





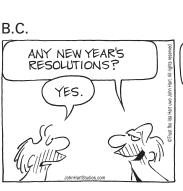


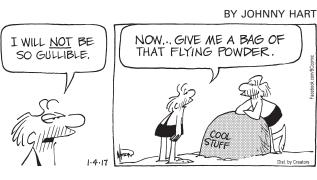
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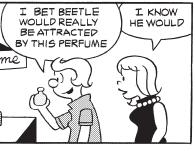




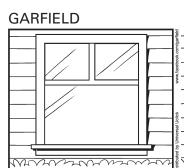


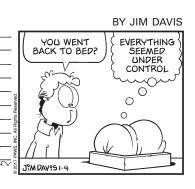
**BEETLE BAILEY** 

BY MORT WALKER

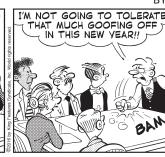










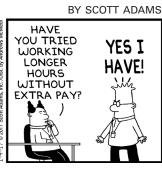




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THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART

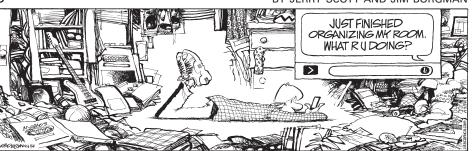






## **LUANN** BY GREG EVANS READY TO SEE YOUR LOVE LAIR? DID YOU SAY "COZY" OR "CRAZY"?) AND - EXTRA SOUND-





#### **DEAR ABBY**

# Man feels abandoned as girl transitions to new relationship

**IEANNE** 

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Advice

Dear Abby: I am a straight man who met and fell in love with a transgender girl I'll call Eve. We dated for almost three years, and they were the happiest of my life. In all that time, we never once had an argument. She said I had given her the strength to come out to her family and begin her transition. I was planning to ask her to

Without any indication that anything was wrong, she dumped me one day and weeks later began dating her friend, another trans girl. I wanted

to walk away and take time to heal, but Eve maintained that I was important to her and we could remain friends.

For the next few months we tried, but her new girlfriend treated me like I was a threat. While I was emotionally hurting, she seemed to take intense pleasure in showing me how happy they were together. It eventually led to friction, and now my ex thinks I caused it because I was jealous, so she cut off all contact with me.

I stood by her when she absolutely needed my support, but when the time came to give a little back, I was abandoned. I'm worried I will never trust anyone again, and I don't know how to get "myself" back. Can you help? — Abandoned In West Virginia

Dear Abandoned: It might help if you consider that there are more than physical changes when making the kind of transition Eve was undergoing, and she may have felt that her trans friend was better able to relate to what she was experiencing than you were. It was cowardly of her to just dump you rather than tell you she had doubts about your relationship, and it was selfish of her to pressure you to hang around as "just a friend" afterward. It also wasn't realistic.

What you are feeling is normal. However,

it might help you to move forward if you keep in mind that all women are not the same, that building trust takes time, and give yourself time to heal before trying to replace Eve.

Dear Abby: I am a 23-year-old woman who recently got out of a six-year abusive relationship. While I was in the relationship, no one knew what was going on. When I finally left him, I started dating a man of a

different race. People are now saying

I moved too fast because we got together a month after I moved out. But we had been close friends for more than a year before things started to kick off.

The issue is, my family disapproves of our relationship because of his race and because they believe he didn't give me enough time to figure out what I wanted. I feel like I already knew what I wanted. I had been emotionally done with my first relationship for a good six months. My family refuses to meet him, nor do they want to hear anything about our relationship. My family and I had always been close — until now.

I am happy with my new boyfriend (even my grandma sees a difference). I just wish I knew how to get my family to understand and agree to meet him. What can I do? — Ready For This In Ohio

Dear Ready: If you are open to a suggestion, because you were in an abusive relationship for so long, talk with a licensed psychotherapist about it. You were unhappy for a long time, and it's possible that the difference your grandmother is seeing is partly fueled by adrenaline.

You are an adult and you deserve to be happy. If this man makes you feel that way, then more power to him. Take things slowly, enjoy the relationship, and perhaps with time your family will come around.

### **DAYS GONE BY**

#### 100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4, 1917

If the majority sentiment among the Indians of the Umatilla reservation is allowed to govern, the 75,000 acres of tribal lands on the reservation will be allotted to the children of the present allottees. At the most representative council held on the reservation in years, the Indians yesterday afternoon voted four to one in favor of the division of the lands. There were about 300 adult Indians present at the council and it was necessary to hold the meeting in the old chapel. After a "talkfest" lasting from 2 until 5 and during which eloquent and impassioned speeches were made, there were 170 who signed the petition for allotment and 40 who signed the remonstrance against it. The others present signed neither. The papers will be kept at the agency for a month, during which time others may have the privilege of expressing their wishes. They will be forwarded to the Indian bureau at Washington.

#### 50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4, 1967

Factual evidence of a mild winter was in evidence the last day of the year when a local

resident picked half a dozen red raspberries in his garden. L.G. Freeman of 825 NE 4th discovered the berries while pruning the raspberries. He said they were in a cluster that had protection under some leaves. The retired carpenter cultivates an extensive garden each year, and says he raises about everything you would have in a garden in this country. At 83, he says this exercise plus tramping up and down the trout stream keeps him in good physical condition

#### 25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4, 1992

Lisa Marie Hajek of Hermiston is the mother of Joseph Michael Hajek, born at Good Shepherd Community Hospital at 10:31 a.m. Jan. 1, 1992. As the mother of the first baby of the new year Lisa Hajek won several prizes including gift certificates and dinners from Hermiston merchants, flowers from the hospital and gifts from the hospital auxiliary. Steven and Shelly French of Pendleton are the parents of Trey Thomas Steven French, born at St. Anthony Hospital at 4:19 p.m. Jan. 1. The Frenches also won several prizes, including gift certificates, flowers, two buffet breakfast and a silver cup from Pendleton merchants.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the fourth day of 2017. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On Jan. 4, 1967, "The Doors," the self-titled debut album of the rock group featuring the song "Light My Fire," was released by Elektra

Records. On this date:

In 1717, France, Britain and Holland formed a Triple Alliance against Spain.

In 1896, Utah admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the Supreme Court, in Gonzalez Williams, ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens. (Puerto Ricans received U.S. citizenship in March 1917.)

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, called for legislation to provide assistance for the jobless, elderly, impoverished children and the handicapped.

In 1943, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin made the cover of TIME as the magazine's 1942 'Man of the Year.'

In 1951, during the Korean War, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces recaptured the city of Seoul (sohl).

In 1960, author and philosopher Albert Camus died in an automobile accident in Villeblevin, France, at

age 46. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson delivered his State of the Union address in which he outlined the goals of his "Great Society."

In 1974, President Richard Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Rush is 90. Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula is 87. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 80. Actress Dyan Cannon 78. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 74. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 62. Actress Ann Magnuson is 61. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 61. Country singer Patty Loveless is 60. Actor Julian Sands is 59. Rock singer Michael Stipe is 57. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 55. Actor Dave Foley is 54. Actress Dot Jones is 53. Actor Rick Hearst is 52. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill

(Crash Test Dummies) is 50. Thought for Today: "Sometimes history takes things into its own hands. - Thurgood Marshall, U.S. Supreme Court justice (1908-

### PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN









BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN **BIG NATE** 







