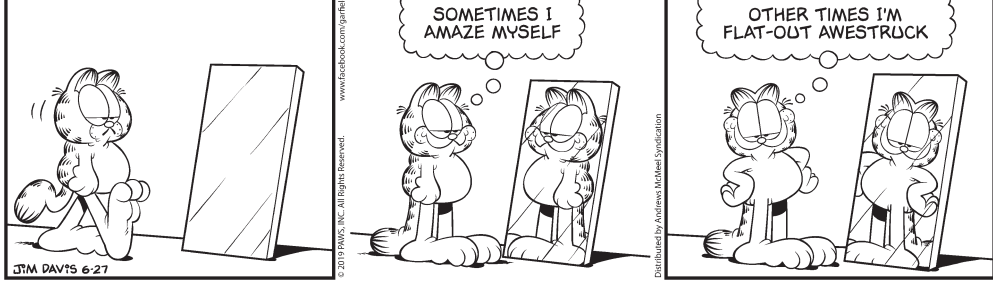
BETLE BAILEY

BY MORT WALKER



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



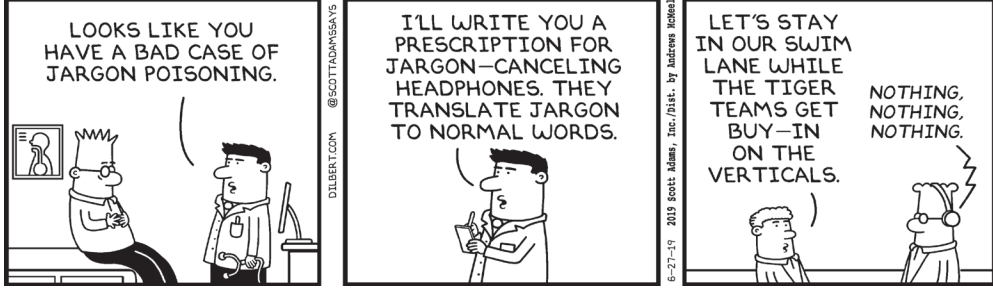
BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE



DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS



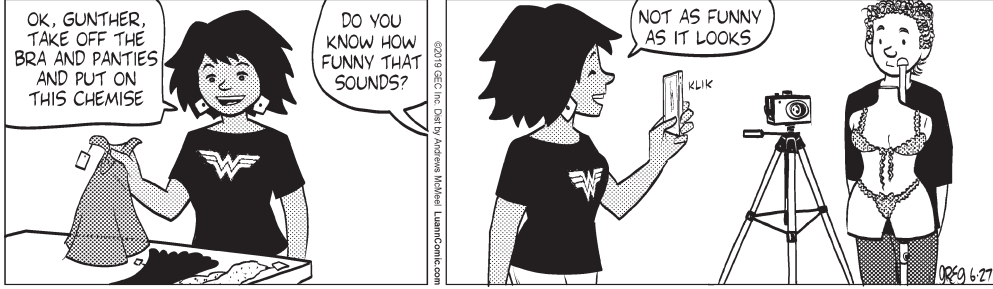
THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Daughter betrayed by mother struggles with reconnection

Dear Abby: I have an extensive history of childhood trauma. I was sexually abused by my stepfather for 15 years. When I turned him in, my family turned their backs on me. I was told it could have been handled within the family, and they blamed me for acting "sexy." My stepfather spent 10 years in prison and died a few years later.

I suffer from chronic mental health issues including PTSD, anxiety and suicide ideation, which have landed me in the hospital 10 times in the last two years. My mother wants to have a relationship with me, but she refuses to apologize or acknowledge the abuse even happened.

In some ways, the betrayal by my mother has hurt me more than the abuse. I feel guilty for not trying to work on a relationship with her, but on the other hand, I don't feel my heart can handle any more rejection from her. We live states apart. What should I do? — Survivor in Wisconsin

Dear Survivor: If you haven't talked about this with a licensed therapist, please do it before making a decision about something this important. I'm not a therapist, but I think it would be healthier for you to keep your distance from someone who prefers living in denial rather than facing reality.

At the very least, you are owed an apology for the way you were treated by "the family." You did nothing wrong. The person who should feel guilty is your mother. Blowing the whistle on the child molester

she married was the right thing to do. ("Handle it within the family"?) I can only wonder how many other young family members your stepfather may have abused in addition to you.

