

PEANUTS

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DEAR ABBY Couple does battle over who handles household bill-paying

Dear Abby: My newly retired husband and I lead a nice life and are in good health. Our two girls are grown and established. Our battle is over my husband "taking back" some of the duties I have performed for years, like paying and mailing out our monthly bills, some of which I pay in person.



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system works so you can assume the task seamlessly.

Dear Abby: I met my husband 22 years ago and decided to move in with him. I was 21. My mother has never approved of him. He is a blue-collar, hardworking, huge-hearted man. We fell hard for each other, and I didn't care that he wasn't rich.

This task is easy for me and never a hardship. We have excellent credit. He now wants all the bills to come to him online, and he'll pay them online, leaving me out of the process. He knows I enjoyed doing it and considered it my purview.

The last 22 years haven't been easy. She acts like she accepts him, but then she says horrible things about him. We both have helped my parents during some difficult times, but she still says things that hurt like, "I'm glad you two never had kids."

I want to continue to handle bill paying as I always have, occasionally taking a statement to a department store or whatever. Paying for checks is not a problem for us. I use a debit card for regular shopping and a credit card in certain stores. I am not a spend-a-holic.

Well, lo and behold, I ended up getting pregnant at 40, and we have an amazing son together. I keep trying to start over with Mom, especially since my son was born, but she has continued her evil ways.

My husband paying bills online cuts me out of the process, and I don't like it. I prefer the method I have used for decades. Is this more of a control issue than anything else? Any ideas? — Stified in Washington

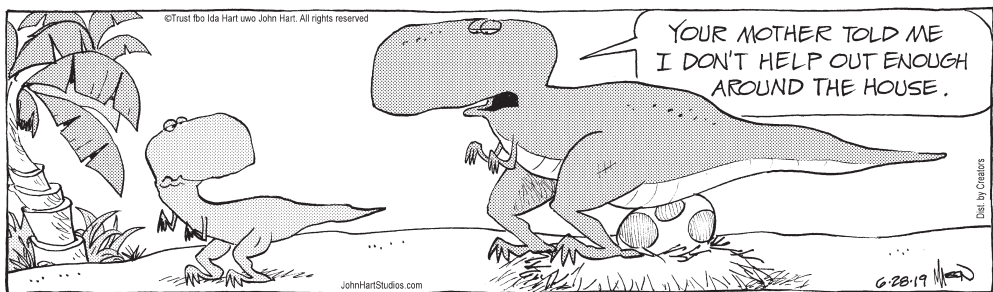
I'm finally done with her, and my husband and I have decided to move to another state where my husband's family lives so our son can grow up surrounded by loving people. I feel sad, but my mother is not willing to accept us. Am I doing the right thing by moving? (My father passed away, and we hung in through her verbal abuse just to make sure Dad was well taken care of.) — Anxious in Arizona

Dear Stified: Yes, it is a control issue. It is also an indication that your husband doesn't have enough to do. Because the bill paying is partly a social outlet for you, you should not allow the task to be taken over. Tell your husband he needs to find something else to do — mow the lawn, paint the garage, volunteer his time — but not the bill paying because it makes you uncomfortable.

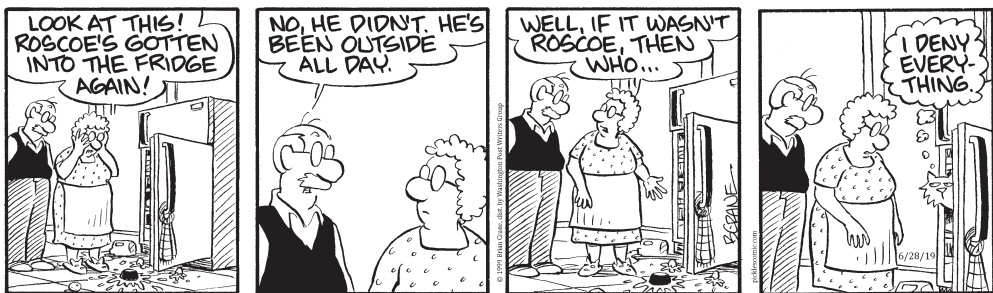
Dear Anxious: I'm sorry for what you and your husband have been put through. You have clearly tried to make the relationship with your mother work. Because you are a mother now, focus on creating a happy life for your son, your husband and yourself. You are doing the right thing for the right reasons. Your mother is toxic. Bon voyage!

