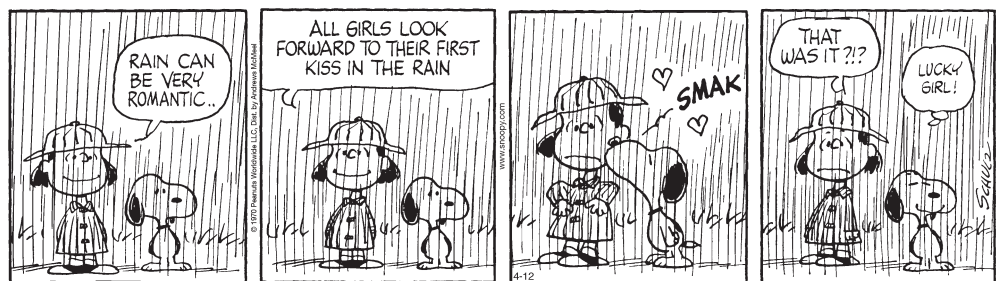


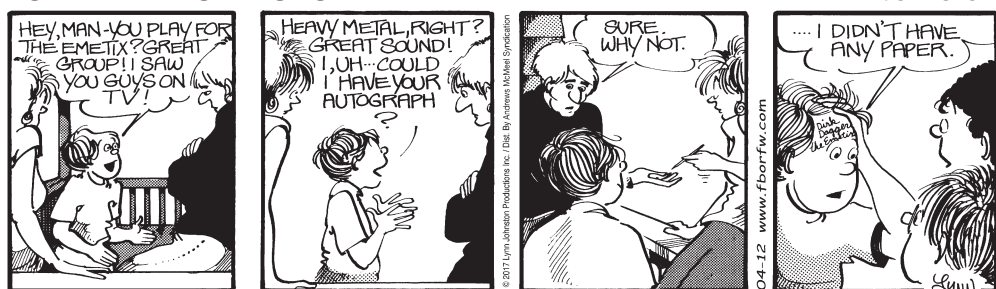
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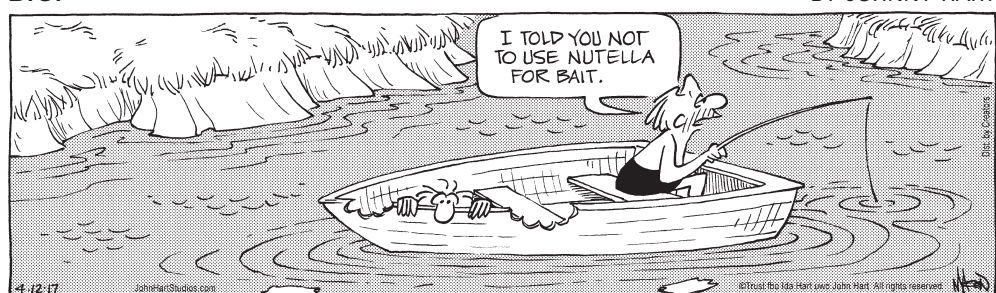
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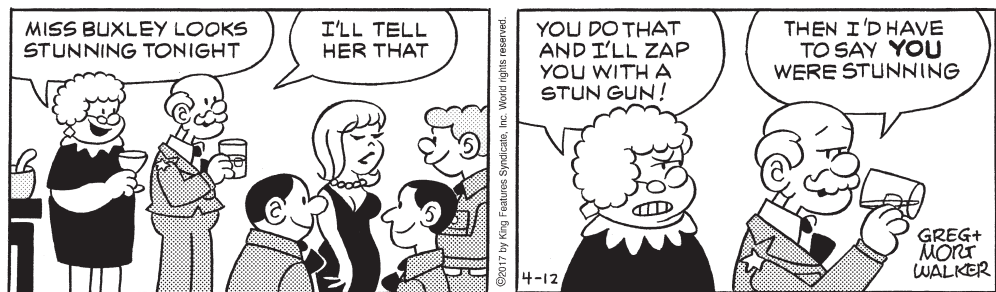
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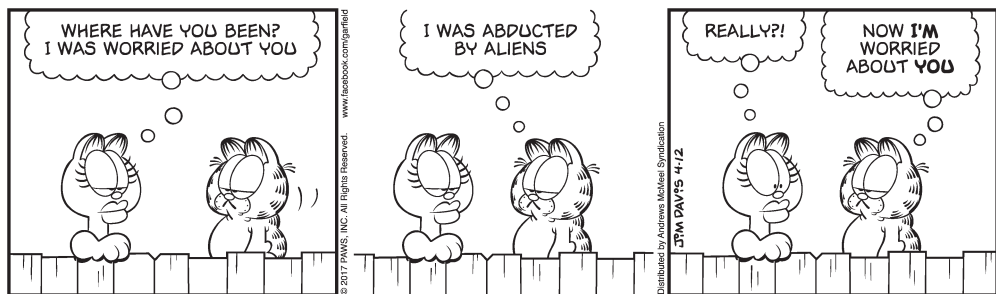
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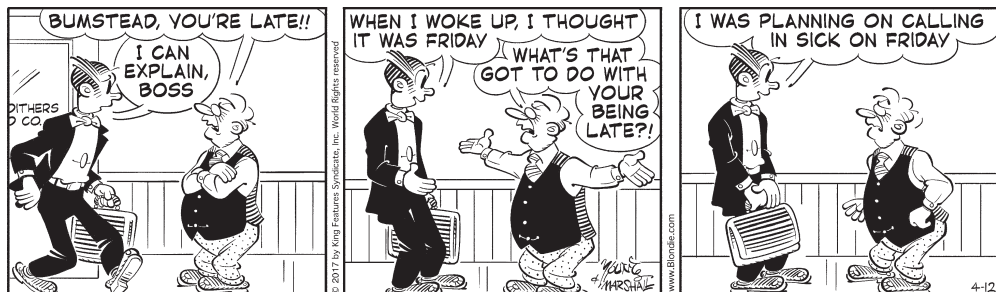
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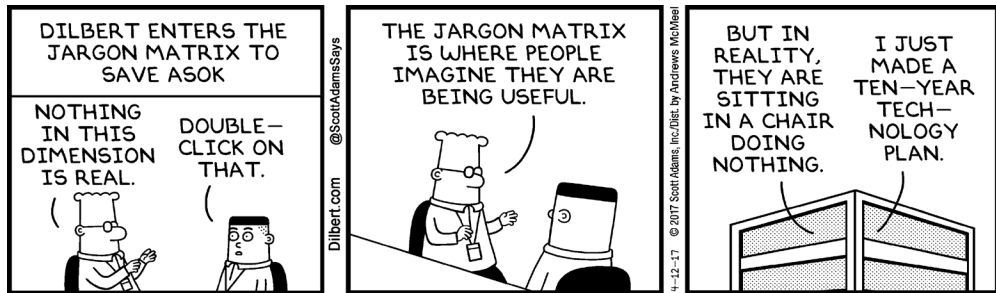
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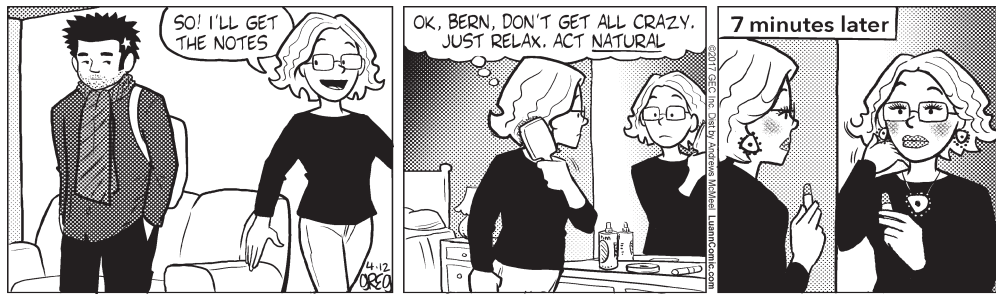
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DEAR ABBY

Wife punished for infidelity must insist on counseling



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: I have been with my husband for 12 years, married for three. I had an affair a little over a year ago that he found out about. He has let me back into the house, but he demeans my character at every opportunity. I don't fight back because I know I am the cause of his pain.

We have a 3-year-old daughter, and I am now six weeks pregnant with his child. I do not want to argue with him, because if I had been a better wife, he would not be so angry. But the hurt I feel from his words over the past months is weighing heavy on me, especially with my new hormones. I'm holding it in, but should I leave? Become a single mother? How can I get him to a counselor? — Needs Counseling

Dear Needs: I do not mean to minimize your infidelity, but you had better take a stand and give your husband an ultimatum: Heal the marriage through marriage counseling, or you leave. Be prepared to follow through, because without professional intervention nothing will change. The situation you describe is unhealthy not only for you and your unborn child, but also for your little girl. Your daughter should not be raised to think that this toxic environment is normal.