Dear Abby: My three sons are all engaged and plan on being married over the next three years. Their mother and I are separated and will be splitting the cost of the rehearsal dinner.

I told the first one to be engaged that while I will pay for the rehearsal dinner, I will not pay for a bartender or alcoholic drinks. I have been in emergency services for more than 35 years and have seen firsthand the effects of alcohol too many times. I no longer drink socially because of it. Although I explained this to my sons as they grew up, they have chosen to drink socially as adults. It is their choice, and I accept it.

The fiancée of my second son to be married has sent us a price quote from a venue that includes costs for a bartender. (The total is more than twice that of the first son's.) I plan to discuss this with him, but I'd like your opinion: Am I wrong to make this stipulation, given the fact that this is "their" event? — Teetotaler in the South

Dear Teetotaler: You are not wrong. You made that stipulation to Son No. 1, and in fairness, you should do the same with Son No. 2. While it will be his and his fiancée's event, and you are generously paying for the dinner, you are under no obligation to pay for their booze.



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 27, 1919

A strip of land lying between the railroad spur to Walters' Mill and the highway west of town has been suggested as a possible site for the proposed Union Oil Co. plant as a result of the solid remonstrance by the Sisters of St. Francis and the doctors of Pendleton against the location of the plant opposite St. Joseph's Academy. According to reliable information, C.C. Ireland, representative of the company, did not consider the site on the north side below the golf links. The site in question is about a quarter of a mile west of the mill and a slightly greater distance from the state hospital. There are no buildings within several hundred yards of the site and it would have excellent transportation facilities, both for rail and highway shipping, it is pointed out.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 27, 1969

As a delegation prepared to attend hearings in Washington, D.C., on a bill to distribute \$2.5 million awarded to members of

the Umatilla Indian Tribe, a tribal member voiced dissent to the full distribution plan. Antone C. Minthorn said he sought a way in which to let the committee conducting the hearings know that there are those on the reservation who favor about \$500 per capita payment, with the balance to be deposited to a tribal development fund. The funds were appropriated by Congress over two years ago in payment for Indian lands acquired without payment subsequent to the Treaty of 1855.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 27, 1994

Michael Koester received the Dr. V.A. Salvadorini Excellence in Pathology Award during the recent University of Nevada School of Medicine awards ceremony in Reno, Nev. The award goes to the sophomore medical student who best exemplifies traits of the late Salvadorini — leadership, scholarship and attitude. Koester, son of Robert and Elaine Koester of Stanfield, graduated in 1987 from Stanfield High School. Koester plans to return to the Pacific Northwest and practice rural family medicine after completing his studies.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On June 27, 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black jurist to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement.

In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.

In 1846, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

In 1880, author-lecturer Helen Keller, who lived most of her life without sight or hearing, was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

In 1905, the Industrial Workers of the World was founded in Chicago.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces liberated the French port

of Cherbourg from the Germans.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon opened an official visit to the Soviet Union.

In 1984, the Supreme Court ended the National Collegiate Athletic Association's monopoly on controlling college football telecasts, ruling such control violated antitrust law.

In 1988, at least 56 people were killed when a commuter train ran into a stationary train at the Gare de Lyon terminal in Paris.

In 1990, NASA announced that a flaw in the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope was preventing the instrument from achieving optimum focus. (The problem was traced to a mirror that had not been ground to exact specifications; corrective optics were later installed to fix the problem.)

In 2008, North Korea destroyed the most visi-

ble symbol of its nuclear weapons program, the cooling tower at its main atomic reactor at Yongbyon. (However, North Korea announced in September 2008 that it was restoring its nuclear facilities.)

Today's Birthdays: Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 77. Fashion designer Vera Wang is 70. Actor Brian Driller is 59. Writer-producer-director J.J. Abrams is 53. TV personality Jo Frost is 49. Actor Tobey Maguire is 44. Gospel singer Leigh Nash is 43. Actress India de Beaufort is 32. Actor Matthew Lewis is 30. Actress Madylin Sweeten is 28. R&B singer H.E.R. is 22.

Thought for Today: "The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything — or nothing." — Viscountess Nancy Astor, American-born British politician (1879-1964).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

