

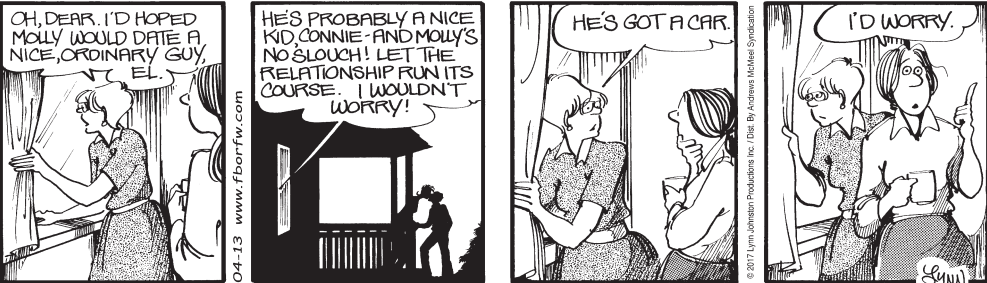
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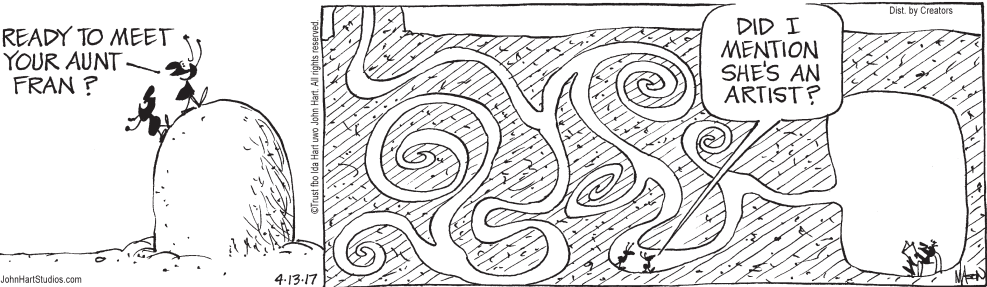
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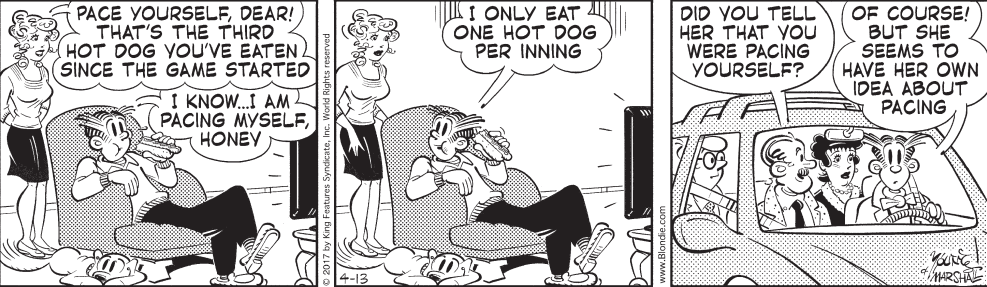
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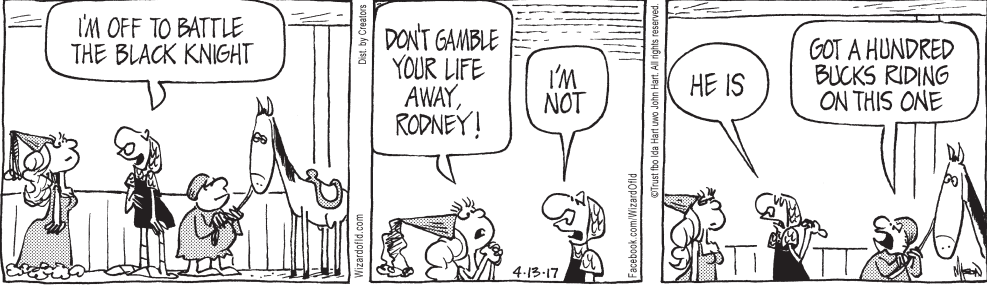
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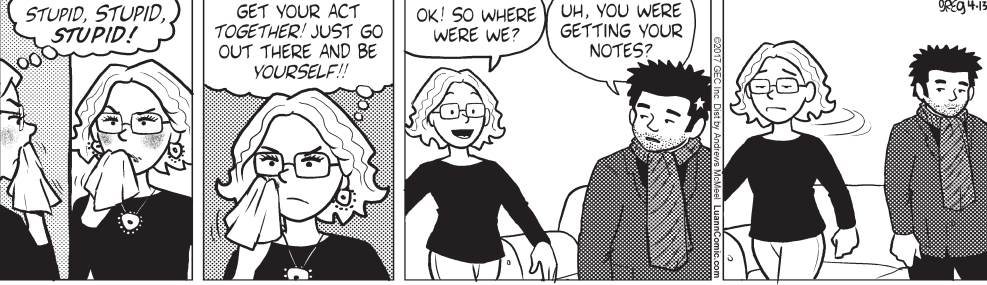
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LUANN