Dear Abby: I'm a lesbian and have been in a relationship with a woman for two months now. She never offers to pay for our dates, and she hasn't planned or executed one, either. We're both very feminine, although she would be considered slightly more so than I am. I feel this is important because I'm somehow the more dominant one. How can I

address this concern without hurting her? I would like her to reciprocate somewhat. — Dominant In California

Dear Dominant: Address the imbalance in your relationship by being straightforward about it. Good manners dictate that when someone has been asked out, treated, etc., that person should reciprocate. Because that's not happening, you need to discuss it with her. To do so isn't hurtful; it's common sense, because unless you do, this pattern will continue.

Dear Abby: I have been with the same man for six months. He has been separated from his wife for 10 years — but not legally. When he finally decided to tell her there is someone else and he's moving on, she went crazy. She said she wants alimony and half of everything, plus the house will have to be sold because she will not allow "the new woman" to live in "her" house.

It's been a month since he told her. We talked to a lawyer about a divorce, but all he is worried about is paying alimony and losing the house. I am getting sick of hearing about it. All he keeps saying is, "I love you, but I don't want to lose my house or pay her money." What should I do? — Fight Or Flight In Massachusetts

Dear Fight Or Flight: Your boyfriend appears to be unwilling to pay the price for a divorce. So what you should do is flee. The longer you stick around, the deeper you will become enmeshed in his drama, and the more complicated it will become.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 12, 1917

Under orders received this morning by Postmaster T.J. Tweedy from the postmaster general, no mail matter will be permitted to leave the local office for Germany, Austria, Hungary, Luxembourg, Bulgaria or Turkey during the period of war with Germany. The order directs that no mail be sent to these countries while the war lasts but permits mail to be received from all of those above-named countries except Germany. The reason mail will not be allowed to go out to the other countries lies in the fact that it must be transported through Germany. Packages addressed to any of these countries will be returned to the senders. The same order applies to postal money orders. Mail matter of foreign origin destined for Germany will not be seized or detained in they country but the facility of the United States will not be used to forward it. As yet the government has established no censorship on mail after leaving the country.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 12, 1967

Members of local 3-8 of the International Woodworkers of America struck the Kerns

Lumber Co. in Pilot Rock today. Approximately 100 workers are affected by the strike at the Pilot Rock mill, which manufactures pine furniture parts. Pickets appeared at the gates leading into the plant this morning. The strike was a bit of a surprise because Tuesday union officials said they would wait a week to see if Kerns would meet their demands. The local union is seeking an agency or union shop contract in its bargaining sessions with Kerns.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 12, 1992

Circuit Court Judge Jack Olsen declared a mistrial Friday in the case of a former Hermiston man charged with multiple sex abuse offenses against a girl under the age of 12. Assistant District Attorney Steve Fogelson was questioning a witness in the fourth day of proceedings against Daniel E. Kelley when the witness became uncooperative and answered a question in a manner the judge considered to be inappropriate. District Attorney Dave Gallaher said. Fogelson said Olsen viewed the answer given by Rodney Taylor, of Boardman, as being prejudicial against the defendant, so he granted Eugene defense attorney Ken Morrow's motion for mistrial.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 102nd day of 2017. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Georgia, at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

On this date: In 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag, which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

In 1776, North Carolina's Fourth Provincial Congress authorized the colony's delegates to the Continental Congress to support independence from Britain.

In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published in book form after being serialized in Scribner's Magazine.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1963, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested and jailed in Birmingham, Alabama, charged with contempt of court and parading without a permit. (During his time behind bars, King wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail.")

In 1975, singer, dancer and civil rights activist Josephine Baker, 68, died in Paris.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first test flight. Former world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, 66, died in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, became the first sitting member of Congress to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

Today's Birthdays:

Children's author Beverly Cleary is 101. Actress Jane Withers is 11. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 77. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 73. Actor Ed O'Neill is 71. Actor Dan Lauria is 70. Former talk show host David Letterman is 70. Author Scott Turow is 68. Singer David Cassidy is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer JD Nicholas (The Commodores) is 65. Singer Pat Travers is 63. Actor Andy Garcia is 61. Movie director Walter Salles is 61. Country singer Vince Gill is 60. Actress Suzanne Douglas is 60. Rock singer Art Alexakis (Everclear) is 55. Actress Alicia Coppola is 49. Rock singer Nicholas Hexum (311) is 47. Rock musician Guy Berryman (Coldplay) is 39. Rock singer-musician Brendon Urie (Panic! at the Disco) is 30.

Thought for Today: "Rules are not necessarily sacred, principles are." — President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

