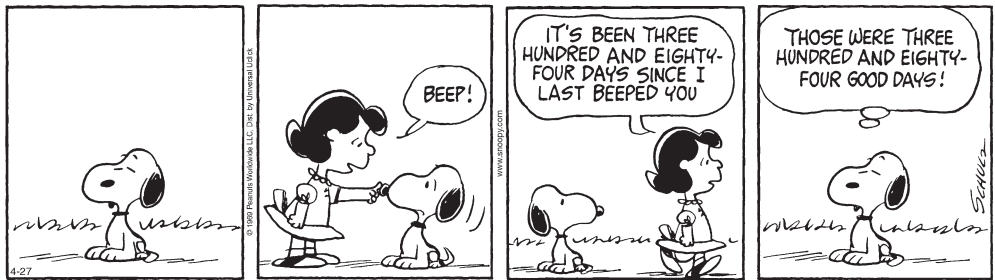


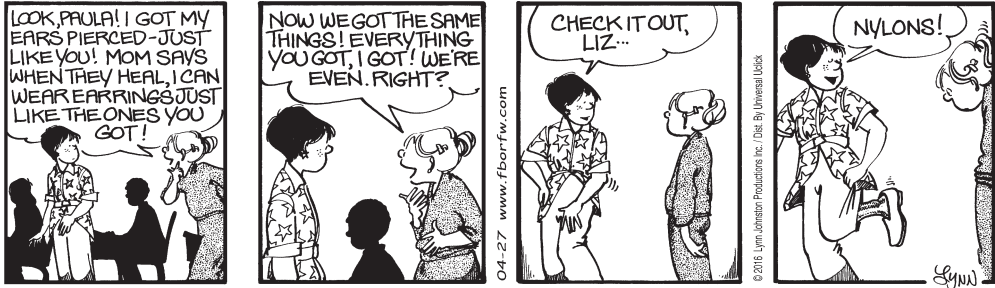
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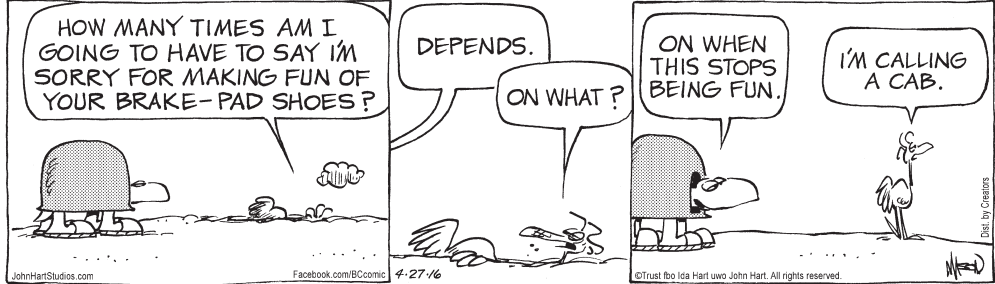
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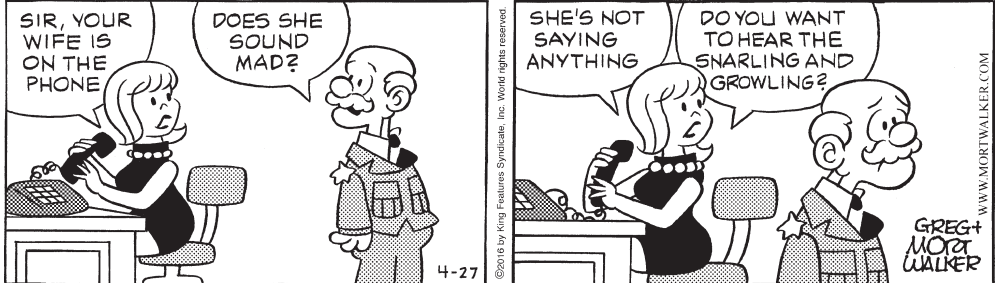
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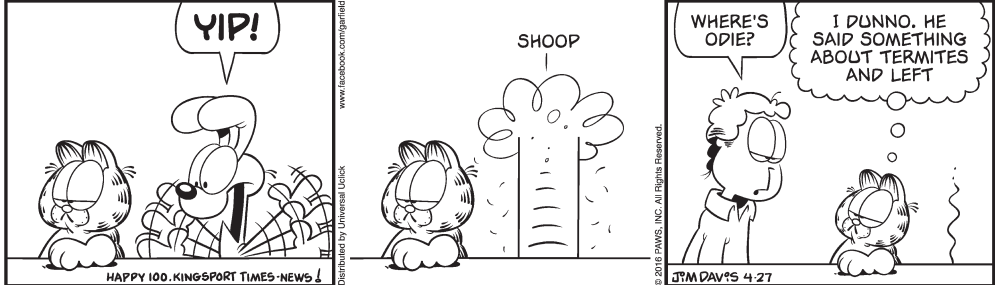