BY GREG EVANS



ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DEAR ABBY

Eligible woman bemoans the hordes of clueless men

**Dear Abby:** Could you explain to me why, as a species, men are so blind and stupid? There are millions of smart, funny, sweet, attractive — even sexy — eligible women to whom men do not give a second glance, or even acknowledge that these wonderful women exist. Then, these clueless guys moan about how they can't find a good woman, can't find love, have a hard time getting sex, etc., when there are scores of potentially awesome partners right under their noses! Why don't men ever grow up? Even men in their 40s, 50s and 60s suffer from the same stupidity about the dating scene as teenage boys. I repeat: WHY?! — **Eligible Lady In Alabama**

**Dear Eligible:** Coupling up can be complicated these days, because many variables can come into play. Individuals of both sexes can be addicted to a "type" they fantasize about, chase the illusion of eternal youth by pursuing unsuitable partners and/or be commitment-phobic.

That said, you might have better luck with men if you didn't stereotype them, because some of them are encountering the same problems you are. And believe me, they are mystified, too.

**Dear Abby:** I am a 12-year-old girl who has a lot of friends at school, but lately there has been some tension coming from one of them. "Belle" missed an event that was very important to her. She's usually easygoing, but since then she hasn't been herself, and it's starting to worry some of us. We have tried everything from talking about her favorite topic to trying to write a song for her.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
Advice

Sometimes she acts like herself, but other times she gives me and another friend the silent treatment and the cold shoulder. Is she a friend worth keeping? — **Concerned Friend In Alabama**

**Dear Concerned:** You won't know what's causing Belle to act the way she is unless you ask her directly. There may be more going on in her life than you are aware of that has nothing to do with you. If she's doing it because she's hurt and you weren't at fault,

clear the air so she knows it. But understand that the time to be a friend is when somebody needs one.

**Dear Abby:** Three years ago, I lost my wife of 32 years. Every month, on the anniversary of her death, I buy flowers for my house to honor her.

I am now engaged to a wonderful woman. She understands that I will always grieve for the wife I lost, and she has always shown respect for the way I show my grief. My question is, should I stop buying flowers to honor my first wife once my fiancée and I get married and move into a house of our own? I want her to know that she holds the No. 1 place in my heart. — **Time To Move On In Pennsylvania**

**Dear TTMO:** I'm glad you asked. Although the sentiment behind those flowers is beautiful, I do not think it would be appropriate for you to bring flowers for your late wife into the home you will share with your next one. If you feel the need to honor your first wife, place flowers on her grave on her birthday.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
April 13, 1917

George Baird of Ritter had a bit of experience last Thursday, which he does not care to have again. During the thaw of last week snow, slush and ice came down a little slope in a wall six feet high, washing away his woodshed, two or three cords of wood, the yard fence and two cows, drowning one of the cows. The water rushed through the house, coming in at the back door while Mr. Baird and son went out the front door and ran up the hill. Fortunately Mr. Baird's family were in Long Creek at the time.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
April 13, 1967

