

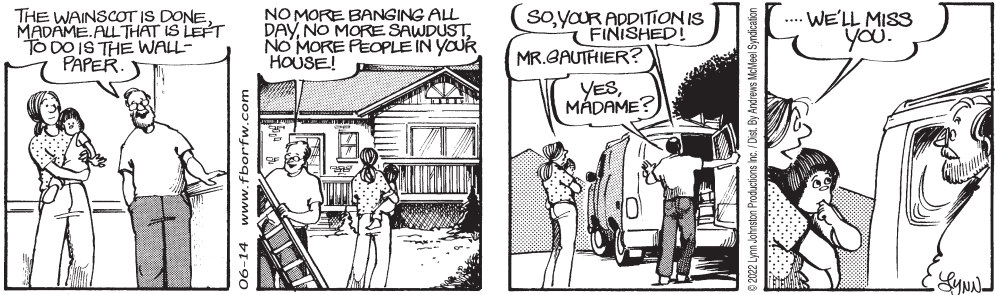
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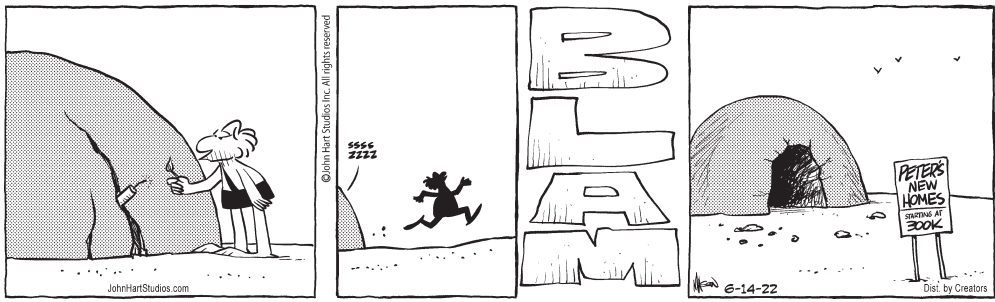
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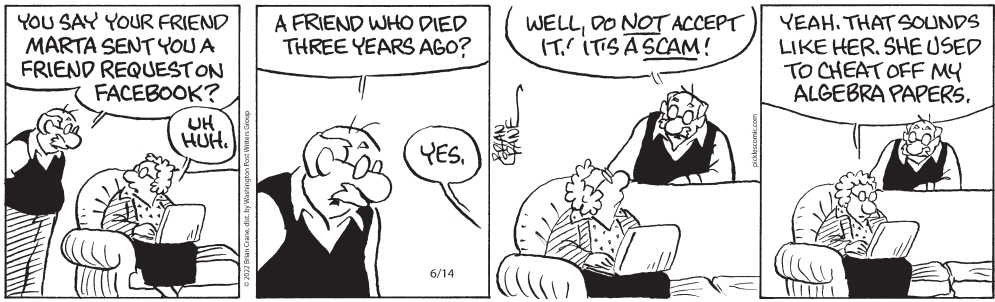
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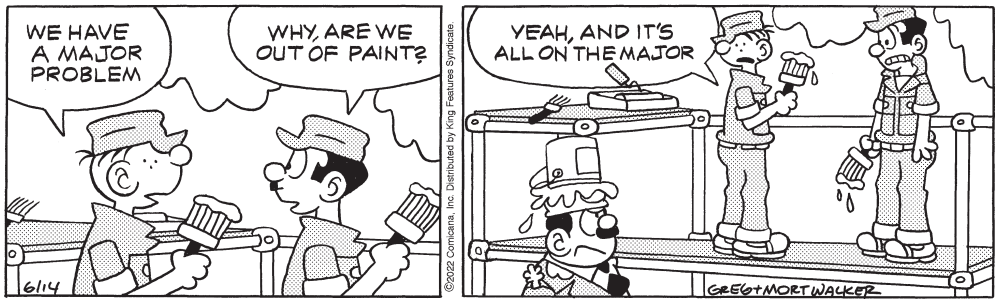
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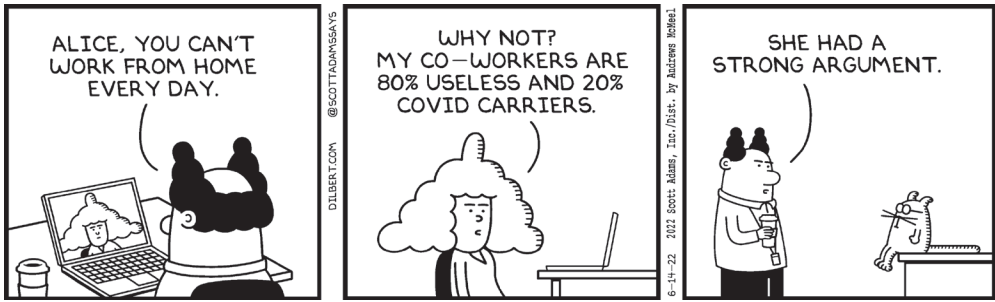
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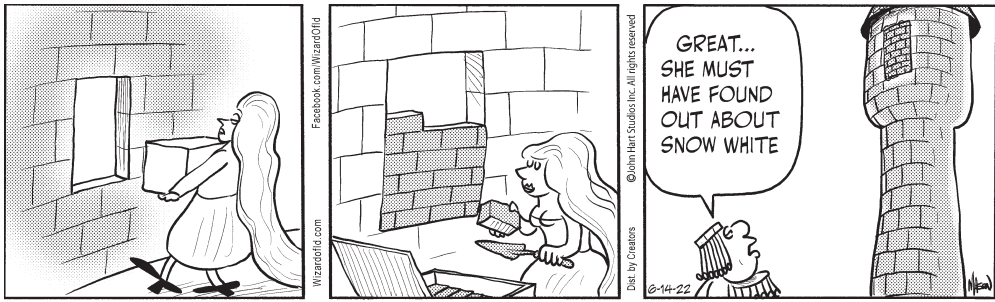
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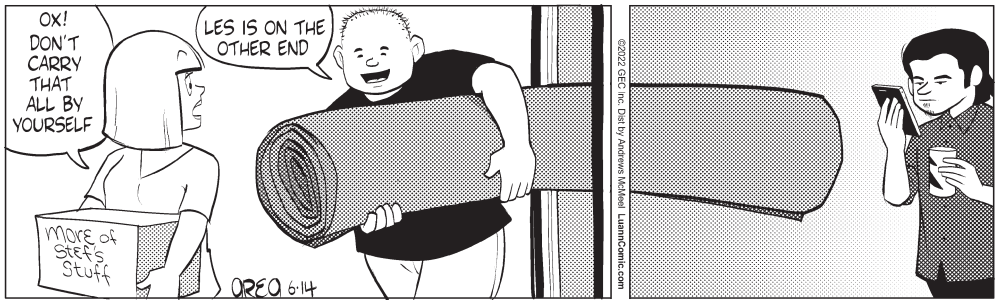
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DEAR ABBY

