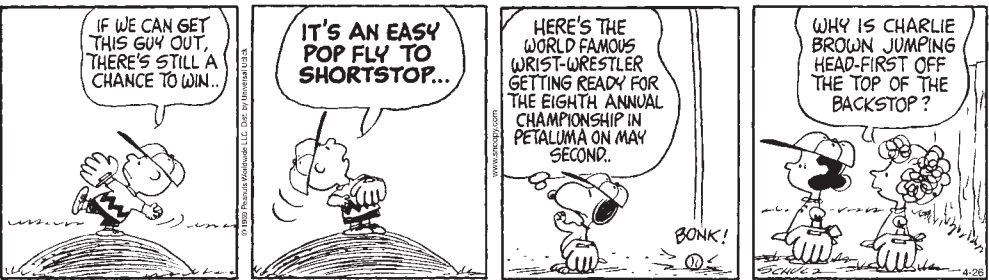


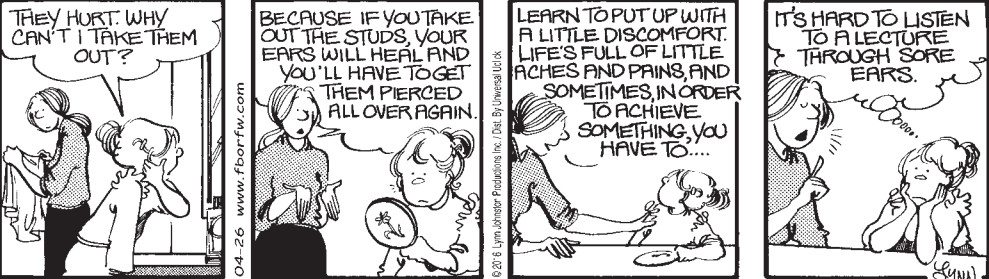
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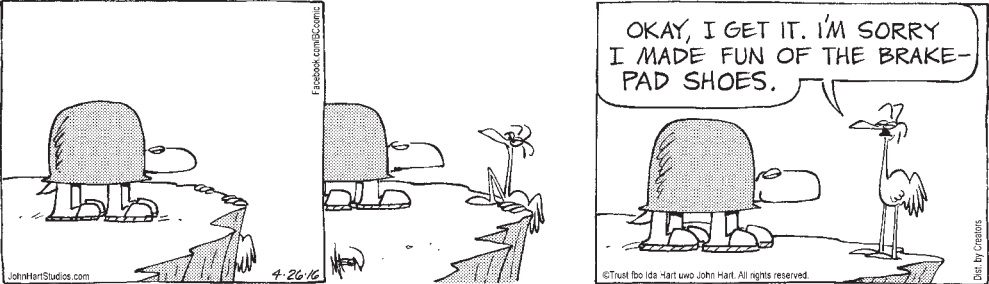
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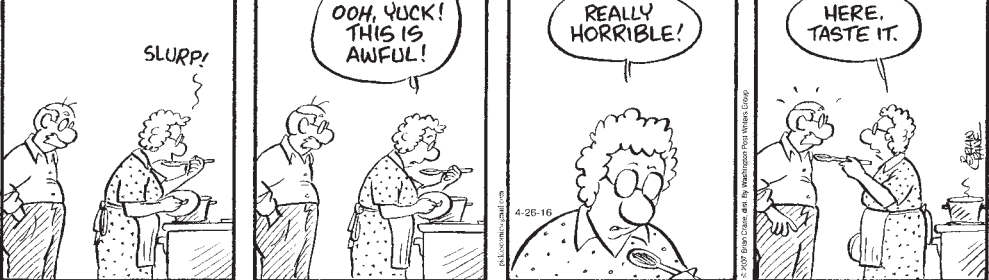
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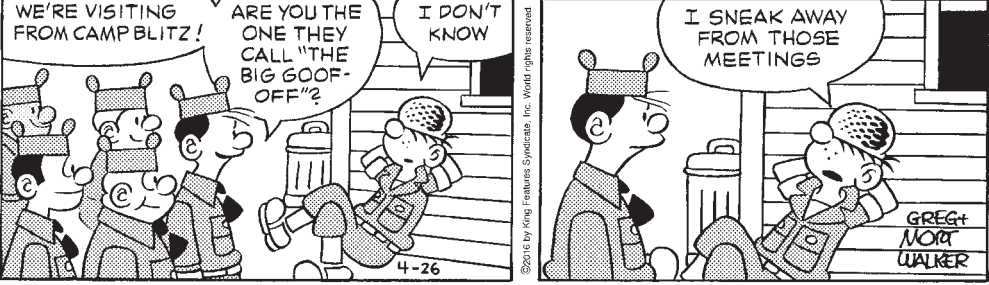
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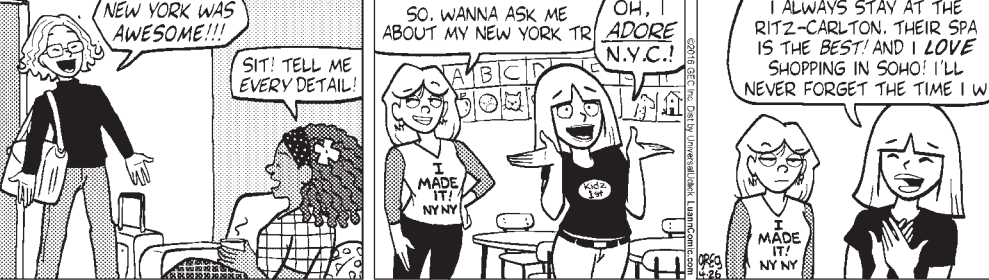
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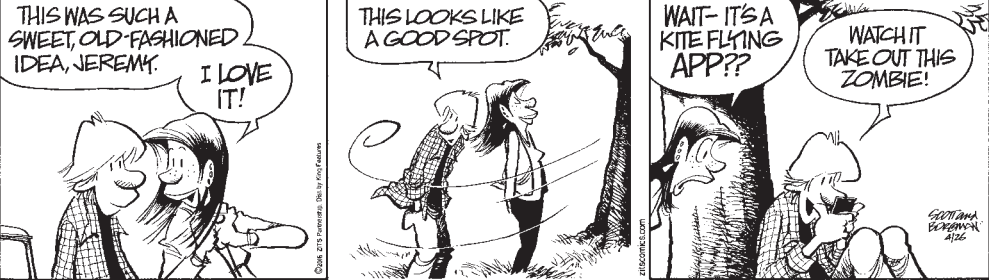
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DEAR ABBY

