

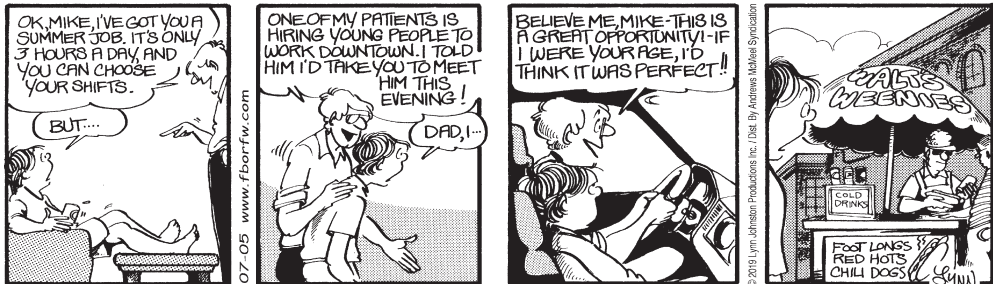
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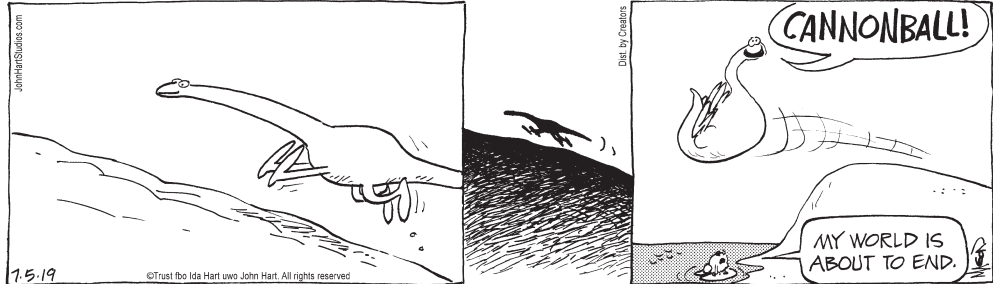
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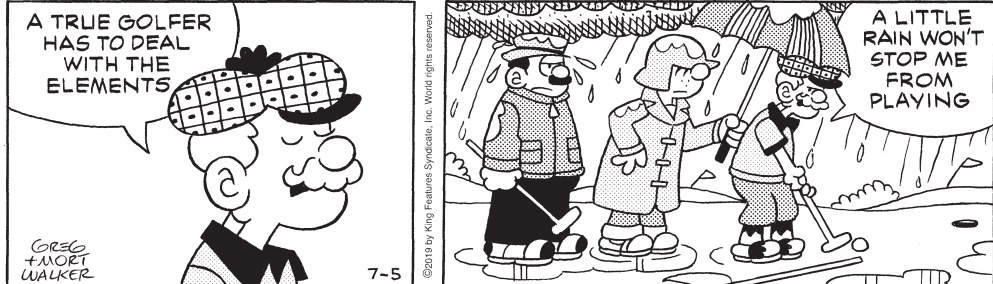
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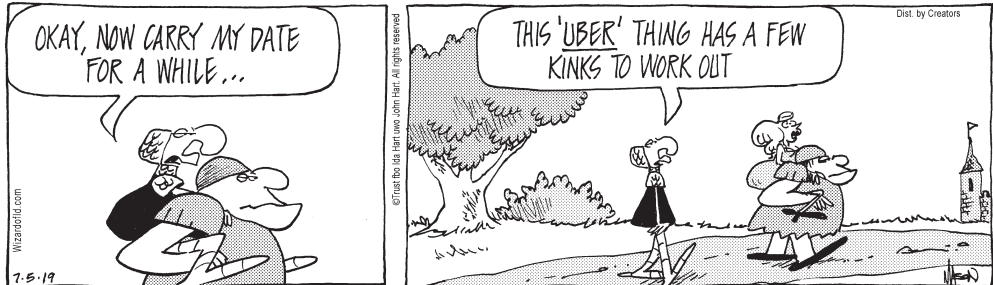
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DEAR ABBY

Matriarch uses inheritance to keep her family in line

Dear Abby: For the last 12 years, we have been traveling 7½ hours to see my husband's grandparents. This happens several times a year. Each time I pray it will be the last visit.

Invariably, when we return home, I am sick for about a week, and it's getting worse. At 96, Grandma isn't cleaning the house (Grandpa died four years ago). She lives on her own in the country. Grandma has fallen, can't cook for herself and still drives. The closest family member lives seven hours away.

Grandma has always been a manipulator, and I'm tired of how she treats her family. She uses the "financial inheritance" for leverage. My family has things planned out in advance about what to do when someone has reached a certain age.

I'm tired of subjecting myself to this, let alone facing Grandma's wrath. The rest of the family accepts it for what it is. They don't want to upset her, so they give in and accommodate. Do I have the right to back out? — **Wants To Run Away**

Dear Wants: Before backing out, may I recommend that you and your husband discuss this with all of the relatives involved? It seems to me that a group intervention for Granny may be in order.

If she has enough money that she's successfully holding it over everyone's heads, she has enough to hire someone to clean her house for her on a weekly or monthly basis. Rather than pray for her demise, ask yourself, "If she's not cleaning and cooking, how is she taking care of herself?"