Cousin feels helpless in face of man's alcoholism



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I was an alcoholic. I have been sober since 1994. I live with my elderly aunt and assist her while working in ministry. Her son lives with us and is, basically, a hopeless alcoholic. He drinks all day and lies on the couch. I know that if this continues, it will be fatal.

Your aunt may need counseling to help her break the unhealthy pattern that has been set with her son. Please suggest this to her. I hope she is receptive.

Dear Abby: My friend has this habit of phoning me while she is walking her dog or driving somewhere. To put it bluntly, she calls when she is otherwise engaged and biding her time until she finishes the walk or reaches her destination.

We have tried to get him into two or three rehabs, and I can't count how many times he's been to the hospital for detox. After his last stint in rehab, he came back and was drinking again three days later. Because I don't know what else to do, I have committed myself to saying, "Well, if he wants to drink himself to death, there's nothing I can do."

When she walks "Gonzo," I have to contend with his barking, her admonishing Gonzo for pulling on the leash, or the wind, which makes it difficult to hear her. When she's driving, the connection is often iffy. She has done this for years, but recently it has started to seriously annoy me. I wish she would call when she's sitting in a quiet room and not preoccupied with something else. Is that too much to ask? How can I politely tell her this? — Ticked Off In Texas

Am I doing the right thing or IS there something else I can try? I mean, it's not my house, so I can't throw him out. I don't even broach the subject with my aunt anymore. — Conflicted In Illinois

Dear Conflicted: Congratulations for hanging onto your sobriety. I can only imagine the stress you are experiencing watching your cousin drink himself to death. If at all possible, it might be beneficial to you if you found other living arrangements while assisting your aunt.