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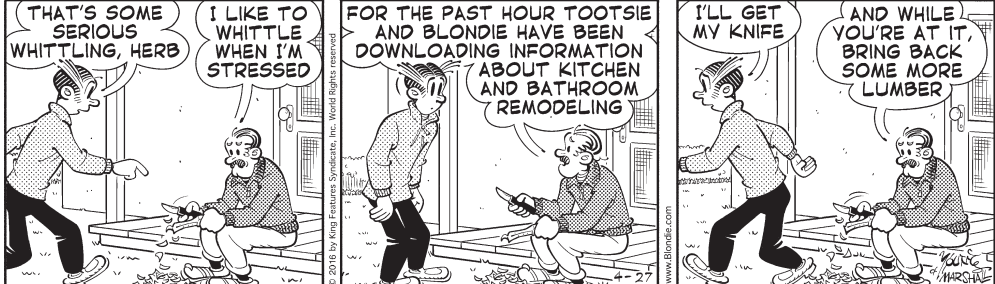
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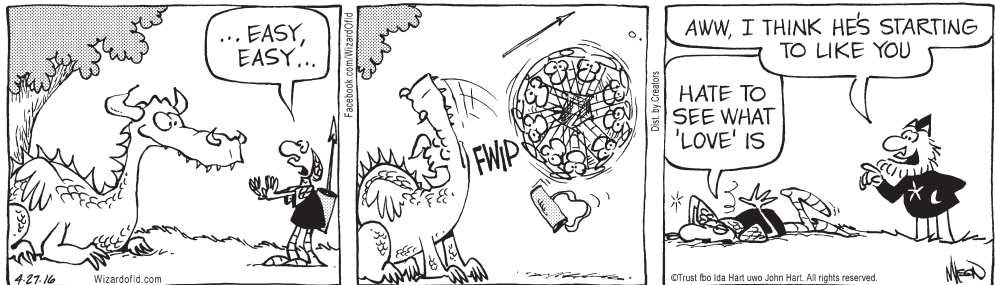
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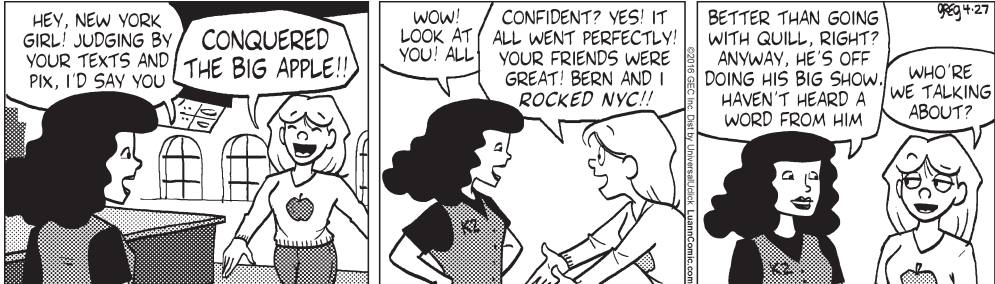
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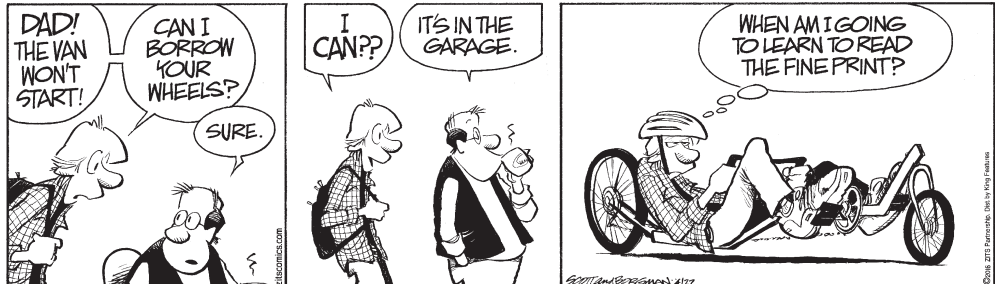
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DEAR ABBY