Contact the senior center nearest to where

this poor woman lives, or the closest Area Agency on Aging and ask what can be done to help her. If not you, then your husband's parents, aunts and uncles should do this. Ignoring her condition could be considered elder abuse.

Dear Abby: I have never seen this issue discussed anywhere but cannot believe I'm the only person who is dismayed by the tradition of bringing casseroles to the homes of the bereaved.

When my father died, my mother and I hosted a post-memorial get-together at her home. Each of my parents' many friends and acquaintances brought a casserole. Mom's refrigerator was always full, so there was no room after the seventh casserole. My mother told me to take the rest to the basement and say it was put in the freezer. My parents never owned a freezer, so after everyone left, we put 17 casseroles down the garbage disposal.

Please make your readers aware that post-funeral food is often inconvenient even if the thought is appreciated. A restaurant gift card accomplishes the same thing and assures the family will end up with something they actually like. — **Enough Is Too Much**

Dear Enough: That the love, effort and expense your parents' friends went to ended up down the drain is a shame. I am printing your letter because your suggestion makes sense and readers may appreciate it. If this happens to other readers, it would not be ungracious to be honest. Explain there is no more room in the fridge or freezer and suggest the food be taken with the mourners when they leave.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
ADVICE

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 5, 1919

Until 9 a.m. today the presentation of "The Spirit of '76" in the Victory parade hung in the balance because of the non-arrival of the costumes. Bob Fletcher finally made a personal tour to the post office and discovered that the package which had been addressed in care of the *East Oregonian* had been, because of illegible writing, mistaken for a package for the Eastern Oregon State Hospital. The cocked hats, coats, etc., were rescued and the day was saved.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 5, 1969

The wheat-growing world may beat a path to B.E. Hill's door soon. The Pendleton man has invented a new type of combine. Hill says his machine will sell for 40 per cent less than conventional machines, or a saving to the farmers of \$8,000 a machine. Although he is 67 — "I'm good for another 20 years" — the inventor did all his own design work and much

of the actual construction of the prototype. Hill is the owner of Hill's Furniture Warehouse, a factory and salesroom on Airport Road. The machine is far enough along that Hill will test it in a Pendleton wheat field this summer.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
July 5, 1994

Pendleton firefighters battled blazes all over town as flying fireworks lit into dry grass, trees — and a homeowner's roof — this Fourth of July. Fireworks ignited the hillside near the Seventh-day Adventist Church along the 1400 block of Southwest Goodwin Place at around 9:20 p.m. Like the night's four other fires, it was apparently started by illegal fireworks, which in Oregon include those that fly and explode. Firefighters rushed up the hill with three fire trucks and were able to douse the fire within 10 minutes. But not before another blaze had begun on the other side of town. A tree burst into flames at Round-Up Park at around 9:30 p.m. when fireworks struck an evergreen, catching its branches on fire.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On July 5, 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee; the song he recorded was "That's All Right."

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1865, the Secret Service Division of the U.S. Treasury Department was founded in Washington, D.C., with the mission of suppressing counterfeit currency.

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act.

In 1947, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League three months after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the National League. In

the game against the Chicago White Sox at Comiskey Park, Doby, pinch-hitting for Bryan Stephens, struck out in his first at-bat during the seventh inning; Chicago won 6-5.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon certified the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which lowered the minimum voting age from 21 to 18.

In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors, 6-1, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4.

In 1989, "The Seinfeld Chronicles," the pilot to the situation comedy "Seinfeld," aired on NBC-TV.

In 2011, a jury in Orlando, Florida, found Casey Anthony, 25, not guilty of murder, manslaughter and child abuse in the 2008 disappearance and death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

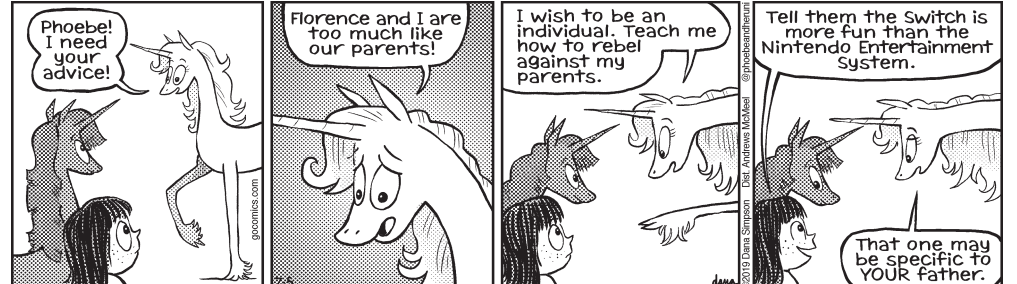
In 2013, Pope Francis cleared two of the 20th century's most influential popes to become saints in the Roman Catholic church, approving a miracle needed to canonize Pope John Paul II and waiving Vatican rules to honor Pope John XXIII.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Shirley Knight is 83. Rock star Huey Lewis is 69. Actress Edie Falco is 56. Rapper RZA is 50. Rock singer Jason Wade (Lifehouse) is 39. Actor Ryan Hansen is 38. Country musician Dave Haywood (Lady Antebellum) is 37. Rock musician Nick O'Malley (Arctic Monkeys) is 34. Actor Jason Dolley is 28. California Angels player Shohei Ohtani is 25.

Thought for Today: "Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right." — *Isaac Asimov, American author (1920-1992).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