Dear Ticked Off: It shouldn't be too hard. "Politely" tell her you would prefer she NOT call you while she's walking Gonzo or driving — particularly the latter because it's dangerous and you would hate to have her miss her exit or get into an accident because she was distracted. THEN tell her you prefer talking with her when she's in a place that's safe to talk and she's not distracted. If she persists after that, ask when she'll be home, suggest you talk "later" and hang up.

Your aunt — not you — as well-meaning as she may be, is her son's enabler. Her passivity is partly responsible for what's happening to her son, not you. You have done everything you can, and you cannot save him from himself.

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Killing a flock of Germans and routing five machine gun nests during the war is heroic enough to entitle Hursey A. Dakin of Freewater, a student at the college, the honor of being Oregon's representative in the "Living Hall of Fame," Corvallis ex-servicemen believe. The hall will be created at the convention of the Disabled Veterans of the World War at San Francisco. Each state will be permitted to name a member for the position, choosing the ex-serviceman who has been most outstanding in heroic service during the war and whose qualities of patriotism and bravery entitle him to the honor. The distinguished service cross is worn by Dakin and he also carries a French citation.

100 years ago — 1922. The Weston event will qualify riders for the American team and will be run on international rules. Basically, the event consists of riding a designated course on highways and unimproved roads at a given average speed. The difficulty lies in the fact that the riders must travel nearly two hundred miles each day and arrive at predesignated check points on time, or receive penalty points. Special tests are interjected along the route to further test the competitors' ability. None of the major parts of the motorcycle may be replaced and any repairs that are required during the event must be made using only the tools and spare parts the competitor carries with him.

50 years ago — 1972

Friday, Saturday and Sunday the Bad Rock Two-Days Trial will be held in Weston. It is an amateur motorcycle event, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Trials Association which headquarters in this small community. The trials is one of seven held in the United States as qualifying rounds for the International Six-Days Trial. Considered to be the "Olympics" of motorcycle trials, the international trial is scheduled for this fall in Czechoslovakia.

25 years ago — 1997. Raj Malhotra said at a Monday night's meeting of the Chemical Demilitarization Citizens Advisory Commission the Army has given the Raytheon Demilitarization Co. full authority to proceed with construction of the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. Malhotra and Raytheon Project Manager Sam Kasley spoke before the commission about their respective organizations' internal structures, employment possibilities for local residents, and their plans for building and running the incinerator complex.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On June 14, 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created.

In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II; the same day, the Nazis began transporting prisoners to the Auschwitz concentration camp in German-occupied Poland.

In 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered a ban on domestic use of the pesticide DDT, to take effect at year's end.

In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the design of the original American flag.

In 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court, in West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, ruled 6-3 that public school students could not be forced to salute the flag of the United States.

In 1982, Argentine forces surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands.

In 1846, a group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaimed the Republic of California.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure adding the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton nominated Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

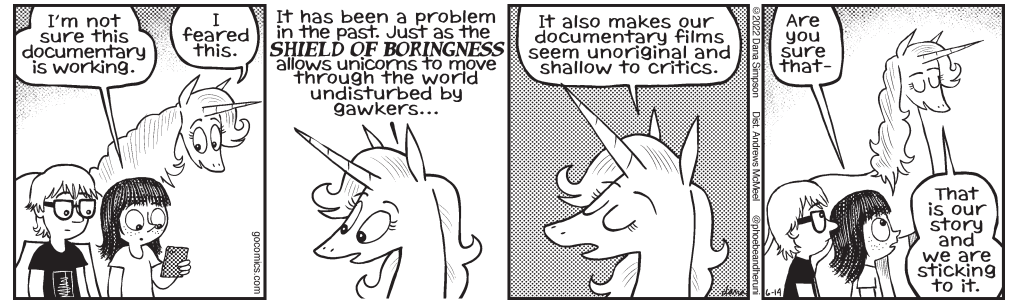
In 1919, John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown embarked on the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean. (Flying a Vickers Vimy bi-plane bomber, they took off from St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada and arrived 16 1/2 hours later in Clifden, Ireland.)

In 1967, California Gov. Ronald Reagan signed a bill liberalizing his state's abortion law.

In 2005, Michelle Wie, 15, became the first female player to qualify for an adult male U.S. Golf Association championship, tying for first place in a 36-hole U.S. Amateur Public Links sectional qualifying tournament.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