A federal Mutual Help Housing plan that could result in many residents of the Umatilla Indian Reservation moving into new homes has been launched. Under the plan, federal subsidies and contributions of land, labor and material can result in low income families becoming owners of the three-bedroom homes. The program is a cooperative effort of the Housing Assistance Administration,

the Public Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. At its next session, April 21, the housing authority will outline basic requirements for applicants and expects to have a comment from the tribal governing board on whether it would make land available for a housing project.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
April 13, 1992

Vandals ruined a road grader, a logging skidder and did extensive damage to Forest Service property south of Pilot Rock after taking the heavy logging equipment on a joy ride last week. The incident occurred about 20 miles south of Pilot Rock, near the head of Pearson Creek. The vandals apparently drove the vehicles over several miles of Forest Service lands, damaging signs and fences, hitting trees, and damaging creek beds, said Tom Carter, owner of Carter Logging in Baker City. "They drove the grader into the creek and got it stuck. Then they took the skidder and let it roll itself down into a pond, and it totally submerged." Carter owns the grader, valued at \$160,000. The skidder, owned by Doug Robertson of Weston, is valued at \$25,000.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 103rd day of 2017. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

**On April 13, 1742,** "Messiah," the oratorio by George Frideric Handel featuring the "Hallelujah" chorus, had its first public performance in Dublin, Ireland.

On this date:

**In 1613,** Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatan, was captured by English Capt. Samuel Argall in the Virginia Colony. (During a yearlong captivity, Pocahontas converted to Christianity and ultimately opted to stay with the English.)

**In 1743,** the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

**In 1861,** at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

**In 1917,** American business tycoon James "Diamond Jim" Brady, known for his

jewelry collection as well as his hearty appetite, died in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at age 60.

**In 1943,** President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., on the 200th anniversary of the third American president's birth.

**In 1953,** "Casino Royale," Ian Fleming's first book as well as the first James Bond novel, was published in London by Jonathan Cape Ltd.

**In 1964,** Sidney Poitier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in "Lilies of the Field."

**In 1970,** Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

**In 1997,** Tiger Woods, at age 21 years and 3½ months, became the youngest player to win the Masters Tournament by a record 12 strokes at Augusta National Golf Club.

Today's Birthdays:

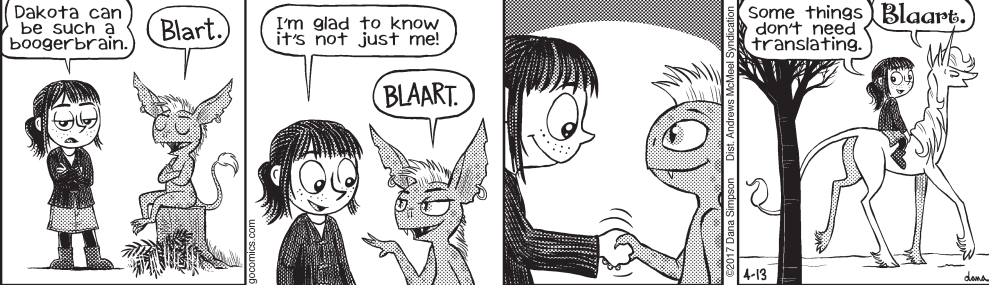
Movie director Stanley Donen is 93. Former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., is 84. Actor Lyle Waggoner is 82. Actor Edward Fox is 80. Actor Paul Sorvino is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lester Chambers is 77. Movie-TV composer Bill Conti is 75. Rock musician Jack Casady is 73. Actor Tony Dow is 72. Singer Al Green is 71. Actor Ron Perlman is 67. Actor William Sadler is 67. Singer Peabo Bryson is 66. Bandleader/rock musician Max Weinberg is 66. Bluegrass singer-musician Sam Bush is 65. Rock musician Jimmy Destri is 63. Comedian Gary Kroeger is 60. Singer Lou Bega is 42. Actor-producer Glenn Howerton is 41. Rapper/singer Ty Dolla Sign is 35.

Thought for Today:

"The excursion is the same when you go looking for your sorrow as when you go looking for your joy." — *Eudora Welty, American author (born this date in 1909, died 2001).*

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

