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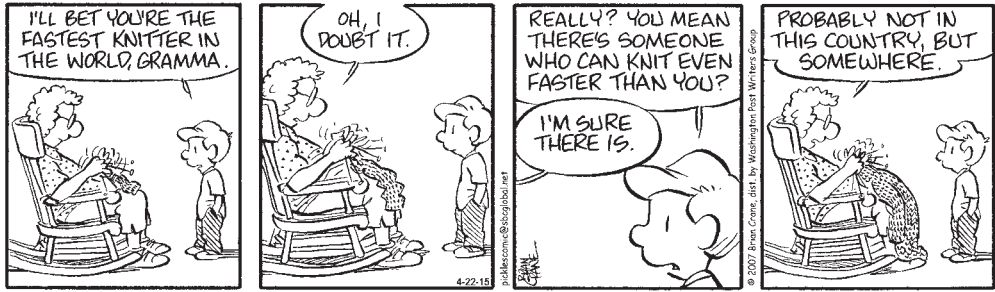
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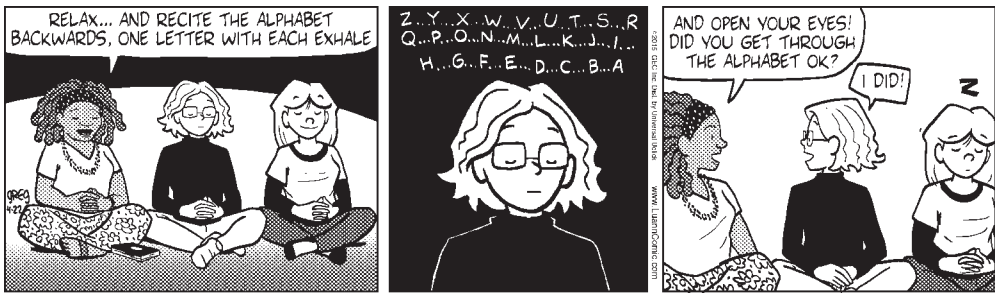
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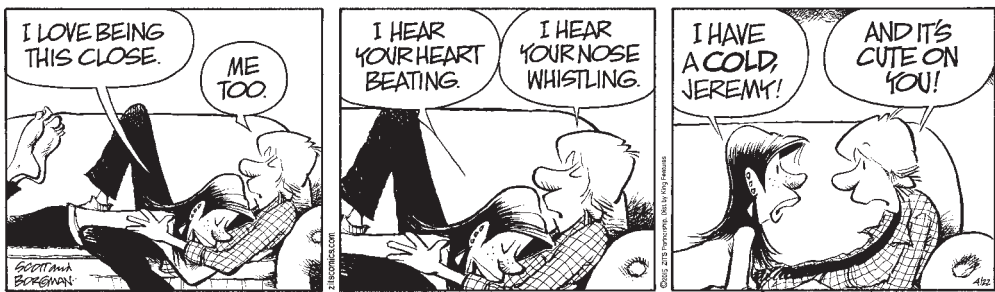
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DEAR ABBY

Girl who lost her virginity must learn to protect herself

Dear Abby: I'm a 17-year-old girl. Last weekend I lost my virginity in the back seat of a stranger's car. I feel guilty about it and I haven't told anyone. I'm not sure if he has.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

I need some advice on whether I should be making a big deal out of it, or just ignore it and move on. — Anxious In Ohio

Dear Anxious: Please don't ignore it. You treated your first time like it was something casual, and that is sad. It IS a "big deal," not only because of what it indicates about your level of self-esteem, but also because you don't know whether you have been exposed to an STD. Did the boy use a condom?

Mature girls know to protect themselves when engaging in sexual activity. It is important that you be checked by a gynecologist for STDs and learn about effective birth control. If you don't have a doctor you can confide in, Planned Parenthood can help you.

Dear Abby: I find myself in an interesting situation that I never thought could happen. I'm a 43-year-old gay male who had an extremely difficult time coming out when I was 19. My parents weren't initially supportive, but things did get better down the line.

I have had zero luck at any long-term gay relationships, but as I get older, my sex drive has diminished, and I think I'd be happy with a female companion — if sex wasn't a factor. What should I do? — Interesting Condition In Texas

Dear Condition: Gay men marrying straight women is not an unheard-of phenomenon, and neither are marriages in which sex is not a part of the picture. It could work out well if you find someone with common interests and a high level of compatibility — as long as the lady clearly understands that you are gay and doesn't harbor the fantasy that she can "change" you.

