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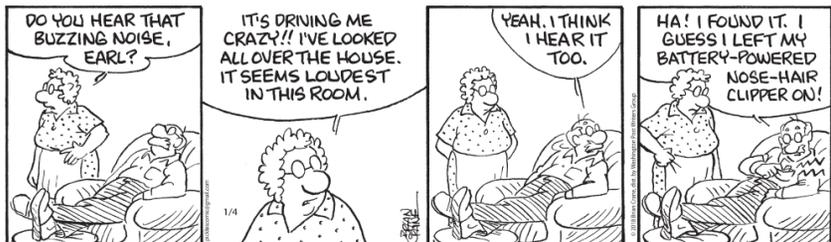
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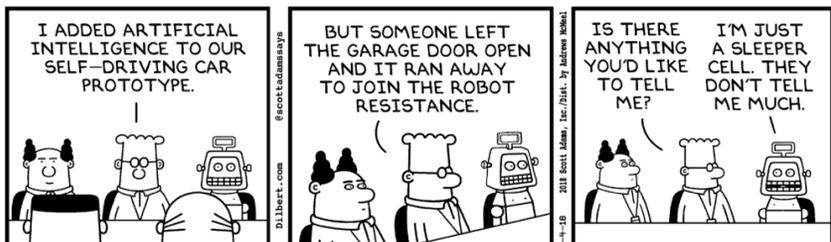
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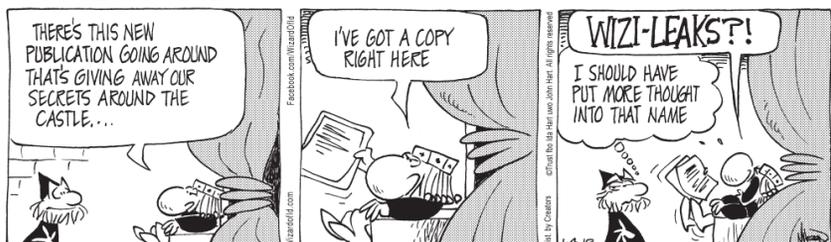
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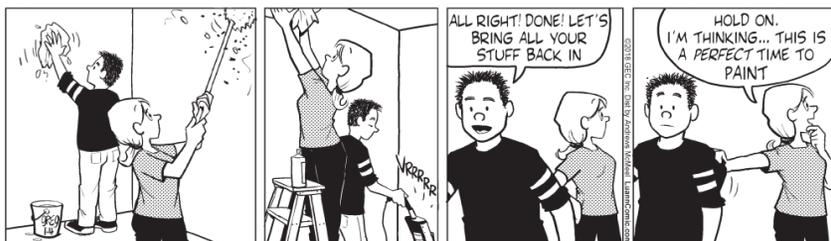
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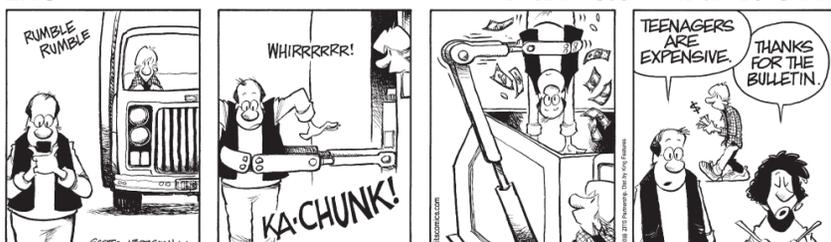
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DEAR ABBY

Ride in vintage car makes passenger fear for her life

Dear Abby: Recently a friend came over and took me to lunch. She has a small, 50-year-old vintage car that was very popular in the '60s. She had come from Marin County over the Golden Gate Bridge to my house.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

As she drove us to the restaurant, her car stalled twice. It was very underpowered and, in my opinion, rickety. After she dropped me home, I sent her an email strongly expressing my concern that she is driving an unsafe car. I was worried for her safety. She took offense, so I apologized.

She has plenty of money to buy a safe used car like anyone else, but she says, "I like driving vintage." I don't want to get into her car again. Was I wrong to tell her I felt her car was unsafe? — Nervous Passenger In San Francisco

Dear Passenger: You weren't wrong to warn her. However, you may have been wrong to assume that she has "plenty of money to buy a safe used car." Nobody has as much money as others assume they do. Because you don't want to get into her car again, you should provide the transportation from now on or meet her at the restaurant.

Dear Abby: My across-the-street neighbor and I have become friendly. She has a 15-month-old and a newborn. Not only is she not married to the baby's daddy, but they don't even live together.

She has been asking me to help her a lot now that the baby is born. I'm 10 years older and raising three kids, all in their teens.

