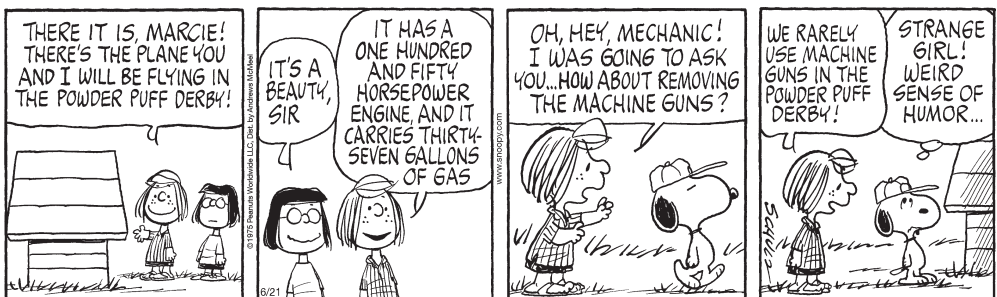
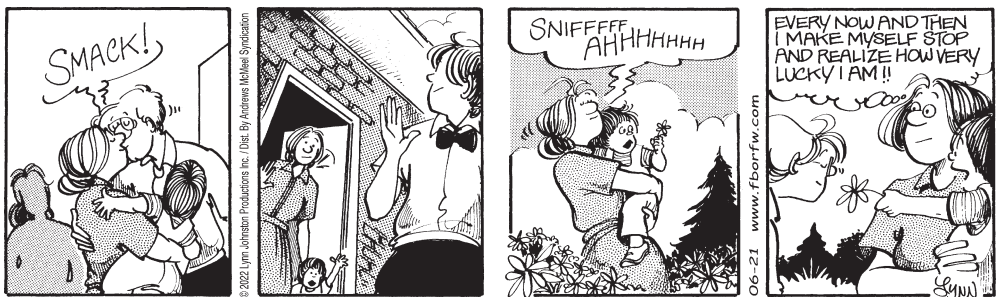


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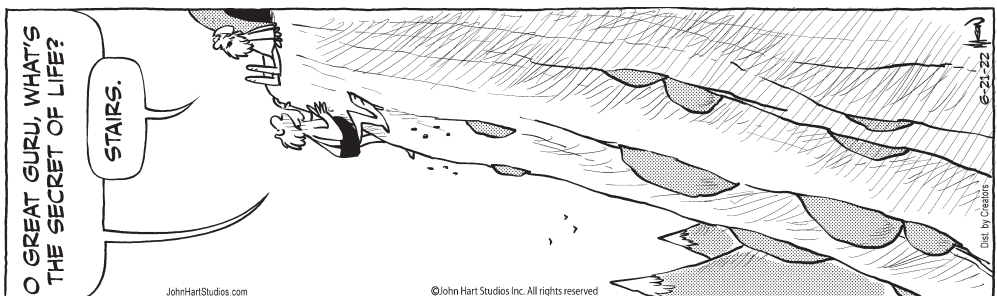


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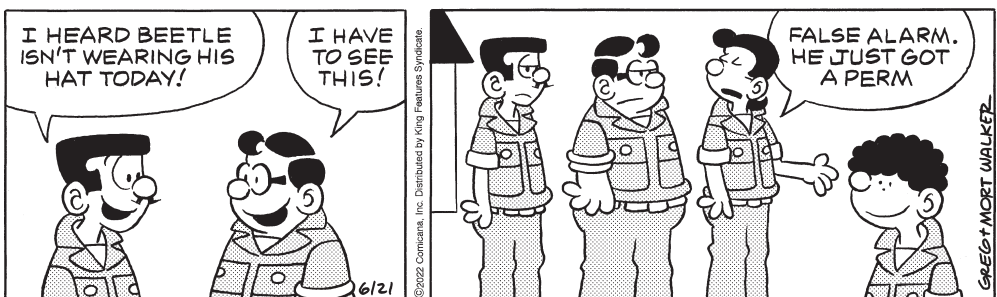
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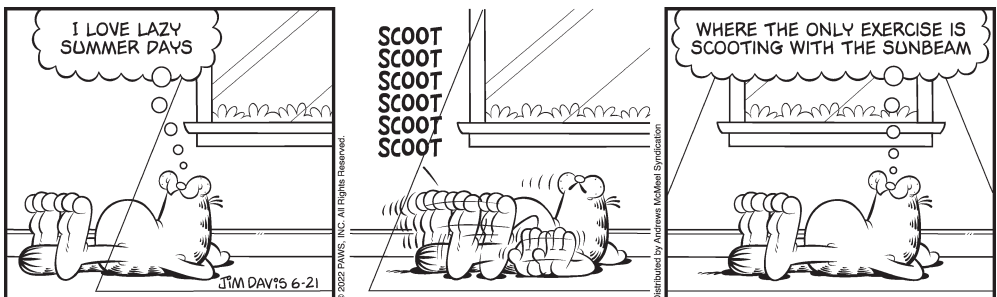
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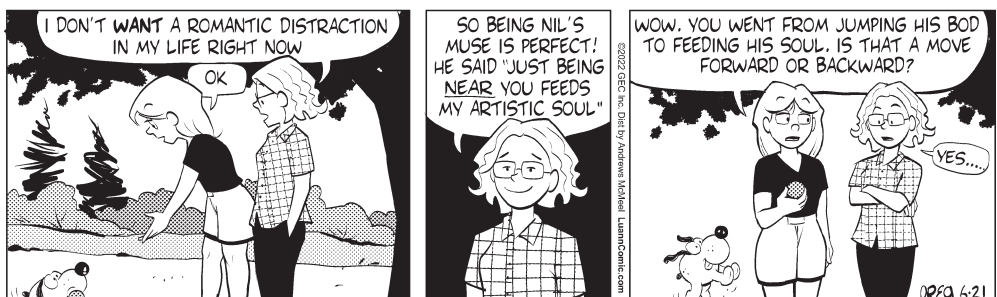
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BY GREG EVANS