Dear Abby: My friends often come to me for advice. It could be anything — relationship, family, self-harm or bullying. It's usually something I don't know how to deal with and don't have experience with. I try to say words of encouragement like, "It'll be OK. Ignore it. Think on the bright side. Don't be so hard on yourself."

I know these are things they have heard before and will ignore, but I don't know what else to say or do. These people are more outgoing than I am, so I guess it makes them targets. Abby, what can I do? — D. In Kansas

Dear D: It's all right to be encouraging, but when someone asks for advice you know you're not qualified to give, you should be upfront, admit it, and suggest the person talk to an adult. This is particularly important when the problem concerns things like self-harm or bullying, which may need an intervention.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 22, 1915

Buffalo Vernon, noted bull-dogger of steers and buckaroo, was taken into custody by Chief Kearney last evening on a charge of violating the speed limit. This morning he entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$30. Vernon was the driver of the car of Dr. Barbour of Stanfield, Hermiston and Pilot Rock which made a wild and wobbly run up East Court street yesterday afternoon and turned a complete somersault near the Catholic church, spilling the occupants on the street. Dr. Barbour is still in St. Anthony's hospital but will be able to leave tomorrow, the physicians report. Vernon, with true cowboy luck, escaped with no more scratches than he usually receives in bulldogging a long-horned steer. He had apparently fortified his courage with strong spirits before he had given the dentist an exhibition of rough riding in a motor car. The auto, a Ford, was taken to the garage for treatment and was still bucking when it was taken into the shop.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 22, 1965

A 70-year-old sewer that lies 12 feet beneath several downtown buildings is causing problems. "It had to be cleaned 15 times last year," Morris Temple told the city council last night. The private sewer line was installed in 1896, he said, at a time when much of the downtown Round-Up City consisted of "wooden shacks." Temple, Sylvia Hester and

Chet Farris, who represented other property owners, asked the city to share in costs of rebuilding the line. The council, although reluctant to agree to city participation in the costs of the line, ordered city engineer Tony Groh to make a study. Temple pointed out that on the block in question, between Dorion and Emigrant on the block east of Main Street, he and Mrs. Hester own enough of the property to petition for an improvement district that would include City Hall.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 22, 1990

Sometime this summer, the Umatilla Sea Explorers hope their hard work pays off. That's when a 26-foot cabin cruiser the Scout troop has been repairing for more than a year should be ready to move up the Columbia River from The Dalles to the Tri-Cities. "It's like a big camper, only it's a boat," the troop's skipper, Patrick Hillebrand of Hermiston, said. "We can stock up and be gone for a week." Sea scouting in the United States dates to 1912. The Umatilla troop formed about eight years ago under city police officer Mike Stanley as a search and rescue group. Today it's the only Scout troop of its kind on the Columbia River above The Dalles. Although the troop's six members and two leaders no longer do search and rescue for drowning victims and other serious incidents, they teach small boat handling and water safety and provide a service for boaters who run out of gas or are otherwise stranded on the river.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 112th day of 2015. There are 253 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 22, 1915, the first full-scale use of deadly chemicals in warfare took place as German forces unleashed chlorine gas against Allied troops at the start of the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium during World War I; thousands of soldiers are believed to have died.

On this date: In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

In 1930, the United States, Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding.

In 1944, during World

War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings at Hollandia and Aitape.

In 1952, an atomic test in Nevada became the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television as a 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 Superfortress.

In 1954, the publicly televised sessions of the Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first "Earth Day."

In 2000, in a dramatic pre-dawn raid, armed immigration agents seized Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy at the center of a custody dispute, from his relatives' home in Miami; Elian was reunited with his father at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Cole is 90. Actress Charlotte Rae is 89. Actress Estelle Harris is 87. Singer Glen Campbell is 79. Actor Jack Nicholson is 78. Singer Mel Carter is 72. Author Janet Evanovich is 72. Country singer Cleve Francis is 70. Movie director John Waters is 69. Singer Peter Frampton is 65. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the Mechanics; Squeeze) is 64. Actor Joseph Bottoms is 61. Actor Ryan Stiles is 56. Baseball manager Terry Francona is 56. Comedian Byron Allen is 54. Actor Chris Makepeace is 51. Rock musician Fletcher Dragge is 49. Actor Jeffrey Dean Morgan is 49. Rock musician Shavo Odadjian (System of a Down)

Thought for Today: "What's vice today may be virtue, tomorrow." — Henry Fielding, English novelist (born this date in 1707, died in 1754).

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELLIOT



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

