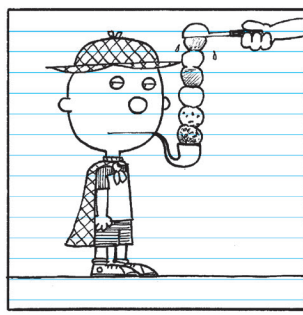


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by Lincoln Peirce

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GREETINGS, OLD BEAN. WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT, SHERLOCK?

I'M WORKING ON A CASE, OBVIOUSLY. WHAT KIND OF CASE?

COUNTERFEITING. THERE ARE BOGUS BILLS ALL OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT?

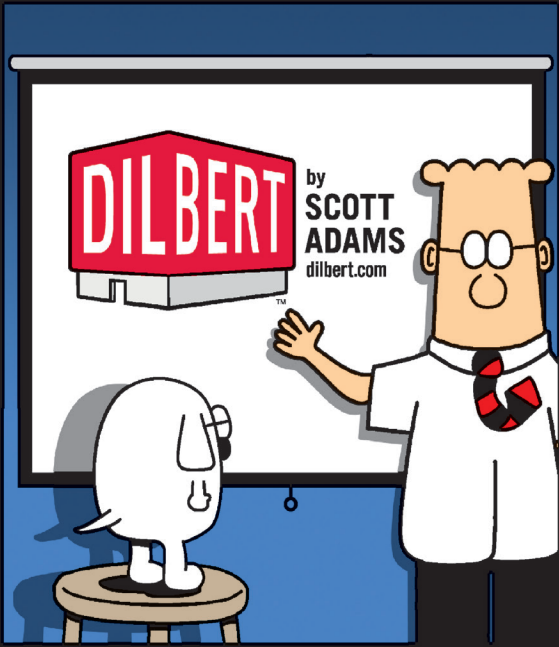
SO I MIGHT HAVE MONEY THAT ISN'T GENUINE? LET'S FIND OUT. TAKE OUT YOUR WALLET.

I'LL USE MY DEDUCTIVE SKILLS TO DETERMINE IF THIS FIVE-DOLLAR BILL IS GOOD...

... OR PHONY!



IT WAS GOOD.



THE COMPANY IS ANNOUNCING GENEROUS BUYOUT PACKAGES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ELECT TO LEAVE.

WON'T ALL OF THE SMART PEOPLE LEAVE FIRST BECAUSE THEY CAN EASILY GET NEW JOBS AT HIGHER PAY?

UMMM...

IF YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS, WILL YOU START FIRING PEOPLE?

WE HAVE NO PLAN TO DO THAT.

WILL YOU MAKE A PLAN IF TOO FEW PEOPLE LEAVE? OH, YES.

WOULD IT BE FAIR TO SAY THE PEOPLE WHO STAY WILL ENVY THE DEAD? UM...

ONE WEEK LATER HOW MANY TOOK THE OFFER? IT'S JUST YOU NOW.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

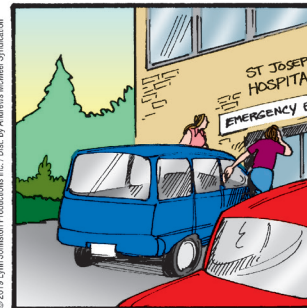
By Lynn Johnston

OOOOHHH... YOU GONNA BE OK, MIKE?

YEAH... I THINK SO.

OOOOHHH... MICHAEL!

THIS CUT LOOKS PRETTY DEEP, HONEY. YOU MIGHT NEED STITCHES.



SO WHAT WERE YOU DOING TO GET A WOUND LIKE THIS? RIDING MY BIKE.

RIDING YOUR BIKE? WHY WEREN'T YOU WEARING A HELMET?

... I DIDN'T WANT TO MESS UP MY HAIR.

WUMMO

by Wulff & Morgenthaler

Whoa. What happened to that guy? He's living 100% vegan. His only intakes are whiskey, coffee and 90 cigarettes a day ...

Luann

BY GREG EVANS

TJ, IT'S KINDA INTERESTING THAT YOU, AS CHEF AT THE FUSE, WORK WITH HEAT WHILE I, AS A FIREFIGHTER, WORK AGAINST HEAT. YEAH.

G'NITE, BRAD. I'M HEADING TO BED. LET'S SEE YOU WORK AGAINST THAT.

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

BEETLE MUST BE HIDING AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE. THERE YOU ARE.

COME DOWN HERE RIGHT NOW! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME.

DO I HAVE TO COME UP TO GET YOU? YOU CAN'T.

WHY NOT? I HID THE LADDER.