It's best to meet online crush on woman's familiar ground

Dear Abby: For the last five months I have been talking to a guy I met via a dating app. We live a few states apart and have yet to meet in person, but we communicate regularly.

With my tax refund this year, I'd like to do something for me. He suggested that I visit him. I don't get any red flags from him, and I'm sure I'd be 100 percent safe while I'm there. However, I'm anxious about taking a trip by myself to visit a guy I've developed a massive crush on.

I have thought about offering to pay his way here instead, or simply not going at all. I asked my friends and family for their opinions. Some of them think I should go, while others say I should pay his way here. I need advice from an outsider's perspective. — **Confused And Crushing**

Dear C&C: I vote for having your friend come and visit you the first time you meet. That way your family and friends can meet him, and if your massive crush doesn't live up to your expectations, you won't be alone in a strange city and at a disadvantage.

Dear Abby: I live in a house with my husband, his 11-year-old son and my husband's father. I am pregnant with my first child and I get cravings for chocolate. I sometimes hide my special chocolates in my armoire so I don't have to worry about my sugar-crazed son getting to them.

However, I have recently found out that he goes through my things to find the goodies and helps himself. I feel he has stepped over the line and violated my privacy. My husband and I have confronted him about it more than once, and each time he lies and argues before he eventually admits it.

We have talked to him about privacy and



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Advice

make sure to give him his privacy in his room. How can we turn his behavior around and make him see that he is being disrespectful toward me? — **Pregnant Chocolate Lover**

Dear Chocolate Lover: There should be consequences for misbehavior, and they should be explained to the boy. He should also understand there will be more severe consequences for lying to cover it up. Because you know the boy cannot be trusted, put a lock on the closet or cupboard where you stow your stash, or on your bedroom door.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been happily married for 38 years. Almost everything is great, except that the wife of his best friend, "Ted," has the hots for my husband. We all get along well, but it's obvious her interest is mostly in my husband, not me.

Ted has no idea his wife feels this way, but several people have pointed it out, and I have observed the way she acts. I have talked to my husband about it. He in no way is interested in her.