Abby, I don't want to raise anyone else's

kids. How can I politely tell her that I have my own family to care for? She has a tendency to overreact. — Keeping Distance

Dear Keeping Distance: To tell your neighbor you "don't want to raise anyone else's kids" may be accurate, but it's a bit rough. When she asks you to do things for her, be pleasant and say — consistently — that you are busy, you don't have time, you have other plans, etc. If you do, she will soon realize that you are not to be depended upon.

Dear Abby: My son has lived overseas on and off for six years. He's being married to a wonderful young woman where they met, which was in Wales. Needless to say, not everyone can attend, so we are having a reception for them here in the States.

My son already has a fully furnished house overseas and doesn't need anything, plus the cost of taking gifts back would be astronomical! Anyway, he is thinking of asking for monetary help with the honeymoon. Would this be all right to do and, if so, how do you ask people for it? — Help For The Honeymoon

Dear Help: Many young people today post requests like that on their wedding website. Or, because friends and relatives may ask what they need after receiving invitations or announcements, the message can be conveyed verbally. According to the rules of etiquette, however, requests for gifts or money should NEVER be included WITH the invitations or announcements.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4, 1918

Efforts in the direction of moving the Blewett Harvester company's plant to Portland, where capital seems to be ready to finance it, were temporarily checkmated last evening by a proposition that time be given for the raising of additional capital here. W.L. Thompson, president of the American National Bank, took the lead among local stockholders in a fight to retain the business in Pendleton. He prophesied the probability of securing \$50,000 to \$75,000 new local capital and said that with such increased capitalization the business would be able to secure a sufficient line of credit to meet its requirements. One man is said to be in line to invest \$50,000 in the business.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4, 1968

First baby of 1968 born at Pendleton Community Hospital was David Eugene Eber-

hardt, born at 4:07 a.m. on Jan. 2 to Mr. and Mrs. David Eberhardt Jr. of Pilot Rock. First child born at Hermiston in 1968 was a 9 pound 2 ounce son to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCord of Stanfield. He arrived at 7:10 a.m. Jan. 2. The first baby of 1968 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kenison, Heppner. The 9 lb., 4 1/2 oz. baby arrived at 4:50 p.m. Jan. 3 and is named Keith Alan. He joins a brother, Kevin Ray, 2.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Jan. 4, 1993

Tammy Bass welcomed her son Keith Michael, the first baby born at Hermiston's Good Shepherd Hospital in 1993, at 10:49 p.m. on New Year's Day. He weighed in at seven pounds, seven ounces. Marika Sitz, who weighed in at seven pounds, nine ounces, was born at 2:56 p.m. on Jan. 1, 1993, the first baby of the New Year at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The parents are Michelle and Norman Sitz of Pendleton.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the fourth day of 2018. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1868, "The Moonstone" by Wilkie Collins, considered by some the first full-length English detective novel, began to be serialized in Britain and the U.S. in All the Year Round and Harper's Weekly (it was published in book form in July 1868).

On this date: In 1717, France, Britain and Holland formed a Triple Alliance against Spain.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gonzalez v. Williams, ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them 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, for the second time, 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.

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

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

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington, D.C., to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side track in Chase, Maryland.

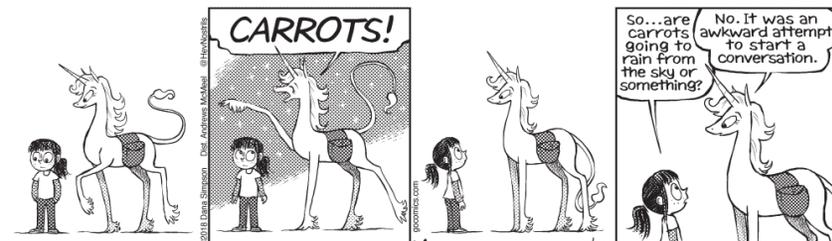
Today's Birthdays:

Actress Barbara Rush is 91. Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula is 88. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 81. Actress Dyan Cannon is 79. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 75. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 63. Actress Ann Magnuson is 62. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 62. Country singer Patty Loveless is 61. Actor Julian Sands is 60. Rock singer Michael Stipe is 58. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 56. Actor Dave Foley is 55. Actress Dot Jones is 54. Actor Rick Hearst is 53. Singer-musician Cait O'Riordan is 53. Actress Julia Ormond is 53. Tennis player Guy Forget is 53. Country singer Deana Carter is 52. Rock musician Benjamin Darville (Crash Test Dummies) is 51. Actor Josh Stamberg is 48. Actor Jeremy Licht is 47. Actor Damon Gupton is 45. Actress-singer Jill Marie Jones is 43.

Thought for Today: "Happiness quite unshared can scarcely be called happiness; it has no taste." — Charlotte Bronte, English author (1816-1855).

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN

BY DANA SIMPSON



BIG NATE

BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