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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Empty nest reveals lack of connection for couple



JEANNE PHILLIPS ADVICE

Dear Abby: I got pregnant at 15 and had my oldest daughter at 16. I met my husband at 18, and went on to have four more daughters. I have been with him for more than 30 years (I just turned 49).

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (adultchildren.org) and attend some of the meetings. They are sometimes held online, so you could do it on a computer.

My girls are living their own lives now. The thing is, now that I'm alone with my husband, I have come to discover that we have nothing in common. I want to leave him, but I have no money, no car and no job.

Dear Abby: I am a widow with three serious illnesses, one of which is potentially deadly. I hesitate to confide in some of my friends because the majority of them go into a litany of their illnesses. For the most part, their ailments are common and require just a small change in diet or perhaps losing some weight. What makes it uncomfortable for me is they act like they are in a life-threatening situation, which they aren't.

My husband ignores me and drinks a lot. When we visit family, it's a free-for-all drunk fest for him. I just don't have the energy at my age to deal with a drunk. I dealt all my life with an alcoholic father and I don't want to do it anymore. How do I begin to rebuild my life and start over? — At A Crossroads In Ohio

I find it increasingly difficult to empathize with their common colds, achy joints, etc. How can I explain to these folks how much they upset me? For the most part, they are good people, just very self-centered. — Challenged In New Hampshire

Dear At A Crossroads: I agree that rebuilding your life is something you need to do for yourself. The surest way to accomplish it would be to get a job. This may eventually equip you to survive on your own. If you need transportation, ask your daughters for help, or take public transportation.

If you prefer not to attend "family" gatherings, have your husband go alone. Your father's alcoholism may have contributed to the fact that you married someone with an alcohol problem, thinking it was "normal." If that's the case, consider finding a nearby chapter of Al-Anon (al-anon.org/info) or

DAYS GONE BY

100 years ago — 1922

Will the Chinese tong war which has been breaking out at intervals during this past winter and spring extend to Pendleton? That is a question local Chinese residents are asking, and their fears are aroused. Their suspicions were excited early this week when an oriental of Japanese nativity arrived in Pendleton. He said he was a cook and started looking for a job. His inquiries caused the Chinese in the local colony to become suspicious, and they sought help from the police, and told of their fears. Chief W. R. Taylor has advised the son of Japan to depart from Pendleton, but the Nipponese declares that he is not interested in tong battles and is merely looking for work.

he said. "I suggest that we close off the hill behind the park and let them use the hill west of the water tank." This suggestion met with council approval.

25 years ago — 1997

50 years ago — 1972

City councilman Mel Lyon doesn't like the erosion motorcycles are causing on the hill behind the Milton city park. "We've got a nice park there, and lots of people use it. We don't want to see the hill slide into the park." He also referred to many complaints by residents about noise the bikes make. Bob Talbott agreed that the hill is becoming eroded. "But bike riders are just as entitled to a place for their hobby as anyone else,"

In an innovative arrangement with the region's short haul railroad, 3 million bushels of grain will move from five Eastern Washington country elevator sites to a Wallula barge loading facility. Touted as a grain shuttle, grower groups in St. John, Endicott, Whitman and Columbia counties have agreed to use the rail-barge link. Dave Gordan, manager of Walla Walla Grain Growers, a growers' cooperative, is credited with developing the idea. The shuttle will move grain that currently goes by truck and will provide additional revenue to help ensure the short line railroad stays in business, he said. Mark Blazer, regional vice-president of Watco and Companies, which operates the Palouse River/Coulee City Railroad, said the short line railroad has been missing out on grain movement because of lack of cars from Union Pacific. As part of the shuttle program, however, two complete unit trains have been purchased and refurbished.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On June 21, 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

In 1889, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment.

In 1954, the American Cancer Society presented a study to the American Medical Association meeting in San Francisco which found that men who regularly smoked cigarettes died at a considerably higher rate than non-smokers.

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Miller v. California, ruled that states may ban materials found to be obscene according to local standards.

In 1997, the WNBA made its debut as the New York Liberty defeated the host Los Angeles Sparks 67-57.

In 1964, civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were slain in Philadelphia, Mississippi; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later. (Forty-one years later on this date in 2005, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter; he was sentenced to 60 years in prison, where he died in January 2018.)

In 1982, a jury in Washington, D.C. found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

In 2011, the Food and Drug Administration announced that cigarette packs in the U.S. would have to carry macabre images that included rotting teeth and gums, diseased lungs and a sewn-up corpse of a smoker as part of a graphic campaign aimed at discouraging Americans from lighting up.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