Girlfriend's business contact arouses man's suspicion

Dear Abby: I'm a divorced man dating a divorcee, "Sylvie," who is eight years younger. I recently learned she had an affair before we met, and it is affecting the way I see her.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

The man she had the affair with is still married. I had an affair while I was married, and although I understand how affairs can happen, I don't condone them. It took me several years to forgive myself for the hurt my actions caused.

Sylvie tells me things are over with this man, yet she continues to do business with him. In my mind she ought to find alternative vendors to deal with. We have spoken about it, and she insists no one else in our area carries or represents the product line he offers.

I feel if she truly is over him, then all communication, both personal and professional, should cease. It's not that I don't trust Sylvie, but I believe things might reignite between them in a weak moment. Am I being ridiculous? — Dazed In Wisconsin

Dear Dazed: You're not being ridiculous, but the truth is you don't completely trust Sylvie when she says the affair is history. For her to sacrifice a necessary business contact because you are insecure would be a mistake. There would be financial consequences, and she has no guarantee that her relationship with you will progress beyond dating.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend of three years

slapped me across the face a few nights ago. He has never done that before, and he promised he'd never do it again. After he hit me he immediately apologized, but said I was partly at fault because I had taunted and belittled him. I love him very much and know he would never want to hurt me.

We're both in our 20s and have expressed our devout love for each other. My boyfriend is the sweetest guy and truly makes me a happier person, but I don't know if I can fully trust and be in love with him after he hit me. I feel partly responsible for what happened that night, but I know I didn't deserve to be hit.

Is my boyfriend an abuser? He has been nothing but caring and supportive and shows no other signs of being abusive. What should I do? — Taken Aback Out West

Dear Taken Aback: Let me point out that abusers do not start out relationships by being that way. But once slapping starts, it often escalates to pushing, hitting and more serious violence. One of the hallmarks of an abuser is blaming the victim by saying he/she deserved it, and it is a big, red warning sign.

Because you have said that your boyfriend has never shown any other signs of being abusive in your three-year relationship, consider this incident an unfortunate one-time occurrence. But keep your eyes wide open in case it wasn't.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 27, 1916

As the campaign for the election of a queen of the Rose Festival becomes warmer, interest in the candidacy of Miss Muriel Saling of Pendleton continues to grow and new support is being extended every day. This morning Charles Keen, who has organized a new orchestra in the city, announced that he would open at the Eagle-Woodman hall Saturday evening for a weekly series of parties and that he would give half of the net proceeds of the first dance to the local campaign fund. The Civic Club yesterday endorsed Miss Saling and purchased 10,000 votes to aid in her election. The W.C.T.U. and the parent-teachers' association are also planning on extending support. All of the lodges and organizations have been asked to endorse her and aid in the campaign in order to make it an all-Pendleton affair.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 27, 1966

Sam Kash Kash, chairman of the Umatilla General Tribal Council, received an invitation from President Johnson to attend the swearing in ceremony of Robert Bennett as

commissioner of Indian affairs Wednesday, April 27, in the east room of the White House. The invitation came by wire from W. Marvin Watson, special assistant to the president, Monday. Kash Kash replied: "Thank you for invitation to attend swearing in ceremony of Robert Bennett. Regret that I shall be unable to attend. Please extend my congratulations and best wishes for a successful administration to Bob." "There wasn't enough time for me to prepare for the trip, largely due to previous commitments," Kash Kash said, adding that he and others on the council felt honored to receive the invitation.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 27, 1991

A new, permanent population is emerging in northern Umatilla and Morrow counties, and area civic leaders say mainstream society has been slow to accept it. The agricultural economies of both counties have boomed in the past five years, and so has the year-round Hispanic population. Tentative 1990 census figures show a 556 percent increase in the Umatilla County Hispanic population from 1980 to 1990. In Morrow County, there was a 234 percent increase in the Hispanic population over the same period.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 118th day of 2016. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 1986, a video pirate calling himself "Captain Midnight" interrupted a movie on HBO with a printed onscreen message protesting home satellite de-scrambling fees. (Captain Midnight turned out to be John R. MacDougall of Florida, who was fined and placed on probation.)

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1791, the inventor of the telegraph, Samuel Morse, was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1891, Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev was born in present-day Ukraine.

In 1925, the song "Yes, Sir! That's My Baby" by Walter Donaldson and Gus Kahn was published by Irving Berlin, Inc. of New York.

In 1938, King Zog I of the Albanians married Countess Geraldine Apponyi de Nagy-Apponyi.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1973, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

Today's Birthdays:

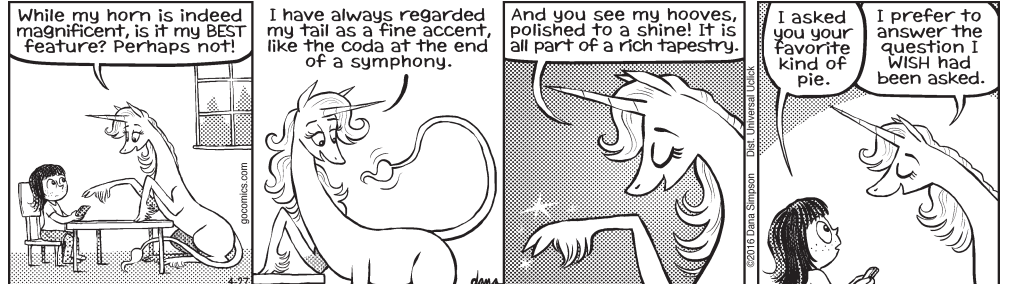
Actress Anouk Aimee is 84. Rock musician Jim Keltner is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cuba Gooding is 72. Singer Ann Peebles is 69. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 67. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 67. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 65. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 57. Actor James Le Gros is 54. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 51. Singer Mica Paris is 47. Actor David Lascher is 44. Actress Maura West is 44. Actress Sally Hawkins is 40. Rock singer Jim James (My Morning Jacket) is 38. Rock musician Patrick Hallahan (My Morning Jacket) is 38. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 37. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 32.

Thought for Today:

"Fear not those who argue but those who dodge." — Dale Carnegie, American writer-lecturer (1888-1955).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