I would never want to jeopardize my husband's friendship with Ted, and I enjoy being friends with them both, but I'm uncomfortable about her feelings for my husband. Can I say something to her and let her know how I feel without ruining the friendship with her or the one my husband has with Ted? — **Situation In Austin, Texas**

Dear Situation: Probably not. While it wouldn't change the relationship your husband has with Ted, if you address this with his wife and tell her you know she has been lusting after your husband, it's sure to cause embarrassment. And that's not conducive to a close friendship.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 25-26, 1916

An attempt to block the proposed construction of the Paradise Irrigation Project is revealed in a suit filed today by a number of landowners under the project asking for an injunction against the sale of bonds or any other proceedings looking to the construction of the project. The plaintiffs in the suit are M.J. Foster, George Goodnight, R.L. Perry, E. Seward, L. Schmuck, Ira W. Durrill and J.W. Reese. The defendants are J.C. Hoskins and Frank Sloan, president and secretary of the project, William Slusher, Joseph F. Connelly and Asa B. Thomson. The complaint cites that certain warrants have been issued by the defendants, some of which have been paid and some of which constitute a cloud against plaintiffs' land. They also allege that defendants have entered into a contract with one Henry J. Kaiser for the construction of the project and that they are about to bond the land under the project for \$2,759,510. They allege that they would be damaged to the extent of \$200,000 if this were done.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 25-26, 1966

Two girls, Jeanne Wiginton and Karen James of Pendleton, restrained a woman from committing suicide by jumping into the Umatilla River 100 feet west of the Main St.

bridge about 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Police Chief Ernest Gallaher said. The woman, who in 1962 attempted to commit suicide by cutting her wrists, attempted to leap into the river and the girls grabbed her and held her while Dianna Thompson called police. She was taken to the Eastern Oregon State Hospital for examination and later released from custody. Gallaher said the girls performed a fine public service by their actions and were deserving of commendation.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
April 25-26, 1991

Tribal members of an Oregon Trail research and resources committee shared the culture — food, crafts, artwork and artifacts — of the Cayuse, Walla Walla and Umatilla tribes Wednesday night at Yellowhawk Health Clinic. The committee, one of four local groups formed to promote construction of an Oregon Trail interpretive center east of Pendleton, is charged with outlining the historical content and research for the center. Among the presenters was Edith McCloud, originally from the Umatilla Reservation and now living in Yelm, Wash., who brought family heirlooms for display including a "shuptakie," an Indian suitcase, woven baskets, beadwork, and a wooden mortar and stone pestle. Visitors also were invited to taste traditional foods such as smoked, baked and dried salmon, steamed clams, venison, huckleberries, bitterroot and frybread.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 117th day of 2016. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 26, 1886, a major accident occurred at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine (then part of the Soviet Union) as an explosion and fire caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere over much of Europe, forcing hundreds of thousands from their homes in the most heavily hit areas.

On this date:
In 1777, 16-year-old Sybil Ludington, sometimes referred to as "the female Paul Revere," rode her horse into the night through Putnam and Dutchess counties in New York to alert militiamen that

British troops were sacking Danbury, Connecticut.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, and killed.

In 1913, Mary Phagan, a 13-year-old worker at a Georgia pencil factory, was strangled; Leo Frank, the factory superintendent, was convicted of her murder and sentenced to death. (Frank's death sentence was commuted, but he was lynched by an anti-Semitic mob in 1915.)

In 1923, Britain's Prince Albert, Duke of York (the future King George VI), married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon at Westminster Abbey.

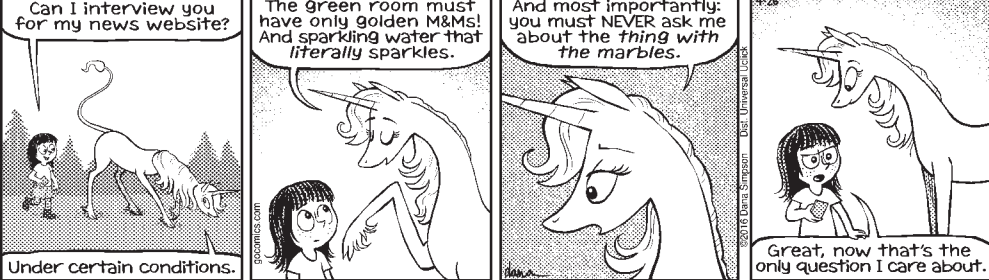
Today's Birthdays:

Architect I.M. Pei is 99. Movie composer Francis Lai is 84. Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 83. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maurice Williams is 78. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 78. Rock musician Gary Wright is 73. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 56. Actor Jet Li (lee) is 53. Actor-comedian Kevin James is 51. Rapper T-Boz (TLC) is 46. Melania Trump is 46. Country musician Jay DeMarcus (Rascal Flatts) is 45. Rock musician Jose Pasillas (Incubus) is 40. Actor Nyambi Nyambi is 37. Actor Channing Tatum is 36.

Thought for Today: "A good scapegoat is nearly as welcome as a solution to the problem." — *Unknown*.

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