A compromise might be for him to pay some of the bills online and you pay the rest. However, if something unexpected happens to your husband (illness, death, murder?), you absolutely must know how the online

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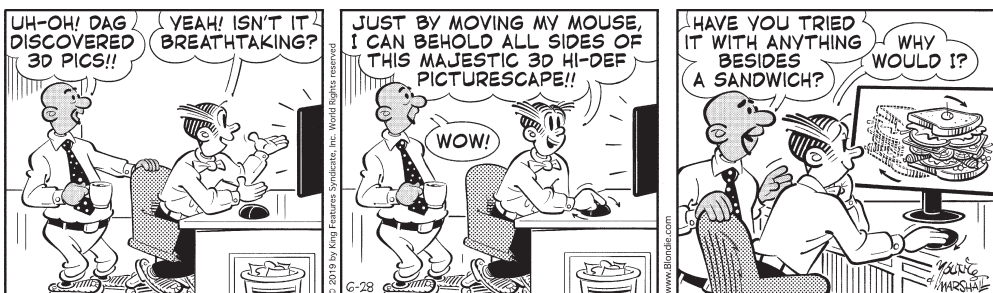
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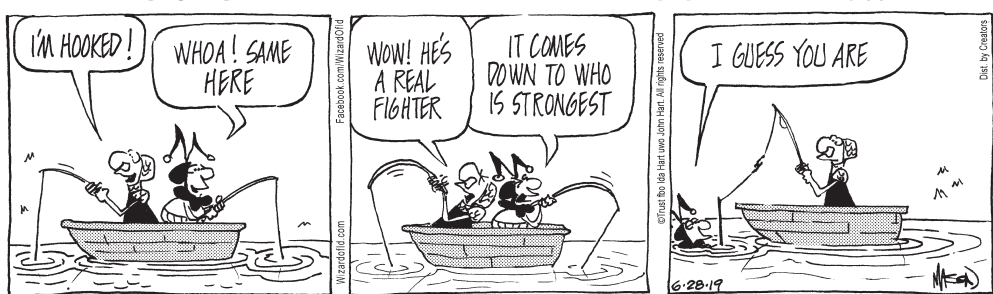
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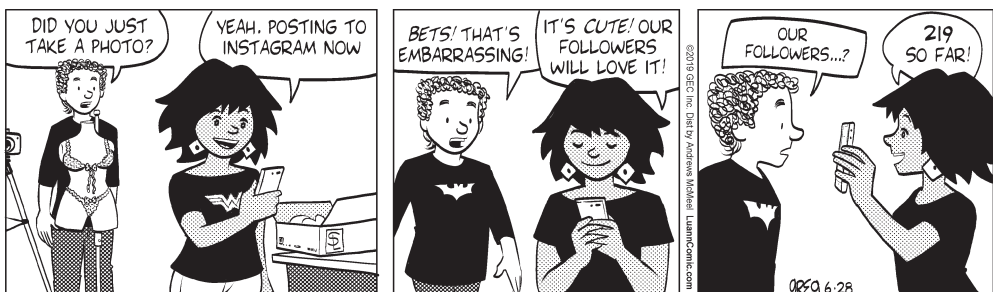
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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 28, 1919

Election and the inaugural meeting of the newly organized local No. 364, union of cooks, waiters, waitresses and soda dispensers, will be held in Moose hall at 8:30 Monday evening. The charter from the International Alliance of Hotel and Restaurant Employees, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, arrived last night. There are 30 charter members here. The meeting will take up the schedule of working hours and pay.

to the disease. He said chances of infection of humans are "small, but possible. There is no cause for great alarm." While a vaccine has been developed to protect horses, there is no vaccine for humans against this virus.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 28, 1969

An outbreak among horses in the area of a type of sleeping sickness caused some concern today. Dr. Norden Stefanides of the Hermiston Veterinary Clinic has diagnosed six cases of equine encephalitis, considerably more than usual, he said. The virus disease is transmitted by the common mosquito. Dr. Alton Alderman, Umatilla County health officer, said most people are immune

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian June 28, 1994

Two 17-year-old Pendleton boys who allegedly fired shots into the Hansell Hog Ranch office in Hermiston were arrested Monday in Pendleton after citizens chased them down the freeway to get a license number. Michael T. Peden and Joseph W. Hayes drove by the office on Route 1 in Hermiston and fired 7-10 rounds from a .22 caliber gun into the windows on the west side of the building, according to the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. John Hansell and some farm workers who witnessed the shooting then chased the boys down Interstate 84 at speeds up to 90 mph to get a license plate number. Later in the day, police arrested Peden and Hayes on charges of second-degree criminal mischief, recklessly endangering and criminal trespass while in possession a firearm.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On June 28, 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were shot to death in Sarajevo by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip — an act that sparked World War I.

ducer announced a settlement in a \$1.9 billion lawsuit against the network over its reports on a beef product that critics dubbed "pink slime."

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1997, in a wild rematch, Evander Holyfield retained the WBA heavyweight boxing championship after his opponent, Mike Tyson, was disqualified for biting Holyfield's ear during the third round of their fight in Las Vegas.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 93. Actress Kathy Bates is 71. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 59. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 54. Actor John Cusack is 53. Entrepreneur Elon Musk is 48. Actor Alessandro Nivola is 47. Actress Camille Guaty is 43. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 43.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending the First World War.

In 2013, The four plaintiffs in the U.S. Supreme Court case that overturned California's same-sex marriage ban tied the knot, just hours after a federal appeals court freed gay couples to obtain marriage licenses in the state for the first time in 4 1/2 years.

Thought for Today: "The glory of each generation is to make its own precedents." — Belta Ann Bennett Lockwood, American social reformer (1830-1917).

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt

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